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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Norman Meyer of the Saint John's Lutheran Church in Union, Illinois. Pastor Meyer is the guest of Representative Franks. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Meyer: "Heavenly Father, we believe that it's most efficient and appropriate that members of human society live in an orderly fashion, voluntarily governed by men and women whom they have chosen as fit to serve in positions of responsibility and trust. Today we meet in a legislative assembly of such people. Representatives elected by the voters of the great State of Illinois to work hard for them in the State Capitol here in Springfield. We trust them to govern with a sense of idealism and with dedication to the goal of better government for all the people of Illinois. We expect them to be knowledgeable about our history and to have a clear memory and understanding of how we've come to be who we are. We entrust them with our hope for a better future for all our citizens, especially for our children. And we count on them to work with determination as hard as need be to make their dreams, our dreams come true. If we seem to expect miracles of them it's only because miracles are needed. As we stand poised on the brink of a new century we need for them to think big, to think unconventionally, to think with vision and to focus on what is possible when everyone works together for the general good. We are proud of our state, proud of our accomplishments, proud of our heritage, proud of the long Lincolness shadow that still reminds us of how great government can be. Lord, bless these men and women with

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the courage of their convictions, with the spirit of cooperation, with the sincere desire to do the best they can, the humble honesty to admit mistakes and yes, with a collective wisdom that supersedes even the brightest individual intellect. Grant them health and energy to carry out their daily task and peaceful and renewing rest at night. Help them to endow through their words and actions this great Body with the respect and dignity it deserves. Enable them to be leaders the people trust them to be. May the aura of their office embolden them to be better than they might ever have dreamed. Thank You for the blessings of life, liberty and peace of education, of free enterprise and prosperity, of free speech and press, of freedom to be who and what we choose to make ourselves into. Thank You for our inventive genius, our willingness to work hard, for the abundance of our farms and the productivity of our factories and for our generosity and willingness to share the American dream. However, even this... in this remarkable Capitol building, a monument to the nobility of the human spirit, we must be mindful that we are only human and the frailty of our humanity surely humbles us. Therefore, may we rely upon a power greater than our own. Turning to You, O Lord, our strength and our defender, who has led us into this promising land, our pillar of cloud by day, our column of fire by night, lead us ever on. In the name of Jesus, who said to, 'render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto the Lord that which is the Lord's.' Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Bellock."

Bellock - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Monique Davis, Representative Jim Fowler, Representative Mary Flowers and Representative Morrow are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe. Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show that Representative Tom Ryder is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Okay. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 112 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Constitutional Officers, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 19, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'approved for consideration' Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1852; a Motion to Concur. Representative Jay Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 19th, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended' Short Debate House Bill 2909. Representative Larry Woolard, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 19th, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2917; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2940. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson

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from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 19th, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'to the floor for consideration' House Bill 298, referred to the Order of Second Reading; House Bill 992, referred to Consideration Postponed and House Bill 1822, referred to Third Reading. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 20th, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'to the floor for consideration' Senate Bill 1046, referred to the Order of Second Reading. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 544, offered by Representative Meyer; House Resolution 546, offered... and House Joint Resolution #40 and House Joint Resolution #41 are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3352, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 3353, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3354, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Mandates Act. House Bill 3355, offered by Representative Lou Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 3356, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. House Bill 3357, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Explosives Act. House Bill 3358, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 3359, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Surface-Mined Land Conservation Reclamation Act. House Bill 3360,

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offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3361, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning discount prescription drugs for senior citizens. House Bill 3362, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Highway Code. House Bill 3363, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 3364, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Railroad Bridge Act. House Bill 3365, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 3366, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 3367, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3368, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Pension Code. House Bill 3369, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3370, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3371, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3372, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Pension Code. House Bill 3373, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3374, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3375, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3376, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, for an announcement."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, have you announced the distribution of the Calendar?"

Clerk Rossi: "Yes, Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair, if I could please?"

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Yes, on this particular day if IDOT or the State Police are listening to their squawk box or if the Speaker could use the persuasive powers of his office, many of us are faced with some questions about how we're going to get home. Road reports are sketchy and some roads, I guess, east of here and some interstates north of here are supposedly in very bad condition with drifting snow. I was just wondering if IDOT or the State Police could perhaps make available some road condition reports to those of us who have to drive home shortly?"

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, Sir?"

Speaker Madigan: "We will ask the Department of Transportation for a report. We'll get it to you."

Black: "I would be most grateful for that because I think some of us are... have a false sense of security from what we've seen here in Springfield. Northeast of here they had up to 7 or 8 inches of snow with high winds. And, Mr. Speaker, quite frankly, I'm afraid to venture out and thought I might be able to catch a ride with you, if you could drop me off in Danville, we'd love to have you in Danville. Our snow plow broke last night, the harness on the horse froze. So, but we'd do the best we could if you could... if you could perhaps drop me off later today in Danville, it would certainly be appreciated."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black, sometimes we get some pretty strong wind blowing through this chamber."

Black: "Yes, yes. But, it's a little warmer than what's outside."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephens. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Postponed Consideration... excuse me, Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Concurrence, there appears House Bill 1852. Mr. Rutherford. What is the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1852 is on Supplemental Calendar #1 and is on the Order of Concurrence. A Motion has been filed by Representative Rutherford to concur in Senate Amendment #1."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rutherford."

Rutherford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the chamber. I'd highlight that 1852 deletes everything after the original enacting clause. So, those that may be

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looking at their analysis that's talking about the nursing home portion of unclaimed property, it's no longer a part of this. What this legislation would... this Concurrence Motion would provide for... business to business transactions would not fall under the purview of the Unclaimed Properties Act. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves that the House does concur in the Senate Amendment. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1?' Those in favor will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed by voting 'no'. This is a final action vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a final action vote. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 people voting 'yes', 1 person voting 'no'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment #1. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of House Bills - Second Reading, there appears House Bill 298. Representative Feigenholtz. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. House Bill 709, Representative Cowlshaw. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. On the Order of House Bills - Third Reading, there appears House Bill 1822. Mr. McKeon. 1822. Mr. McKeon. Do you wish to call the Bill? Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1822, a Bill for an Act amending the Insect Pests and Plant Disease Act. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McKeon."

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1822 makes changes

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to the Insect Pest Compliance Act. It's a response to the Asian beetle crisis that occurred in my district and continues and has expanded to other districts. It's an Agreed Bill with the Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Association of Landscapers. I'll gladly respond to any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Yes, I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, it's very hard to hear in here and I know everybody is anxious to get out in the snow."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, could you give your attention to Mr. Black?"

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. They won't regret that. If... would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "All right. What exactly... Representative, what exactly are you doing here? Is it only aimed at the beetle infestation that has been such a problem in Chicago?"

McKeon: "It is written in general terms for an insect infestation. There's about 12 other insects that could be brought into the United States in imported materials. Basically, it increases the penalty for violating a compliance agreement issued by the Secretary of Agriculture and expands some of the authorities granted to the Department of Agriculture. It was written directly in response to some problems we had in the Ravenswood community and also based on the experience of the agriculture inspectors in New York."

Black: "Well, there is a significant fine, monetary fine structure in this Bill. For the record, I need to make sure that I know what I'm voting on. Would this... would these... is it your intent that the fines be levied against

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a tree surgeon or a pest control firm who didn't report because they didn't know it was an Asian Longhorn Beetle? Or is it aimed at an importer who willingly and knowingly imports a product that has these insects in that product?"

McKeon: "Yeah, the... to answer your question on the importers that's controlled by Federal Law and inspection criteria. This would apply to, say, a tree surgeon who entered into a compliance agreement based on the order of the Department of Agriculture and then violated that agreement. And it sets a maximum, obviously, each case would be handled on a case-by-case basis."

Black: "Okay. Representative, my concern centers on an Amendment that seems to give a great deal of discretionary power to the Director of the Department of Agriculture. And it defines 'a devastating insect or plant disease', which I'm still not sure of that definition. If a nursery operator in my district was selling nursery stock, an evergreen tree or some kind of decorative tree or shrub, that he or she had no idea might be infested or infected with this insect or disease, it appears to me that the Director of the Department of Agriculture can levy a fine of several thousand dollars on this nursery operator, who as far as I can see in the Bill, the intent isn't part or parcel. I don't want to go home and explain to my landscape businesses or my nursery operators that they could be fined for selling something that the... excuse me... that the Director of the Department of Agriculture could then rule as a devastating insect or disease, like a box elder bug. I mean they're a nuisance, but I don't think they're a... any threat to the safety and environment. I need some clarification. What kind of powers are we giving the Director of the Department of Agriculture? It seems to me

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to unilaterally declare a quarantine or a problem and levy some extremely heavy fines."

McKeon: "Representative Black, this only applies to an area that has been quarantined by an order that the Secretary of Agriculture already has the authority to do. We have about a 12 square mile area that is currently under quarantine in the city, two small areas in the suburbs. And once the Secretary issues that quarantine then anyone working in that area must enter into a compliance agreement. And these fines are based on a violation of the agreement in which they have entered into with the Department of Agriculture."

Black: "So, the operator would have constructive notice due to the fact that the area is under quarantine and would therefore, not have a very valid excuse for continuing to sell products in the quarantined area that may, in fact, be infested. That's the... clearly the intent, right?"

McKeon: "Right. And in this specific case, we're not talking about selling products, we're talking about doing tree removal, not using the proper procedures to ensure that if that tree was infested that it was properly disposed of under the guidelines established by the Secretary of Agriculture."

Black: "Okay. All right. So, is there any specificity in the Bill as to how the tree must be disposed of? For example, the pictures I saw in Chicago, I would assume that those trees, after the city cut them down, I would assume you not just simply transport them to a landfill? I mean, is there a particular way that they must be disposed of in the case of the Asian beetle infestation?"

McKeon: "Under the quarantine for that area, which was done under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under

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existing law, guidelines were established. And in this particular case, given the nature of this pest that the trees be shredded..."

Black: "Okay."

McKeon: "... with a chipper, the large trunks would be transported in secured vehicles to O'Hare Airport where they are ground. And then in addition to the directive of the Department of Agriculture what they're actually doing then is burning in a large incinerator..."

Black: "Okay."

McKeon: "... all of that residue to ensure that there's absolutely no possibility of transferring..."

Black: "All right. My last question and concern, Representative, some years ago I believe before you were here, a very innocuous Bill passed under very similar conditions, i. e. on get away day et cetera, et cetera. And it had to do with Christmas Tree Licensing Act, and the infestation of some bug I've never heard of that might often or might reside in a Christmas tree. And this had a rippling effect in many of the areas around the state who, people who had sold Christmas trees for 20 years suddenly couldn't. Inspectors from the Department of Ag came out and said, 'These trees have come from an area where this insect is thought to reside therefore, you can't sell your Christmas trees, they'll be confiscated.' This was quite... I know many of us had constituents who were really upset over a what we were told was a rather innocuous law that had to be passed to bring us into compliance with some environmental rule. I just want to make sure I'm not putting any of my nurserymen in a similar situation, so that six months from now I start getting their complaints that suddenly they can't sell a white pine or they can't sell decorative

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shrubs or that an inspector came in and said, 'Uh oh, these... all of your plants have come from an area', say in Wisconsin under, 'quarantine, therefore, you must destroy this entire stock.' And maybe my county would not be under that quarantine. He bought these items in good faith and now he's out a considerable amount of money. And this actually happened, to the best of my memory, on this Christmas Tree Licensing or Inspection Act. I mean, there were people who lost a significant amount of money. I don't want to get in the same situation."

McKeon: "Neither do I, Representative. And I want to assure that what we're concerned is the compliance that landscapers or tree removals, people would have to enter into an agreement with the department for an area specifically quarantined under the existing authority of the department, not a general law as the Christmas Tree Bill that you referred to."

Black: "Okay. All right. And again, my last question, I apologize. When I initially reviewed this Bill I thought it only applied to the City of Chicago and the County of Cook because of the fact that it is a port they have had serious problems with this infestation of this Asian beetle. But, as Representative Parke pointed out to me just a minute ago, in fact, this law is statewide. It has implications for everyone, Chicago to Cairo, correct?"

McKeon: "Right. And let me tell you why, Representative. The United States Department of Agriculture at import sites, which potentially could include Rockford and East St. Louis and so forth where people bring shipments in, have found this particular pest in 23 cities..."

Black: "Okay."

McKeon: "... throughout the country. There have only been

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infestations where it's moved from the imports into an urban forest as the case of Chicago or in the suburbs into the Chicago park, but not actually in the park district, but the Chicago Forest Preserve. This is a tremendously devastating insect, which you know, in China, for example they've lost entire forests of timberland. This, I mean, the Federal Government, the United States Department of Agriculture considers this to be a grave emergency in terms of keeping not only this pest, but the dozen or so other pests potentially that could be imported from the Far East and end up in cities like Rockford, East Saint Louis..."

Black: "Okay."

McKeon: "... Decatur or wherever. Now, none of those areas are currently affected. There are only three areas currently that are under a quarantine area in the State of Illinois."

Black: "Representative, I appreciate your indulgence. Thank you and, Mr. Speaker, thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hartke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Hartke: "Representative McKeon, I was one who attended one of the hearings up there early on and I commend you for the job that you're doing. This is a very serious situation and I'm supportive of this move to increase penalties. It's my understanding that if the brush and trees and limbs and possibly even the roots are not disposed of in a proper manner, this infestation of the Asian beetle could spread statewide. If there were unscrupulous operators there who were contracting to cut down certain trees and they did not dispose of this properly it could cause the spread of this disease throughout the State of Illinois and that's why

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this increase in fine gives teeth to the Department of Agriculture to ensure that we contain this infestation. I think you should be commended for your work on this piece of legislation and I intend to support it. One little question on the side. Have we expanded the quarantine area and in essence, how are we doing to control this infestation?"

McKeon: "The initial quarantine area, which was my district office is at the epicenter of... originally was about 12 square blocks, now it's about 12 square miles. And it's considerably larger, about three miles beyond the perimeter of actually known infestations. It'll probably take 5 to 7 years before we clear it totally. A little over a thousand trees have been cut down and destroyed. Those trees have all been replaced. This General Assembly granted a million dollars for urban reforestation, specifically, for this problem last year. City of Chicago and the Mayor through their resources were even replacing trees on private property, which they have no responsibility to do. So, currently, there are the three locations. It has not been expanded in the Chicago area, but there was recently, I believe, three trees that were found in the Chicago Forest Preserve in the Rosemont area. And that's potentially very dangerous if that gets out of control in the forest preserves we could lose major portions of the forest preserve."

Hartke: "Well, thank you very much for answering that question. I would urge all Members to support this legislation and to save our trees in the State of Illinois to contain this infestation of the Asian beetle."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

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

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Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative, this Amendment, which became the Bill... isn't that correct, the Amendment became the Bill?"

McKeon: "Yes, the Amendment... the original Bill I negotiated with the department, in particular, with the Landscaping Association."

Parke: "With who?"

McKeon: "The Association of Illinois, I believe it's called Landscapers."

Parke: "Landscapers?"

McKeon: "Right."

Parke: "Okay."

McKeon: "And so, the Amendment was the compromise that we worked out and it became the Bill."

Parke: "Well, is it also compromise with the Illinois Nurserymen Association?"

McKeon: "I'm sorry that was the organization that I..."

Parke: "It was the nurserymen..."

McKeon: "... that I was referring to."

Parke: "The nurserymen now support this Amendment?"

McKeon: "That's my understanding, yes. The, the changes were proposed by their representative here in Springfield."

Parke: "Okay. Now, this just does not just apply to the Asian Longhorn Beetle according to our information. It actually affects any kind of devastating insect or plant disease."

McKeon: "That is correct."

Parke: "So, we keep talking about the longhorn beetle and we ought to talk about it, but everybody also has to know that it also relates to... it's expanded beyond that, it's for a devastating insect or plant disease. Now, who defines what is a devastating insect or plant disease?"

McKeon: "The Secretary of the Department of Agriculture."

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Parke: "The Secretary of the Department? Now, is that the State Department of Agriculture or the Federal?"

McKeon: "Under... under this Act, the State."

Parke: "The State?"

McKeon: "Right."

Parke: "All right. And so, can he have a large geographic area that he can quarantine? I mean, it's any area in the state and any size area in the state, right?"

McKeon: "Well, it has... reasonably. I mean, give you an example, in the Ravenswood area as I mentioned earlier, initially it was 12 blocks. We thought it was concentrated to 3 or 4. Now, it's a 12 mile... square mile area of which trees infested have been found in about a 6 mile portion of that quarantined area. I understand that there are two areas, I believe, in Lake County that are having problems with..."

Parke: "Mr. McKeon, Representative McKeon, could you... Mr. Speaker, the Representative is trying to explain a question, I cannot hear it. So, either have the electrician turn his microphone up or ask the Body to be more quiet."

Speaker Madigan: "Would the Members please give their attention to Mr. Parke and Mr. McKeon?"

Parke: "Thank you. Mr. McKeon, please proceed."

McKeon: "Yes, in fact, there are two areas, I believe in Lake County, that are having a severe problem with gypsy moth. And if the Secretary was to impose a quarantine, the provisions of this Amendment to the existing Act would apply under those conditions."

Parke: "Representative, do you know of any opposition to your Amendment at this time?"

McKeon: "None that I am aware of."

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Parke: "None?"

McKeon: "That I am aware of."

Parke: "Okay. And the fines have been increased and is it basically we've only increased the fines? Is that what your Amendment has done?"

McKeon: "It increases the fines, but I think we also define what a... an insect pestilence is in the Amendment. So, we clarified that."

Parke: "Thank you very much. I appreciate it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Leitch."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Leitch: "Representative, is the Nurserymen's Association still opposed to this Bill?"

McKeon: "My understanding with the Amendment, which was worked out with them, that actually lowered the fines from what my original Bill was and some changes in language, that they were in agreement with the Bill as amended."

Leitch: "And it was difficult to hear in here. What is the impact of this... it is statewide, is that correct?"

McKeon: "It has a potential impact statewide. Right now, given the existed the Asian longhorn beetle problem there's only three areas, one in the city, a large one in the City of Chicago and two small areas in suburban Chicago that are being affected. But, as I answered Mr. Parke's question, you know, potentially with the gypsy moth problem and others, the Secretary does have authority to declare other areas as a quarantine area to deal with other plant insects or insect diseases, if warranted."

Leitch: "If the Secretary has the authority now to declare quarantine areas, why do we need this Bill?"

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McKeon: "This Bill increases the penalties, clarifies the language, and does not expand or change in any way the existing authority of the Secretary of Agriculture."

Leitch: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McKeon to close."

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the very good questions and ask for your support."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Senate Bills - Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 23. Representative O'Brien, do you wish to call your Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. House Bill 851. Mr. Murphy. Mr. Murphy, do you wish to call your Bill? Harold Murphy. Do you wish to call your Bill? Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call his Bill. House Bill 1003 by Mr. Madigan. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call his Bill. On the Order of Consideration Postponed, there appears House Bill 474. Mr. McKeon. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call his Bill. House Bill 992, Representative Sharp. Is Representative Sharp in the chamber? Mr. Clerk, on the Order of the Supplemental Calendar, please read the Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill, Second Reading, they'll be read a second time and be held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 2909, a Bill for an Act to amend the Motor Fuel

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and Petroleum Standards Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. House Bill 2917, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this House Bill. House Bill 2940, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Second Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, on the Order of Senate Bills - Second Reading, has that Bill been read a second time? 1046."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1046 has been read a second time, previously."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Andrea Moore, did you wish to call Senate Bill 1046? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Has Representative Sharp returned to the chamber? Representative Sharp. Representative Smith, for an announcement."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to request leave to suspend the rule on the posting requirement for the Agriculture and Conservation Committee to allow subject matter testimony from the Industrial Hemp Task Force."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Mr. Speaker, could I have an explanation of that? Was that necessary if it's subject matter only? Or is there something more there that I'm unaware of?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Smith."

Smith: "Yes, we've had a request for a presentation from the Industrial Hemp Task Force, which this Body created along with the Senate, to receive their report next week and to make testimony. Unfortunately, we received that request after the posting deadline."

Parke: "Have you inquired with our Spokesmen on our side of the aisle on this?"

Smith: "Actually, it's at his request, Representative Parke."

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Parke: "Then that's all I need to know. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "So, the Gentleman has moved to suspend the posting requirements. Is there leave? Leave is granted for the Gentleman's Motion and the posting requirement has been suspended. The Chair is prepared to adjourn. Mr. Black, did you get your road report?"

Black: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker, we appreciate that. I did get a series of numbers also to call from the Illinois State Police, that was very kind of them. But, I did call back home, things are not good. You know, Mr. Speaker, we don't have some of the snow plows that you're used to up north. And when the horses get cold they don't want to go out and plow the snow. So, I... if your offer is still open, I may want to travel home with you. There's a lot of things we could talk about and probably have a good weekend."

Speaker Madigan: "Right, there would be a lot of wind inside the plane, right? Ladies and Gentlemen, the Chair is prepared to adjourn upon the adoption of a Death Resolution for a former Member. So, if the staff would please retire to the rear of the chamber and if the Members would take their seats. Again, if the staff would retire to the rear of the chamber and the Members would take their seats. Representative Hamos, if you could assume your chair, please? Mr. Lyons, could you excuse that staffer? So, if staff could retire to the rear of the chamber and if the Members would please rise, and the Clerk shall read the Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 542, offered by Speaker Madigan. Whereas the Members of the House were saddened to learn of the death of Quentin J. Goodwin, of Chicago, on Sunday, January 9th, 2000. And whereas he was born in the Village of Harlem in New York City, he was educated at Talladega

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College in Alabama; New York University; and the Brooklyn School of Law. And whereas during WW II he reached the rank of Captain of the United States Army, serving for 5 years. And whereas in 1950 Mr. Goodwin began his law practice in New York, he moved to Chicago in 1956 to join the firm of his cousin, Reginald Goodwin. He also practiced with the firm of Dorothy Johnson and Associates. Whereas in 1978 Mr. Goodwin served a single term in the Illinois House of Representatives, he was active in the Second Ward on the South Side; a Member of the Greater Bethesda Baptist Church; served the Cook County and National Bar Associations; and belonged to the original 40 Club and Kings Services Center. And whereas in his practice he was known for his generosity and friendliness when dealing with couples seeking divorce, working with them to save their marriage. And whereas his passing will be deeply felt by his family and friends, especially, his wife, his son and his two granddaughters. Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly of the State of Illinois that we note with sorrow and great regret the death of Quentin J. Goodwin and extend our sincere condolences to his family and friends. And be it further resolved that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to his wife."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Lou Jones."

Jones, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Quentin Goodwin, not many of you here now were here when Quentin Goodwin was here. Quentin was the Representative on the seat that I occupy now. He was just a fantastic person, a fantastic Legislator and one of the most beautiful people that you would ever want to meet. Always had a smile on his face, very mild mannered, but a very

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deep, religious, good individual. And very active and still active up until the time of his death in politics in the Second Ward. In the Second Ward if you wanted to seek a political seat, that was one of the people that you went and sat down and you talked to because of the depth that he had in politics. And the people in the Second Ward will really miss him. I will really miss him because periodically I would go and sit down and he would just talk to me and tell me about things were when he was down here and things that should be happening now. So, along with myself, the people... the residents in the Second Ward will miss Quentin very, very much. He was just an outstanding individual."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Barbara Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I served with Representative Goodwin, he represented the district just to the north of mine. He cared a lot about his constituents, but he also brought a great deal of sophistication and elegance to this chamber. He was a debonair chap, somebody who was alert to the world around him, who was interested in things beyond the world of the Legislature. He was a good person, he was a strong family man and I join Representative Jones and all the Members of the House in expressing my condolences to his widow, his son and his grandchildren."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution will signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it; the Resolution is adopted. And the House does stand adjourned... the Clerk informs me that he has to ... we have to adopt the Adjournment Resolution. So, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Joint Resolution #50, offered by

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Representative Currie. Resolved by the Senate of the 91st General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that when the two houses adjourn on Thursday, January 20th, 2000, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, January 26th, 2000 at 12 o'clock noon and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Monday, January 24th, 2000 in Perfunctory Session, and when it adjourns on that day it stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 25th, 2000 at 1 o'clock p. m."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the Adjournment Resolution say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it; the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 25 at 1 p. m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it; the House does stand adjourned until Tuesday, January, 25 at 1 p. m."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Lauren Beth Gash, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 20th, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3073. Representative Joe Lyons, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Support Enforcement, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 20th, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3054. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 537, offered by Representative Brady, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3399, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for

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an Act concerning insurance coverage for persons with social anxiety disorder. House Bill 3400, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 3401, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 3402, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3403, offered by Representative Tim Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning technology. House Bill 3404, offered by Representative John Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 3405, offered by Representative Persico, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Banking Act. House Bill 3406, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3407, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to counties. House Bill 3408, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 3409, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3410, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3411, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3412, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3413, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3414, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to courts. House Bill 3415, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. House Bill 3416, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 3417, offered by Representative Gash, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3418, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3419, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to require principals and other appropriated administrative officers in public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to report certain criminal offenses. House Bill 3420, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3421, offered by Representative Bugielski, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3422, offered by Representative Silva, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 3423, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Toll Highway Act. House Bill 3424, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3425, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 3426, offered by Representative Slone, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. House Bill 3427, offered by Representative Slone, a Bill for an Act concerning organic farming. House Bill 3428, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3429, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act regarding pet day care. House Bill 3430, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act in relation to hate crimes. House Bill 3431, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Funds Investment Act. House Bill 3432, offered by Representative Beaubien, a Bill for an Act to create the Data Processing Services for Financial Institutions Act. House Bill 3433, offered by

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offered by Representative Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3452, offered by Representative Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 3453, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act to amend the Electric Supplier Act. House Bill 3454, offered by Representative Gash, a Bill for an Act to amend the All Inclusive Care For The Elderly Act. House Bill 3455, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Health Practitioner Licensing Act. House Bill 3456, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 3457, offered by Representative Persico, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 3458, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 3459, offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act concerning harmful aquatic organisms. House Bill 3460, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to child care. House Bill 3461, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 3462, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 3463, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Credit Union Act. House Bill 3464, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3465, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. House Bill 3466, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning mobile home parks. House Bill 3467, offered by Representative

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Wait, a Bill for an Act to amend the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act. House Bill 3468, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing Home Care Act. House Bill 3469, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act. House Bill 3470, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. House Bill 3471, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3472, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act to amend the Nursing Home Care Act. House Bill 3473, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3474, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 3475, offered by Representative Art Turner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Clerks of Courts Act. House Bill 3476, offered by Representative Julie Curry, a Bill for an Act to amend the Motor Fuel Tax Law. House Bill 3477, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning mobile home parks. House Bill 3478, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Gasoline Storage Act. House Bill 3479, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 3480, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of profession. House Bill 3481, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning volunteer fire fighters. House Bill 3482, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 3483, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3490, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling, amending named Acts. House Bill 3491, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act to amend the Riverboat Gambling Act. House Bill 3492, offered by Representative Art Turner, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 3493, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act to amend the Child Care Act of 1969. House Bill 3494, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning disclosure customer financial information. House Bill 3495, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 3496, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. House Bill 3497, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3498, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to infrastructure improvement in depressed municipalities.

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a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations for teacher pensions. House Bill 3537, offered by Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. First Reading of these House Bills. Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned. The House will reconvene in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 25th at 1 o'clock p. m."