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Speaker Daniels: "The House will come to order. Members, please be in their chairs. Those not entitled to the floor will please retire to the gallery. The Chaplain for the day is Pastor Abraham Byrd of St. James Baptist Church of Alton. Pastor Byrd is the guest of Representative Steve Davis. Guests in the gallery may wish to rise for the invocation. Pastor Byrd."

Pastor Byrd: "Let us pray. Our Father, God, we come at this time to invoke Your presence, and ask, dear God, that You would guide the things we think about and say in this Session, that You would be our ever-present person and speak for us, think for us. Help us, dear God as we are Your servants, and the servants of the people we represent, that as we represent them, we will represent them according to Your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Speaker Daniels "Thank you, Pastor Byrd. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Steve Spangler."

Spangler - 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 Daniels: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie is recognized to reporting excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Currie: "Thanks, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Capparelli and Martinez are excused today."

Speaker Daniels: "With leave of the House, the Journal will so indicate. Representative Cross is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If the record would reflect please that we're all here on the Republican side today. Thank you."

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Speaker Daniels: "The record will so reflect. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 116 Members answering the roll and a quorum is present. The House will now come to order. Committee Reports."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee Report from Representative Tim Johnson, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary for Criminal Law, to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on February 8, 1995 (sic 1996), reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended' House Bill 2658. Representative Maureen Murphy, Chairman from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 8th, 1996, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' House Bill 2702; and 'do pass as amended' House Bill 1645. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution #75, offered by Representative Churchill, Adjournment Resolution. Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 3207, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3208, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3209, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the University of Illinois Act. House Bill 3210, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act in relation to amusement rides, devices, and attractions. House Bill 3211, offered by Representative Klingler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3212, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning rent control. House Bill 3213, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning real estate appraisers. House Bill 3214, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Smoke Detector Act. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading. House Bill 3215, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act in relation to false reports of child abuse or neglect. House Bill 3216, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act in relation to guardians ad litem. House Bill 3217, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to custody of children. House Bill 3218, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to families. House Bill 3219, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Horse Racing Act of 1975. House Bill 3220, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Retail Installment Sales Act. House Bill 3221, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning business enterprise, amending named Acts. House Bill 3222, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 3223, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. Introduction-First Reading of these House Bills."

Speaker Daniels: "House Bills Third Reading. House Bill 2456. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill #2456, a Bill for an Act that amends the Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Act. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is on Third Reading. Could we please have your attention? Ladies and Gentlemen. Hello. Okay, could we have your attention, please? Those of you on the Democratic side of the aisle, and the Republican side of the aisle. Thank you.

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Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, House Bill 2456 amends the Abandoned Housing Rehabilitation Act. It adds to the definition of nuisance to include property on which street gang related activities or illegal activities involving controlled substance or cannabis take place. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

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

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Dart: "Representative, as far as the definition of 'nuisance' that you're changing here. Is there going to be a requirement of a conviction?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "No there is not."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "So, then who is going to be making the ultimate determination? If you can walk me through as far as how is it going to happen?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "The Housing Courts will be making the determination."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "Who's going to bring it to the Housing Court, though?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "Pretty much any organization, civic-minded organization, they'd have to be a non-profit organization. That's, take like your local block clubs, your community groups that are trying to enhance their neighborhoods would be the type of organizations that would bring it forth."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "Is that required that it's a not-for-profit brings this

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type of action? Or is this something that the police department can initiate? Or is this something that has to be done by a not-for-profit?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "Well, any Illinois Corporation that's nonprofit. Could a police agency bring it forth? I assume they could under their legal powers."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "Now, under present, existing law, don't they already bring cases into court under this, as a nuisance because of drug activity or gang activity?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "Tom, did you say, 'Are there any courts presently bringing them in under drug and gang activities?' Then the answer would be, yes."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "I guess, then what physically would this change as far as that procedure goes, then."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "What it's doing is, I'm just going to read you a two sentence definition out of the dictionary relative to 'nuisance', okay, relative to law. It's defined as 'a use of property or cause of conduct that interferes with the legal rights of others by causing damage, annoyance, or inconvenience.' It's just trying to broaden and help the local communities help themselves."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "I guess my concern is going to be with the implementation of this because there already is existing law which allows for nuisances to be brought in front of the court for many reasons, and one of them is, and the actual definition say that because it's a physical condition or the use is a

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public nuisance. So, gang activity use would be a public nuisance already, and the physical condition of it, I believe, by the use of having drug dealers using it would also be something that would allow it under existing law. My concern is that under a recent Federal Court case, they threw out the Gang Loitering Bill in Chicago, and this has similar problems, in regards to there's no conviction required, and they were talking about it's a violation of the Constitution. Is this going to run into any problems similar to that?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "In my opinion, it won't run into any problems. No."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "How would it avoid the same problems, though, that the Loitering Bill had? Because they had two courts. They had, actually, the state courts and then the federal courts basically throw it out, and it's something that the police had been utilizing as a fantastic tool. And I guess my concern is that it would be the same line of thinking that was used for that would be used for this. I guess, for legislative intent type of purposes, how can we avoid that problem, from this coming back?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "The legislative intent here, in regards to 'nuisance' is trying to broaden and make it easier to define what we're trying to attempt to say by the word 'nuisance'. So, I think once it does get into the appropriate court, Housing Court for an example, I think this type of legislation will have a judge render a more fair and quicker verdict."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart."

Dart: "And then, so, just so I'm clear then, we are not going to

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run into any type of... well we are always subject to being sued, and we probably will get sued. But as far as the legal standing for this, we should be fine based on the fact of a existing law. But there is some type of mechanism now. Because, I guess what I'm getting at, is that the courts quite often require something more than just a police officer or a citizen to be the person who's going to determine whether or not this is brought into court. They like some degree of, probable caus. There's no, probable cause, requirement here. It's just an allegation that some criminal activity has occurred. Do you foresee any problems with the fact that there is no type of, probable cause, requirement?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative O'Connor."

O'Connor: "No, I don't see any problem with that."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Dart, your time has almost expired. Are you done? Okay. Representative O'Connor to close."

O'Connor: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this is a good Bill, and I would ask for everyone's support on House Bill 2456."

Speaker Daniels: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of House Bill 2456. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk, will take the record. On this question, there are 112 'ayes'; 0 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bills, Third Reading. Senate Bill... Messages from the Senate."

Clerk McLennand: "Messages from the Senate. A Message from the Senate by Mr. Jim Harry, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am

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directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House of Representatives on the passage of the Bill with the following title. House Bill 809, a Bill for an Act making appropriations, together with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 809. Passed the Senate as amended February 8th. A Motion to concur has been filed in regard to House Bill 809, Senate Amendment #2. Motion is referred to the Rules Committee. Jim Harry, Secretary of the Senate'."

Clerk McLennand: "Rules Committee notice. Rules will meet at 11 a.m., Speaker's Conference Room. Rules Committee, 11 a.m., Speaker's Conference Room."

Speaker Daniels: "Mr. Clerk, Senate Bills, Third Reading. Senate Bill 454. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "Senate Bill 454, a Bill for an Act concerning farm produce. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You know, as we look at the amount of statutes that exist in the State of Illinois, the vast numbers and quantities that have grown since Illinois became a state in 1818, it's almost mind-boggling. And one of the things that has been a very concerted effort is to go out and try to clean up the statutes from both obsolete legislation, and those that have been duplicated. You know, why one would want to clean out the statutes is to help make it more streamlined, making it easier for the attorneys, hopefully, when they come up with the billable hours, as well as anything that could be duplicated with federal law and state, there could be confusion to both farmers and to small businesses. And a part of it, too, is about the seriousness. The seriousness as how we look at our

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government and the democracy we're proud of. When you have such frivolous things in our statutes dealing with swashbucklers and donkeys, you sort of look at it with suspect as to whether we have the right process in place. So, Mr. Speaker, we have put together a package of legislation, bringing out to you today, that will eliminate a number of these Acts in total, or in part. I would highlight very boldly that we've been very sensitive about the fact of causing problems when something was eliminated. We have used the Attorney General's Office on legal opinions. We've had staff research it, as well as a number of departments, look into it. I would be glad to go through each one of these if one would like. But, basically, it's eliminating all or parts of approximately 21 Acts within the Illinois statutes, and I would yield to any questions."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, Representative. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just sort of had a question, Representative. Did Newt Gingrich call you from Washington and ask you to do this? Since they're doing this in Washington, D.C.? Is this your own idea, or did Newt call you up?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, Newt didn't call me, but I think it's a great idea, and I hope that if we can get as far with this in the State of Illinois as I hope we can, then perhaps Congress would be able to move it forward. Perhaps you're referring to the, Corrections Day, that I read in the newspapers about the federal government, and I hope they can make it happen as well."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you. Yes, Newt calls it what, 'Corrections Day' in

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Washington? And what do we call it here in Springfield, Representative?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "I read the newspapers about Newt calling something 'Corrections Day', but it's very, very clear that here in Springfield, Representative, it's just common sense. It's trying to bring a little common sense here to the State Capitol in Springfield, Illinois."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Novak."

Novak: "Okay. So, we have 'Corrections Day' with Newt Gingrich, and now we have 'Common Sense Day' with Representative Rutherford. Boy, I like this Bill. I don't see why anybody should vote against it."

Speaker Daniels: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Now, as I understand it, from the analysis in the little computer here, it eliminates seven agricultural provisions. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "It does eliminate a number of them, and I believe the number is seven, yes."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you. Are any of these farm subsidies?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "What was that word again? 'Former' subsidies?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Are any of these seven acts, are they subsidies for the farmers?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "No, Representative, they are not."

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Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Does this eliminate one of the subsidies like sales tax on farm equipment?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "No, Representative, it does not. What it does do, though, I'd be glad to help you understand exactly. What it does do, though, it eliminates duplication of certain initiatives that we have here in the State of Illinois that are already being fulfilled by the federal government. And, basically, what it'll do, is hopefully make things a little more streamlined for the agricultural community, both the production farmer and the agri-business areas."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "To the Bill. I like the Bill. The problem is it doesn't go far enough. It doesn't go far enough to remove a source of revenue to the State of Illinois for the, sacred cow, of the General Assembly, the farmers. We could free up money for education in Illinois, if we just eliminated all those exemptions we've created for the, sacred cow, the farmers in Illinois. That's what this Bill ought to go farther and do. It doesn't go far enough. It's a good Bill. It's going in the right direction, and I urge the Sponsor to continue on, eliminating the (sacred cows) we've created for the farmers in Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Myers."

Myers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this Bill. As a farmer by profession, and having worked in a number of farm organizations, we are always anxious to see that we can reduce the number of regulations and laws, especially duplicative laws that are already on the books. This just makes the statutes that much simpler for not only those in

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farming, but all professions dealing with the 'common sense' proposal, to look through the statutes and find the laws that affect them in a very simple way. So, I rise in support of this, knowing that in the end, in the agriculture profession, we're going to be able to look through the statute books, and it's going to be clean, it's going to be simple, and we won't see laws on the Illinois books that are already covered by federal statutes. Thank you."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Hoffman: "Yes, Representative. I think most people would support the concept of insuring that we have common sense in the Illinois statutes. I would just like you to briefly, if you could, generally go through just for our side of the aisle to make sure we're not making any substantive changes, only getting rid of duplicative things with the federal laws, or getting rid of obsolete languages. I know that I only have five minutes. If you could keep it brief, so I could ask, maybe some questions, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "I'd be glad to do that, Representative. This legislation would repeal the Governor's Agricultural Heritage Award Program. There's only been one company that's participated in this program since its inception. It eliminates the Used Motor Recycling Act, and the reason is because they were required to have a report to the General Assembly by January 1 of '92. Obviously, that has been fulfilled. This would eliminate the Tri-State High Speed Rail Line Compact because the study was required. That was completed in 1989. It would eliminate the

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Illinois-Indiana Bridge Compact. This bridge was, or I'm sorry this Act was created in 1965. No bridge was ever built. The Illinois-Indiana Bridge Commission Act, same concept. It was created in '65, never built. Illinois-Missourri Bridge Compact Act, again a bridge was never built. It was effective in 1965. The Illinois-Missourri Bridge Commission Act, same concept, it was created in '65. No commission ever existed. The Illinois, I'm sorry the Missouri-Illinois-Jefferson-Monroe Bridge Act, no bridge was ever built. This became effective in 1965. The Missouri-Illinois-Jefferson-Monroe Bridge Commission Act, again, created in 1965, no bridge ever built. This would also eliminate the Farm Produce Commission Merchant Act, and the reason for that is that this has been regulated now by the U.S.D.A. It's duplicated here in the State of Illinois. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Act Marketing Act, again, duplicated by the U.S.D.A. The Coal Mining Act we are eliminating only one portion of that, and that is the portion that regulates the amount of cubic air necessary in a coal mine, primarily for the use of animals, meaning donkeys. We are also going to take and eliminate a portion of the Illinois Pesticide Act, and that sentence deals with the fact a certain fee is applicable only in the years 1991, '92, and '93. We're also going to repeal the Apple, Peach in Marketing Act. This is a program that is duplicated with other programs within the Illinois Department of Agriculture. We are going to eliminate the Farm Products Inspection Act because this is already being done by the U.S.D.A.. We are going to take a portion out of the Toll Bridge Act, which basically makes it, talks about driving a horse or a mule any faster than a walk over a toll bridge. We are also

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going to take and eliminate a portion of the Fugitive Apprehension Act. And the Fugitive Apprehension Act says that if today, you and I decided to go out and pursue a felon, even if we didn't catch that felon, we could still turn in a bill to the county board for reimbursement of our expenses up to one dollar per day. We feel that's somewhat archaic. It also is going to take the Criminal Code and remove the duelling. Duelling is a Class A misdemeanor here in the State of Illinois. We're going to remove that from our Criminal Code. It also is going to take out the Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act because that is already duplicated in the U.S. Federal Government. And we're going to take out the Agriculture Land Ownership Act because there has been only one request of that in over a four year period. We're also going to take out the Eye Exam Advertising Act. That was in 1976, and in Attorney General opinion, they ruled it unconstitutional. So, I know it took a little longer perhaps than you wanted, Representative, but that's a very quick 'sound bite' of each of those."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Let's go... did you say that we're gonna... 'duelling', let's go back to that one. Under this Bill, we're not going to make duelling legal, are we, in this state?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "No, Representative. Since Illinois became a state in 1818, the initial Constitutional Convention had said that the Illinois General Assembly will create the penalty for duelling. Today, on the books and you haven't even been a prosecutor, know that the Criminal Code today, has duelling as a Class A misdemeanor. My assumption would be that a good prosecutor probably if one interacted in with a

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duel probably would not be charged with the act of duelling which would only be a Class A misdemeanor. They would probably go out with some other heinous crime such as, with a penalty towards aggravated assault, or such so, with that, no, we are not allowing duelling to be legal in the state, but we are removing it from being just a Class A misdemeanor."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Well, I have no problem with the Bill, and I'd like to commend you, Representative. I think that this is something that has been needed. It's time that we clean up the statutes in Illinois. The concern obviously, of many of us here, is what would happen if once somebody on that side of the aisle were to challenge us to a duel. Now, it used to be that it would be illegal if we would go out on the Capitol grounds and a duel would take place. Obviously, we have a concern. Hopefully, that's not ever going to happen. But, on behalf of the mules of this state, I'm very happy that now you no longer are going to let them go into...or you're no longer going to worry about the clean air in the mine shaft, and no longer is there going to be a penalty for insuring that they..."

Speaker Daniels: "You want to bring your remarks to a close?"

Hoffman: "There's no longer going to be a toll for mules. So I think that, I think that it is time, I just hope that maybe as this Bill goes over to the Governor, he looks at this duelling provision because I'll tell you what, we've had some heated debates in this, on this floor and I know that the leaders occasionally have those types of debates, and I'd hate for us to send a public policy out there that maybe we're going to turn our backs on any types of action like that. But, I would like to seriously commend you,

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Representative. I think that this is a Herculean task that you have put forward. I think it's time that we clean up the statute books. You've done a very good job on that."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Lindner."

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

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Lindner: "Yes, when Illinois became a State December 3rd, 1818, I don't think we ever envisioned that the Illinois Compiled Statutes would be nine volumes. The framers wisely..."

Speaker Daniels: "Excuse me, excuse me, Representative. Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen. Just for your reminder, you are being filmed as well today. There are film crews in the gallery and on the floor. Could you give the Lady your attention? Thank you."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The framer's wisely avoided the temptation to solve every foreseeable problem on paper. We have not done that in the General Assembly. Aside from last year, from the years from 1975 on, every year we have filed some 6000 Bills, combined with the House and the Senate. The last three years since I've been in, 6569 in '89-'90, 6505 in '91-'92, and 6128 in '93-'94. Last year was the first time we have ever had a reduction in the number of Bills filed. I have suggested many times to my constituents that we have a Repealer Session, and that has been one of the most popular ideas that I have suggested. This Bill is a start, it is the start of 'common sense'. I highly support this. All of our constituents in Illinois do support this. I ask for your vote."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this legislation. As we began to work on this, I went and talked to former State Representative Ralph Dunn. When

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discussing with him the way legislation and the way the statute books have grown over the years, when he first became a Member of the General Assembly, we had just two-and-a-half volumes of statutes. We now have over nine. This is a step in the right direction. We're not getting rid of anything that is not just a wasted space. Now, as these laws are outdated. But I do have one question for the Sponsor. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Bost: "The one issue that we do deal with as far as coal mines are concerned, is the mules and taking up air space in the mine. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "To respond directly, it does not specifically say 'mules'. It does talk about the amount of cubic feet of air in a mine for an animal. But, you know, appreciating the fact, that you know the concern that the Representative said earlier, you know, we... for the other side of the aisle, we are sensitive to donkeys having enough air in the coal mines. And, albeit, there aren't that many down there now. This legislation only deals with that portion of the Coal Mine Act."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Then there is no other part of this Bill that deals with anything to do with the Department of Mines, Minerals, or their acting body now?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "No, Representative, there is not."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "I do rise in support of this Bill. I think it's good legislation, and I'm glad to see it come to pass."

Speaker Daniels: "The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative

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Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House.
Will the Sponsor yield for a couple of questions?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Hartke: "Representative Rutherford, I commend you for what you're trying to do. As I listen to the list, I try to find them on my computer here, and I don't think they're all listed. But I thought I heard you mention a repeal of the Illinois-Indiana Bridge Compact Act?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "That is correct, Representative. That Act came into effect in 1965, and since that time there has been no bridge built. We have checked with the Illinois Department of Transportation. We have also received legal opinion from the Attorney General's Office, and it is felt unanimously, that this Act as well as the Act dealing with the Commission on that pact should be eliminated."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Well, my concern in this is that in Lawrence County in St. Francis Township, Representative Jones' district, there's a bridge known as the Cannonball Bridge, and this bridge was purchased by the State of Illinois, partially with Indiana. It is a one lane bridge, and it was an old railroad bridge, but it is a conveyance between Illinois and Indiana from St. Francisville across the river. And they were concerned, there was an article in the paper there that if we repeal this Act, it possibly may affect the ongoing program they have to continue this bridge, and update this bridge. Indiana is also involved in that process because they are contributing some money. Could you enlighten us on that? And have you heard from St. Francisville? I want to make sure that this bridge goes

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through."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "Representative Hartke, thank you. I've met with Representative Jones personally on this issue, and he is a strong proponent of the Cannonball Bridge, and has been very active in promoting that. Just to assure you that what this Compact Act we are attempting to repeal is. It sets up a special commission between the two states to create and develop a bridge. For thirty years that has not happened. The direct reference to your issue on the Cannonball Bridge, we sensed this time in 1965, it statutorily enabled the Illinois Department of Transportation to go into relationships with other states to go forward and build bridges. So, an example may be, I'm not citing this specifically, but may be that Cannonball Bridge. So this Act that we are attempting to repeal in no way would affect the continuation of the development of that bridge."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Well, they're not building a bridge, but they're repairing a bridge. And I didn't want to confuse that and hurt that project. I'm happy that you've been in consultation with them and the Department of Transportation, and Representative Jones because I would hate to see the efforts there in that community go for naught if we would repeal this Act. Thank you for your interest."

Speaker Daniels: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Logan, Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Daniels: "The question is, 'Shall the main question be put?' All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes'

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have it. And the main question is put. Representative Rutherford."

Rutherford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to work closely with a number of associations, colleagues, and interest groups around the state to start to clean up the Illinois statutes. If we pass this into law, we will be eliminating approximately 45 pages out of the Illinois statutes. In 1945, there were approximately 4000 pages in the Illinois statutes. Today, there are over 13,000 pages. There are nine volumes. They are one foot, six and three-quarters inches thick. For those of us non-attorneys looking at that, at times it can be intimidating. I'm really proud and very pleased that we can call to a vote here in the House, and hopefully pass it, legislation that will eliminate laws and hopefully, bring a little common sense to Springfield. I ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Daniels: "The Gentleman, Representative Rutherford has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 454. All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye', opposed by voting 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question there are 114 'aye', none voting 'no', none voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Committee Reports."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee Report from Representative Robert Churchill, Chairman from the Committee on Rules, reported the following legislative measures have been assigned as follows; referred to the floor, approved for consideration Motion and Concur on Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 809."

Speaker Daniels: "The Supplemental Calendar announcement."

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Clerk McLennand: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Daniels: "House Bills, Third Reading. House Bill 2516, Representative Laurino."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill #2516, a Bill for an Act that amends the Illinois Municipal Code- Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2516 is an attempt to try to curb some of the abuses that we have experienced in the City of Chicago relating to landlord ignorance. And what it does, is it just gives us a tool so that, or another tool for the courts in getting these landlords, absentee landlords, and people that just disregard the laws that are on the books basically now, to comply and I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Daniels: "Is there any discussion? Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Hoffman: "Just to clarify, Representative, this would essentially set up another system whereby if a landlord is found guilty of a Housing Code Violation, that they would then have to go through some type of a program? Is that right?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "Correct."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Is the, are the realtor's association okay with this Bill?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "Everybody is in compliance."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "With regard to the Bill, could these people still,

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under other provisions, be fined in any way, or could you bring other civil action?"

Laurino: "What happens is, if some of these people just disregard some of the situations that are imposed upon them, and they keep on continuing cases, and so on and so forth. It gives the judge another tool that says 'Okay, now you must attend a school.' If, and when he sets that date, and it's a 'may', it's not a 'shall', it's not mandatory, and they ignore that, then the fine is doubled from what their previous fine would have been."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. It's also my understanding this is limited to Home Rule, so it wouldn't affect many of the areas of the state, only the Home Rule Municipality. So I think that it's a good Bill. I don't see any problems with it I know of. I personally know of no opposition. Nobody has talked to me about it. I urge a passage."

Speaker Daniels: "Further discussion? Representative Wennlund."

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

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino? He indicates he will."

Wennlund: "Thank you. Our analysis seems to indicate that this would somehow preempt Home Rule power?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "That was deleted..."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Laurino: "It was deleted, Sir."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "I'm sorry. I did not hear your answer, Representative Laurino."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "We adopted an amendment that deleted that situation."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

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Wennlund: "As I understand it, the preemption of Home Rule power has been deleted from the Bill? And is it also correct that this Bill only applies to the City of Chicago?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "Correct."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Who supplies the funds for this program designed to encourage educational program, designed to encourage landlords to comply with existing building codes and maintenance codes?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "As I understand it, there is a Bill pending that would be a companion to this in the city council. They will set up the mechanism, and more than likely, it will come out of the fines that were imposed upon the absentee...landlords."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "So there are no statewide funds funding this program for the City of Chicago. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino."

Laurino: "That's correct."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you very much. I think the Bill has a good purpose. And hopefully it will encourage safer buildings in the City of Chicago, particularly safer rental units for the poor and lower incomes, and we support the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Laurino to close."

Laurino: "I think the Bill is basically self-explanatory, Mr. Speaker, and I just ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Daniels: "The Gentleman, Representative Laurino, has moved for the passage of House Bill 2516. All those in favor will signify by voting 'aye', opposed by voting 'no'."

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This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 115 'ayes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Black now moves that we suspend House Rule 3-6A so that we can immediately consider the Adjournment Resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 79. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and House Rule 3-6a is suspended to allow the immediate consideration of the Adjournment Resolution. Representative Black now moves the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 79. The Clerk will read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk McLennand: "Adjournment Resolution. Senate Joint Resolution #79 offered by Representative Churchill, resolved by the Senate of the 89th General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurrent herein. Then when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, February 8th, 1996, the Senate stands adjourned until Friday, February 9th, 1996, and when it adjourns on that date, stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 21st, 1996. And the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, February 9th, 1996, in Perfunctory Session. And when it adjourns on that date, stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 20th, 1996, and when it adjourns on that date, stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 21st, 1996. Adopted by the Senate February 8th."

Speaker Daniels: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this Resolution has us coming back in Session on Wednesday, February 21st, excuse me, Tuesday, February 21st. Excuse me, has us back on the 20th, has the Senate coming back on the 21st. We will be

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working an extra day. Okay, Representative Black now moves the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, and the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. The Motion passes."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee announcement. Rules Committee will meet at noon, in the Speaker's Conference Room. Rules Committee will meet at noon in the Speaker's Conference Room."

Speaker Daniels: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, Order of Concurrence, appears House Bill 809. The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady, is recognized."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 809 is a Bill which we sent to the Senate some time ago. They amended it, with Amendment #2, which provides for the funding of Amtrak throughout this fiscal year. We discussed this issue yesterday at length. The one difference, major difference between this Bill and the Bill which we passed yesterday is that this does not include the \$200,000 for the helicopter. The Governor has indicated that he has found a way to fund that helicopter. And that was not necessary in this Bill, so I would ask for your favorable consideration."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, and Members of the General Assembly, I wonder if the Gentleman would yield for a couple of questions?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Skinner: "So, what's in it for the six county area?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Passenger rail."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear you."

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Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "The continuation of passenger rail service."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "My district's passenger rail service is not threatened.
We are served by Metram."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "I certainly wouldn't want to threaten you,
Representative, or your district's passenger rail service.
But I would suggest to you that there are constituents in
your district that would ride Amtrak, and that their
availability might be threatened if we don't pass this
piece of legislation."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the downstate cities
that are going to get this subsidy, and it's listed on
the... I don't know whether it's on the new computer system
or not, but Quincy and Galesburg are going to get 1.5
million dollars. Bloomington and Springfield are going to
get 2.1 million. Kankakee and Champaign, 1 million, and
Glenview and Milwaukee, \$430,000. We have yet to hear that
the downstate areas that are the beneficiary of Amtrak
service, and get all of these students from Chicago, are
going to pay what we have to pay in the six county area.
We have to pay one quarter of one percent in extra sales
tax to the RTA. If you're living in Cook County, you're
paying an extra one percent to the RTA. Now, this Bill had
some semblance of balance when it went over to the Senate.
It comes back with not one single dime that's gonna benefit
the six county area, unless you live in Glenview. And
unless you happen to take that Amtrak down to Chicago. The
question that ought to be answered is 'how much per...'
Well, let me ask that question. Mr. Speaker, would he

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yield to another question?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Skinner: "What will the subsidy be per passenger?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, the subsidy per passenger, we understand that there are over 600,000 passengers a year that ride this service, and this subsidy increase would be about two and a half million dollars."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Well, the Sponsor is a skillful debater. You'll notice he did not answer the question. So, I ask it again. What is the subsidy per passenger?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, if I were to take two and a half million dollars, and divide that by 600,000 people, that subsidy would be approximately, I'm not that good at math. I'm going to leave that up to your mind."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Well, I didn't know I'd have to do my own math. I wonder if you would repeat the figures again because I want it in the record."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "600,000 riders a year, two and a half millions dollars."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "So, that's about \$80 per passenger. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Skinner: "We only have a half year subsidy here, and I think you're using full year passengers."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, I suggest you find a math tutor."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "Well, let's say it's \$40 per passenger. Every time

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somebody gets on an Amtrak road, Amtrak train, we are going to subsidize that passenger by \$8, I don't think that's correct, Representative. What, \$4 per passenger? Does this include the current subsidy, or just the additional subsidy?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, I'm only speaking to the Bill."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "The Representative is reminding me of Representative Giorgi, not only, not only does he not speak clearly, I can't even understand the words. I think I'm asking a very basic question and that is what is the subsidy per year, the total subsidy per year for Amtrak? And if the Sponsor can't answer that question, it seems to me that we have a deficient Bill."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady "Representative, it would..."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, it would be about \$4 for this supplemental appropriation. The initial appropriation was about \$3.5 million if I understand that correctly. So that would bring the level up to about \$10 plus on an annual basis."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "I'm sorry, Sir. There's so much noise on the House floor, I could not pick out his answer."

Speaker Daniels: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Could you give Representative Skinner the same courtesies that he extends to you? Ladies and Gentlemen, both sides of the aisle. Representative Brady, could you answer the question again that Representative Skinner asked you?"

Brady: "Representative, you asked me how much the subsidy was for

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this Bill. That would be about \$4. The initial appropriation from this General Assembly passed last year was about three and a half million. So the entire subsidy, given our estimates on ridership, would range somewhere around \$10 to \$11 per rider."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "All right, so the question we have to ask is, 'Do we want to write a check of \$10 to \$12 every time somebody gets on an Amtrak train?' Or do we want to take the same amount of money, and run party busses when students are going to SIU, or the University of Illinois, or to other universities throughout the state that are served by Amtrak. We could even give them vouchers. We could give them, give each student a \$24 voucher if they are going back and forth, well they're probably going back and forth more than two times. They're probably going back and forth at ... well let's see, the beginning of the year, the end of the year, so that's once. Thanksgiving would be twice, Christmas would be three times, and Easter would be four times. So, we're giving them about \$100 a year in subsidy to go to school by taking Amtrak. Now, it would seem to me we might be better off just to write each student the \$100 check, and maybe they'll carpool, and rent a car, and go back and forth between their home and these communities. We have..."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Skinner. Representative Skinner, your time is expiring. You'll need somebody to yield some time to you. Representative Johnson, you want to yield your time to Representative Skinner? He indicates he will. Representative Skinner."

Skinner: "That's kind of you, Sir. The point I'm trying to make is, we are entering onto a long-term subsidy that is only

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going to increase. There is nothing that the communities involved to benefit, who receive the most benefits from this subsidy, are offering. They're not offering, they're not offering the same amount of money that we offer in the Chicago Metropolitan Area. You know that this is a tripartite Legislature. There's the City of Chicago, there are the suburbs, and there are downstate. And what we have here is downstate putting the 'camel's nose underneath the appropriation tent' in a very large way. In fact, it's more like putting the 'elephant's nose underneath the tent, the appropriation tent'. If we vote for this, the next time around, in the next budget, these folks will come back and say, 'Well, you gave it to us before, you have to keep it going'. The time to stop a subsidy is when it first starts, and this is the time. I mean, these folks haven't even said they're going to put ads on the side of the Amtrak trains. In Committee, they suggested that freight, the union representative suggested that a return to the railroad freight forwarding business could subsidize easily, one of these trains. All they need is one carload of freight. There's not a mention of that in the debate. What they're asking for is a handout that is not necessary. We have put, literally, billions of dollars into downstate freeways that run from nowhere to nowhere, and now we're going to put it into the trains as well. Frankly, I'd rather have my money going to roads. I intend to vote no."

Speaker Daniels: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Granberg: "Representative Brady, I just want to make sure I understood it correctly. This is the Bill that will be

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signed by the Governor, the Bill yesterday, that we passed, will not?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "The Senate would have to pass that Bill. Whichever one would land on the Governor's desk first, he indicated he would sign one as soon as he received the Bill. I believe that this Bill will physically be on his desk first."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "And when I looked at the Bill, Representative, did you say that the money for the important Air Force One, the helicopter crime-fighting, child protecting instrument of justice, the necessary money, the essential funding for that program is in this Bill?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "You are correct, Representative. When we drafted this Bill originally, we included that because we knew how important it was. Subsequent to that, the Governor made an announcement that he had found the money to fund that very important child protecting, crime-fighting initiative that's so important for the part of this state."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "So, our actions yesterday were for actually no reason because the money was there to do this. It was there the whole time as we have stated. And we didn't need to do it. In fact, if we do anything, we should take the whole sixteen million out of the correct funding source, which the Governor has not indicated his position at this time. And we should do it the right way, and fund everything in the Department of State Police, not just one item. We should fund everything in the total. So, that is no longer necessary to fund this helicopter through an appropriation. It is all for public relations purposes, and that money is

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no longer in the Bill. So, I just wanted to be clear, and I thank you for your time."

Speaker Daniels: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black."

Black: "Yes, Representative Brady, is there any sunset clause in this provision?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, this is an annual appropriation so it would have to be, their monies would have to be spent and appropriated in this fiscal year. So I would guess the answer to your question is 'yes'."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black."

Black: "So, in other words, I think it's very important that we realize this is an annual appropriation, not a continuing appropriation. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "That is correct, Representative."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black."

Black: "So I would assume that it would be your intent that at this point in the process a year from now, if ridership declines greatly, and costs increase greatly, then this whole issue may have to be reexamined. Would that be your intent?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, it will have to be reexamined through the budget process immediately. We have begun working on that. The bipartisan task force has looked at this. We believe that, given the information we have now, given the benefits of what we believe, this transportation system provides, be

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it a unique form of transportation for many who have no other alternatives, the environmental issues that this helps with, the safety issues that this helps with, we believe that if we successfully market this, and we improve this, that we can greatly reduce that subsidy. We believe that it will be an even better system than what it is today. That is our plan. Representative Skinner spoke before about advertising and about freight. We are looking into other avenues to improve revenues received from this system. And we are in hopes that we can greatly reduce subsidy, if not eliminate it, and continue to provide the service."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black."

Black: "Well, from what I've gathered from the press conference yesterday, I'm going to assume that there will be some local participation. Those cities served by, currently served by Amtrak, will in fact, have to put in some dollars for the operating costs in the next year. Is that your understanding?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, I think the task force had a very fiscal mind in its deliberations. And I think one of our concerns was how much we could ask the taxpayers in the State of Illinois to pay. One of the things that we thought we could do, would be able to allow local communities who have a local station to provide the resources for that local station. So the intent of the task force is that we will phase in those costs, so that the communities where the station exists, will be primarily responsible for the resources required for that. Now, in that I want to suggest to you, that there are communities like the town of Normal where my Amtrak station is. It's next to the Town

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of Bloomington. It also has Illinois State University, and Illinois Wesleyan University. We would like, although we're placing the responsibility on Normal, we would hope that they could negotiate an inter-governmental agreement, or inter-agreements with other entities who have an interest in that station to help them incur what costs. But we also believe that they might be able to reduce the costs of those local stations by managing them more efficiently at a local level."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black."

Black: "One last question, Representative. This is an operational budget, this is not for capital equipment. Is that correct?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "That is correct, Representative."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Representative. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I know that many of us have concerns, particularly those of us in districts that no longer have the and I'll use the word 'luxury' of train service, are somewhat skittish about subsidizing the current Amtrak route. However, I think what Representative Brady has said needs to be reiterated over and over. This is a one year appropriation. There is no question that trains are very efficient, very economical, and very environmentally safe way to move people and products. I wish that we had Amtrak service in my part of the state. And we've tried to get that back on the Amtrak Western route. I think it is a national disgrace as to how we've allowed our inter city passenger rail network to deteriorate. And if we can in the next year, continue to at least operate and maintain what we currently have, I think there will be a time when

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all of us would want to see it expanded to serve all of the state, or a good portion of it, as we used to be able to do. So, even though the word 'subsidy' sometimes makes some of us a little nervous, this is a one year, a temporary subsidy, if you will, and I think the need outweighs the political risk, and I intend to vote for the Bill."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Deering."

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

Speaker Daniels: "He indicates he will."

Deering: "Representative, as I look at this Amendment, I see on page 1, line 11, the sum of \$5,425,800 is listed there while the 2.9 million is crossed out. But, then on page 2, line 10, we don't change the total from 2.9 to 5.4. Wouldn't this be a technically, then, flawed Amendment?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, I had the same question that you had. And we asked the Senate. The answer to your question is that it doesn't matter, the Comptroller goes by the body of the Bill, and the appropriation will take place as we are intending."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Deering."

Deering: "Thank you, Representative. Further question, then. Are we in this situation today? I know we've been subsidizing Amtrak on the state level as a certain percentage for a couple of years. But, are we in this situation today, because the federal government, in an attempt to somehow, maybe make it look to the country like they're trying to balance their budget? They're cutting the subsidy in Washington, putting more of a burden on the backs of the states. Is that why we're in this situation?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

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Brady: "There's no question that one of the reasons we're in this situation is because the federal government, trying to be I would say responsible, has cut back the amount of money which they will appropriate for the instate runs. You are absolutely right. That is one of the reasons. But, I must tell you, Representative, frankly, I'm not sure it's been a bad thing because for the overall good, maybe we've benefited. We've learned a lot. I believe that we can make this a better service by having more of a state control. And I really believe we'll be better off in the long run."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Deering."

Deering: "Well, I can see your concern about having state and local control but state and local control means millions of dollars more of a burden on the GRF fund. I mean, at some point in time the states have to get up and say, 'Hey, we can't afford this'. What's going to happen with the future of the trains? Are we going to have to improve or modernize the trains in an effort to try to increase ridership? I know in the task force, as I understand, from talking to some of the Members, they're talking about a possible \$30,000,000 bonding issue maybe in the future to improve the rail service. Is that going to be something that we're going to have to look at also in the future?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Representative, the task force looked at many options. I think that what we arrived at, and I don't mean to speak for the task force, but you could ask any of them, and we will deal with that in the next appropriation. But I think what we arrived at was that this is a very vital part of Illinois' transportation system. We have many years of investment into passenger rail throughout this state. We

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were put in an unfortunate situation in terms of timing. There are various long range solutions that could in fact reduce cost. But what we believed is we need to continue the service as best we could afford to do today. And continue to work on that service, providing better service, better quality service and hopefully for less of a subsidy. There is no question that the Department of Transportation believes that if we're going to do this for a very long period of time as we have, that we will possibly be able to save more money by looking at capital investments in trains and so forth. But that is not what we're talking about today. We don't need that today, nor would we need that in the next few years. We need to see enhancements and improvements and we believe we will see those. But that was one of the options discussed, but it was not felt that this was the right time to move forward on that option."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Deering."

Deering: "When the Governor fashioned his budget at the beginning of the current fiscal year, and brought the budget to us in the General Assembly, although we didn't have an opportunity on this side of the aisle to look at it too soon, or too early before we voted on it. Did he foresee a potential problem here or why did Amtrak run out of money halfway through the fiscal year? Was that not foreseen when the budget was fashioned?"

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "I think the answer to your question is, yes. When we crafted the budget, we did not know the extent to which the federal cutbacks would occur. We left Springfield and the cutbacks occurred, and the Governor decided that he would continue the service given the appropriation that we had, realizing that we would have to make a decision, as we have

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done."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Deering, your time has almost expired, Sir."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No further questions."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I serve as a member of that task force, and I agree with Mr. Brady. We worked long and hard and looked at all kinds of options. And I want the Body to realize that this is a supplemental appropriation of an additional \$2.5 million to continue the operations until July 1st, 1996. We've also made an agreement with the communities and so forth, that are served by Amtrak that we will fund this, and the Governor has indicated that he would ask for \$6,500,000 to fund those operations through 1997, June 30th of 1997. But there's a ... in here, and that is if the ridership does not pick up, if the ridership does not pick up on these lines, we are going to be revisiting this issue a year from now. Yesterday, at the news conference there was an agreement between all of the Mayors and the Legislators and so forth that this is what we want to do. We want to preserve Amtrak for all of the reasons given by Representative Brady. But I also might mention to you that is there's a responsibility of the universities who want to get those students from their homes, and from their communities to the universities in Champaign and Carbondale and Bloomington and Macomb, they're going to have to work at this thing, and they're going to have to get those students to use that alternative transportation that's available today, and that is the Amtrak train. Because if they don't use it, that may be gone in the year 1998. So, of all the things that we've done here, I support this

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thing reluctantly, but we subsidize other things as well. And so, we're going to give Amtrak one more shot, and do our best to make sure that we can keep this train on the track. So, I would encourage each and every one of you to encourage your constituents to use that train because it is a service. But if you don't use that service, we're going to lose this service. I support House Bill 809 and Representative Brady and the Amtrak task force, and I want to support the universities. Let's keep this thing on track."

Speaker Daniels: "The Gentleman from Logan, Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Daniels: "The question is 'Shall the main question be put?' All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Gentleman, Representative Brady to close."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I ask for your support on this issue. The task force put a considerable amount of time into this. We believe that this is the most responsible way in which we can move forward for supporting a very integral part of our state's transportation system for various reasons, and very important reasons. I ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Daniels: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 809?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', opposed by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question there are 91 'aye', 20 'nay', 3 voting 'present'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 809. And this Bill, having received the required Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, announcements."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee announcement. Rules Committee will meet at noon, Speaker's Conference Room. Rules Committee, noon, Speaker's Conference Room."

Speaker Daniels: "Representative Black now moves that the House adjourn until Tuesday, February 20th at the hour of 12 noon. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand in adjournment until Tuesday, February 20th at the hour of 12 noon allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk McLennand: "House Perfunctory Session will be in order. Introductions. House Joint Resolution #85, offered by Representative Deering. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3198, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the County Jail Act. House Bill 3199, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Control Act. House Bill 3200, offered by Representative Ciarlo, a Bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Control Act. House Bill 3201, offered by Representative Ciarlo, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3202, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3203, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act concerning property tax bills. House Bill 3204, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act concerning tax officials. House Bill 3205, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3206, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3224, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act to create the

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Environmental Justice Act. House Bill 3225, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3226, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Illinois University Law. House Bill 3227, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Regulatory Agency Sunset Act. House Bill 3228, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act authorizing the transfer of certain property owned by the Cook County Forest Preserve District. House Bill 3229, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3230, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3231, offered by Representative Martinez, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3232, offered by Representative Tom Cross, a Bill for an Act in relation to forfeitures. House Bill 3233, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act in relation to solicitation and providing material support for international terrorism. House Bill 3234, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning court security. House Bill 3235, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 3236, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code and to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 3237, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 3238, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act concerning congregate living arrangements. House Bill 3239, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3240, offered by Representative

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Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign financing. House Bill 3241, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act concerning gifts to State officers and employees. Introduction - First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution #88, offered by Representative Phelps, House Joint Resolution #87, offered by Representative Parke, and House Joint Resolution #86, offered by Representative Parke. Referred to the Rules Committee."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3242, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 3243, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act in relation to parental responsibility, which may be referred to as the Hillary Norskog Family Responsibility Law. House Bill 3244, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Office of the Inspector General. House Bill 3245, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to check processing and foster homes. House Bill 3246, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 3247, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 3248, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 3249, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 3250, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to foster care. House Bill 3251, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to

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amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 3252, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 3253, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to foster care. House Bill 3254, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3255, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend the Lobbyist Registration Act. House Bill 3256, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to claims against estates. House Bill 3257, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Farm Legal Assistance Act. House Bill 3258, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. House Bill 3259, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Power of Attorney Act. House Bill 3260, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 3261, offered by Representative Deuchler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Savings and Loan Act. House Bill 3262, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act concerning the rights of managed care consumers. House Bill 3263, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Auditor General. House Bill 3264, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "House Perfunctory Session will be in recess until the hour of 2 p.m. Perfunctory Session will be in

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recess until the hour of 2 p.m."

Clerk McLennand: "House Perfunctory Session will be in order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3265, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 3266, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Hypodermic Syringes and Needles Act. House Bill 3267, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3268, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3269, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3270, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign contributions of State contractors. House Bill 3271, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Professional Boxing and Wrestling Act. House Bill 3272, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Human Rights Act. House Bill 3273, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning volunteer emergency personnel. House Bill 3274, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 3275, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3275, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure. House Bill 3276, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 3277, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning reciprocal insurance programs relating to underground storage tanks. House Bill

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3278, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act concerning investments of units of local government and school districts. House Bill 3279, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy Law. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading. House Bill 3280, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act to amend the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. House Bill 3281, offered by Representative Noland, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3282, offered by Representative Fantin, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3283, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3284, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Illinois Department of Public Aid. House Bill 3285, offered by Representative Tenhouse, a Bill for an Act concerning rental vehicles and amending a named Act. House Bill 3286, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3287, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3288, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to regulate the disclosure of documents pertaining to the sales or offerings for sale of cooperative units. House Bill 3289, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3290, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Messages Tax Act. House Bill 3291, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3292, offered by

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Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act relating to health insurance for certain retired teachers. House Bill 3293, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Illinois University Law. House Bill 3294, offered by Representative Blagojevich, a Bill for an Act in relation to disruptive tenants, amending named Acts. House Bill 3295, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act to amend the Vital Records Act. House Bill 3296, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department on Aging. House Bill 3297, offered by Representative Lou Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Child Care Act. House Bill 3298, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act. House Bill 3299, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the University of Illinois Act. House Bill 3300, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3301, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Minimum Wage Law. House Bill 3302, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3303, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. House Bill 3304, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Affordable Housing Act. House Bill 3305, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act to amend the Juvenile Court Act. House Bill 3306, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Employees Group Insurance Act. House Bill 3307, offered by Representative Schakowsky, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 3308, offered by

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Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 3309, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. House Bill 3310, offered by Representative Tenhouse, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 3311, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. House Bill 3312, offered by Representative Noland, a Bill for an Act concerning popcorn. House Bill 3314, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3313, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3314, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act in relation to a referendum concerning bond authorization for prison construction. House Bill 3315, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3316, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Capital Development Board. House Bill 3317, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act appropriating funds in relation to the Build Illinois Program. House Bill 3318, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the East St. Louis Area Development Authority. House Bill 3319, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 3320, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the East St. Louis Area Development Act. House Bill 3321, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to the renovation of

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school property. House Bill 3322, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 3323, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to student entrepreneurial districts. House Bill 3324, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Illinois Community College Board. House Bill 3325, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Technology Advancement and Development Act. House Bill 3326, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act the Metropolitan Civic Center Support Act. House Bill 3327, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3328, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Housing Development Act. House Bill 3329, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 3330, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Family Resource Development Center at State Community College. House Bill 3331, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Park District Code. House Bill 3332, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Family Resource Development Act. House Bill 3333, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 3334, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation for the Office of Urban Assistance. House Bill 3335, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the East St. Louis Area Development Authority for its ordinary and contingent expenses. House Bill 3336, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an

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Act to amend certain Acts in relation to gambling. House Bill 3337, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Community Development Finance Corporation Act. House Bill 3338, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for police officers. House Bill 3339, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 3340, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 3341, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation for a grant to the East St. Louis Development Authority. House Bill 3342, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3343, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 3344, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Capital Development Board Act. House Bill 3345, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 3346, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Capital Development Board. House Bill 3347, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Capital Development Board. House Bill 3348, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act. House Bill 3349, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning motor vehicle leasing. House Bill 3350, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning liability arising out of use of certain weapons. House Bill 3351, offered by Representative

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Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3352, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3353, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3354, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3355, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3356, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3357, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3358, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3359, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act concerning the use of municipal property by telecommunications carriers. House Bill 3360, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act regarding liens. House Bill 3361, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3362, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental cleanup. House Bill 3363, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3364, offered by Representative Frias, a Bill for an Act relating to capital facilities of school districts. House Bill 3365, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading. House Bill 3366, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an

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Act to amend the Comptroller Merit Employment Code. House Bill 3367, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3368, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3369, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act. House Bill 3370, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Build Illinois Bond Act. House Bill 3371, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3372, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act in relation to acceptance of financial card payments by governmental entities. House Bill 3373, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984. House Bill 3374, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 3375, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act. House Bill 3376, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act. House Bill 3377, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Notary Public Act. House Bill 3378, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act concerning State funds. House Bill 3379, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning cemeteries. House Bill 3380, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill 3381, offered by Representative Martinez, a Bill for an Act to amend the Board of Higher Education Act. House Bill 3382, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act making an

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appropriation to the Comptroller. House Bill 3383, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. House Bill 3384, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act Act making appropriations in connection with the Illinois Rural Downstate Health Act. House Bill 3385, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act concerning zoning. House Bill 3386, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code and to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 3387, offered by Representative Saltsman, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 3388, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 3389, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 3390, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act concerning airports. House Bill 3391, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act in relation to workers' compensation. House Bill 3392, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act. House Bill 3393, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 3394, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act concerning the State Comptroller. House Bill 3395, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of pilot Enterprise High Schools and work-study programs. Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "The House Perfunctory Session will stand in recess until the hour of 3:30."

Clerk Rossi: "The designated hour having arrived, the House

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Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3396, offered by Representative Biggert, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. House Bill 3397, offered by Representative Ronen, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance discrimination against subjects of abuse. House Bill 3398, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3399, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act concerning subsidization of affiliated services by public utilities. House Bill 3400, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act concerning civic centers. House Bill 3401, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act in relation to a referendum concerning bond authorization for prison construction. House Bill 3402, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3403, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3404, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 3405, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3406, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act amending the Election Code. House Bill 3407, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act concerning the tabulation of absentee ballots. House Bill 3408, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3409, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 3410, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income

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Tax Act. House Bill 3411, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3412, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act concerning abortion. House Bill 3413, offered by Representative Clayton, a Bill for an Act relating to early childhood care and education. House Bill 3414, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3415, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to property taxes. House Bill 3416, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Purchasing Act. House Bill 3417, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to create the Health Facilities Protection Act. House Bill 3418, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act creating the Elder Care Savings Bond Act. House Bill 3419, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 3420, offered by Representative Lou Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure. House Bill 3421, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unified Code of Corrections. House Bill 3422, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to amend the Bill of Rights for Children. House Bill 3423, offered by Representative Blagojevich, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. House Bill 3424, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3425, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act relating to alternative school funding. House Bill 3426, offered by Representative O'Connor, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3427, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unified

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Code of Corrections. House Bill 3428, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act in relation to violations committed within 1,000 feet of certain property. House Bill 3429, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act to amend the Juvenile Court Act. House Bill 3430, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 3431, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #28, offered by Representative Schoenberg. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 9 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution as follows: ARTICLE IX REVENUE SECTION 9. STATE DEBT (a) No State debt shall be incurred except as provided in this Section. For the purpose of this Section, "State debt" means bonds or other evidences of indebtedness which are secured by the full faith and credit of the State or are required to be repaid, directly or indirectly, from tax revenue and which are incurred by the State, any department, authority, public corporation or quasi-public corporation of the State, any State college or university, or any other public agency created by the State, but not by units of local government, or school districts. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the aggregate State debt outstanding in one fiscal

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year may not exceed 50% of the State's aggregate revenues in that fiscal year. (b) State debt for specific purposes may be incurred or the payment of State or other debt guaranteed in such amounts as may be provided either in a law passed by the vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly or in a law approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question at the next general election following passage. Any law providing for the incurring or guaranteeing of debt shall set forth the specific purposes and the manner of repayment. (c) State debt in anticipation of revenues to be collected in a fiscal year may be incurred by law in an amount not exceeding 5% of the State's appropriations for that fiscal year. Such debt shall be retired from the revenues realized in that fiscal year. (d) State debt may be incurred by law in an amount not exceeding 15% of the State's appropriations for that fiscal year to meet deficits caused by emergencies or failures of such revenue. Such law shall provide that the debt be repaid within one year of the date it is incurred. (e) State debt may be incurred by law to refund outstanding State debt if the refunding debt matures within the term of the outstanding State debt. (f) The State, departments, authorities, public corporations and quasi-public corporations of the State, the State colleges and universities and other public agencies created by the State, may issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness which are not secured by the full faith and credit or tax revenue of the State nor required to be repaid, directly or indirectly, from tax revenue, for such purposes and in such amounts as may be authorized by law. (Source: Illinois Constitution.) SCHEDULE This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon approval by the

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electors of this State. First Reading of this House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment."

Clerk Rossi: "First Reading of House Joint Resolution Amendment #29, offered by Representative Schoenberg. Proposes to amend the Finance Article of the Illinois Constitution. Prohibits the General Assembly from appropriating more than 98% of available funds in a fiscal year. Effective in the next fiscal year after voter approval. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 2 of Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows: ARTICLE VIII FINANCE SECTION 2. STATE FINANCE The Governor shall prepare and submit to the General Assembly, at a time prescribed by law, a State budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget shall set forth the estimated balance of funds available for appropriation at the beginning of the fiscal year, the estimated receipts, and a plan for expenditures and obligations during the fiscal year of every department, authority, public corporation and quasi-public corporation of the State, every State college and university, and every other public agency created by the State, but not of units of local government or school districts. The budget shall also set forth the indebtedness and contingent liabilities of the State and such other information as may be required by law. Proposed expenditures shall not exceed funds estimated to be available for the fiscal year as shown in the budget. (b) The General Assembly by law shall make

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appropriations for all expenditures of public funds by the State. Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed 98% of funds estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year. SCHEDULE This Constitutional Amendment takes effect in the next fiscal year after approval by the electors of this State."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3432, offered by Representative Winkel, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 3433, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3434, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3435, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3436, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3437, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3438, offered by Representative Deuchler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Toll Highway Act. House Bill 3439, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3440, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Downstate Public Transportation Act. House Bill 3441, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Cemetery Care Act. House Bill 3442, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act. House Bill 3443, offered by Representative Ackerman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3444, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Property Tax Code. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "There being no further business, the House
Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned. The House
Perfunctory Session will reconvene at 10 a.m.

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