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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 the Reverend Thomas Martin of the Church of the Nazarene in New Lenox, Illinois. Reverend Martin is the guest of Renee Kosel. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Martin: "Let us pray. Dear Heavenly Father, we come to Thee this morning, and we bow down in humble admiration. And this morning dear Heavenly Father, we truly thank You for the opportunity that You have given all of us to come into this place. You have given us the breath that we breathe, You have given us the strength, You have allowed us to come into this place and we thank You for that this morning. And this morning dear Heavenly Father, we lift up these ones who have come into this place today to do the business of the state. We pray that as they do the business, dear Heavenly Father, that they will truly pass the Bills that need to be passed, to help this state be stronger, to help this state to be the best state that it can be. I pray dear Heavenly Father, that these men and women who have come to gather in this place would also realize that we are not just responsible for those who elected them, but we are responsible to the One who has made us. And so I pray, that truly today You would hover over this Capitol this morning and may they feel Your presence as they do the business of the day. I pray this morning dear Heavenly Father, that each and everyone of us would not forget the time of season that we are in. We shall gather with our families, we shall set around the table. And I pray that each and everyone of us would focus upon truly everything that You have done for us. That we

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would stop and ponder upon what happened over 2,000 years ago. We are a free country and we give You praise for that this morning, but I also pray this morning that these ones here would understand that we're not just doing battle against flesh and blood, but we're doing a spiritual battle. So I pray this morning that You would fall fresh upon them, as they're about to do the business of the day. And as they leave this place, as they go to get in their cars and go home, may each and every person here today, realize that Your presence was with them and that You helped them through the day. We ask this dear Heavenly Father, in Your precious, precious name. Amen."

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

Bellock - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Fritchey, Morrow, and Ryan are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Lindner, Representative Righter, and Representative Johnson are absent... are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. On this question... 112 people responding to the Roll Call. There is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Erwin, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to

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which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, March 21, 2002, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' for Amendment # 1 to House Bill 4037. Representative Brosnahan, Chairperson from the Committee on the Disabled Community, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, March 21, 2002, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3695. Representative Dart, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Thursday, March 21, 2002, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5860."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please add to the list of excused absences Representative Acevedo, who is attending the funeral of the police officer who was slain Monday."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall adjust the Attendance Roll Call by deleting one. The Chair recognizes Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just an announcement to most of the caucus, Sportsmen's Caucus. Members on the floor received their invitations. And as Members, our event's gonna happen on April the 9th, at the Artisan Building at the Fairgrounds. That's our auction and reception. We raise money, of course, for the youth and handicap hunts that are done by the Department of Natural Resources. Just a reminder, that caucus Members if you could please acquire a donated item for our auction, it would be much appreciated. Mr. Davis

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could get something going. We would like him to bring something from the Alton area. And everyone just try to find someone that can donate an item for our auction, our silent auction and live auction. And again, it's April the 9th at the Artisan Building, the auction starts at 7:00. So, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The previous speaker, was that grandpa Brunsvold? Is that grandpa? Has anybody not seen his pictures of his grandchildren? Make sure you go over there, because he's got about 50-60 pictures that he wants to show you. Congratulations, Joel."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brunsvold. Did you wish to call... I'm sorry, Mr. Brunsvold, I called the wrong person. Mr. Bugielski, do you wish to call House Bill 5860 on Second Reading? 5860 on Second Reading, do you wish to call the Bill? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5860, a Bill for an Act relating to corporate fiduciaries. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Bugielski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk. Mr. Bugielski."

Bugielski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2, which passed out of committee yesterday is... represents agreed to language between the Office of Banks and Real Estate and the Illinois Bankers Association to address the delivery of independents audits of trust companies directly to the Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate, one required under the provisions of the underlying Bill. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #2, to House Bill 5860."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the

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Amendment. The Chair recognizes Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative, does this replace Amendment #1 or is this in addition to #1?"

Bugielski: "This replaces Amendment #1."

Parke: "Does Amendment #2 become the Bill?"

Bugielski: "Yes, it does."

Parke: "In Committee did anybody object to this Bill?"

Bugielski: "No, everyone is in agreement. This is an agreement between Office of Banks and Real Estate and the Bankers Association."

Parke: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Burke, did you wish to call House Bill 5610? You do not wish to call the Bill? Representative Bellock, do you wish to call House Bill 5602? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5602, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Criminal Code of 1961 and provides that a person who posses a BB gun, a pellet gun, an air gun, or any device manufactured and designed to be substantially similar in appearance to a firearm in a school building, a school bus, or real estate comprising any school without prior written permission from the chief security officer for that school commits a Class

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A misdemeanor."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved for the passage of the Bill.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "I just have a question. Has this been introduced because of a problem in your district or some constituent's brought this to your attention?"

Bellock: "This was introduced by the State's Attorney in DuPage County. And there are rules in the schools throughout the state, but this would tighten up a loophole that it would be similar all through the state that these firearm looking... firearm toy-type looking things would not be permitted in all schools then throughout the state."

Parke: "When you presented the Bill in committee were there any objections to it?"

Bellock: "This was an Agreed Bill."

Parke: "Agreed by all the parties involved?"

Bellock: "Right."

Parke: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Mr. Reitz voted? Has Representative Reitz voted? 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. The Clerk for a Rules Committee Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 22, 2002, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation/s: 'direct floor consideration' for House Amendment #1 to House Bill 3657; Amendments 2 and 4 to House Bill 4103; Amendment 3 to House Bill 4255 and Amendment 2 to House Bill 6001."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Collins. Representative Collins, did you wish to call House Bill 3637? It's concerned with mercury fever thermometers. Did you wish to call the Bill? Bill is on the Order of Second Reading. This would be for the purpose of an adoption of an Amendment. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill? The Clerk advises that the Amendments are still assigned to the Rules Committee. Representative, we're not prepared to move the Bill. Representative Crotty, House Bill 3695. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3695, the Bill has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Crotty, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Crotty. Crotty."

Crotty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 now becomes the Bill. And we had testimony, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We had testimony from a victim of... a person who did not have an evacuation plan during the Twin Towers incident, and that's what's driven this Bill. It's been brought to me by the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Amendment #2 was heard in committee yesterday, and all it is simply doing is asking the owner of any high-rise building in Illinois to establish and maintain an emergency evacuation plan. For people who have notified that owner of their need of assistance, the Bill also... the owner must also maintain a list, that list needs to be available to the emergency personnel. They also have to have a drill within

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their own employees, persons that would carry out such a plan once a year. That does not mean that they pull an alarm and everyone evacuates. But it does, in fact, make sure that everyone that would be involved in the evacuation plan has had a drill and knows what their jobs would be. The plans must also be in an accessible place to the fire and law enforcement. And at this time, I would ask that this Amendment be approved and the Bill be passed. And I'd be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. The Chair recognizes Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative, it's my understanding that the Illinois Municipal League was in opposition to this, and that you made an agreement to hold it until that position was agreed to. Has your Amendment, now that it's become the Bill, been agreed to by the Illinois Municipal League?"

Crotty: "Yes. Yesterday, on the Amendment that now is the Bill... I'm over here Terry... they are now neutral."

Parke: "They're neutral now."

Crotty: "We have taken municipalities out and we made the onus on the owner of the high rise. So, yes, they're neutral. I have no opposition to the Bill."

Parke: "Is there any... do you believe that there's any expenses involved in this to the hotel, or the apartment owners, or to the people in the condominium associations? Do you think there's any expenses to it?"

Crotty: "Not to my knowledge, unless, of course, they decide upon themselves to get any assisted technology or a device that will assist their employees in getting someone out. That



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would only be up to them, but no, the Bill itself should not be driving any costs up."

Parke: "All right..."

Crotty: "We changed the Bill dramatically."

Parke: "All right, this deals with buildings that are 80 feet and taller?"

Crotty: "Yes, it does."

Parke: "Thank you."

Crotty: "And it also exempts the City of Chicago because they do have an ordinance in place."

Parke: "They are... it exempts them?"

Crotty: "Yes, it does, because they already have this."

Parke: "Why would you want to exempt them, even though they have one? I don't understand why you would exempt anybody from this."

Crotty: "Because, they already have one in effect that has been negotiated with Multiple Sclerosis Society, their own fire departments, and law enforcement. So they've asked that they be exempt because they already have an ordinance."

Parke: "Is their legislation more inclusive or less inclusive?"

Crotty: "More inclusive, my understanding is."

Parke: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hoeft."

Hoeft: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a matter of public record, please, we agreed upon this in the committee, but who has the right to initiate the once-a-year fire drill?"

Crotty: "Yes, it's the owner."

Hoeft: "The owner..."

Crotty: "In the plan, would be... would be the person who would initiate the drill."

Hoeft: "Fine, I think that is critical for the passage of this, that it is in the public record that it is the owner

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who's... instigates the once-a-year plan. Thank you."

Crotty: "That's correct. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Brady. Mr. Brady, do you wish to call House Bill 5842? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5842, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5842 is an initiative from the Department of Insurance. And simply what House Bill 5842... 42 would do is would require insurance companies to provide proper disclosure in the policy and certificate that states when the consumer utilizes a nonparticipating provider for nonemergency coverage service, their benefit payment would be greatly reduced by the insurer. What this simply is doing is being a consumer-friendly Bill, that would put in the policy, in a bolder section of the policy, to warn people going out of the service provider that they're going to pay more money. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions of my colleagues."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. 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

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Currie, did you wish to call House Bill 3772? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3772, a Bill for an Act concerning state lawsuit immunity. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. When President Bush, the father, signed a Bill overwhelmingly passed by Congress, of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the intention was to include state employees as those who would have the opportunity to take advantage of that law. In the meantime, the United States Supreme Court in several suits involving the age discrimination in employment law as well as the ADA, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the United States Supreme Court felt that Congress exceeded its authority in applying those Acts to State Government employees. This measure, House Bill 3772, would put state employees in Illinois on the same footing as people who are employed by the Ford Motor Company, the City of Springfield, and other private and public employees. And I would appreciate your support. I think our employees ought not be second class citizens and the measure applies to other Civil Rights Acts, as well, should they become jeopardized by future Supreme Court rulings."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Has Floor Amendment #2 been adopted to the Bill?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, did you hear the inquiry?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 has been adopted to the Bill."

Black: "All right. Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative Currie, I think you mentioned this in your opening statement, but let me just make certain that I... we're on the same page. Floor Amendment #2 will make certain that state employees and those employed in the private sector are treated in the same fashion in a lawsuit. In other words, a state employee in the original Bill would have direct access to the courts, where a private employee does not. And Floor Amendment #2 makes that very clear, that neither will have direct access to the courts. Correct?"

Currie: "Exactly. There was a drafting error in the Bill as originally introduced and it's corrected by Amendment 2."

Black: "All right. Fine. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Mr. Delgado voted? Has Representative O'Brien voted? 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. Mr. Durkin, did you wish to call House Bill 5652? Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Steve Davis, do you wish to call House Bill... I don't think you wish to call that one, do you Mr. Davis? Mr. John Jones, House Bill 3812. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3812 is on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Madigan: "Read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3812, a Bill for an Act concerning townships. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Jones."

Jones, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3812 is an initiative of the Township Officials of Illinois. A lot of townships throughout the State of Illinois have an excess amount of funds in their General Assistance Funds. This would simply do what we did ten years ago and give those townships an opportunity to transfer those funds to the Road and Bridge Fund for a onetime purpose only. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, there's one thing I want to make sure, I'm not clear on the Bill. Can they transfer this money for just one year and then the excess Public Assistance Funds must be extended in that fiscal year and then does that preclude a transfer in the next fiscal year?"

Jones, J.: "That's exactly right, Representative Black."

Black: "All right. So this is only a onetime transfer. Correct?"

Jones, J.: "Onetime transfer, only."

Black: "Okay. Fine. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Many people fail to understand the importance of the General Assistance Fund in a township, but they also do not understand the restrictions of that fund and the levy that must be presented each and every year. Representative McCarthy had a Bill that would rectify this situation just a little bit and allow a circumstance to change that levy

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by action of the board and then raise it up without, of course, the public hearings and so forth. A year or so ago, there was a expo here in the State of Illinois about all the excess funds that were in the township funds. Many of those funds are township units of government. Many of those funds were in the General Assistance Fund and they simply laid there and many townships, because they were receiving units did not have to expend that money. So, this money has been there, it's laying there. Many townships receive more interest on the money they've invested in this fund than they need to distribute that year. It is the towns' money, the peoples' money, and so we feel that this is the appropriate means to fix the roads and bridges in a onetime transfer out of that fund, as we did several years ago. I support Representative Jones in this effort to help the townships in Illinois."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Mr. Murphy voted? Has Mr. Murphy voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Forby. Is Mr. Forby in the chamber? Senate Bill 1656. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1656, a Bill for an Act concerning hospitals. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Forby: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is very important to the county I'm in. This is Senate Bill 1656. It passed through the Senate with no opposition. It passed through the committee with the House, no opposition. What this

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Bill does, is let the people of my county give the board of directors authorized the sell the hospital. We got one small hospital in our county and we're trying to save it. Right now, our county realize that we can't operate our hospital, so we're trying to look for a buyer, to sell this hospital. So if there's any questions, I'll answer."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative, I'm not sure, is this something that... Is this... Why do we have this at all? Why do we... is this necessary?"

Forby: "Because the people in the county owns the hospital and they don't... they need somebody authorized either to sell it or lease it."

Parke: "Why don't you go to referendum? I mean, is that an option? Or is it not legal under the current structure of this?"

Forby: "It's not an option."

Parke: "It's not what, Sir?"

Forby: "I don't think it's an option."

Parke: "It's not an option to ask the people there if they want to sell it?"

Forby: "That's the way I get it."

Parke: "Who are you going to sell it to?"

Forby: "I don't know, but they've got two or three people interested in it. They've called and what they want to do now, if they have somebody that comes in that is ready to sell it, so they can sell it. They do have some people that's looking at it, and they'd like it know something by the end of the month. That's why we are trying to get it passed."

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Parke: "Then don't... aren't you privatizing this hospital, then?"

Forby: "No, we're not. We're trying to sell it to another, like another hospital, that's somebody in the business, a big corporation that can afford to run the hospital, where our county can't afford to run it anymore."

Parke: "I see. And under current Illinois law only the Legislature has the authority to take it away from the taxpayers and... Are you putting it into a trust or are you... what... If we pass this Bill and it becomes law, who between the purchase of the hospital and this legislation, who holds title to the hospital?"

Forby: "Well, the board of directors will have the authorities to sell the hospital."

Parke: "Yes, but who owns the title to it?"

Forby: "The people of the county."

Parke: "No, you're taking it away from them with your legislation. Who are you giving it to? Who ends up with the authority?"

Forby: "The authority... the people, has given authority to the board of the hospital to sell it."

Parke: "I guess I'm still confused and I don't understand who ends up with the title of this. Because currently, Sir, the taxpayers own the hospital, currently. Right?"

Forby: "Yes."

Parke: "And we're going to take it away from them, so who you going to give it to? If you take it away from them, you have to give the title to somebody else. I need to know who's going to end up with the title. Maybe staff can help you, because I'm not sure I understand where we're going with this."

Forby: "Whoever the buyer, will take ownerships of the hospital."



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But right now, the county needs somebody to do the dealing to just get rid of the hospital."

Parke: "Okay. Well, Representative, I... it just seems to me like you are privatizing this hospital and then you're going to turn around and sell it to a purchaser. And I guess I don't have a problem with that but, I think we ought to know what you're doing with it. And from the point that you take it from the taxpayers to the time that another entity signs the legal document owning it, somebody else owns it. And I just need... can somebody... Did you get an answer yet on who owns it, then?"

Forby: "It just gives authority, to like other hospitals has to sell this hospital. All this is doing is giving authority to the people of the board to sell the hospital, the same as other hospitals. We called the other hospitals. There's no opposition on this Bill with other hospitals, in the same situation as my county's in."

Parke: "Well, I mean, yeah, you have no opposition, but what happens if it's a bad deal? What happens if a citizen group rises up and say, ya know, you sold it, we paid 'X' number of dollars, you sold it for 'Y' number of dollars and we're not happy with the sale. What recourse do those taxpayers now have?"

Forby: "Well, right now our county thinks if we don't sell it, we're gonna lose the hospital for good. So, if they don't get it sold, the hospital will be shut down and we owed a big debt on that hospital now."

Parke: "Well, I'm a little nervous here, so I'm not sure what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna have to think about this, Representative. Thank you for your time."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan. Mulligan."

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

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Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Mulligan: "Representative, how is this different from House Bill 3983, that you presented in Health Care Committee?"

Forby: "It is the same Bill, same wording."

Mulligan: "Same Bill, same wording. Is there any other hospital in the area?"

Forby: "Yes, they are."

Mulligan: "So, is it important that this hospital remain open?"

Forby: "Yes, it is. It's the only hospital we have in this county. So what we are trying to do, is just trying to keep a hospital open in our county."

Mulligan: "What do you... I'm trying to remember what we did in committee. I know I voted for this in committee and the Hospital Association is for it. But, I'm trying to determine, is there a board that... and people that have raised substantial money for the equipment in this hospital and what will happen when it's sold? You anticipating it being sold for any amount of money that will go back to the taxpayers?"

Forby: "Yes, that's right. It'll go back to the tax people if there's any profit left out of the sales."

Mulligan: "So, by profit, what do you mean?"

Forby: "Well, the way I hear it now they owe about \$2 million on the hospital right now, they're in debt. So if there's anything over that \$2 million that they owe, that will go back to the county."

Mulligan: "So, from our analysis that's a large Medicaid hospital. How did they get \$2 million in debt?"

Forby: "The remodeling and working on the hospital and trying to bring it up to, keep it in hospital code."

Mulligan: "So, was this poor management by a county board, or how did this happen?"

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Forby: "Well, I think what it is really, we got a small county and it's hard to... with no more money than we have, to keep it up where we can keep up with the other hospitals in different districts."

Mulligan: "So, do you anticipate the hospital selling to cover the debt or is the county gonna sell the hospital and still be liable for a lot of the debt? It's not going to be a sale to somebody for a dollar or something like that."

Forby: "Well, what they'd like to do, make sure they cover the debt in the hospital and whatever the county does, if they have any money left over that can help keep the hospital going, our first thing is to keep the hospital in our county. Whatever we can do to help keep the hospital alive."

Mulligan: "Is there anybody interested in purchasing it?"

Forby: "They've got two or three people right now looking at it and that's why they're wanting to get this Bill done as quick as we can."

Mulligan: "And how far is the nearest hospital besides this one?"

Forby: "Probably 25 or 30 miles."

Mulligan: "Currently, how many people does it serve?"

Forby: "I didn't hear you."

Mulligan: "How many people does it serve, this hospital?"

Forby: "We have about 44 thousand in our county."

Mulligan: "My only concern here is that the hospital isn't sold at such a low rate that the county is liable for all this money and that the hospital still will not be serving the community, or that a board and the community residents have raised significant money for either equipment or anything special in the hospital which is basically gonna be given over to a private entity now. I know you answered some of these questions in committee and I know the Hospital

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Association was for you. I certainly would like to support you in this and I hope these questions are fully answered in your county. Because it's of some concern to me that the public would lose all the money that's invested in it, because of mismanagement and that no one would be held accountable. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "This Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate. Mr. Forby has presented the Bill. Representative Mulligan has stood in response. There will be two more for the Bill and two in response. Following people are seeking recognition in this order: Mr. Black, Mr. Hartke, Mr. Stephens, Mr. Lang, Mr. Granberg. Let me repeat, there'll be two more 'for' and two more in 'response', Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm not sure whether I'm 'for' or 'against' the Bill. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, was this hospital established by public referenda?"

Forby: "Yes."

Black: "All right. If the hospital was established by public referenda, then obviously, it has been supported these years by a property tax levy. Correct?"

Forby: "Yes."

Black: "All right. Now, I was under the impression that if a public entity was established by referenda, it could only be sold or dissolved by referenda, because it is no longer serving the purpose for which it was established by a vote of the people. And if you're going to sell it, if I understand statute correctly, you correct me if I'm wrong, since that was established by referenda and you are now completely changing the way it is to be operated, it would have to be approved, the sale or lease would have to be

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approved by a referenda. Am I right or wrong? And honestly, I don't know the answer to that. Hello, hello. Is anybody out there? Hello."

Forby: "They do have the right to dissolve the hospital right now, but they cannot sell it."

Black: "But your Bill, if I understand the Bill correctly, one of the options would be to sell the hospital to another entity."

Forby: "As current statute, they don't have the authorize to sell this hospital, right now and that's what this Bill's all about."

Black: "So, all you could do then, would be to seek an operator to lease the facility, under the laws under which this hospital was established. Correct?"

Forby: "Right now, just the lease."

Black: "Representative, I don't want to belabor the point. I'm confused as to whether existing law and/or case law, would allow a public entity to be sold or leased without a referenda approving that action. This is tax supported property. And I think Representative Parke brought up an interesting point as to any sale or profit or management fee, what would revert to the county, what would 'perhaps' to the taxpayer. But that notwithstanding, let me say this, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill. I'm very leery of this Bill. I think this is taking a... I'm not even sure if the employees of this hospital are unionized. I don't know that, I should've asked it. I think that's very important if they are. And if they are unionized then there would be, I think, safeguards for the employees. But the problem that I see with this Bill, is that you are taking public property and leasing or attempting to sell to another operator, a third

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party if you will, that could be a private entity. I don't know how this is going to be done as far as indemnifying the taxpayer who go to pay a tax, to operate the facility. And one could say, and I think we might as well face this squarely, Representative, one could say, that you are, in fact, privatizing a public entity. Now, I... I've stood on this board two weeks ago and I'll stand up here again a week from now if I have to. I'm opposed to that concept, but particularly in what we have been through in the Department of Corrections. However... However, I'm a downstater, you're further south than I am. I understand that those of us in Southern Illinois face problems with health care delivery that our suburban colleagues simply do not connect with. We have far more counties in Southern Illinois that don't have any hospital. In my old district, the nearest hospital was in Terre Haute, Indiana. And in Metro East, I think some might be in Missouri. I'm going to vote for your Bill. I have a lot of reservations about it, and God help you if I see a pamphlet the next election that I favor privatization. 'Cause I'm coming after you if I see that. All right, I don't favor it. But I will say this, this is a fact of life that we have to face in Southern Illinois. To do nothing means that we probably will close another hospital. I think there probably are sufficient safeguards in the court of law to protect employee rights and to protect the referenda and the taxpayers, that this will not be done if all of those things aren't in order. Emotionally, I'd like to vote 'no', but growing up and living in Southern Illinois, I know what you're faced with. It's something that I worry about everyday in my district. I only have three hospitals left in my entire legislative district at current. We

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can't afford to lose any of them. And I would have to say that if the situation were reversed and this hospital were... was in my district or in my home county, I would ask you to vote for it. You haven't personally asked me, but I think we share a concern that we simply can't lose more access to health care than what we have already lost. So, I'll vote for this Bill, even though I have a number of reservations, because I don't have any options or alternatives for you. And I think there would be adequate safeguard in a court of law. Having said that, I will cast a 'yes' vote, with some trepidation, but in recognition of the simple, overwhelming, difficulty we're having as we lose population, we cannot continue to lose access to health care. That puts all of our citizens at risk and eventually, that will be a problem that everybody in the state will have to address financially. And so I would say to my downstate colleagues and even some of my suburban colleagues who are blessed with a variety of health care choices. This is a very unique and difficult situation. I'm willing to make that 'yes' vote in spite of some reservations I have, because I know we have to pull together in order to ensure all of the people that we represent have at least an opportunity to take advantage of health care. So, it's for that reason and that reason alone, I'll give you a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Two people have spoken for the Bill; Mr. Forby and Mr. Black. One has spoken in response, the next person will be Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker I'm prepared to speak on behalf of the Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Proceed."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Without a lot of

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discussion on my part, the Gentleman has been very sincere in bringing this legislation before us. And I know that some of my northern neighbors might not think that this is an appropriate piece of legislation, but I wanted to tell you that I appreciate what you are doing. It's ironic that we're here in a budget year, that the impact of our budget problems are directly affect... directly affect this hospital and indeed, cause the hospital to have to look for creative means to stay afloat and to keep the hospital open. I appreciate what you're doing, Representative, and I hope the Members on our side of the aisle will appreciate that this is a... an important issue in your district and your district alone, no one else is affected. And we would like to get the Bill passed to the Senate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Three people have spoken 'for' the Bill, one person has spoken in 'response'. Mr. Lang. If you're rising to be 'for' the Bill, we've already exhausted that opportunity. Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted one last question and I think I'm... we're gonna vote for it."

Speaker Madigan: "Proceed."

Parke: "Just clarify, what are you going to do with the money that you get for the sale of the hospital?"

Forby: "This hospital is in debt like \$2 million and if they have any money left over it goes to the people of the county."

Parke: "Okay. And will it be more... will the sale be more than 2 million to pay off the debt?"

Forby: "I didn't hear you."

Parke: "Will it be more than \$2 million, the sale is it estimated that it will make enough money to pay off the debt?"

Forby: "They would like to get more than what they're in debt in,



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out of this hospital."

Parke: "Okay. Well, thank you for the clarification, I have a more... a better understanding. I'm more comfortable voting for it now. Thank you."

Forby: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Representative Mendoza voted? Has Mr. Burke voted? Has Mr. Osterman voted? 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. Mr Fowler, did you wish to call House Bill 4037? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4037, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Fowler, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Fowler on the Amendment."

Fowler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, the Amendment becomes the Bill. When it was presented in committee there were some reservations about the way it read at that time. This Amendment satisfies those concerns. And at this point there is no opposition to the Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The Amendment is adopted. The 'ayes' have it. Are there further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Representative Eileen Lyons, did you wish to call House Bill 4409? I'm sorry, take that

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out of the record. Mr. Hoffman, do you wish to call House Bill 3657? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3657, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hoffman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment simply would clarify issues with the Bill to ensure that anybody who is hurt in a... any injury or death in a work zone would apply to the Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Bill Mitchell. Bill Mitchell. Is the Gentleman in the chamber? Do you wish to call House Bill 3713? Jerry Mitchell, House Bill 5965. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5965, a Bill for an Act concerning health insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5965 is just a Bill that simply extends the sunset provision on KidCare. It's one of the... one of the really good things that we did for the people of the State of Illinois. KidCare is the insurance program that protects the uninsured children of the State of Illinois, especially those living in poverty. And basically, the program itself is a rebate program where the parents sign up for KidCare, pay the insurance and then get

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a rebate from State of Illinois. I'm sure all of you in your districts have heard about KidCare and how important it is to us. This just simply extends the deadline. I recommend an 'aye' vote. Thank you. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Mitchell, we had some concerns about this Bill in committee. Is this the same one as far as the reimbursement for the person that pays the bill?"

Mitchell, J.: "No, Representative. That's a different Bill."

Flowers: "Oh, it's a different Bill? Okay."

Mitchell, J.: "I had talked to Public Aid on that Bill and what they're telling me is that it may not be the way I understood it. That the payment does go to the person that paid it. The problem that we have is that sometimes the custodial parent in an argument or in an disagreement refuses to sign the child up for KidCare. That's the problem we're working on, but that's a federal issue and we're gonna have to work with the Federal Government. This one just simply extends that deadline."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative, is this just a extension of KidCare?"

Mitchell, J.: "Yes. This extends it for another two-year period. The Bill, when we passed it, had a sunset. It doesn't expand it, only extends the deadline as it's written now."

Parke: "But does it extend the sunset?"

Mitchell, J.: "Yes, it does."

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Parke: "And if so, what's the sunset date? The year, I don't need the specific date, the year."

Mitchell, J.: "It... It... It has the sunset date as 2004."

Parke: "So, we're bringing it to 2006?"

Mitchell, J.: "No, we're bringing it from 2002, to 2004. So, we're really only extending it for a..."

Parke: "All right. So, this was necessary... Are we expanding the scope of it?"

Mitchell, J.: "Not in this Bill."

Parke: "Are we spending... is there any additional appropriations that are necessary for the next fiscal year because of this?"

Mitchell, J.: "There shouldn't be any additional appropriations, Representative, unless the Governor's program to promote it gets more people to understand what it is, so that they sign up for it."

Parke: "Is that in the enabling legislation? Then do we have to appropriate more money, because more children are using it?"

Mitchell, J.: "We should not have to, to have any kind of supplemental appropriations. There seems to be enough money in the program to take care of it."

Parke: "And fiscal year... fiscal year 2003, the fiscal year budget 2003?"

Mitchell, J.: "In fiscal year 2003, even though in a tight budget year, KidCare seems to be in pretty good shape. We don't want to extend it out any further than that, so that we see what happens with the budget as time goes by."

Parke: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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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. Representative Howard. Connie Howard. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 4103?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4103, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Howard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Howard."

Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take this Bill out of the record. Mr. Kenner, House Bill 3775. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3775, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Kenner."

Kenner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3775 amends the lease low-rent housing abatement section of the Property Tax Code by providing an incentive for developers to enter into off-site contract agreements for low-rent housing. It eliminates the six-unit floor and increases the certifiable units to 40% from 33%. As we all know, the City of Chicago and throughout the country, the housing authorities have a tremendous responsibility on their hands right now. They have a decree to eliminate all of the high-rise housing units throughout the country over the next few years. And it's creating a tremendous housing crunch throughout the country. This Bill goes a long way to provide affordable and decent housing for those residents, and I would just ask for your support. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the

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Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, Committee Amendment #1 becomes the Bill. Is that correct?"

Kenner: "Yes, it did."

Black: "All right. In Committee Amendment #1, the law would direct the Cook County Clerk to abate property taxes on Chicago Housing Authority property that may have mixed private and public funding, correct?"

Kenner: "Absolutely, it's an incentive program."

Black: "All right. Okay. I think I understand what you're getting at, but does not a property tax abatement expansion have to be approved by the Illinois Department of Revenue, by virtue of a hearing? I mean, I've had many people in my legislative district over the years that have requested a property tax abatement or excuse me, a property tax exemption that has been denied by the Illinois Department of Revenue, on the grounds that it did not meet the definition of a piece of property that would qualify for the property tax exemption. And I'm just wondering... I... your Bill is silent as to what role the Department of Revenue would play in expanding the property tax exemption."

Kenner: "Representative, I've been informed by representatives from the Chicago Housing Authority that they do not play a role in that. They would not have to play a role in that."

Black: "They, being the Department of Revenue."

Kenner: "Right."

Black: "All right. Are... then are you telling me regardless of the mix of private or public financing to build housing,

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the Chicago Housing Authority still is the owner of record and would have a clear title to the property, even though public funds may make up less than 50% of the construction costs?"

Kenner: "No, that's not the case."

Black: "Okay."

Kenner: "They would not be the owners of record. No."

Black: "I guess I..."

Kenner: "No to..."

Black: "I'm having difficulty. Are you using this as an enticement to attract private investment for low-income housing by then telling the private investor, you will not pay property taxes on the unit or units you build?"

Kenner: "Well, the problem for private developers is that they're working under... they only get a subsidy for those public housing units that they build. Those affordable units. And that's not enough money to give them incentive to build, so by adding in this property abatement, that gives them the further incentive to go in and develop these particular units."

Black: "Is there a specific time period in the law or already in existing law? Is this abatement go on forever..."

Kenner: "Four years."

Black: "...or is it... four years. All right. Now, in that time... et cetera. I mean, obviously the private contract or developer is entitled to recover his or her costs and a reasonable profit. So, I assume that that will continue. I, I... The only thing I'm really trying to understand is that we not open the door for private developers anywhere in the state to build housing. Say they want to qualify it under Section 8, or by virtue of an income test, make it low-income housing and then petition in all 102 counties

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that the piece of property is property tax exempt."

Kenner: "No, this wouldn't do that, Representative."

Black: "Is the Bill specific only to Cook County, under the umbrella of the Chicago Housing Authority?"

Kenner: "No, it isn't."

Black: "Whoops. Now, you've really confused me. Then it appears if it isn't just simply tied to Chicago and Chicago Housing Authority housing, then it appears that it is open to any private developer anywhere in the state who would target a project, a low-income or Section 8, and then would ask to be excused from property taxes. And that development may be in excess of a... you know... in millions of dollars. And I know in my area where we are property poor, we try to be as careful as we can with property tax exemptions."

Kenner: "This only affects the City of Chicago, I'm sorry."

Black: "Well now, now, now, I feel like I'm in a tennis match at Wimbledon. I... you just volleyed back. So, it does only affect the City of Chicago?"

Kenner: "Yes, it does."

Black: "Okay."

Kenner: "I misread, I misread the information in front of me."

Black: "All right. Now. The Bill directs the county clerk to issue the abatement/exemption. Could the county board... or excuse me... could the county board or the City Council of Chicago intervene in this process and say, 'oh no, no, we're not in favor of that, we can't afford to give up the property tax revenue.'"

Kenner: "No, just the a... just the clerk."

Black: "So, no other governmental entity would have due process to argue that the property tax exemption could be harmful to their bottom line?"

Kenner: "Yeah, it... this is not an exemption, so that would not



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be the case, Representative."

Black: "It is not an exemption? If it... an exemption and abatement are certainly first cousins. Representative, would you be willing to take this Bill out of the record for a little while? Maybe we can get staff together. I just want to make certain... I'm not in opposition of the Bill, I'm not trying to play any trick on you. There are some questions and now I'm really confused about. If you'd take it out of the record, and let your staff and our staff get together, so we make sure we're all on the same page, I'll probably end up voting for the Bill. Right now, I'm thoroughly confused as to the authority, the right of a taxing body to say no, I don't agree. Whether or not it's only the City of Chicago or elsewhere..."

Kenner: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, could you take this Bill out the record momentarily, please?"

Black: "Thank you."

Kenner: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take the Bill out of the record. Representative Howard, are you ready? Representative Howard, are you ready? Mr. O'Connor, Mr. O'Connor. House Bill 4467. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4467, a Bill for an Act concerning a State tartan. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Parke, Mr. Parke. Did you wish to call House Bill 4443? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Sommer, do you wish to call House Bill 4455? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4455, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Sommer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4455 amends the Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act. At the request by DCFS, whereby it asked that the... directs that the Director of Children and Family Services may appoint a designee to attend the meetings of the Violent Crimes Advisory Commission. This is also allowed by the Attorney General for his designee and the Secretary of State and the Chief of the Court of Claims. And it just asks to do likewise for the Director of DCFS."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no discussion, the question is 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? 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'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Stephens, Mr. Stephens. Representative Mendoza, do you wish to call House (sic-Bill) 6001? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 6001, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 approved by... Floor Amendment #1, sponsored by Representative Mendoza, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to withdraw the first Amendment to the..."

Speaker Madigan: "Hold on, hold on."

Mendoza: "...Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #1. Are there any further

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Amendments?"

Mendoza: "Yeah..."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment..."

Mendoza: "I'm sorry."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mendoza, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 6001, the Amendment that we're looking to adopt here would change on the House Bill itself, lines 11 through 21 and add... basically, it just requires the Department of Public Aid to provide us with some information regarding the number of children under 19 years of age, who because of their immigration status received medical coverage from the Department, only for emergency services during the fiscal years of 1999, 2000, and 2001. We're also asking the Department to provide us a total payment, charges, categories of service, and diagnosis of the children under 19 years of age, who because of their immigration status received medical coverage from the Department only for emergency services during the same fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001. And in addition, this Section would be repealed on July 1, 2003. It's just a request for information on these specific points and I would ask for your support."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, it's my understanding that if Floor Amendment #2 is adopted, the Department of Public Aid would still oppose the underlying language. That's what we've

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been told."

Mendoza: "I'm glad you asked that, Representative, but no, it's... we've already worked this language out with the Department of Public Aid and it's been filed with their consent."

Black: "The, the computer shows Floor Amendment #1, that you've withdrawn and then, and then we do not have Amendment #2 on our system. Now, it could be that we haven't updated, I don't know."

Mendoza: "It's on our system, Representative."

Black: "All right. Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair."

Mendoza: "Oh, yeah, we have this new Amendment that I have, Amendment #2, I withdrew Amendment #1, that did have some problems with the Department of Public Aid. This is a consensus agreement between the Department of Public Aid and myself."

Black: "Representative, I certainly have no reason to doubt your word. I would ask your consideration of taking the Amendment out of the record until our staff can at least analyze it. We do not have... have it on the system and we just received a copy of the Amendment about three minutes ago. It's not an attempt to delay, you're in the Majority Party. The Speaker will certainly get back to your Bill. But we would like at least an opportunity for staff to analyze the Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, take this Bill out of the record."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Next Bill will be House Bill 3775. I believe the Bill has already been read a third time. The Chair recognizes Mr. Kenner."

Kenner: "Yes, thank you..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Kenner."

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Kenner: "...Mr. Speaker. Yeah, I'm prepared to answer any further questions."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I appreciate the Representative's cooperation in taking the Bill from the record earlier, coming over and answering the questions that we had. Again, it would be easy to stand up and demagogue the issue as only good for Chicago, blah, blah, blah, blah. But we're all in this together, it is a reasonable attempt to create housing in a densely populated city. The Gentleman has explained the Bill very carefully, there are safeguards if the developer were to turn the units into a profit center, as often happens as areas gentrify in the city, there are proper safeguards in there so that the developer could not be unduly enriched by the abatement. I appreciate the Gentleman's cooperation with us, I intend to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor, signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 110 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Mendoza, are you ready on your Bill? House Bill 6001, the Bill is on the Order of Second Reading. We are considering Amendment #2, Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "I don't think I got the okay from... do you guys have a time... app... nope."

Speaker Madigan: "Oh..."

Mendoza: "Sorry."

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Speaker Madigan: "Take the Bill out of the record. Mr. Stephens, did you wish to call House Bill 5649? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5649, a Bill for an Act in relation to the transmission of drug information by the Internet. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Bill amends the Cannabis Control Act and creates the offense of illegal transmission of cannabis information by the Internet to a specific individual that... for the purpose of... with the intent of participating in an illegal activity. I'd be glad to answer any questions, appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill, there being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Representative May voted? Has Representative May voted? 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. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 5921?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5921, a Bill for an Act concerning budget stabilization. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Murphy, do you wish to move House Bill 4540? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Wait on House Bill 4397. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Novak. Mr. Novak on House Bill 5851. The Gentleman indicates he's not prepared to move his Bill. Mr. Watson,

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House Bill 4457. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4457, a Bill for an Act in relation to military affairs. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill amends the Military Code of Illinois to address National Guard people that are employed on state active duty. Currently, if they are employed on federal active duty, they are covered by USERRA. This gives state active duty, National Guard members the same rights as if they were mobilized under Federal Law. And it is agreed upon Bill. There's no opposition to it. The veterans groups are in support."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Stephens: "Is this Representative Watson's first Bill?"

Speaker Madigan: "I don't know."

Watson: "Yes."

Stephens: "Have you met him?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman responded 'yes'."

Stephens: "My question was to you, Mr. Speaker. Have you met Representative Watson?"

Speaker Madigan: "He and I sat next to each other in a committee hearing, which you did not attend."

Stephens: "Oh, I think that brings back memories, Mr. Speaker. Repre... Will the Gentleman yield for a question?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Stephens: "Did you amend this Bill yesterday, Representative?"

Watson: "Yes."

Stephens: "With language from one of my Bills?"

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Watson: "I don't think so, no."

Stephens: "Well now, Representative, let's be totally honest here. What is your intention of taking language from one of my Bills that was held up in the Rules Committee and attaching it to one of your pieces of legislation? Is there some sort of a deal going on that I need to know about?"

Watson: "No, Representative Stephens, this is a... this is basically for the good of the National Guard."

Stephens: "What did you call me? What did you call me?"

Watson: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Adlai Stevenson and I are not related. Except on... philosophically, of course. Representative Watson, I only have one further... one more question. Do you deny that you are related to Senator Frank Watson?"

Watson: "That is correct."

Stephens: "You're getting a similar hairline."

Watson: "I don't know the Senator."

Stephens: "Good luck, Representative. After stealing legislation from me, I just don't know what to do."

Watson: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Lang: "Representative, I'm looking through our Bill... Hello, Representative."

Watson: "Hello."

Lang: "How ya doin'? I'm going through our Bill file and I see some Amendments here, but I didn't hear you talk about any Amendments. You trying to slip something past us, Sir, on your first Bill?"

Watson: "No, Representative. We addressed that yesterday."



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Lang: "I beg your pardon?"

Watson: "Yeah, we adopted the Amendment yesterday."

Lang: "We did?"

Watson: "The Agreed Amendment #2."

Lang: "Did we debate it? Did we debate it?"

Watson: "It was an agreed upon Bill. We had the change to."

Lang: "Did I agree? I don't remember being involved in that agreement."

Watson: "It passed to the next..."

Lang: "All right. So we, did we... The question was did we debate the Bill yesterday? Were you here yesterday? Are you here now?"

Watson: "Yeah, I think we had the opportunity to debate, but nobody wanted to."

Lang: "All right. So, what changes are there between the second Amendment and the original Bill. And I don't mean the second Amendment of the United States Constitution."

Watson: "Sure."

Lang: "I just mean the second Amendment of your Bill."

Watson: "The original Bill would have addressed the Service Men's Employment Tenure Act, which was written during World War II. Some veterans groups had opposition to that, so we changed it and amended the Military Code to address the issues that the military affairs wanted."

Lang: "Thank you. Was that the complete answer to my question, Sir?"

Watson: "I believe so."

Lang: "All right. So, I wanted to make sure I understand the Bill. Today... under today's law, without this Bill that you drafted personally, if someone's called up on active duty for the federal, they get their jobs back automatically, but not state. Is that correct?"

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Watson: "That's correct. There's three types of active duty. The two federal active duties are covered under USERRA, which is a Federal Law. There is no law to cover anybody who is... who is mobilized for state active duty. And we are just trying to mirror the Federal Law and grant the same rights to National Guard members."

Lang: "Well, it sounds like a good idea to me, but aren't you concerned, being a good Republican, that perhaps you're putting a mandate on business that they wouldn't like to have? Have you discussed this with business leaders in the State of Illinois?"

Watson: "Yeah, I have... I have and they are... the chamber is neutral and most... there's been no opposition."

Lang: "Did you personally talk to the chamber?"

Watson: "Yes."

Lang: "Who?"

Watson: "Todd Maisch."

Lang: "All right. And what about... what about the retail merchants association, did you talk to them personally?"

Watson: "Yes, I talked to Rob Karr."

Lang: "Personally?"

Watson: "Yes."

Lang: "And... and he's fine with this Bill, the way it's written?"

Watson: "Yes, Representative."

Lang: "He's not concerned that it's a mandate on business?"

Watson: "I think they're pretty suppor... everybody understands in light of September 11th and I think the communities' behind... behind our servicemen and women, should they have to be mobilized. So even the business community is behind 'em."

Lang: "Well, are you suggesting that if September 11th never

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happened, this would be a not a good Bill?"

Watson: "No, not at all. I'm saying that September 11th should be a reminder to us, that these men and women could be called any time. And we have to be ready to support them."

Lang: "So, this is something you had on your personal agenda long before September 11th? Something you planned to do, when you got to this General Assembly, right on top of your list?"

Watson: "I don't believe that would be accurate."

Lang: "Well, I'm gonna have to listen to further debate, Sir. I'm not sure you've enlightened us, but thank you very much."

Watson: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Madigan: "This Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate. Two people have spoken for the Bill. One has stood in response. The Chair recognizes Mr. Bost."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Bost: "I just have a few questions for you. First off, the Bill is very much needed and I, I believe it's the right Bill. But my question is, is you know, we have a tradition here when it is your first Bill to have long debate. Who made the decision that this would be your first Bill to be called, because, you know, we're kind of questioning, when you take a Bill that is this serious. And it is serious, and we're very serious about it. Why is it that we allowed you to call this Bill first, instead of one of your other Bills that maybe we could have possibly just beat you up a little more on?"

Watson: "I would say this Bill's... I got this Bill because I've been through this, having been a reservist that was mobilized for Desert Storm. So, I understand the..."

Bost: "Now, maybe we're getting to an area that we can actually

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discuss now. Now, this is for Illinois National Guard, correct?"

Watson: "That's correct."

Bost: "And you're a Marine? Is that correct?"

Watson: "That's correct."

Bost: "Didn't you feel like you should have probably contacted somebody on the floor that was National Guard to carry the Bill instead of a Marine?"

Watson: "No, I felt qualified."

Bost: "You felt qualified for that. Well, I suppose that, as I said, if we had another Bill, that you might want to bring up first, where we could have a more serious debate on that Bill and one that's not quite as serious. Should we go ahead and just, just bring up your second Bill as your first Bill? Can we do that for you?"

Watson: "I believe that, that... the Speaker's in charge of that."

Bost: "Well, I think it... I don't... I just don't want to see you get off as easy as it looks like you're going to get off on this and so I have some concerns and my concern is not with your Bill, but with the Bill that you happen to be carrying first, so we'll watch it."

Watson: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Two people have spoken for the Bill. Two have spoken in response. Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. There's an old saying downstate that even a blind pig can find a acorn every once in a while. And in this case, it's a very, a very true statement. Not that my good friend, Representative Watson, is a blind pig, but he has a first Bill that is an extremely important measure. No one likes to have more fun than I do with a first Bill

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or almost any issue you can think of in this chamber. If you don't have a sense of humor in this business, you're probably in the wrong business. However, given that, this Bill is extremely important. The 183rd Fighter Wing in Springfield left about a week ago. They are on active duty. The National Guard unit in my hometown was called to active duty. There are hundreds of our sons and daughters and granddaughters and grandsons on active duty in harm's way. I can't think of anything humorous about that, whatsoever. I think this Bill should have immediately get an 'aye' vote. And I hope that the Senate will concur as quickly and that the Governor signs it into law. It's the least we can do for young men and young women, who served in the National Guard, perhaps never thinking that they would be called to active duty and put in harm's way. The National Guard unit in Danville has not been activated since 1952. I have several parents in my district that are worried sick about the safety of their children. I assume, and hope and pray they will all come back safe and this Bill simply guarantees that if they do and when they do, they will be treated fairly and equitably as far as employment and other rights that they left behind to go over and serve us, so that we can sit here in a free Assembly and debate a Bill. This Bill deserves to pass. It deserves to pass very quickly."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor, signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. 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'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr.

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Hartke in the Chair."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 4335, Representative Reitz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4335, a Bill for an Act concerning townships. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This House Bill 4335, is a Bill we debated at some length yesterday. Some Representatives had some questions, we took it out of the record to get some answers. I can answer it. This Bill would allow townships to accumulate money for specific purposes for capital projects. In response to Representative Franks' question yesterday, it... there are no, no possibility of tax increases of any kind in here. This does not affect tax caps in any way. And it will just allow them to accumulate this for a specific purpose. They'll have it in their appropriation ordinance, in their hearing, in their public hearing. If they want at any time to change the purpose for that, they'll have to have another hearing. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Black: "This is another example of when we cooperate, we can get things done here. And it doesn't really slow down the process. The Representative was kind enough to take this Bill out of the record yesterday. It gave us some time to talk to those experts in township law, to make certain that the safeguards were in place to protect taxpayers' money. In other words, I raised the question, what would stop a

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town board from just simply changing the purpose of the money they were accumulating as they would see fit? There are safeguards that would have to be done at the town meeting with constructive notice, the taxpayers would be well-served and I appreciate the Gentleman's cooperation. When all is said and done, in many townships where your road fund only brings in \$6 or 7 thousand a year, and that's not unusual in my district at all, you have to be able to accumulate money to replace a bridge that may cost \$75 to 100 thousand or more to build. So with the Gentlemen's spirit of cooperation, I think most of the questions that we have have been answered. I think the taxpayers are fully protected by the Bill and it simply recognizes some of the difficulties in which... that small townships have to face in trying to carry out their duties. I intend to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Reitz to close. The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 4335?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4397, Representative Wait. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4397, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Wait."

Wait: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4397, is a Bill that would simply allow some of these new

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municipalities under the new census, would allow them to maintain the same number of aldermen that they currently have. Under the current laws, they either can increase the number of aldermen or decrease it, but the option would not allow them to stay the same. This purely provides them a third choice, allows them to keep the same number of aldermen they currently have. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Holbrook, the Gentleman from St. Clair."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. One of the communities affected by this, is my town of Belleville, and I support this Bill, also. It's permissive and it also follows the wishes of the voters from that area, who decided on a referendum back on April 10th of 95, they'd like to keep their aldermen, and not do a major reduction. I support the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing no one is seeking recognition, Representative Wait, would you like to close?"

Wait: "Yes, I'd simply ask a 'aye' vote on this commonsense Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 4397?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 97 Members voting 'yes', 13 Members voting 'no', 1 Member voting 'present'. And the House does pass House Bill 4397. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 6001, Representative Mendoza. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 6001, the Bill's been read a second



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time, previously. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mendoza, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going back to House Bill 6001, again. And basically, I'd like to just ask you to help me adopt the Amendment, Amendment #2, which would provide us with the information. And we're asking the Department of Public Aid for information on the number of children under 19 years of age, who because of their immigration status, received medical coverage from the Department only for emergency services, during the fiscal years of 1999, 2000, and 2001. In addition to that, we're asking for a report on the total number... total payments, charges, categories of service and diagnoses of the children under 19 years of age, who because of their immigration status, received medical coverage from the Department only for emergency services during those same fiscal years of 1999, 2000, and 2001. And we'd also like to add that there's a... this Section would be repealed as of July 1, 2003. And I'd ask for your support."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Black. The Gentleman from..."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hartke: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Did the Sponsor table Amendment #1?"

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #1 was withdrawn."

Black: "Then the inquiry of the Chair would be if Floor Amendment #1 was withdrawn, is Floor Amendment #2 then, in order?"

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Speaker Hartke: "The answer is, yes."

Black: "Well, that didn't take very long to get the answer. I mean, was my inquiry given the seriousness in which it was delivered?"

Speaker Hartke: "We anticipated your question."

Black: "Okay. All right. Represen... Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Representative, Floor Amendment #2 simply adds to the Bill, it does not become the Bill."

Mendoza: "Excuse me?"

Black: "Floor Amendment #2, adds to the Bill, it does not become the Bill. Correct?"

Mendoza: "That's correct."

Black: "All right. I appreciate you giving us the time to look at the Amendment. We'll put the Amendment on and then we'll revisit the issue at a later time. Thank you."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Chair recognizes Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Mulligan: "Representative Mendoza, I understand why you're introducing this, but there's no price tag on... in my analysis, and I noticed the Department of Public Aid is against this."

Mendoza: "They're not."

Mulligan: "No, in a budget year, where we don't have enough money and there is no price tag on this and they can't give it, don't you think you'd be better off waiting for another year to introduce something like this? Because money is very tight, the advocates that came to hearings at the Thompson Center, every single one is either having their

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budget cut. I don't see how we can authorize, and I don't think there's anything in the budget for it."

Mendoza: "I appreciate your concern, Representative, but the Department of Public Aid is not opposed to this. They are... they will be providing us the information. We've spoken with them. That's what our intent is here and there is a repeal on this. So we're not asking for anything that's going to be a burden on the taxpayers and it's just information."

Mulligan: "But, information has to be collected by someone, and it costs money and the dollars are very tight this year. I don't know how you can ask for this when agencies in your own area are being cut. So, I would think that it would not be an appropriate time to ask for a study on something that has no apparent price tag on it and the Department did not give us one."

Mendoza: "We're not asking for a study. We're asking for data. So this is not going to be a huge, elaborate report that needs to be turned in. It's data on those specific items that we requested. It's not an elaborate study, and for the same reason, I can tell you that the Department of Public Aid is not opposed to this legislation."

Mulligan: "Well, our analysis says that they are and I have not heard otherwise. And I would think that it would be better off to maybe get that data from Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Department, rather than for this and I do think that in a year, where your own agencies in your area are being cut, we're worried about immigrant services only getting for a couple million dollars, when they should be getting 4.6 and you're asking for a study. I don't think this is a good year to do that."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Representative Mendoza to

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close."

Mendoza: "Yes, we're simply asking here for some data collection. I don't think we're asking to put any kind of burden on the taxpayer. We're asking for simple information that the Department of Public Aid should be able to readily provide us. And you know, I'd ask for your support on this. We're not putting a burden on any taxpayer here. And as important as this is, the Department is not opposed to this in any way. I'm sure every Member in this Body at some time, is going to ask for collection of some kind of information for their district. This is important to me, and I would ask for my colleagues to support this simple request for information."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 60... adopt Amendment #2 to House Bill 6001?' The question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #2 to House Bill 6001?' All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 4129, Representative McKeon. Out of the record. House Bill 4255, Representative Wojcik. Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Amendment #2..."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4255, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendment's 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Wojcik, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 to House Bill 4255

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becomes the Bill. House Bill 4255 creates the Electrology Practice Act. As we all know, electrology is the technique of inserting a sterile needle into a hair follicle and applying a certain amount of electricity to permanently destroy the follicles. This Bill has an immediate effective date, that sunsets January 1, 2013. I ask for its favorable passage."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any debate on the Amendment? Representative Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, since the Amendment becomes the Bill, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Black: "What do you have to do to be an electrologist in the State of Illinois? Do you have to stick your finger in an electric socket or what?"

Wojcik: "Actually, no, there are electrology schools throughout..."

Black: "There are electrology schools?"

Wojcik: "Schools, yes."

Black: "Where?"

Wojcik: "Up in the Chicagoland area."

Black: "Well, that figures."

Wojcik: "Probably in Southern Illinois near East St. Louis or St. Louis."

Black: "So, there's actually a school you can go to... an electrology school, right?"

Wojcik: "To learn to be an electrologist."

Black: "And how long is that curriculum? Two years, four years?"

Wojcik: "600 hours."

Black: "600 hours? What, do you get a degree, a bachelor of kilowatt? Or what do you get?"

Wojcik: "Actually you get a certificate of learning that you've

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gone and you maintained a 600 hours."

Black: "Who... who asked... I mean, is this such a growing field that we need to license and regulate electrologists?"

Wojcik: "I don't know if it's growing, but I think we need to license, Representative. You know, when you're inserting a needle into the body, you want to make sure that it's clean and sterile. Oftentimes, diseases can be passed with a dirty electrologist's needle, such as hepatitis, HIV. So therefore, I would think that if they're licensed and they're being scrutinized you're going to maintain that people's health are protected when they're having electrology services."

Black: "Well, if they're using needles, couldn't we just license them under the Tattoo Act?"

Wojcik: "That's an entirely different Act."

Black: "Well, Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Amendment."

Black: "There will be a time in Illinois, everybody will have a license. I don't... there's going to come a day in Illinois, when if you don't have a license, you can't do anything. I noticed though, we never issue licenses for Legislators. Maybe they should be licensed and regulated by DPR. But by golly, now we're going to register and license electrologists. Do you know what I do? When I get up every morning, I don't have to go to an electrologist and have'em stick some needle in my chinny chin chin. I get out my razor and my shaving cream and I shave. That's the old fashioned way. It was good enough for my great-grandfather, it's good enough for me. Now, we have to have an electrologist, and we have electrology schools. I mean, I didn't say much about naprapaths and you snuck that one in on through me. But I'm gonna tell you. I

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think we're going too far. There are men's razors and there are women's razors and that's good enough and never the twain shall meet."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Garrett."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Garrett: "I just have a question. Is there a problem right now where there have been cases that have been cited where there have been problems with electrologists?"

Wojcik: "I don't think so. I think this is a method of prevention."

Garrett: "Okay, that's what I needed to know, thanks."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of this initiative. That old rusty razor that Representative Black uses every morning might be all right for him, but with respect to this particular practice it is crucial and there are very important medical reasons for electrology. It's not just ladies who want to have their legs smoother or individuals that don't like that rough stubble. We have situations that occur with transplantation of tissue, where in order for that tissue to be transplanted, all the hair follicles have to be professionally removed and permanently removed and electrology is today the only process by which those hair follicles can be removed. So, we have a very very important medical purpose for the practice of electrology, and as Representative Wojcik so articulately described to you, there are health concerns here. There is a needle inserted into the human body. There is bloodborne disease, as we're all familiar with, HIV, hepatitis that can be transmitted through the insertion of these needles

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and we have to as a public, be assured that this practice is conducted appropriately by medical protocols and the certification that electrologists receive would ensure that we will as a public be protected from some of these bloodborne diseases. So I would ask all of us here to, indeed, support this licensure and guarantee to our constituents better protection if they were to undertake the process of electrology. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? This is the Amendment, not the Bill. Representative Coulson."

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Repre... May I ask a question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Coulson: "Is the Medical Society still opposed to this?"

Wojcik: "No. The Medical Society is no longer opposed to this."

Coulson: "Okay, what were the changes in the Amendment? I'm sorry, I was in another..."

Wojcik: "They wanted a better explanation of the education that is going to be required. And that was satisfied in Amendment #2."

Coulson: "Okay."

Wojcik: "And the scope of practice."

Coulson: "And as far as the physicians who have electrolysis done in their office, how does that affect them?"

Wojcik: "It won't."

Coulson: "It won't. Okay, thank you very much."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing no one is seeking recognition. Representative Wojcik moves the adoption of the Amendment. All those in favor, signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"



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

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Bost for a point of personal privilege."

Bost: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I just want to recognize before the House today and let people know if you don't know already, that a certain... and I know there are two universities in this state that are doing this, but one in particular, is in Sweet Sixteen and that would be the SIU Salukis'. We want to say, go dogs and you know, the Salukis have been described now, all over the nation and Little Egypt has been described all over the nation. So, go dogs."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you, Representative Bost. The Chair recognizes Representative Wright. Representative Wright, House Bill 4117. Out of the record. House Bill 4976, Representative Smith. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4976, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a Bill on behalf of the Illinois Sheriff's Association, and for counties called second class and first class counties. Those are counties in the state, under 500 thousand in population. This would allow, after an initial cost study, for the county board to increase statutorily authorized fees for cost of living based on that cost study, which would have to be performed every five years, pursuant to the Department of Labor statistics. The fee increase would be based on evidence that the current fee was not sufficient to cover the cost of providing the service. It also allows sheriff's of counties with a population of less than 1 million to charge a prisoner intake fee of \$10 for

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each time the sheriff has to commit a person to jail or discharge a prisoner from jail. And further, it would increase to \$25 from 15 the court services fee a county may charge at the initial filing in a civil case. That's the description. This is supported by all of the organizations representing county government in the state: the United County Councils, the Illinois Association of County Boards and Commissioners and the Metro Counties Association, in addition to the Illinois Sheriff's. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Representative, I wanted to... Will the Sponsor yield? I'm sorry."

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Franks: "I'm looking at our analysis here and it indicates that the sheriff wishes to increase the filing fees in civil cases to \$25 from \$15, is that correct?"

Smith: "That is correct."

Franks: "Do you know why this is necessary?"

Smith: "Well, Representative Franks, it has been pointed out to me by the sheriffs and the county organizations that, that fee has been at that amount for quite a while. There is no provision for any increase for that fee and you know, we haven't... have increased other filing fees in previous Sessions, so this is an attempt to bring this one up, as well."

Franks: "Previously, Representative Currie had passed a Bill to increase court filing fees in a number of counties throughout the state. How does this Bill go along with that Bill that had passed out of this Assembly?"

Smith: "I'm sorry, Representative Franks, I don't know that I

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have a exact answer for you on that. I know that this... the main provisions of this would help those counties under population who don't have that provision now and I'm not sure if maybe her legislation didn't apply only to those larger population counties."

Franks: "To the Bill, if I may. We... This Bill again raises fees on litigants in civil matters. We passed a Bill in this General Assembly already doing that, and I believe it's shortsighted to continue to raise fees on people, who then could be barred from the courthouse doors. I don't see anything in this Bill that would allow for someone who is indigent to be able to avoid the filing fees in a civil matter. What we can't... what this Bill would effectively do is to keep poor people away from the courthouse and deny their access. I would ask the Members to vote against this Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Lang."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor indicates he will yield."

Lang: "Representative, I have the same concerns Representative Franks does. I've spoken out on this floor many times about increased filing fees. Can you go through this Bill and... who would pay and when they would pay and how much they would pay, one more time? I may not have heard it all and tell us what's going to happen with these funds that these sheriffs are going to raise?"

Smith: "Yes, Representative Lang. Anyone filing a civil case in a county less than 1 million in population would pay an additional \$10 on the filing fee. In addition, prisoners or inmates in a county jail would pay a \$10 fee to the sheriff for the processing of that inmate. And then the

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other provision would allow for counties... for county boards to increase statutorily authorized fees with a cost of living after a cost study is performed every five years."

Lang: "What is the purpose behind the Bill? Are the sheriffs in the counties that you're referring to having trouble making ends meet? I mean, why do they need these funds?"

Smith: "Yes, that's absolutely the case. This came to me from Peoria County, where the county has had budgetary constraints, which have affected the sheriff's office. The sheriffs currently receive no fee for the processing of inmates, for the discharge of inmates and that really is the impetus of that part of the Bill."

Lang: "A couple of years ago, maybe it was three or four years ago now, we increased filing fees for Cook County, dramatically. The counties you refer to here were not impacted by that Bill at all?"

Smith: "That's right. That's right. We're talking about first and second class counties, I believe is the term, which would be those counties under a million in population."

Lang: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor indicates he will yield."

Black: "Representative, I don't see in the analysis of the Bill that this is a filing fee. That isn't correct. This is not a filing fee on somebody seeking regress in the courts. If I file a civil action, I don't have to pay these fees that are in this particular Bill do I?"

Smith: "Yes, Representative Black, there is an initial filing

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fee, which would be increased. Currently, that's \$15, that would go up to 25."

Black: "I interpreted that fee to be only in a criminal case, not in a civil case. Where did I misunderstand at?"

Smith: "Just a moment, Representative Black. We'll get you the... Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this Bill out of the record. We're having trouble finding that, that particular point for Representative Black, and we'll get back to him on that."

Speaker Hartke: "Take this Bill out of the record. House Bill 4172, Representative Turner. Representative Turner. Out of the record. House Bill 4276, Representative Winkel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4276, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Winkel."

Winkel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4276 amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. It simply provides that school buses may be equipped with alternating flashing head lamps, which may be operated in conjunction with the 8 lamp flashing signal system required under the Code. This is not a mandate, it merely authorizes... it permits school districts to put this on their buses to equip them, in much the same way that our State Police cars with their alternating flashing head lamps are equipped. Currently, if a school district wants to equip its bus that way, it would be a violation of the Vehicle Code. So, this merely permits, it's not a mandate and I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass House Bill 4276?' All those in favor will signify by

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voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does pass House Bill 4276. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4172, Representative Turner. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4172, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. House Bill 4172, basically, extends the period of time that the Illinois Income Tax Act which affects tax... earned income tax credits will expire. And it changes the expiration date from June... it was set to expire June 1, 2003. This would make the effective date September 1, 2002. And I move for the adoption of House Bill 4172."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass... Representative Black.'"

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

Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor indicates he will yield."

Black: "Representative, you may want to check with your staff, and I apologize for not catching this earlier. It appears that the Economic and Fiscal Commission think that the Bill is technically flawed. And I'll vote for the Bill. You and I have worked on the earned income tax credit over the years. But if ec and fisc (sic-Economic and Fiscal

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Commission) says the Bill is technically flawed, let me go on to say that they point... they point out that one feature of the current law continues to phase out the EITC after 31 December, 2002. Therefore, it may be necessary to amend House Bill 4172, to complete the job of repealing the EITC phaseout. So, they think that an existing Bill and this Bill may be in conflict. You may want to work that out before you send it over to the Senate or give us some reasonable assurance that the Senate Sponsor will address that flaw."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and let me thank Representative Black. I wish Economic and Fiscal could call me. I mean we work on... I thought they were a bipartisan unit of government, but I didn't... I was unaware of that. I will take the Bill out of the record and try to correct... take the Bill out and correct it."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, take the Bill out of the record. House Bill 3637, Representative Collins. Out of the record. House Bill 5700, Representative Cowlshaw. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5700, a Bill for an Act with regard to education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 4129, Representative McKeon. Are you ready now? Out of the record. House Bill 4117, Representative Wright. Are you ready now... for your Bill? Out of the record. Representative Smith, are you still working on that issue? House Bill 4103, Representative Howard. Out of the record. The Chair recognizes Representative Osterman. For what reason?"

Osterman: "Mr. Speaker, you're looking like... you were searching

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for someone to call a Bill and I was prepared to call 4081, when the Speaker's ready. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Later. House Bill 5909, Representative Colvin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 5909, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments, where Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Second... Third Reading. On page 21 of the Regular Calendar, on Second Reading appears House Bill 6178. Representative Tenhouse. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6178, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6179, Representative Tenhouse. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6179, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6182, Representative Tenhouse. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6182, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6188, Representative Tenhouse. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6188, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No



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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6189, Tenhouse... Represen... Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6189, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6190, Representative Tenhouse. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6190, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6191, Representative Tenhouse. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6191, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6195. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6195, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6196. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6196, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6201. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6201, A Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 6203... Third Reading. House Bill 6203. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6203, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6206. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6206, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6207. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6207, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6212. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6212, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6214. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6214, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6232. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6232, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6235. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6235, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6237. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6237, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6239. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6239, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "House Bill 6242. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6242, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions

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filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6243. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6243, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6244. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6244, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6246. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6246, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6249. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6249, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6250. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6250, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6262. Mr. Clerk,

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read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6262, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6263. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6263, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6264. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6264, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6267. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6267, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6268. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6268, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6269. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6269, a Bill for an Act making

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appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6270. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6270, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6273. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6273, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No further Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6275."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6275, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. House Bill 6040. Daniels... Representative Coulson, can you handle that for Representative Daniels? You should be familiar with it. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 6040, a Bill for an Act concerning senior health assistance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk for an announcement."

Clerk Rossi: "The following committee's will meet on Monday, April 1, at 12:30. The Energy & Environment Committee in

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Room D-1; the Registration & Regulation Committee in Room 118 and the Transportation Committee in Room 114."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, would you read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Joint Resolution #62, offered by Representative Currie."

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 62

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, March 21, 2002, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at 12:00 o'clock noon; and when the House of Representatives adjourns on Friday, March 22, 2002, it stands adjourned until Monday, April 1, 2002, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 2, 2002."

Speaker Hartke: "You've heard the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Hamos. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hamos: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I don't know if other people are as frustrated as I am, but we do have Bills that we'd like to call here. We were sent down here. We are elected to do some work here. Yesterday, we adjourned at 2:30 in the afternoon. Today we're adjourning at 12:30 in the afternoon. We have no Bills ready to call, that's what happened here. We will have no Bills ready to call the first day back, unless we can move some Bills without any discussion from Second to Third Reading, and yet we're not being given an opportunity

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for no reason whatsoever, and we'd like to have an explanation of why we can't manage our business so that we will have some Bills ready to call when we return."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Currie now moves allowing for perfunctory time. The House stands adjourned until the hour of 1:00 p.m. on April 1st. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Second Reading of House Bills that will be held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. House Bill 670, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 1876, a Bill for an Act concerning educational labor relations. (sic - House Bill 1876 read in error) (sic - House Bill 1871, a Bill for an Act that amends the Educational Labor Relations Act.) House Bill 1984, a Bill for an Act to create the Access to Health Care Planning Act. House Bill 3632, a Bill for an Act concerning fireworks advertising. House Bill 3636, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 3641, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 3668, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 3682, a Bill for an Act concerning government security procedures. House Bill 3687, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 3699, a Bill for an Act concerning compensation. House Bill 3703, a Bill for an Act concerning nuclear safety. House Bill 3704, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 3705, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 3708, a Bill for an Act concerning dietetic and nutrition services.(sic House Bill 3708 read in error) House Bill 3718, a Bill for an Act in relation to credit and debit



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cards. House Bill 3721, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 3744, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 3788, a Bill for an Act concerning dental hygienists. House Bill 3795, a Bill for an Act concerning voters' guides. House Bill 3797, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 3809, a Bill for an Act concerning emergency health powers. House Bill 3992, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. (sic - House Bill 3992 read in error.) (sic - House Bill 3982, a Bill that amends the Illinois Highway Code.) House Bill 3984, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 3993, a Bill for an Act in relation to counseling. House Bill 4001, a Bill for an Act concerning prescription drugs. House Bill 4023, a Bill for an Act concerning local planning. House Bill 4034, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 4038, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4042, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 4050, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 4053, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. House Bill 4054, a Bill for an Act regarding assessments on the brick industry. House Bill 4067, a Bill for an Act concerning the conveyance of land. House Bill 4074, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4075, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign finance. House Bill 4077, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4078, a Bill for an Act concerning lawyers' assistance programs. House Bill 4082, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 4084, a Bill for an Act concerning the Office of Secretary of State. House Bill 4085, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 4087, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4090, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 4096, a

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relation to children. House Bill 4212, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 4220, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4228, a Bill for an Act concerning corporation. House Bill 4230, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 4234, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Human Services. House Bill 4235, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Human Services. House Bill 4225, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law.(sic - House Bill 4225 read in error.) (sic - House Bill 4245, a Bill for an Act that amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.) House Bill 4240, a Bill for an Act to repeal the Soft Drink Industry Fair Dealing Act. House Bill 4236, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department on Aging. (sic - House Bill 4236 read in error.) (sic - House Bill 4246, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Illinois Act on the Aging.) House Bill 4257, a Bill for an Act concerning aquariums and museums. House Bill 4263, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4266, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4287, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4294, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department on Aging. House Bill 4212, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. (sic - House Bill 4312, a Bill for an Act to Amend the Property Tax Code.) House Bill 4322, a Bill for an Act in relation to the transfer of real property. House Bill 4326, a Bill for an Act concerning loans to local governments. House Bill 4337, a Bill for an Act concerning property taxes. House Bill 4341, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4343, a Bill for an Act concerning public community colleges. House Bill 4344, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 4353, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4354, a Bill

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for an Act concerning civil immunities. Second Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 4355, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4369, a Bill for an Act in relation to mental health. House Bill 4377, a Bill for an Act concerning guaranteed job opportunity projects. House Bill 4398, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 4404, a Bill for an Act concerning charities. House Bill 4407, a Bill for an Act relating to motor vehicles. House Bill 4411, a Bill for an Act concerning security information. House Bill 4414, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 4415, a Bill for an Act in relation to persons wrongfully imprisoned, amending named Acts. House Bill 4429, a Bill for an Act concerning townships. House Bill 4444, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4446, a Bill for an Act concerning disaster service volunteers. House Bill 4448, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 4450, a Bill for an Act concerning training grants. House Bill 4451, a Bill for an Act concerning workers' compensation. House Bill 4453, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 4462, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 4465, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 4466, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. House Bill 4468, a Bill for an Act concerning crane operators. House Bill 4470, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 4472, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 4473, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal matters. House Bill 4509, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4531, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 4532, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 4540, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 4726, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 4764, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4873, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 4885, a Bill for an Act concerning grants. House Bill 4889, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 4890, a Bill for an Act concerning farm products. House Bill 4896, a Bill for an Act concerning patient billing. House Bill 4897, a Bill for an Act concerning State funds. House Bill 4900, a Bill for an Act concerning partnerships. House Bill 4912, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education student assistance. House Bill 4914, a Bill for an Act with regard to schools. Second Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 4915, a Bill for an Act concerning peace officers. House Bill 4934, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 4937, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 4938, a Bill for an Act concerning State records. House Bill 4939, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 4942, a Bill for an Act concerning pest control. House Bill 4944, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 4949, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 4951, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4953, a Bill for an Act concerning motor vehicles. House Bill 4971, a Bill for an Act concerning State construction projects. House Bill 4975, a Bill for an Act regarding vehicles. House Bill 4979, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 4991, a Bill for an Act respecting education. House Bill 4996, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 4997, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 4999, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 5000, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 5002, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5004, a Bill for an Act in relation to crime victims. House Bill 5015, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 5571, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health and developmental disabilities. House Bill 5576, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5578, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal offenses. House Bill 5580, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic communications. House Bill 5583, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 5592, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 5596, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5599, a Bill for an Act concerning attorneys' education expenses. House Bill 5601, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5605, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 5606, a Bill for an Act concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 5607, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5608, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5611, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5616, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic assistance. House Bill 5617, a Bill for an Act concerning workers' occupational diseases. House Bill 5625, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 5626, a Bill for an Act to create the Illinois Living Wage Act. Second Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 5627, a Bill for an Act concerning land conveyances. House Bill 5631, a Bill for an Act concerning business corporations. House Bill 5632, a Bill for an Act in relation to support. House Bill 5634, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 5635, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 5636, a Bill for an Act in

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relation to criminal law. House Bill 5637, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5638, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5639, a Bill for an Act concerning police animals. House Bill 5641, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 5644, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5645, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5646, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5647, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5653, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5654, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 5656, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 5657, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5658, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5659, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 5660, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 5661, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 5663, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 5664, a Bill for an Act with respect to schools. House Bill 5660 (sic-5670), a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5678, a Bill for an Act in relation to police training. House Bill 5680, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5681, a Bill for an Act concerning the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor. House Bill 5684, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 5685, a Bill for an Act concerning legislative oversight of State contracts. House Bill 5686, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill 5687, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill 5688, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill 5689, a Bill for an Act in relation to State government. House Bill

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5690, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 5694, a Bill for an Act concerning forest preserve districts. House Bill 5695, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. House Bill 5708, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 5713, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5714, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5715, a Bill for an Act in relation to fees. House Bill 5718, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. House Bill 5719, a Bill for an Act in relation to violence. House Bill 5720, a Bill for an Act concerning nuclear safety. House Bill 5727, a Bill for an Act to amend the Agricultural Areas Conservation and Protection Act. House Bill 5734, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 5738, a Bill for an Act creating the Illinois Workforce Investment Board. House Bill 5739, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 5743, a Bill for an Act in relation to child care. House Bill 5779, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 5780, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 5781, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 5788, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5789, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5790, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance payments. House Bill 5792, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 5793, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 5800, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5803, a Bill for an Act relating to auctions. House Bill 5806, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 5807, a Bill for an Act concerning organ donation. House Bill 5808, a Bill for an Act concerning



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State agencies. House Bill 5809, a Bill for an Act concerning technology. House Bill 5812, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5821, a Bill for an Act concerning banking. House Bill 5823, a Bill for an Act concerning Illinois servicemen. House Bill 5824, a Bill for an Act concerning park districts. House Bill 5827, a Bill for an Act concerning corporate fiduciaries. House Bill 5829, a Bill for an Act concerning payroll deductions. House Bill 5830, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5831, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5837, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5839, a Bill for an Act concerning financial institutions. House Bill 5840, a Bill for an Act concerning credit cards. House Bill 5844, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 5846, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 5847, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal offenses. House Bill 5848, a Bill for an Act in relation to tobacco products. Second Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5849, a Bill for an Act concerning the Capital Development Board. House Bill 5851, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. House Bill 5854, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 5858, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles.(sic House Bill 5858 read in error) House Bill 5868, a Bill for an Act concerning disease prevention. House Bill 5870, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 5873, a Bill for an Act in relation to sexually dangerous persons. House Bill 5874, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5886, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5887, a Bill for an Act concerning correctional facilities. House Bill 5889, a Bill for an Act

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in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5891, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5903, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5906, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 5907, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 5908, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance coverage. House Bill 5910, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois Century Network. House Bill 5911, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois Century Network. House Bill 5912, a Bill for an Act concerning motor vehicles. House Bill 5920, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 5922, a Bill for an Act concerning impact incarceration. House Bill 5923, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 5924, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 5925, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5926, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5935, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5937, a Bill for an Act concerning the State budget. House Bill 5940, a Bill for an Act concerning civil no contact orders. House Bill 5941, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 5943, a Bill for an Act in relation to motor vehicles. House Bill 5956, a Bill for an Act concerning voter registration. House Bill 5958, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental law. House Bill 5960, a Bill for an Act concerning the environment. House Bill 5961, a Bill for an Act concerning the environment. House Bill 5963, a Bill for an Act concerning health coverage under State employee programs. House Bill 5966, a Bill for an Act in relation to the children's health insurance program. House Bill 5967, a Bill for an Act concerning deductions from State warrants. House Bill 5984, a Bill for an Act making

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appropriations. House Bill 5985, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5986, a Bill for an Act in relation to appropriations. House Bill 5987, a Bill for an Act in relation to appropriations. House Bill 5988, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5989, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5900 (sic-5990), a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5994, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5996, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5997, a Bill for an Act in relation to State finance. House Bill 5998, a Bill for an Act concerning banks. House Bill 5999, a Bill for an Act to re-enact a portion of Public Act, 90-456, relating to juveniles. House Bill 6000, a Bill for an Act concerning State agencies. House Bill 6002, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 6003, a Bill for an Act concerning civil notaries. House Bill 6007, a Bill for an Act concerning teacher certification. House Bill 6011, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6012, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 6013, a Bill for an Act concerning wetlands. House Bill 6023, a Bill for an Act concerning animal welfare. House Bill 6028, a Bill for an Act concerning State employee benefits. House Bill 6031, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education student assistance. House Bill 6032, a Bill for an Act concerning health care service contracts. House Bill 6033, a Bill for an Act concerning health care workers. House Bill 6034, a Bill for an Act concerning audits and reports. House Bill 6038, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 6042, a Bill for an Act to create the Innovations and Long-Term Care Quality Demonstration Grants Act. House Bill 6045, a Bill for an Act relating to risk management. House

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an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6173, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6174, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6175, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6181, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6184, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6185, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6186, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6202, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6213, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6215, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6216, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6218, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the State Board of Elections. House Bill 6221, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6222, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6229, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6254, a Bill for an Act making appropriations for the Office of the State Appellate Defender. House Bill 6257, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6260, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6276, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of these House Bills. Introduction - First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 929, offered by Representative Crotty, a Bill for an Act concerning medical examinations. Senate Bill 1542, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning enterprise zones. Senate Bill 1609, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. Senate Bill 1761, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act concerning fire protection. Senate Bill 1814, offered by Representative Pankau, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2222,

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offered by Representative Tenhouse, a Bill for an Act in relation to the administration and funding of the Illinois Commerce Commission. First Reading and Introduction of these Senate Bills. Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session now stands adjourned."