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Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. House Bills on Second Reading that will be read a second time and held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. House Bill 248, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 314, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 315, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 316, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 422, a Bill for an Act concerning wetlands. House Bill 552, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 553, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles. House Bill 555, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 556, a Bill for an Act in relation children and families. House Bill 557, a Bill for an Act in relation to freedom of information. House Bill 558, a Bill for an Act in relation to videotaped confessions. House Bill 559, a Bill for an Act concerning racial profiling. House Bill 560, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 561, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 562, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 563, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 564, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 565, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 567, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 568, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 569, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 570, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 571, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House

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Bill 572, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 575, a Bill for an Act concerning juvenile offenders. House Bill 576, a Bill for an Act in concerning the death penalty. House Bill 577, a Bill for an Act concerning the death penalty. House Bill 578, a Bill for an Act concerning the death penalty. House Bill 579, a Bill for an Act concerning the death penalty. House Bill 580, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 581, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 582, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 583, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 584, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 585, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 586, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 587, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 588, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 589, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 590, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 591, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 592, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 593, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 594, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 595, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 596, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 597, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 598, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 599, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 600, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill

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616, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee
benefits. House Bill 617, a Bill for an Act concerning
land development. House Bill 618, a Bill for an Act
concerning land development. House Bill 619, a Bill for an
Act concerning land development. House Bill 620, a Bill
for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill
621, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development.
House Bill 622, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic
development. House Bill 623, a Bill for an Act in relation
to economic development. House Bill 624, a Bill for an Act
in relation to housing. House Bill 625, a Bill for an Act
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in relation to urban problems. House Bill 628, a Bill for an Act in relation to urban renewal. House Bill 629, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 630, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 631, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 632, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 633, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 634, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 635, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 636, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 637, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 638, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Gift Ban Act. House Bill 639, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 640, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 641, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 642, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 643, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 644, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 645, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 646, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 647, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 648, a Bill for an Act in relation to animals. House Bill 649, a Bill for an Act in relation to animals. House Bill 650, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 651, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 652, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House

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Bill 653, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 654, a Bill for an Act in relation to bodies of water. House Bill 655, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. House Bill 656, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 657, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 658, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 659, a Bill for an Act concerning waterways. House Bill 660, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 661, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 662, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 663, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. House Bill 664, a Bill for an Act concerning grain. House Bill 665, a Bill for an Act concerning grain. House Bill 666, a Bill for an Act in relation to conservation. House Bill 667, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 668, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 669, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 670, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 671, a Bill for an Act in relation to tourism development. House Bill 672, a Bill for an Act concerning promotion. House Bill 673, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 674, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens. House Bill 675, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens. House Bill 676, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens. House Bill 677, a Bill for an Act relating to insurance. House Bill 678, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 679, a Bill for

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an Act relating to children's health insurance. House Bill 680, a Bill for an Act concerning children's health. House Bill 681, a Bill for an Act concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 682, a Bill for an Act concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 683, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 684, a Bill for an Act concerning disabled persons. House Bill 685, a Bill for an Act concerning disabled persons. House Bill 686, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 687, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 688, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. House Bill 689, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. House Bill 690, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 691, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 692, a Bill for an Act in relation to children and families. House Bill 693, a Bill for an Act in relation to children and families. House Bill 694, a Bill for an Act in relation to child care. House Bill 695, a Bill for an Act concerning child care. House Bill 696, a Bill for an Act concerning human services. House Bill 697, a Bill for an Act in relation to human services. House Bill 699, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 700, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 701, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 702, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 703, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 704, a Bill for an Act concerning the

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Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 705, a Bill for an Act concerning children's health programs. House Bill 706, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 707, a Bill for an Act concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 708, a Bill for an Act in relation to waterways. House Bill 709, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 711, a Bill for an Act in relation to railroads. House Bill 712, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 713, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 714, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 715, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 716, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 717, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 718, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 719, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 720, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 721, a Bill for an Act in relation to airports. House Bill 722, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 723, a Bill for an Act in relation to aircraft. House Bill 724, a Bill for an Act in regard to highways. House Bill 725, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 726, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 727, a Bill for an Act regarding highways. House Bill 728, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 729, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. House Bill 730, a Bill for an Act concerning mass transit. House Bill 731, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 732, a Bill for an Act with regard to highways. House Bill 733, a Bill for an Act with regard to highways. House Bill 734, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 735, a Bill for an Act with regard to highways. House Bill 736, a Bill for an Act concerning highways. House Bill 737, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 738, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 739, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 740, a Bill for an Act in relation to waterways. House Bill 741, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 742, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 743, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 744, a Bill for an Act in relation to beverage distribution. House Bill 745, a Bill for an Act in relation to franchises. House Bill 746, a Bill for an Act in relation to franchises. House Bill 747, a Bill for an Act in relation to franchises. House Bill 748, a Bill for an Act in relation to franchises. House Bill 749, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 750, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 752, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 753, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 754, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 755, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 756, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 757, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 758, a Bill for an Act concerning schools.

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House Bill 759, a Bill for an Act relating to schools.
House Bill 760, a Bill for an Act in relation to education.
House Bill 761, a Bill for an Act in relation to education.
House Bill 762, a Bill for an Act concerning schools.
House Bill 763, a Bill for an Act relating to schools.
House Bill 764, a Bill for an Act relating to schools.
House Bill 765, a Bill for an Act in relation to education.
House Bill 766, a Bill for an Act relating to schools.
House Bill 767, a Bill for an Act concerning education.
House Bill 768, a Bill for an Act in relation to education.
House Bill 769, a Bill for an Act in relation to education.
House Bill 770, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House
Bill 771, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House
Bill 772, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill
773, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill
774, a Bill for an Act in relation to elderly persons.
House Bill 775, a Bill for an Act in relation to health
facilities. House Bill 776, a Bill for an Act concerning
assisted living. House Bill 777, a Bill for an Act in
relation to aging. House Bill 778, a Bill for an Act
concerning elder abuse. House Bill 779, a Bill for an Act
in relation to health facilities. House Bill 780, a Bill
for an Act in relation to health facilities. House Bill
781, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing home care. House
Bill 782, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens
and disabled persons. House Bill 783, a Bill for an Act in
relation to aging. House Bill 784, a Bill for an Act
concerning assistance to citizens. House Bill 785, a Bill

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for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 786, a Bill for an Act concerning citizen benefits. House Bill 787, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 788, a Bill for an Act concerning senior citizens and disabled persons. House Bill 789, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 790, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 791, a Bill for an Act in relation to wages. House Bill 792, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 793, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 794, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 795, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 796, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 797, a Bill for an Act in relation to labor relations. House Bill 798, a Bill for an Act in relation to labor relations. House Bill 799, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 800, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 801, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 802, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 803, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 804, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 805, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 806, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 807, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 808, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 809, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 810, a Bill for an Act in

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relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 811, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 812, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 813, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 814, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 815, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 816, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 817, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 818, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 819, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 820, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 821, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 822, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 823, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 824, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 825, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 826, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 827, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 828, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 829, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 830, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 831, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 832, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 833, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 834, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 835, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 836, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 837, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 838, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 839, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 840, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 841, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 843, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 844, a Bill for an Act concerning townships. House Bill 845, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 846, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 848, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 849, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 850, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 851, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 852, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 853, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 854, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 855, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 856, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 857, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 858, a Bill for an Act in relation to property taxes. House Bill 859, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 860, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 861, a Bill for an

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Act in relation to property taxes. House Bill 862, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 863, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 864, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 865, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 866, a Bill for an Act in relation to income taxes. House Bill 867, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 868, a Bill for an Act with respect to taxation. House Bill 869, a Bill for an Act with respect to taxation. House Bill 870, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 871, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 872, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 873, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 874, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 875, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 876, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 877, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 878, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. House Bill 879, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. House Bill 880, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 881, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 882, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 883, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 884, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 885, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 886, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 887, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 888, a

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Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 889, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 890, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 891, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 892, a Bill for an Act in relation to technology. House Bill 893, a Bill for an Act in relation to technology. House Bill 894, a Bill for an Act concerning strategic planning. House Bill 895, a Bill for an Act concerning strategic planning. House Bill 896, a Bill for an Act concerning strategic planning. House Bill 897, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 898, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 899, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 890(sic-900), a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 901, a Bill for an Act concerning powers of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 902, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 903, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 904, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 905, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 906, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 907, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 908, a Bill for an Act concerning the powers of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. House Bill 910, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 911, a

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Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 913, a Bill for an Act concerning wetlands. House Bill 914, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 915, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 916, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 917, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 918, a Bill for an Act relating to public community colleges. House Bill 919, a Bill for an Act regarding public community colleges. House Bill 920, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 921, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 922, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 923, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 924, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 925, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 926, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 927, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 924(sic-928), a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 929, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 930, a Bill for an Act with regard to higher education student assistance. House Bill 931, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 932, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 933, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 934, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 935, a Bill for an Act in relation to higher education. House Bill

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936, a Bill for an Act concerning prompt payment. House Bill 937, a Bill for an Act concerning prompt payment. House Bill 938, a Bill for an Act concerning the State Treasurer. House Bill 940, a Bill for an Act concerning state procurement. House Bill 941, a Bill for an Act concerning the Attorney General. House Bill 942, a Bill for an Act in relation to State procurement. House Bill 943, a Bill for an Act in relation to state employees. House Bill 944, a Bill for an Act regarding finance. House Bill 945, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Attorney General. House Bill 946, a Bill for an Act concerning the Attorney General. House Bill 947, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Secretary of State. House Bill 948, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 949, a Bill for an Act concerning the courts. House Bill 950, a Bill for an Act concerning juries. House Bill 951, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Secretary of State. House Bill 952, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Secretary of State. House Bill 953, a Bill for an Act in relation to State finances. House Bill 954, a Bill for an Act in relation to freedom of information. House Bill 955, a Bill for an Act concerning salaries. House Bill 956, a Bill for an Act concerning freedom of information. House Bill 957, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Secretary of State. House Bill 958, a Bill for an Act concerning juries. House Bill 959, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 960, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 961, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly.

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House Bill 962, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly. House Bill 963, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly. House Bill 964, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly. House Bill 965, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly. House Bill 966, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 967, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 968, a Bill for an Act concerning State mandates. House Bill 969, a Bill for an Act in relation to freedom of information. House Bill 970, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 971, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. House Bill 972, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 973, a Bill for an Act in relation to the State Treasurer. House Bill 974, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employment. House Bill 975, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employment. House Bill 976, a Bill for an Act concerning State mandates. House Bill 977, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. House Bill 978, a Bill for an Act in relation to the State Comptroller. House Bill 979, a Bill for an Act in relation to administrative procedure. House Bill 980, a Bill for an Act concerning the State Comptroller. House Bill 981, a Bill for an Act concerning the State Comptroller. House Bill 982, a Bill for an Act concerning State Comptroller. House Bill 983, a Bill for an Act concerning kosher foods. House Bill 984, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 985, a Bill for an

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Act concerning departments of State Government. House Bill 986, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 987, a Bill for an Act in relation to administrative rules. House Bill 988, a Bill for an Act in relation to public bodies. House Bill 989, a Bill for an Act in relation to public bodies. House Bill 990, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 991, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly. House Bill 992, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 993, a Bill for an Act in relation to courts. House Bill 994, a Bill for an Act regarding the Attorney General. House Bill 995, a Bill for an Act in relation to the State Treasurer. House Bill 996, a Bill for an Act in relation to the General Assembly. House Bill 997, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 998, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 999, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1000, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1001, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1002, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1003, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1004, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 1006, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 1007, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1008, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House

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Bill 1009, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1010, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1011, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1012, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1013, a Bill for an Act in relation to children and families. House Bill 1014, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1015, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1016, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1017, a Bill for an Act in relation to trusts. House Bill 1018, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1019, a Bill for an Act concerning probate law. House Bill 1020, a Bill for an Act concerning family law. House Bill 1021, a Bill for an Act concerning family law. House Bill 1022, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1023, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 1024, a Bill for an Act in relation to estates. House Bill 1025, a Bill for an Act in relation to the conveyance of land. House Bill 1026, a Bill for an Act in relation to the conveyance of land. House Bill 1027, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 1028, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1029, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 1030, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1031, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employees. House Bill 1032, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employees. House Bill 1033, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to the conveyance of land. House Bill 1034, a Bill for an Act in relation to the conveyance of land. House Bill 1035, a Bill for an Act in relation to trusts."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1036, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1037, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1038, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1039, a Bill for an Act in relation to courts. House Bill 1040, a Bill for an Act relating to commercial transactions. House Bill 1041, a Bill for an Act concerning commercial transactions. House Bill 1042, a Bill for an Act in relation to liens. House Bill 1043, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1044, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 1045, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. House Bill 1046, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1047, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1048, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1049, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 1050, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1051, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1052, a Bill for an Act regarding business corporations. House Bill 1053, a Bill for an Act concerning business corporations. House Bill 1054, a Bill for an Act in relation to liens. House Bill 1055, a Bill for an Act in relation to attorneys. House Bill 1056, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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attorneys. House Bill 1057, a Bill for an Act in relation to the conveyance of land. House Bill 1058, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 1059, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 1060, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 1061, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 1062, a Bill for an Act in relation to privacy. House Bill 1063, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 1064, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 1065, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1066, a Bill for an Act in relation to horse racing. House Bill 1067, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1068, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1069, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1070, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1071, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1072, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1073, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1074, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1075, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1076, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1077, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1078, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1079, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1080, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1081, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial

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regulation. House Bill 1082, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. House Bill 1083, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. House Bill 1084, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1085, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1086, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1111, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 1112, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 1113, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 1114, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 1300, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1301, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1312, a Bill for an Act in relation to counties. House Bill 1313, a Bill for an Act in relation to forest preserves. House Bill 1336, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. House Bill 1337, a Bill for an Act regarding aircraft. House Bill 1339, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 1340, a Bill for an Act concerning special districts. House Bill 1341, a Bill for an Act concerning prompt payment. House Bill 1342, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1343, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1402, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1403, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1404, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1405, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1406, a Bill for an Act in

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relation to the legislature. House Bill 1407, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1408, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1409, a Bill for an Act in relation to the legislature. House Bill 1410, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 1411, a Bill for an Act in relation to the legislature. House Bill 1440, a Bill for an Act concerning fiscal notes. House Bill 1475, a Bill for an Act concerning port districts. House Bill 1519, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 1520, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic mail. House Bill 1580, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 1641, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1642, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1643, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1644, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1645, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Illinois lottery. House Bill 1646, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1647, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1649, a Bill for an Act concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 1650, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1651, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1652, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1653, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1654, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employees. House Bill 1655, a Bill for an Act concerning children's health programs. House Bill 1656, a Bill for an

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Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1657, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 1658, a Bill for an Act concerning assistance to citizens. House Bill 1659, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1660, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 1661, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 1663, a Bill for an Act in relation to tobacco. House Bill 1664, a Bill for an Act in relation to tobacco. House Bill 1665, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1666, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1667, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing home care. House Bill 1668, a Bill for an Act concerning health care services. House Bill 1669, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1670, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 1671, a Bill for an Act concerning elder abuse. House Bill 1672, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens and disabled persons. House Bill 1674, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 1675, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 1676, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 1677, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 1678, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 1680, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 1681, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 1682, a Bill for an Act concerning the General Assembly. House Bill 1683, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Gift Ban Act. House Bill 1684, a Bill for an Act relating to State employee

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benefits. House Bill 1685, a Bill for an Act in relation to State employees. House Bill 1686, a Bill for an Act concerning the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan. House Bill 1687, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1688, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1689, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1690, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1691, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1692, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1693, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 1694, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 1695, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 1696, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1697, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 1699, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 1700, a Bill for an Act concerning fireworks. House Bill 1701, a Bill for an Act regarding boats. House Bill 1702, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 1703, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 1704, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 1705, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 1706, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. House Bill 1707, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 1708, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 1709, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 1710, a Bill

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for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 1711, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 1712, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 1713, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1714, a Bill for an Act concerning emergency management. House Bill 1716, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 1717, a Bill for an Act in relation to public health. House Bill 1718, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 1719, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 1720, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 1721, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 1722, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 1723, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 1724, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 1725, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 1726, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental protection. House Bill 1727, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 1728, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 1730, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipalities. House Bill 1731, a Bill for an Act concerning public buildings. House Bill 1732, a Bill for an Act in relation to local governments. House Bill 1733, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1734, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 1735, a Bill for an Act in relation to units of local government.

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House Bill 1736, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. House Bill 1737, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1738, a Bill for an Act concerning townships. House Bill 1739, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 1740, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 1741, a Bill for an Act in relation to special districts. House Bill 1742, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 1743, a Bill for an Act in relation to municipal government. House Bill 1744, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1745, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1746, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1747, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1748, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1749, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 1750, a Bill for an Act concerning local government officers. House Bill 1752, a Bill for an Act in relation to special districts. House Bill 1753, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. House Bill 1754, a Bill for an Act concerning local governments. House Bill 1756, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 1757, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 1758, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 1759, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 1760, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property.

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House Bill 1761, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 1762, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 1763, a Bill for an Act concerning airports. House Bill 1764, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 1765, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 1766, a Bill for an Act with regard to vehicles. House Bill 1767, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 1768, a Bill for an Act in relation to boats. House Bill 1769, a Bill for an Act regarding vehicles. House Bill 1770, a Bill for an Act regarding vehicles. House Bill 1771, a Bill for an Act regarding vehicles. House Bill 1772, a Bill for an Act in relation to aircraft. House Bill 1773, a Bill for an Act concerning airports. House Bill 1774, a Bill for an Act with regard to vehicles. House Bill 1775, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 1776, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 1778, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 1779, a Bill for an Act concerning airports. House Bill 1780, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 1781, a Bill for an Act regarding transportation. House Bill 1782, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 1783, a Bill for an Act in regard to vehicles. House Bill 1784, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 1785, a Bill for an Act in relation to airports. House Bill 1786, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 1787, a Bill for an Act with regard to vehicles. House Bill 1788, a Bill for an Act

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concerning toll highways. House Bill 1789, a Bill for an Act concerning the operation of motor vehicles. House Bill 1790, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 1791, a Bill for an Act concerning highways. House Bill 1792, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1793, a Bill for an Act concerning military leave of absence. House Bill 1794, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. Second Reading of these House Bills. First Reading and introduction of House Bills. House Bill 3720, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning adoption. First Reading of this House Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. House Bill 1795, a Bill for an Act concerning the military. House Bill 1796, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1797, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans homes. House Bill 1798, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. House Bill 1799, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1800, a Bill for an Act concerning the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. House Bill 1801, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans preferences. House Bill 1802, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1803, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1804, a Bill for an Act regarding vehicles. House Bill 1805, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1806, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 1807, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1808, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1810, a Bill for an Act in relation

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to children. House Bill 1811, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. House Bill 1812, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1813, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1814, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1815, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1816, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1817, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1818, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1819, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1820, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1821, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1823, a Bill for an Act in relation to health services. House Bill 1824, a Bill for an Act in relation to health services. House Bill 1825, a Bill for an Act in relation to health services. House Bill 1826, a Bill for an Act concerning State-operated facilities. House Bill 1827, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1828, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. House Bill 1829, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 1830, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 1831, a Bill for an Act concerning redevelopment. House Bill 1832, a Bill for an Act concerning land management. House Bill 1833, a Bill for an Act concerning wastewater disposal. House Bill 1834, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 1835, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 1836, a Bill for an Act concerning premises liability. House Bill 1837, a Bill for an Act concerning finance.

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House Bill 1838, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 1839, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 1840, a Bill for an Act concerning child care. House Bill 1841, a Bill for an Act in relation to child care. House Bill 1842, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 1844, a Bill for an Act respecting higher education. House Bill 1845, a Bill for an Act with respect to higher education. House Bill 1846, a Bill for an Act respecting higher education. House Bill 1847, a Bill for an Act with respect to higher education. House Bill 1848, a Bill for an Act with respect to higher education. House Bill 1849, a Bill for an Act respecting higher education. House Bill 1850, a Bill for an Act respecting higher education. House Bill 1851, a Bill for an Act with regard to higher education. House Bill 1853, a Bill for an Act in relation to higher education. House Bill 1854, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 1855, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 1856, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 1857, a Bill for an Act in relation to higher education. House Bill 1858, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 1859, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 1860, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 1861, a Bill for an Act in relation to the University of Illinois. House Bill 1862, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1863, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill

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1864, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1865, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1867, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1868, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1869, a Bill for an Act in relation to imprisonment. House Bill 1871, a Bill for an Act in relation to imprisonment. House Bill 1872, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1873, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1874, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1875, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 1876, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1877, a Bill for an Act concerning cannabis control. House Bill 1878, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1879, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1880, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1881, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1882, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1883, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 1884, a Bill for an Act concerning health benefits. House Bill 1885, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1886, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1887, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1888, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1889, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1890, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1891, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.

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House Bill 1892, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1893, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 1894, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1895, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1896, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1897, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1898, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1899, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1900, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1901, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1902, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1903, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1904, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1905, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1906, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1907, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1908, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 1909, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 1910, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 1911, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 1912, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 1913, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 1914, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 1915, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 1916, a Bill for an Act

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concerning employment. House Bill 1917, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 1918, a Bill for an Act regarding educational labor relations. House Bill 1919, a Bill for an Act in relation to labor relations. House Bill 1920, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 1921, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1922, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1923, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1924, a Bill for an Act concerning museum districts. House Bill 1925, a Bill for an Act concerning historic preservation. House Bill 1926, a Bill for an Act in relation to tourism development. House Bill 1927, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Secretary of State. House Bill 1928, a Bill for an Act in relation to the State Comptroller. House Bill 1929, a Bill for an Act in relation to the State Treasurer. House Bill 1931, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 1932, a Bill for an Act in relation to State procurement. House Bill 1933, a Bill for an Act in relation to State procurement. House Bill 1934, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 1935, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 1936, a Bill for an Act concerning telecommunications. House Bill 1937, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 1938, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 1939, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 1940, a Bill for an Act in relation to business

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transactions. House Bill 1941, a Bill for an Act regarding taxes. House Bill 1942, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 1943, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 1944, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 1945, a Bill for an Act in relation to income taxes. House Bill 1946, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 1947, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 1948, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 1949, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 1951, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 1953, a Bill for an Act concerning citizen benefits. House Bill 1954, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens and disabled persons. House Bill 1956, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 1957, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 1958, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 1959, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1960, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 1961, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 1962, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 1963, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 1964, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 1965, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 1966, a Bill for an Act in relation to trusts. House Bill 1967, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 1968, a Bill for an Act concerning credit and debit cards. House

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Bill 1969, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 1970, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 1971, a Bill for an Act to create the Predatory Lending Act. House Bill 1972, a Bill for an Act to create the Payday Loan Act. House Bill 1973, a Bill for an Act concerning debt management services. House Bill 1974, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1975, a Bill for an Act concerning sales finance agencies. House Bill 1976, a Bill for an Act concerning transmitters of money. House Bill 1977, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1978, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1979, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1980, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1981, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer deposit accounts. House Bill 1982, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 1983, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 2060, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2062, a Bill for an Act concerning family law. House Bill 1984, a Bill for an Act concerning foreign banking offices. House Bill 1985, a Bill for an Act concerning corporate fiduciaries. House Bill 1986, a Bill for an Act concerning pawnbrokers. House Bill 1987, a Bill for an Act concerning residential mortgages. House Bill 1988, a Bill for an Act in relation to aquatic life. House Bill 1989, a Bill for an Act in relation to animals. House Bill 1990, a Bill for an Act

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concerning grain. House Bill 1991, a Bill for an Act concerning grain. House Bill 1992, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 1993, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 1994, a Bill for an Act in relation to endangered species. House Bill 1995, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 1996, a Bill for an Act in relation to animals. House Bill 1997, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 1998, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 1999, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 2000, a Bill for an Act in relation to forestry. House Bill 2001, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 2002, a Bill for an Act concerning animal welfare. House Bill 2003, a Bill for an Act concerning seeds. House Bill 2005, a Bill for an Act concerning State parks. House Bill 2006, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. House Bill 2007, a Bill for an Act concerning family farmers. House Bill 2008, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 2009, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 2010, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Second Reading of these House Bills to be held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2011, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 2012, a Bill for an Act concerning land conservation. House Bill 2013, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 2014, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 2015, a Bill

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for an Act in relation to lakes. House Bill 2016, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 2017, a Bill for an Act concerning alternate fuels. House Bill 2018, a Bill for an Act concerning alternate fuels. House Bill 2019, a Bill for an Act concerning water. House Bill 2020, a Bill for an Act concerning emergency management. House Bill 2021, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2022, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2023, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 2024, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2025, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2026, a Bill for an Act in relation to child care. House Bill 2027, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2028, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2029, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2030, a Bill for an Act regarding professional regulation. House Bill 2031, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2032, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 2033, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2034, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2035, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2036, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 2037, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill

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2038, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2039, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2040, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 2041, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2042, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2043, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2044, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2045, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2046, a Bill for an Act concerning professional counselors. House Bill 2047, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 2048, a Bill for an Act concerning veterinary medicine. House Bill 2049, a Bill for an Act concerning perfusionists. House Bill 2050, a Bill for an Act concerning fire equipment. House Bill 2051, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2052, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2053, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2054, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 2055, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2056, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2057, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 2058, a Bill for an Act concerning accounting. House Bill 2059,

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a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2060, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2061, a Bill for an Act concerning family law. House Bill 2063, a Bill for an Act in relation to child support. House Bill 2064, a Bill for an Act in relation to child support. House Bill 2065, a Bill for an Act in relation to public bodies. House Bill 2066, a Bill for an Act concerning open meetings. House Bill 2067, a Bill for an Act concerning freedom of information. House Bill 2068, a Bill for an Act in relation to freedom of information. House Bill 2069, a Bill for an Act in relation to human services. House Bill 2070, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 2072, a Bill for an Act concerning the courts. House Bill 2073, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 2074, a Bill for an Act concerning the courts. House Bill 2075, a Bill for an Act concerning liens. House Bill 2076, a Bill for an Act concerning liens. House Bill 2077, a Bill for an Act in relation to family law. House Bill 2078, a Bill for an Act concerning family law. House Bill 2080, a Bill for an Act in relation to child support. House Bill 2081, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liability. House Bill 2082, a Bill for an Act concerning commercial transactions. House Bill 2083, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 2084, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 2085, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. House Bill 2086, a Bill for an

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Act concerning hospital liens. House Bill 2087, a Bill for an Act in relation to families. House Bill 2089, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 2090, a Bill for an Act in relation to estates. House Bill 2091, a Bill for an Act in relation to human rights. House Bill 2092, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 2093, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil immunities. House Bill 2094, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil immunities. House Bill 2095, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 2096, a Bill for an Act concerning probate law. House Bill 2097, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 2098, a Bill for an Act in relation to trusts. House Bill 2099, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 2100, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2101, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 2102, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 2103, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. House Bill 2109, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2107, a Bill for an Act respecting education. House Bill 2108, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 2106, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 2110, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2111, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2112, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2113, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 2114, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. House Bill 2115, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2116, a

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Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2117, a Bill for an Act with respect to education. House Bill 2119, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. House Bill 2120, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 2121, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 2122, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 2123, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 2124, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 2125, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2126, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2127, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2128, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2129, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 2130, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 2131, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2132, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 2133, a Bill for an Act in relation to teacher certification. House Bill 2134, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 2135, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 2219, a Bill for an Act in relation to persons with disabilities. House Bill 2220, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 2360, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employees. House Bill 2361, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 2362, a Bill for an Act in relation to labor relations. House Bill 2364, a Bill for an Act regarding educational labor relations. House Bill 2365, a Bill for an Act regarding educational labor relations. House Bill

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2366, a Bill for an Act regarding educational labor relations. House Bill 2410, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 2514, a Bill for an Act concerning health coverage under State employee programs. House Bill 2518, a Bill for an Act in relation to the State Comptroller. House Bill 2571, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 2614, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 2615, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 2654, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 2655, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 2656, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 2657, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 2659, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 3266, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 3267, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 3268, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 3269, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 3270, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 3271, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 3401, a Bill for an Act concerning certain taxes. House Bill 3402, a Bill for an Act concerning certain districts. House Bill 3409, a Bill for an Act in relation to the death penalty. House Bill 3410, a Bill for an Act in relation to the death penalty. House Bill 3412, a Bill for an Act concerning

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ethics. House Bill 3413, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 3414, a Bill for an Act in relation to governmental ethics. House Bill 3415, a Bill for an Act concerning ethics commissions. House Bill 3417, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 3418, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 3639, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 3640, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 3641, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 3642, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 3643, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 3644, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 3645, a Bill for an Act in relation to real property. House Bill 3646, a Bill for an Act respecting schools. House Bill 3647, a Bill for an Act in relation to business organizations. House Bill 3748, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3650, a Bill for an Act in relation to aeronautics. House Bill 3651, a Bill for an Act concerning budgeting. House Bill 3652, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 3653, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 3654, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 3664, a Bill for an Act concerning redevelopment. House Bill 3665, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 3666, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 3667, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 3669, a Bill for an Act concerning

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consumer protection. House Bill 3670, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 3711, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 3712, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 3714, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 3715, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 3716, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. House Bill 3717, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. And House Bill 3718, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. Second Reading of these House Bills."

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 Dr. Keith Zimmerman of the Christ United Methodist Church in East Moline. Reverend Zimmerman is the guest of Representative Mike Boland. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Reverend Zimmerman: "Let us pray. Creator of our universe and our world. Creator of all people and each of us, we come to You in this moment, thanking You for the wonderful blessings that are ours as citizens of this nation and this state. For the freedoms of speech and assembly, for the freedoms of being able to choose our leaders in an election and being able to worship You, oh God, as we choose. For these freedoms and countless more, we give You thanks. But God, we realize that each of our freedoms has not come without a cost and is not preserved without sacrifice. We

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remember especially this day, our nation's President and advisors, the troops of our national armed services and the guard units of our state who are serving here and around the globe offering themselves in the defense of our freedoms. Our prayers go out in particular to those military personnel serving in an effort to bring freedom to the people of Iraq, who continue to endure the injustice and tyranny of the oppressive regime there. May the brave young men and women of the U.S. and coalition forces know Your encouragement and strength as they lead the fight in that land for justice and liberty. May their families who wait and wonder and worry for their loved ones involved in this action know Your assurance and strength in this difficult time. May those families that have loved ones who have been killed, who are missing in action or who are prisoners in of war, may they know Your sustaining grace and strength in the wake of their agony and remorse. May Your peace come, oh God, to each one of our troops, to each one of their families, to each person and family who is grieving, to each of the innocent citizens of Iraq, especially the children caught in the midst of this struggle for freedom and to each of us who are learning everyday this war continues, just how great the price of freedom really is. It is in this cherished freedom, oh God, that I lift in prayer these Members of the House of Representatives of this great State of Illinois as they gather for this Session. The issues facing our state are many and vary, but may the resolve and wisdom of these

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Legislator's lead to solutions that bring about educational and economic reform. May justice and liberty become the watchwords of their deliberations. May concern for the common good of each citizen transcend personal and political preference. May their leading of our state stand before us as a testimony to integrity and morality and to the principles upon which this nation and our sovereign state were founded. Hear this prayer, oh God, for to You be glory and honor now and forever in the name of Your son, Jesus. Amen."

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

Davis, W.: "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 Hartke and Scully are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Rich Myers is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 115 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk. Representative Kelly, did you wish to call House Bill 1415? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Representative Ryg, did

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you wish to call House Bill 3061? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Franks, did you wish to call House Bill 209? Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Rose, did you wish to call House Bill 3493? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. 3493."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3493, a Bill for an Act in rela... in relation to methamphetamine. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3493 would create a statewide crystal Methamphetamine Manufacturing Cleanup Fund. Amendments that have been adopted would provide that the Environmental Protection Agency would administer that fund and that anyone convicted of a crystal methamphetamine ar... methamphetamine-related offense would pay a minimum fine of \$5 into that fund. The idea is that local units of government could then apply to that fund for a grant to help cost the cover of methamphetamine cleanup. These methamphetamine manufacturing labs are deemed hazardous waste sites and therefore local units of government often incur... have to incur exorbitant costs, on average, about \$5 thousand to clean up these methamphetamine manufacturing labs as the special waste haulers or specially licensed environmental waste haulers have to be called in to provide the cleanup. And this would simply help them recoup some of their costs. I would urge passage of the Bill and thank the Speaker."

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Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Is there any discussion? 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. There being 114 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Daniels. Mr. Daniels, did you wish to call House 76? House Bill 76. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 76, a Bill for an Act concerning disabilities. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in discussions with the Speaker this is a shell it's bee... by Amendment #1 it was shelled. It's gonna be sent over to the Senate in the case we need additional Bills for the developmentally disabled. And with the approval of the Speaker, I seek your favorable support."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Mr. Turner voted? Has Representative Flowers voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 14 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Brosnahan, did you wish to call House Bill

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2215? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Capparelli, did you wish to call House Bill 9? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Forby on 3407? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Representative Kelly on 3427? Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. McKeon. Mr. McKeon. Mr. McKeon, did you wish to call House Bill 3396? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3396, a Bill for an Act concerning labor relations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McKeon."

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3396 is modeled after a piece of legislation in New York that simplifies the manner in which elections may be held to certify a collective bargaining agent, and how those elections can be reviewed by the... by the state prior to the certification of that unit or election. It actually returns our law to its original form when it was originally passed many decades ago. And I urge your 'aye' vote. I'll answer any questions the Members have. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, this... this Bill, as I understand it, expedites the certification process, for lack of a better

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word. In other words, if... if the union bargaining representative has 51 percent signed cards, then they want to move right to the process. They... they want to bypass the election. Correct?"

McKeon: "That's correct. And it has to be certified from a list with signatures provided by the employer and there're provisions..."

Black: "Most... most employers, obviously, want to proceed with the election. This represents a considerable change in... in current State Law. Would that be safe to assume?"

McKeon: "Well, actually, it returns the State Law to its original... the original laws, as it was originally written."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. The... the collective bargaining process, while I personally maintain it's just a... another way of doing business, I've heard from many people in my district that say they are not ready to simply recognize a bargaining unit based on a number of signed cards that would indicate that the union certainly has 51 percent of the employees. Many of them have called me and said that subsequent to an election, some people have been known to change their mind. That the company may be able to present their side of the collective bargaining issue, and that an election often does not to follow the number that have signed cards indica... indicating their willingness or their agreement to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with a specified union. It's for that reason that I would rise, at this time, in opposition to the Bill and would request a

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verification, should the Bill receive the requisite number of votes."

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 sh... the Clerk shall take the record. On this question there are 67 'ayes', 48 'noes'. There was a request for a verification. We need the Members to be in their chairs and the staff in the rear of the chamber. We need Members to be in their chairs, staff to be in the rear of the chamber. Mr. Clerk, read the names of those who voted 'yes'. Mr. Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, I think it's close. But there's no reason to prolong this, withdraw the verification."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Black. On this question, there are 67 'ayes', 48 'noes'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Miller, did you wish to call House Bill 520? Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Saviano, did you wish to call House Bill 2772? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2772, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2772 is the proposed vehicle for the heal... fairness in health contracting. We're gonna have an agreed Amendment or a series of agreed Amendments on this issue, but we

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wanted to get this over to the Senate so they could continue to receive the Amendments. I don't want it sitting here 'til the last minute waiting for it this week, so I would ask for your favorable vote. It is a shell Bill and it's regarding the fairness in health contracting. And I would ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves 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: "Representative, is Humana, the Life Insurance Council and the Illinois Chamber still opposed to your underlying Bill?"

Saviano: "There is no underlying Bill. We shelled the Bill and in fact I was just on the phone with the HMO Illinois health people as of 10 minutes ago and everybody's in favor of moving this on to the Senate as a vehicle as it's amended."

Parke: "And ultimately, what are you looking to have done? What would you like to see happen on this ultimately?"

Saviano: "Ultimately and I think it has been done, we've gotten everybody together it's just a matter of finalizing the language and putting everybody in sync because we've got a series of health plans that all have to sign off on it. It's been circulated and I'm just waiting for them to get back to myself and the other parties."

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Parke: "So, you think that Humana, the Illinois Life Insurance Council and the Illinois Chamber have all indicated that it's okay to move it to the Senate?"

Saviano: "Yes, that's their intention."

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? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 80 people voting 'yes', 33 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we would like to introduce a new Member. You'll recall that Representative Joel Brunsvold resigned at the end of last week. We're very pleased to have with us his replacement who was selected over the weekend, new State Representative Pat Verschoore. Pat Verschoore."

Verschoore: "I'm... Thank you. Thank you. I know I have very big shoes to fill and I'm going to do my best. I'm happy to be here and I'm gonna try and work with everyone. And if I get too out of line just slap me a little bit and get me back. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke, did you wish to call House Bill 1318? 1318. Mr. Parke, do you wish to call the Bill? Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have another Amendment to file and so we will be filing that shortly."

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Speaker Madigan: "Thank you. Mr. Saviano. Mr. Saviano. Mr. Wait. Mr. Saviano, House Bill 184. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 184, a Bill for an Act in relation to animals. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. As the chamber may remember last week, we put the Amendment on this Bill which took... we've been working on this Bill actually from last summer, and it was a conglomeration of all of the animal welfare groups in this State, the Illinois Veterinarian Association. The Cook County State's Attorneys Office acted as our point... people to help us chronologically put this Bill in order. This is a long time coming, I think everybody knows what it does by now after explaining the Amendment. This is something that we have needed in this state for a long, long time. And that is to hold owners accountable for the actions of their dogs, and it's a reoccurring problem. It started in my district a year ago February when a 10-year-old boy was mauled by a Rottweiler while riding his bike and the local police department charged the dog owner with a crime that just didn't fit to show some accountability. When it got to court the Cook County State's Attorneys Office had to dismiss the case because there was just nothing in State statute that allowed for this accommodation to hold that dog owner responsible for the injuries and the severe injuries that were inflicted on this 10-year-old child.

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So, together with all the groups in this state, the animal wardens, the animal shelters, the Cook County State's Attorneys Office we were able to put together a piece of legislation that's been a long time coming and I'm personally proud to be part of that group to work to this culmination. And I would ask for your favorable vote for House Bill 184. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate. We've had one proponent, we'll have two more proponents, and we'll have three people in response. Mr. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of House Bill 184. I just wanted to compliment Representative Saviano for all his hard work on this Bill. I had an incident that occurred in my district in the past six months or so when a friend of mine was mauled... and was killed by a pack of wild pit bulls. And that's how this came to my attention. But Representative Saviano's been working long and hard on this legislation for well over a year. I think he did a just a wonderful job bringing the parties together in a result we have legislation that is reasonable. This legislation is about responsibility, it's about accountability. And, hopefully the end result to this legislation is gonna save lives and that's what we should be doing. Again, I rise in support of this Bill and urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, again the Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate. Two people have spoken in

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support of the Bill, there'll be one more in support, and three people in response. Mr. Boland."

Boland: "Thank...thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in strong support of this Bill. This is a problem that really exists probably all over the nation. Right across the river from us in neighboring Iowa, Davenport, Iowa, there was a woman whose face was literally almost mauled off by some loose, vicious dogs. I'm sure all of the Members here maybe have experienced this in their walking in either campaigns or distributing literature or so forth. I know I had an experience just a week... or a month ago I was out in a neighborhood and had dropped a piece of literature at one house and just as I crossed the street to go to another house, two very large, loose Rottweilers came running around the side of the house. And there were little children in the area, I, of course, immediately called the police, but still we do need to make this a strong enough penalty and a penalty on the owners that do not take proper care of their dogs, and make sure that the public is protected. So, I would hope that all of us would stand in strong support of this Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate. All of those permitted as proponents have spoken. We have two people seeking recognition. Mr. Watson, are you standing in response? Mr. Watson."

Watson: "I just have a question."

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Speaker Madigan: "All right. The Gentleman has a question of the Sponsor. Mr. Saviano, a question."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Watson: "Mr. Saviano, just a point of clarification. Is the micro... the calls I've gotten about this Bill concern the micro chipping is that in or out?"

Saviano: "As I said when I attached the Amendment, we have removed the mandatory micro chipping in these animals. After talking to the Farm Bureau, downstate Legislators, we made it permissive by county. So, the... the more rural counties obviously, aren't going to even take a look at this."

Watson: "Sure."

Saviano: "Maybe, your more urban counties make take a look at it."

Watson: "All right. Thank you. And I do want to add as Representative Stephens said that he just had an incident like this yesterday, so I appreciate your leadership in this."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brady, do you stand in response? Question, Mr. Brady."

Brady: "...Mr. Speaker. Representative Saviano, regarding follow-up to Representative Watson there, it's not mandating any longer about the chip. However, it is gonna be left up to individual counties to make this decision, county boards, is that correct?"

Saviano: "That's entirely correct."

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Brady: "Okay. And so... the county, whatever county we're talking about dealing with this is going to make the determination whether they're going to mandate the chip aspect of this particular piece of legislation into a county ordinance, correct?"

Saviano: "That's correct."

Brady: "Okay. 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? Have all voted who wish? Has Representative Flowers voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 107 people voting 'yes', 8 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Turner. Arthur Turner, did you wish to call House Bill 213? 213. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. For what purpose does Representative Lou Jones seek recognition?"

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to... the... my colleagues to know that today is my seatmate's birthday, Chuck Jefferson, he is 25 today."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Collins, did you wish to call House Bill 1182? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Is Mr. Hoffman in the chamber? Did you wish to call House Bill 2782? 2782. 2782. I'm sorry, 2784. 2784. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2784, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Representative Nekritz, did you wish to call House Bill 2486? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2486, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2486, creates the Illinois Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act. This legislation establishes a new state crime by making it offense to use force or the threat of force to prevent or interfere with access to a reproductive health services facility. It also prohibits nonviolent physical obstruction of access to reproductive health services facilities. This legislation is nearly identical to the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act that was signed into law in 1994. The Federal FACE Law has been successful in adjusting some clinic blockades, arsons, bombings, and vandalism. The violence has continued, however. And we heard testimony in committee on this Bill that in recent years the incidents of intimidation and physical interference are on the increase. If this Bill passes Illinois will join 14 other states and the District of Columbia in enacting its own FACE legislation. This will open up much needed access to local law enforcement and state courts to ensure that this

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illegal conduct is stopped. There have been 1st Amendment concerns raised about this legislation. Let me assure you that this legislation addresses conduct, not speech and as such does not violate the right to free speech. In fact, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the Federal Clinic Access Law on which this Bill is based, does not violate the 1st Amendment. In the case of United States v. Wilson the Seventh Circuit citing U.S. v. Soderna stated that under the 1st Amendment individuals are allowed to engage in peaceful nontrespassory picketing which does not deprive others of their personal liberty or property rights, but the Amendment does not extend its protection to the next step where the picketer physically impedes entry to the picketed premises. House Bill 2486 is an important piece of legislation that respects our Constitution while protecting those who are seeking access to health care services. And I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

The Bill is on the Order of Standard Debate. Mr. Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Sacia: "Ms. Nekritz, would you explain the... whether a person were walking on a sidewalk say in front of an abortion clinic and challenge, not challenge, strike that word and approach an individual that was walking in. There was no physical contact, but just an effort on part of the pro-life individual to discuss the issue with the young lady. What would be the consequences? Assuming that they... that

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the lady who was entering or walking towards the abortion clinic was physically stopped but there was no contact. In other words, somebody stepped in front of that individual and requested to talk to her about alternatives."

Nekritz: "If... if the individual, if the person approaching the young woman coming into the... into the clinic does not obstruct her... her... her path I would say that there would be no consequences. If he or she simply walked up beside her, tried to hand her some information or tried to talk to her as she's entering the clinic, there would... there... that would not violate this particular piece that this... this statute. On the other hand, if he or she obstructed her... her access and tried to stand in front of her or stop her, then yes, that would constitute a violation under this Act."

Sacia: "So, in other words, if... if, I guess the key word here is 'obstruct'. How do we interpret 'obstruct'? There's no physical contact, but yet an individual wants to share with that person some information, obviously pro-life information, is that person then charged with some type of obstruction and does it become an attorney general issue? Is that what I understand?"

Nekritz: "Well, it does not become... under this Act it would become a matter for the state's attorneys. But 'physical obstruction' is defined in the legislation as rendering ingress to or egress from a reproductive heal... health services facility impassable or rendering passage to or from that service unreasonably difficult or hazardous. So

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there is a standard under the legislation but... it... it could constitute a crime."

Sacia: "Again, my concern is if a person is attempting to make what I would consider reasonable efforts to talk to the young lady and the young lady or... or an associate of the young lady says something to the effect, 'officer, I want this person arrested for obstructing.' And there has been no physical contact, is that person subject to arrest?"

Nekritz: "If... if he or she has obstructed and stood in the way of the person trying to gain access to the clinic, I would say yes. If he has merely approached her from the side and tried to hand her some information and has not physically stood in the way, then I would say that that's not a crime."

Sacia: "But if I stood in front of that..."

Nekritz: "You stand in the way."

Sacia: "...individual and... and she physically stopped for even however, momentous amount of time, I could be charged with obstruction?"

Nekritz: "Yes. I would say yes."

Sacia: "Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

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Black: "Representative, I... I appreciate the right of free speech about as much as anybody in here, having been the Minority all but two years since I've been here. There's nothing that I hold anymore sacred. However, your Bill being called at 4:45 p.m. on a Monday afternoon when we've been in Session about 40 minutes and nobody's really paying any attention is not when I wish this Bill would be called. Let me ask you a question. If someone in my district went to a clinic that performed a legal abortion and wanted to hand out a pamphlet and stood on the sidewalk, a number... number of feet, your Bill doesn't say how many feet, but a number of feet away from the... the clinic entrance and simply stands his or her ground as a woman is going up towards the clinic and says, 'May I hand you this pamphlet? And may I ask you to consider what you're doing?' An escort runs out from the clinic, grabs the young woman or the woman's arm and says, 'You don't have to talk to him or her.' The person in my district says, 'All I wanted to do was to hand them a pamphlet and ask them to consider other options or alternatives.' The escort from the clinic then says, 'You're harassing us. Officer, officer, I don't have to put up with this, this person is harassing me.' The person has done nothing. What does your Bill then say I may be charged with?"

Nekritz: "I... I would contend, Sir, that the Bill does not charge that person with anything. Harassing or talking to someone under this piece of legislation does not constitute a crime and it does not impinge on anyone's 1st Amendment

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rights. What it prohibits is physical obstruction or physical interference with access to a clinic."

Black: "The language put out by Planned Parenthood states, 'an offense involving exclusively a nonviolent physical obstruction.' I'm standing on the sidewalk, I want to hand a pamphlet, nonviolent physical obstruction. The first violation is a Class C misdemeanor. I can do 30 days in jail and be fined \$15 hundred for standing perfectly still on a sidewalk reaching my hand out to say, 'Would you please take this pamphlet and read it before you go in?' And an escort can say, 'You are interfering with me' and call an officer of the law. I don't see where the language of the Bill gives the oci... officer of the law a great deal of leeway in this situation."

Nekritz: "I... I don't believe that it would... I don't believe it would be up to the... the escort to determine whether or not there had been an obstruction. I think it would be... I think the... under your example the person handing out the pamphlet would have to do more than simply stand still. You would have to actually, he or she would have to, phys... physically obstruct and try and get in the way of the person gaining access to the clinic."

Black: "Yeah, I... Representative, I have great respect for you. I... I think you're going to be here a long time and... and you sponsor very good legislation and you're one of... I don't say this to very many freshman, but I have a hunch that you read your legislation, you read your analysis. You're very well prepared. But one of the things that you'll learn

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around here is when any of us say, 'I don't believe the Bill does that' that... that is a great leap of faith. It's how that Bill is drafted and how it will be interpreted by a court of law. It may not be your intent. It may not be what you believe. But as I read it, all it takes is somebody to accuse someone of a nonviolent, physical obstruction. That's a Class C misdemeanor. That person, then accused, is going to have to hire an attorney because they're gonna go to court. If they don't hire an attorney the taxpayer will have to hire a public defender at... at taxpayer expense to defend that person. Because the first offense can be 30 days in jail or \$15 hundred. A second violation is a Class B misdemeanor, up to 6 months in jail and a \$15 hundred fine. And it also allows for civil relief, so obviously, you can be sued. Now, I don't think you and I would have any disagreement on someone who physically restrains a person, who prevents you or tries physically to prevent you from entering that clinic or God forbid strikes you in any way or puts a picket sign in front of you or physically prevents you from exercising what is a legal op... and... and lawful procedure that you are going to go in and discuss with a physician. I... I... I don't... I don't have any empathy for people who would physically restrain you, try to harm you any way, absolutely block your entrance to that clinic by laying down in front of you, by parking a vehicle, by doing anything that can physically deny your right of access. Where this Bill, I think, has a potential problem is that

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it is... it grants a great deal of leeway to an officer of the court as to what may or may not constitute a nonviolent obstruction of your right of access. And to be charged with a Class C misdemeanor when perhaps all that individual was doing was reaching out to hand the pamphlet, making no attempt to stand in your road, to physically bar access or to do anything to grab you or to harm you in any way you're giving in this Bill, in my opinion, I know you don't agree, but in my opinion your giving an officer of the court tremendous leeway to make a decision on what that person may be charged with. I'm not a constitutional scholar and I know that will be for the courts to decide. But I do think if you explain to somebody standing on a curb and attempting to hand a pamphlet may result in you being charged with a Class C misdemeanor, may have a very chilling effect, although I don't think it's your intent. It may have a very chilling effect on what I consider to be that person's right. Just as the person going in the clinic has right of access, the person who doesn't agree has the right of free speech. It's a very fine line you're attempting to... to walk. Now, I understand that you think you're walking it correctly and in concert with the Constitution. I, on the other hand, feel that it's such a fine line I'm not willing to give that line, at this point in my life, to an officer of the court. And I intend to vote 'no' on your Bill."

Nekritz: "And Representative, if I could just respond for a minute. It isn't... it isn't just my feeling that this... that

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this particular language protects the 1st Amendment, it's also the opinion of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. And this... this... this Bill does mirror the feder... federal legislation which has been in effect for nine years now. And I don't think that the courts are being overburdened with cases that... of the nature that you're talking about."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, again, the matter is on the Order of Standard Debate. We've had two people in response. There shall be one more. The following people are seeking recognition: Parke and Stephens. So there will one more in response. Mr. Parke, you were the first one seeking recognition. Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question. Are there many people wishing to speak?"

Speaker Madigan: "As I just said, you and Mr. Stephens."

Parke: "And that's it?"

Speaker Madigan: "Yes."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "What's the difference between your Bill and the Federal Freedom of Access to Clinic's legislation?"

Nekritz: "This... this particular Bill mirrors the... the Federal Act, but it would allow access to state... to local law enfor... greater access to local law enforcement and the state courts for enforcement."

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Parke: "Well, it is my understanding that this is more intrusive in terms of your den... definition. You state that the level of threat of the crimes of 2003... 2 and 2003 remain unacceptably high. That's stated in your Bill. Can you tell me how many of these crimes occurred during the years of 2002 and up to this point in 2003?"

Nekritz: "I... I don't have a specific number, Representative. We did hear testimony..."

Parke: "Five?"

Nekritz: "...we did hear..."

Parke: "A hundred?"

Nekritz: "I... I don't... I don't know. We did hear testimony from some clinic providers during committee that indicated that the incidents are on the... are on the increase."

Parke: "Well, I... I climbed... claimed that, in fact, there are not the threat of a lot of crimes. I think that that's rhetoric that some people want you to believe. Also, can you give examples of nonviolent physical obstruction that intentionally injures someone?"

Nekritz: "I'm sorry."

Parke: "Can you give me some example of nonviolent physical obstruction that intentionally injures someone? I mean, you're trying to stop some terrible thing of allowing a person to talk to somebody who wants to seek an abortion, if that is a obstruction what is 'intentionally injures someone'? Isn't that in your Bill somewhere? It says that you... want to stop that. And if so, what is that?"

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Nekritz: "Well, I think that would be physically standing... physically standing between someone and intimidating them. And that could cause..."

Parke: "Intentionally injures someone. Has anybody been injured?"

Nekritz: "Not in... not in that particular instance, no."

Parke: "Oh, okay. So in fact, nobody's been injured as far as you're aware of?"

Nekritz: "But it goes on... the Bill goes on to say 'that by nonviolent physical obstruction intentionally injures, intimidates or interferes with.' And those things can all happen, are all happening."

Parke: "Well, according... according to the Federal Freedom of Access to Clinics they can do that. They can come and talk to people."

Nekritz: "I... and I would say under this legislation that they can come and talk to them, too. They just can't stand in front of the... they cannot stand between the person trying to gain access and the door."

Parke: "Well, if someone... let me ask you, what is the position of the state's attorney association on this legislation?"

Nekritz: "The state's attorney had originally had an objection because they were... there was some duplicate jurisdiction between the attorney general and the state's attorneys on some of the enforcement provisions. We adopted an Amendment last week that removed the state's attorney's objections."

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Parke: "Well, you know, since we don't know of any real violent obstruction of people seeking the right to have an abortion, by people who want at least ask them to take... a minute to think about what their actions are, to read a brochure about their actions that they're gonna... about to take. Would you consider an Amendment that would include war presters... war pres... protesters the same penalties?"

Nekritz: "This is... this is specifically limited to clinic entrances and I..."

Parke: "Well, wait, wait, wait. Why would you allow an Amendment to say war prest... protesters can't doing what you're doing?"

Nekritz: "...I don't think that the war prester... war protesters are gonna have an impact on people trying to gain access to a clinic."

Parke: "I would say that war protesters are doing a lot more than just saying don't support the war. Their laying down in the middle of the roads. Why would you allow..."

Nekritz: "And they were arrested for doing so."

Parke: "What's that?"

Nekritz: "They were arrested on Lake Shore Drive for doing..."

Parke: "Not all the people are arrested."

Nekritz: "Well, I can't help... I can't help that the police..."

Parke: "There was peaceful... under the Constitution they have a right to talk to people, that's a const... a right under our Constitution to do that."

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Nekritz: "And I would agree with you. And this Bill protects their 1st Amendment rights to talk to people going into a clinic. This prohibits conduct, not speech."

Parke: "Well, I contend that your Bill does not do that."

Nekritz: "Well, you..."

Parke: "Your Bill intimidates the... the that want to the people who are about to seek an abortion. In fact, we know that... To the Bill. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Those of you who support abortion rights will not be changed. Those of us that sup... do oppose abortion rights will not change much. I'm gonna talk to the handful of people who are probably trying to struggle to decide whether or not this is the right kind of legislation for the State of Illinois to have. I... I strongly rise in opposition. This is a infringement on the... on the rights of citizens to talk to other citizens of this state. This is a... this is a... intrusion on our constitutionally-given rights. The Sponsor says her intent is to do this. Her Sponsor said her intent is to do that. But in fact, we say that there is a lot more in this legislation than she has told us she intends to do. I believe, that ultimately, this will be ruled unconstitutional. And I would rise and say that, in fact, that as a human being, as an individual each and everyone of us has the right to come and talk to another citizen. That doesn't mean that that citizen has to listen. But we have a right to stand in front of them and say, 'hey, have you thought about this? Did you think this is the right thing to do?' Ladies and Gentlemen, I

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think that is a constitutionally-given right. And this Bill will intimidate those people who feel so strongly about their issue, as the other side feels strongly about their issue. This is not the way to do it. This, in fact, is unconstitutional in my opinion. And I strongly rise in opposition. And I..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, I would like to have a verification of the Roll Call if this gets the required number."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. As I've explained previously, this matter is on the Order of Standard Debate. We've had one for the Bill and three in response. Now, the following people are seeking recognition: Mr. Stephens, Mr. Washington and Mr. Mulligan. And we have used our... Mr. Washington, do you stand in support of the Bill?"

Washington: "Yes, I do."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Washington in support. Mr. Washington, in support."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor relinquish?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Washington: "Elaine, let me... let me just raise a few question so I make sure I understand it for my... myself. In a democracy there's a choice, that's what we have is a democracy, being able to make the choices. Right? So, what your Bill is saying that those individuals, whoever they may be who choose to go in a legitimate legal place of business that is constitutionally sanctioned as a business

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or whatever it may be, legal, that they have the right to have access. Now, the way I consider an obstruction is anything in the path of that I cannot either step aro... over go around or get it to move out of my way to give me clear access to my intended destination. Would you agree with that?"

Nekritz: "I... I would agree that... that some... someone standing in the way or preventing access... is... isn't..."

Washington: "Is an obstruction."

Nekritz: "...is in fact, interfering with, under the definition this... as defined in this Bill."

Washington: "You... you're saying it would be an obstruction? Okay. This is the way I see the scenario of your Bill. You tell me if I... if I'm off centered. If I'm going into some place and someone in there and we engage in conversation, and I'm steady moving, not being stopped, but moving, talking and walking. And if the person positions himself in front of me to make it clearly not easy for me to get there. And I say, 'Excuse me, ya know, I appreciate your point of view but you're blocking my way.' Now, the first thing is a warning, to ask the person, please, would you let me go through? Now, if that person continues on with the compassion and the rights that they... that they have to voice an opinion about whatever it is that we're talking about, that right is still... still being able to be... exhausted out. But at the same time, the person who's going in somewhere's right is being obstructed. That is clearly, I think, the nature of your Bill that's just

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saying, look there choices made and anybody who makes a choice should be able to make that choice free of obstruction. Do I have that correct?"

Nekritz: "I'm... Representative, I would say that again, I would agree with you that this Bill does not prohibit speech. It does not prohibit the attempt to talk to someone. It does prohibit interfering physically with someone's access. So..."

Washington: "To the Bill, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I stand in support of the Bill for these reasons only. Not speculating the total physical place that maybe Elaine had in mind in putting the Bill together what is abortion and not. I didn't put that spin on it. I didn't put that spin on it. I figure any American has the right to go to a place that is legitimately doing business under the laws of the State of Illinois and be free of obstruction. And I think once you tell anyone that you know, thank you for your for your opinion, have a good day and try to move on, if they continue to be there then I think it is... it is a course for civil action. But I think access, equal access and equal opportunity should be given to anybody regardless of their point of view. So I stand in support of this Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen the last person to speak will be Representative Mulligan. Mulligan. Mulligan."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

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Mulligan: "Representative, are the definitions in this Bill fairly clear?"

Nekritz: "Yes, they are, Representative."

Mulligan: "So, it actually provides what 'intimidation' is, what 'assault and battery' is? You can intimidate someone with assault without ever touching them, correct?"

Nekritz: "Well, the legal definition of 'assault' would be a touching. But yes, but you can."

Mulligan: "All right, so..."

Nekritz: "It... it does define 'interference with' and... and what that means."

Mulligan: "So, what you're doing is what we've tried to do with this law in the past, is codify the Federal Law and give... states legal authorities the right to do something about it. Because sometimes when intimidation is going on it takes a long time for a federal authority to be at the place in time to do something about it or to prevent intimidation of someone that it has the right to privacy and the right to move forward into a clinic if they so desire?"

Nekritz: "Absolutely correct."

Mulligan: "Are they also intimidating employees of that facility who may want to be entering?"

Nekritz: "Yes."

Mulligan: "Is it not true in the past that we have had doctors, nurses, employees of facilities both murdered and maimed because, around the country, because people who they

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thought were going to be nonviolent turned violent and were right on top of people?"

Nekritz: "Yes."

Mulligan: "So, isn't it right for people to feel intimidated when there are people in their face as far as walking into a building or doing something? And isn't it right for the State of Illinois to provide by law for the public welfare, health and safety of the people that we represent?"

Nekritz: "I... I would agree with you. And... and I... and again I'll reiterate that I... this Bill does protect their 1st Amendment rights but prohibits the conduct that you're speaking of."

Mulligan: "So, in other words, what you're doing is you're allowing demonstrators to continue to protest peacefully, as long it's peacefully. You're allowing them to stand out and picket as long as they don't get into someone's face and block their entry, either as a worker, a janitor, a woman that's seeking services, anybody that is willing to enter that building even if it's someone else in the building who has nothing to do with the clinic in that building, are we not seeking to protect those people and their right to enter peacefully?"

Nekritz: "Yes."

Mulligan: "So, wouldn't it be the good thing for people to vote in order to protect the health, welfare and safety of the people that we represent here in Illinois?"

Nekritz: "I couldn't agree more, Representative."

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Mulligan: "To the Bill. I commend this speaker for once again going forward with this Bill because there are many people that are involved in access to a clinic or a building that houses a clinic. In many instances part of the intimidation is so that no one else will put their medical practice or their services of another business in a building were there having to house a clinic. That also impedes the process of someone having a clinic in a certain building which we've had in our area. Also, in a local hospital in our area, protesters broke in and blocked an elevator that was trying to take a preemie up for... a preemie baby up for surgery. They blocked it long enough so that it was in jeopardy of the child. I think there is a right to peaceful access for someone to move forward privately to do something that they wish to do. I think it is right for the people of Illinois, no matter what your feelings are on abortion or reproductive rights, to protect the people that we represent to lawful access and to move... be able to move forward in and out of a building, whether it is under protest for a union, whether it is in protest for a clinic. But we have a right to make laws that protect the welfare, health and safety of people that both serve, work and live in... live in a building that may house other facilities, and to also protect the privacy of rights that someone goes... that goes to seek a medical solution to something that may not be the most pleasant, or may be there for an entirely different reason because it's a

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clinic that provides women's health services. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

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. Bradley voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this... on this question, there are 64 'ayes' and 49 'noes'. I believe there was a request for a verification. Is that true, Mr. Clerk? All right. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we need everybody in their seats. We need the staff in the rear of the chamber. We need all Members in their seats. We need the staff in the rear of the chamber. We need Mr. Black to resume his seat." "Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Davis, please take your seats. Mr. Clerk, read the names of those who voted 'yes'. Mr. Fritchey, in your chair, please."

Clerk Rossi: "Poll of those voting in the affirmative..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Molaro, please sit down."

Clerk Rossi: "Representatives Acevedo; Bailey; Bassi; Beaubien; Berrios; Boland; Burke; Chapa LaVia; Collins; Colvin; Coulson; Cross; Currie; Davis, M.; Davis, S.; Davis, W.; Delgado; Dunkin; Feigenholtz; Flowers; Franks; Fritchey; Giles; Graham; Granberg; Hamos; Hannig; Hoffman; Holbrook; Howard; Jakobsson; Jefferson; Lou Jones; Kelly; Krause; Kurtz; Lang; Leitch; Lindner; Mathias; Mautino; May; McKeon; Mendoza; Miller; Molaro; Morrow; Mulligan; Munson; Nekritz; O'Brien; Osterman; Rita; Ryg; Slone; Smith; Soto;

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Sullivan; Turner; Verschoore; Washington; Yarbrough;
Younge, and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke, questions?"

Parke: "Thank you. Representative Giles."

Speaker Madigan: "Giles."

Parke: "Giles, I meant, sorry."

Speaker Madigan: "Remove Mr. Giles."

Parke: "Representative Dunkin."

Speaker Madigan: "Dunkin, remove Mr. Dunkin."

Parke: "Representative Davis, Monique."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady's in her chair."

Parke: "Oh, hi. Representative Lou Jones."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady's in her chair."

Parke: "Thank you, Lou, hi. Okay, just a second. Thank you,
Mr. Speaker, I have no further."

Speaker Madigan: "On this question, there are 62 'ayes', 49
'noes'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional
Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what is
the status of House Bill 3562? 3562."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3562 is on the Order of House
Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Second Reading.
Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 1104? 1104 on
page 31 of the Calendar."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1104 is on the Order of House
Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Madigan: "Read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1104, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Human Services. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I wish once again to thank the Speaker. This is a shell Bill on the issue of developmental disabilities. And working with the Speaker, we've agreed to send this over to the Senate, continue our work in the area of the developmentally disabilities. I ask your favorable support."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor of the passage of the Bill vote 'aye'; those opposed vote '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 98 'ayes', 16 'noes'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Molaro, are you prepared to call House Bill 373? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 373, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Molaro."

Molaro: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is cleanup language. When we passed the Bill, it might have been, about a last year, that talked about highway maintenance workers, highway maintainers used to be called minute men. There were 24 of these highway maintainers that we let into

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the alternative formula. All this did is we forgot, unfortunately, we left behind Department of Transportation workers that are called sign hangers. There's about 20 of 'em that we thought when we wrote the last Bill they would be part of it and they weren't. And this now, this language makes those 20 individuals part of it. And that's what the Bill does."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There be 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? Has Representative Younge voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 105 people voting 'yes', 10 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Forby. Mr. Forby, did you wish to call House Bill 3407? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill? 3407."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3407, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Forby, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Amendment, the Chair recognizes Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 simply amends our 'do-not-call' let... registry. Last year we passed the 'do-not-call' registry on the state level, and the ICC is in the process of putting it together."

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Subsequently, the FTC, the Federal Trade Commission, passed a... a 'do-not-call' registry. What this does is it makes sure that we don't have to expend money to duplica... duplicate the federal efforts. In other words, we'll be able to use the federal... Federal Trade Commission's data base, we won't have to create one, and this is merging the two systems so that we will have a 'do-not-call' registry that can be used at a lesser cost to Illinois citizens."

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

Black: "Thank you very much. Will the Sponsor of the Amendment yield for a question?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Is it Representative Forby or Representative Hoffman?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hoffman is recognized because of his superior intellect."

Black: "Representative..."

Hoffman: "Relative to what?"

Black: "Representative, this is a Bill that you and I have been working on for about three years. And all the Amendment does is to put it in synch with the... I didn't think either one of us would live long enough to see a federal registry, but it looks like it's actually going to happen. So, the Amendment simply puts Illinois in concert and in harmony with the Federal Trade Commission 'do-not-call' list."

Hoffman: "Plus, it allows us not to expend the dollars to..."

Black: "Right."

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Hoffman: "...to do our own. So, we can take the FTC database and make it our own."

Black: "All right. And, if there is anyone... if you're looking for a reason to support this Amendment, the underlying Bill's a good Bill that Representative Hoffman and I have worked on for about three years. But, the reason I stand in strong support of this Amendment is it has the backing of the Illinois Attorney General. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Fritchey."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Fritchey: "And I know I've worked with the previous speaker and yourself to pass this last Session. I guess the more basic question is if the Feds are gonna do this now, why wouldn't we just repeal the previous action that we took?"

Hoffman: "Well, in large part, this... this does. But it allows us to use their database... and I believe that we... that it's my understanding that we still have a more stringent 'do-not-call' list and exclusions than do the Feds. So, this would allow us to use the Federal Trade Commission's database, would remove some of the consumer registration fees, remove some of the costs to the ICC, and still have... have a state-of-the-art 'do-not-call' registry."

Fritchey: "So, with all the loopholes that we had, ours is still stricter than the federal Bill?"

Hoffman: "Yes, and it's my understanding that the Illinois regist... reg... Illinois resi... residents will still be able to register through the ICC, as well as through the FTC."

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Fritchey: "And I know what you're trying to do, but I guess, if there's a federal... if there's a federal 'do-not-call' list are we making more work for ourselves than we need to? If they're registered with us, we're gonna have to turn around and give that information to the Feds anyway, as opposed to just having them just register with the Feds to start with. I mean I guess..."

Hoffman: "Well..."

Fritchey: "...when we're trying to save money and we're trying to eliminate excessive spending, if the Federal Government's going to come in and do all these things, why not just let them do it and take the employees that would be doing this and have them do other jobs?"

Hoffman: "I think that if that were the case the ICC, AARP, the Attorney General's Office, and IRMA would not be in support of this. I don't believe that this is gonna cost us additional dollars. What we're going to do is allow us to maintain the FTC database as our own, so we won't have to set up our own database."

Fritchey: "Fair enough, thank you."

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

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, how many times has the Bill been read?"

Clerk Rossi: "The Bill has been read on two occasions."

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Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading.

Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2552? 2552."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2552..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Rules Report."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Monday, March 31, 2003, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'to the floor for consideration' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 221; Floor Amendments 3 and 4 to House Bill 361; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 524; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1091; Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 1191; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1318; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1414; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1484; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1547; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1548; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2330; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2552; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2775; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2776; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2839; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2971; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3017; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3021; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3044; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3107; Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3387; Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3398, and Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3695."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 2552?"

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Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2552, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedures. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 was inserted to address the concerns of certain opponents of the Bill. And with this Amendment they are no longer opposed to the Bill. I'd respect its adoption."

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 Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, how many times has this Bill been read?"

Clerk Rossi: "The Bill has been read on two occasion."

Speaker Madigan: "Already?"

Clerk Rossi: "Yes."

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on Third Reading and read the Bill for a third time. The Clerk advises that the Bill was read for a second time today, so we'll simply put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Ken Dunkin from Chicago."

Dunkin: "Mr. Speaker, if you could... just a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

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Dunkin: "I'd like for the record to reflect that I'd like to be a 'yes' vote on House Bill 2486."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Dunkin the record will reflect your request, but of course the record's already been taken. But the record will indicate your request. And Mr. Dunkin while we have you, did you wish to call House Bill 3429? 3429."

Dunkin: "No."

Speaker Madigan: "Okay. Leave the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Bill Mitchell. Bill Mitchell, do you wish to call House Bill 374? Representative Monique Davis, did you wish to call House Bill 361? Representative Krause. Carolyn Krause, did you wish to call House Bill 3017? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. McAuliffe. Mr. McAuliffe. Mike McAuliffe, did you wish to call House Bill 2573? 2573."

McAuliffe: "There's Amendment in Rules. I believe there's an Amendment in Rules, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Okay. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2573, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "The... the Clerk indicates there are no Amendments. Mr. McAuliffe, were you expecting an Amendment?"

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McAuliffe: "Yes, I believe so. I checked on my computer, there's said there's an Amendment in Rules, Amendment #1."

Speaker Madigan: "Okay. So, the Clerk advises that the Amendment was filed today. So, you'll give us an opportunity to review that."

McAuliffe: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Saviano, did you wish to call House Bill 464? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 464, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 464 represents the rewrite of the Illinois Veterinarian Medicine Act of 2004. We have worked on this matter for the last two months, finally got everybody together. The Amendment that we put on last week represented the agreement between all the parties. And this is simply the rewrite under the sunset. And I would ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting... Mr. Black. 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', 4 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 361?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 361, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Monique Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Davis on Amendment #2."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #2 for 361 is a technical Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady 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 Rossi: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Monique Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Amendment #3, Mr. Speaker, defines the language of exactly what we want this Bill to do. It requires training and diver... for diversity of the State Police. It ask that cultural diversity and racial and ethnicity training be instituted in the training of our State Police. For our traffic stops, it asks from the January 1, 2004 'til December 31, 2007 that certain information be placed on a card or ticket that's issued and that the Department of Transportation will have this information compiled by a university statistical study group."

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Speaker Madigan: "The Lady 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 Rossi: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Monique Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #4 simply adds that the race of the officer is also included for the statistical study and this was asked by Members of the committee that it would be added on to this Amendment."

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 Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Schmitz, did you wish to call House Bill 1482? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1482, a Bill for an Act in relation to fireworks. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 1482 is gonna set some standards in Illinois in relation to licensing fireworks displayers. We all remember the tragedy that happened out on... out on the East Coast a few months ago where we lost over 90 people with an unlicensed show. This would set standards, this would require all the people that are gonna display pyrotechnics

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to go get a license from the State Fire Marshal's Office.
I'll answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

McCarthy: "Thank you. Representative Schmitz, would this
pertain to a out-of-state company that comes into our area
in order to demonstrate fireworks?"

Schmitz: "Yes, if they wanna... if they wanna perform a show in
the State of Illinois they must first apply for that
license through the State Fire Marshal's Office before they
could do that show."

McCarthy: "Okay. So, for companies that are currently doing it
with a lot of the municipalities, like in our area, is
there some kind of a built-in time for the... to get this
license? 'Cause this is a new... new Act, correct?"

Schmitz: "You're correct, this is a new Act. It's actually
going back from the old Act, which was enacted in the 30's.
This... once they get that one license, that's good for their
company and they could carry that license to each community
that they go to apply for their local permit."

McCarthy: "And does the company have a license and the
individuals who perform the performance have a license as
well or is it just a company thing?"

Schmitz: "It would be a company thing and the company would
have to show who their... who their personnel is and that

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they carry the proper credentials to... to actually do the show..."

McCarthy: "Okay. So, on their license they'd list like six names of people who would be able to be like the head person if they were gonna come to like Orland Park and do their performance?"

Schmitz: "That's correct."

McCarthy: "Thank you very much."

Schmitz: "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 Lindner voted? Lindner? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 97 people voting 'yes', 18 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Stephens, did you wish to call House Bill 3107? 3107, on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3107, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered Representative Stephens, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "On the Amendment? It adds to the Bill, provides that mirrors approved by the Department of Natural Resources shall be mounted at a location inside the motorboat allowing for the operator to observe the progress

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of a person being towed while safely and legally operating a motorboat. Provides that the mirrors shall be of type that recurve and reflect 180 degrees, the reflecting portion of the mirrors must be no less than 3 inches in width and 18 inches in length. This was a... a practical Amendment to a Bill that's trying to allow for a single skier and a single driver of a boat to enjoy the lakes of Illinois. Be glad to answer any questions."

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

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. The Chair would like to announce that it is the plan of the Chair to adjourn in the neighborhood of 6:30 tonight. 6:30 tonight. The plan is to work until about 6:30 tonight. Mr. Wirsing. Mr. Wirsing, did you wish to call House Bill 3036? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3036, a Bill for an Act concerning food animals. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Representative Berrios, did you wish to call House Bill 2522? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Boland. Mr. Boland. Is Mr. Boland in the chamber? Mr. Brosnahan, did you wish

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to call House Bill 1191? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1191, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Brosnahan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before we proceed on Amendment #3, I believe, well, I wanna withdraw Amendment #2."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Brosnahan, the Clerk advises that Amendment #2 is still in the Rules Committee."

Brosnahan: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "So, on Amendment #3, Mr. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #3 becomes the Bill. The Amendment simply removes the word 'person' from the definition of public hazard. And I would move for its adoption."

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

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli, did you wish to call House Bill 132? Representative Feigenholtz, did you wish to call House Bill 2311? The Lady indicates she does not wish to

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call the Bill. Representative Flowers, do you wish to call House Bill 1484? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill? 1484."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1484, a Bill for an Act concerning senior citizens. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #2 makes two changes. It gives the authority for the ombudsmen office, it puts it back in the Department of Aging. And the Bill also directs the Office of the State Long-Term Care to designate the regional representatives for the program. And that's all the Amendment does. And I move for the adoption."

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

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Daniels, did you wish to call House Bill 2880? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill? 2880."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2880, a Bill for an Act in relation to human services. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

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Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 2880 it creates a task force that's identical to the task force that was created that set up the Department of Human Services. Originally, when the Bill was filed it recreated and redid the Department of Human Services. In discussions with the Speaker's Office and with his assistance at drafting this Amendment this Amendment calls for a task force to study how the department's doing its work and then to determine exactly what would be handled in the future. I don't believe there's any opposition to this Amendment as amended and would seek your favorable support."

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? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 114 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Spe... Speaker, an inquiry of the Chair. The Sponsor referred several times to an Amendment as if he was discussing an Amendment that was being adopted. The vote that we took, obviously in your comments referred to a Third Reading of the Bill. Was this actually on an Amendment or was this final action on the Bill?"

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Speaker Madigan: "We just took final action on the Bill, but the Bill was dramatically changed by an Amendment. The Amendment was adopted on a previous day."

Fritchey: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Granberg. Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Jay Hoffman. Mr. McGuire, do you wish to call House Bill 2636? Mr. McGuire. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2636 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Hoffman, did you wish to call House Bill 1272? 1272. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Hannig in the Chair."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 1272, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1272 simply amends the Public Aid Code in relation to Medicaid reimbursement. The long-term care facilities to require the Department of Public Aid to adjust the facilities payment rates promptly after verifying the increased cost resulting from capital improvements. Currently, it takes until the... the reimbursement costs are only reflected the next year in the prior year's expenses. This will allow for the ability for long-term care facilities to receive their change in rates because of capital improvements on a quicker basis."

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Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Mulligan: "Representative, are you indicating with this Bill that you will force the Department of Human Services to pay a higher rate according to capital improvements in a nursing home?"

Hoffman: "It's my... it's my understanding that currently what happens is if you... if you make a capital improvement you can apply for a higher rate, but the rate is not reflected until the following year. This simply indicates that once you do the capital improvement you're... they must take into account the fact that the capital improvement was done and readjust... readjust your rates in a more timely fashion."

Mulligan: "So, what would this cover? If it's a privately home nursing home owned by a family consortium and they decide to double the capacity, can they then seek an increase from the department even though they've also created an asset for themselves?"

Hoffman: "This doesn't... this doesn't change any of the... this does not change what you are eligible for with regard to reimbur... readjustment of rates for capital improvements, it doesn't change that at all, Representative. All it does, is it changes the time period in which you will be reimbursed."

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Mulligan: "Well, how do you determine when you go to make the improvement what the reimbursement will be beforehand, will... do you negotiate that with the department?"

Hoffman: "It's my understanding that current law already indicates the method for doing that."

Mulligan: "I'm sorry, say again."

Hoffman: "It's my understanding that current law already indicates the... that a reasonable capital cost will be determined by the department by utilizing the current interest rates, the current value of the investment, et cetera. It is contained in the Bill on page 3, Section (b), subsections 1 and 2, that... this Bill does not change any of that. All this Bill indicates that in its cost reports required to be submitted to the Department of Public Aid a facility can document its increased cost of providing services resulting from the capital improvements made to the facility. They must verify the information promptly, the department must, instead of waiting 'til the next year. Then they can adjust the facility's payment rates promptly after verifying the facility's increased costs as a result of the capital improvements. What happens is, many times you'll see capital improvements at long-term care facilities that may be completed like in July or middle of July or in August, they are not going to receive the increase in rates then 'til the following fiscal year. However, if... if someone completes... if someone were to complete a capital project in June, then within a month their rates would be so reflected, it makes no sense.

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All this indicates is you can apply to the department for the increase in rates as a result of the capital improvement and they will... they are... they must adjust or increase your rates promptly."

Mulligan: "All right. I notice in the Bill it says, in its cost reports required to be submitted to the Department of Public Aid under this Article, a facility must document its increased cost of providing services resulting from capital improvements. Could you give me an example of a capital improvement that would increase the cost of services?"

Hoffman: "Well, if you were to add a... I guess a physical therapy wing to your nursing home, if you were to add additional beds to your nursing homes, all that is taken into account when determining rates. This does not change the formula for rates, all it does is says that they will taken into account promptly. I think the problem is, is that a institution of long-term care is essentially not... has no incentive to upgrade its facility for its residents immediately, its... they take their time and the upgrade ultimately is not complete until the end of a fiscal year cause their rates aren't going to be adjusted accordingly until that time."

Mulligan: "Do they have to have permission before they make a capital improvement that would say that it is going to improve the quality of care that would increase the cost of rates?"

Hoffman: "It's my understanding that the department must sign off as it is indicated on page 3, subsec... section (b). It

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lays out, I believe the elements that must be determined when determining what the reasonable capital cost that will... that will be... that will be reimbursed and put into the rates. So, the department definitely determines, that is indicated on line 24."

Mulligan: "Can the department determine that it does not?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

Mulligan: "So, it's..."

Hoffman: "If they don't believe it's a reasonable... a reasonable capital cost, they don't have to... have to put into the rate increase or decrease."

Mulligan: "All right. So, if they just increased bed space, why would that increase the amount of the reimbursement?"

Hoffman: "Well, because it would... it could take additional capital costs that would increase... increase the rates of reimbursement. Just like when they initially built the facility, capital costs were worked into the rate of reimbursement."

Mulligan: "Well, it seems very interesting that we're providing for an asset, particularly if it's one that's owned by a private entity to improvement by the rates that we're paying."

Hoffman: "Well, we're not changing anything in current law. We are not changing anything current law with regard to whether or not capital costs are built into rates. We're just saying that you're going to get 'em in a timely fashion, you don't have to wait 'til the next fiscal year."

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Mulligan: "Well, in some instances they've been waiting several years for some entities, because they do not consider it and I presume that it may be an argument between the certain nursing home and the Department of Public Aid. Also, I... in this time... in this particular time I... in one part I see an Amendment here that says subject to appropriations', which in my estimation are not going to be forthcoming right now."

Hoffman: "Well, it is... I understand the plight of the state, however, I think, if we get this into substantive law it'll... eventually we'll be able to insure the capital costs are built into the rates when we have sufficient funds."

Mulligan: "Is the department capable of, particularly now with early retirements happening, is the department capable of verifying it? And is the Department of Public Aid the one that verifies the capital assessment value rather than the Department of Public Health?"

Hoffman: "I believe they are, yeah."

Mulligan: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Representative, the only thing that I'm having difficulty understanding about this is, if... if we change the statute and let a nursing home with a capital expenditure file that cost update at anytime during the

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fiscal year, then how would we be able to budget on a yearly basis for the increased reimbursement that might be due and payable because of a cost report?"

Hoffman: "It's my understanding that the department essentially... prior... I believe the way it works is the department is aware of these capital projects. You're not going to... you're not going to take on a capital project not knowing how your rate's gonna be affected. So, essentially they know how the rates gonna... is going to be affected in advance. However, upon completion of this... upon completion of the project they're not changing the rates if it is completed in the middle of the fiscal year it won't happen until the next fiscal year. So, I think that there's plenty of room for planning. I don't believe the department is opposing the legislation, they are indicating that it would be a cost of about... the fiscal note's about \$4 million, that's why I put in subject for... to appropriations. But it doesn't... it isn't gonna make that big of a difference in the grand scheme of things, because at the end of the fiscal year these facilities would be having their rates adjusted anyway."

Black: "But assuming that things pickup in 18 months, would this Bill allow for, let's say that I bring a 100-bed addition on line, I get my certificate, I get my inspection and my beds are certified October 1 and this addition cost me a tremendous amount of money. It was a \$50 million addition. Now, I break that cost down on my cost report, does this mean that I can start claiming the additional

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cost reimbursement in my November payment or do I still have to wait until the next fiscal year?"

Hoffman: "It's my understanding that this... it would allow you then to have your rates increased. The term that is used in the... in the... in the Bill is, 'department must adjust the facility's payment rates promptly after verifying the facility's increased costs'. Well, I guess that's a term of art. I would... I would say that would be very close to 'immediately', but they would 'probably' say promptly takes a little bit longer. But it clearly changes the current law where they'll be reflected in the next fiscal year."

Black: "Yeah I..."

Hoffman: "And I believe your initial question is well-founded but I don't believe in reality that's the case, because the department is well aware in advance when these things are scheduled to be completed so that they can budget accordingly."

Black: "Well, in my experience the past several years, one of the great difficulties that particularly long-term care facilities have is that the Department of Public Aid and Public Health have been woefully slow in getting out to a new facility and certifying it. I think I had one in my district that was ready for occupancy 14 months before they ever got their certificate of occupancy. So, I mean I guess it cuts both ways, I'm just trying to figure out how we would..."

Hoffman: "Well, that's why we also indicated here the department must verify the cost information provided

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promptly after receiving the facilities cost report. This comes out of some long-term care facility's in my district who wanted, during good times, they can't afford to do it now, but during good times wanted to make some capital improvements for the good of their residents and to provide additional bed space in our area, which is underserved currently. However, they could never get to doing it, because they couldn't get the cost reports verified promptly. They couldn't get it okayed to figure out what their rates were going to be and then they would've had to wait a whole full fiscal year to complete the project because they wouldn't have been able to get reimbursed 'til the next fiscal year. It really made no sense, especially in areas like yours and mine who are having nursing homes close when other people wanna build and add beds and are able to do it."

Black: "Yeah, I... I'd like to think we'd be faced with the problem of considerable capital additions in the next three or four years, but I'm not sure that's the case, at least where I live and probably the same where you live. I appreciate, as always, your answers. Thank you."

Hoffman: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? There being none, then the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1272 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. 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 93 voting 'yes', 2... and 0 voting 'no',

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21 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 3512."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3512, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Bill is concerned with state payments to not-for-profit organizations that provide services to developmentally disabled and mentally ill people. And it provides that those organizations will not be made to wait for money which is due and owing to them. It gives them a priority status in terms of state payments for the services which have been provided to the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. The only obligations that would take precedent over these providers would be payment for state payroll and for state debt obligations. At the beginning, the Bill only related to nonresidential providers, but the Committee Amendment provided that the Bill also applies to the CILA's. And I would move for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 3512. And on that question, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let me commend the Speaker for bringing this Bill to our attention. This was heard in the Committee for Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness. It was an extensive and lengthy committee hearing and we had

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providers from all over the state come in and tell us the difficulties that we're facing. Hence, a requiring a Bill of this nature to create a priority for not-for-profits and for CILA's, as the Speaker stated. Let me just add a little bit to what Speaker Madigan has pointed out and the reasons that this Bill is so essential. We actually had providers come in and talk about the state owing them a million dollars in one case and one gentleman said, a well-known organization, if they weren't paid by next week they'd have to close their doors. They have over 300 consumers that they serve in the area of developmental disabilities. This is an absolute tragedy and an absolute problem that the state is facing in not paying its bills on time. This Bill is necessary and essential and I commend the Speaker for bringing it to our attention. We'll have other legislation dealing with issues of the needs and the developmentally disabled. You've already passed some legislation. This is a great part of that package. And thank you, Mr. Speaker, for bringing this to our attention. I vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, I commend you on the legislation, but the question I have is, ya know, we have several of these facilities that are actually for profit and that doesn't

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necessarily doesn't make 'em wrong but... and they have some of the same problems. This does not deal with them?"

Madigan: "That's correct. This Bill only is concerned with not-for-profit organizations."

Bost: "Okay. What is... do you... do you know what the numbers were if we would've included the for profits or not?"

Madigan: "We don't have those numbers, I believe that our staff has the number of not-for-profit organizations that would be affected by the Bill, but not the for profit."

Bost: "Okay. And like I said, I wanna commend you on the Bill, my only concern is there are others that are on that same balance point where they're almost gonna close the door and it may overload the others if we don't deal with them in a short time. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, the concern that I have about the legislation is the impact that it may have in facilities that are not included in this Bill. For example, a non-profit nursing home, as I read this, is not included."

Madigan: "The answer is, yes."

Black: "Then aren't we... aren't we asking the state to make certain, I don't know if judgment is the right word, but if... if there are probably as many nursing homes in serious

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fiscal crisis right as there are CILA's and DD facilities. If we put one group, certainly in need, at a higher priority than another group, certainly in need, then... then what happens if the delay in the unpaid bills to nursing homes are exacerbated, should this become law, and then the nursing homes begin to close?"

Madigan: "Mr. Black, I'm like you, I'd like to have prompt payment to everybody, but it's not happening today. But my thought relative to these organizations is that, as a general rule, not to say that it's ironclad, but as a general rule, these organizations only have one source of money, they don't have secondary sources. They don't have any money coming from insurance companies, they don't have any money coming from local property taxes, generally they don't have any money coming from fees. As a general rule, they are solely dependent upon the State of Illinois. Generally speaking, these are small organizations and I'm sure you are familiar with them. You know that as a rule the... the parents or the relatives of the patients are intimately involved in fundraising for the organization, providing volunteer time. And my view is that... that these separate from all of the others ought to be put in a priority status simply on the payment of the money. I'm not saying that they should get more money than others, simply that given the nature of these organizations, usually very small, they're community-based, the parents or the relatives of the patients are strongly involved in the

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organization, they ought not to be made to wait for their money."

Black: "During testimony on the Bill, I'm thinking again of... my district is rural, I think both of my hospitals, I only have two left, are non-profits and they're heavy Medicaid, in fact we owe... one of the hospitals in my district is currently about \$6 million in debt, the state owes them \$6 million for Medicaid services and they're running about a hundred and twenty days on a payment cycle. Was there any concern expressed in the testimony by these rural, largely Medicaid, hospitals that they suddenly would take a second position in the overall payment difficulties of the state?"

Madigan: "Mr. Black, the answer is no, but in fairness there was a very large group of supporters of the Bill and they represented the class of people that I'm trying to give this priority status to."

Black: "Yeah, I, ya know, I define a dilemma as something I'm faced with and I can't find a good solution in any way I vote and I think that's what I have here. I understand exactly what you and Representative Daniels are trying to do, I have CILA's in my district, an excellent ARC organization, but at the same time I have some small nursing homes that do not have any tax revenue, some do have a private-pay population. It seems to be shrinking every year, but I... ya know, it's one of those things where if I help the developmentally disabled facilities that certainly need the help I may be accused by some nursing homes in my district of turning my back on them. And so,

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I'm in this dilemma, if I vote 'yes', I see in staff notes that the primary association that represents long-term care facilities signed in as an opponent of the Bill, the only signed... signed opponent that appears. And the number of groups that are proponents, as you say, are about a page and a half, many of those I had worked with and recognize as certainly providing necessary and needed care. It's a... well, again, you... I think you've answered the question, I think the dilemma that many of us face is that when we sometimes put a priority on one group we have to wrestle with the issue of whether or not we put another at risk. So, I... I appreciate your indulgence. And by the way, I was supposed to pick my wife up, she's flying back from New York, she's a great Cubs fan. I was supposed to pick her up late tonight at Miges. I just got a call and she's circling, has no idea when she might be able to land. Perhaps when you finish this Bill you and I could discuss that?"

Madigan: "There's a lot..."

Black: "I'd be most grateful."

Madigan: "There's a lot of people circling, regarding that."

Black: "Yes, well, my... my wife gets very unhappy when she goes in circles."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Ladies and Gentlemen... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in su... strong support of this Bill. I have... I am sure that everyone in this room has had the phone call, the

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phone call consists of a not-for-profit provider in your community who is about to shutter its doors because it can't meet payroll, it can't pay the rent. And the previous speaker made some salient points about nursing homes and other facilities in his legislative district, however, I have to say that I have had many instances where I've spent time on the phone with the comptroller trying to get some of these providers paid because they simply can't even pay their employees. I encourage everyone to support this Bill. It's unfortunate that we even have to consider doing this in trying to pay people who unfortunately... all of them deserve to get paid and as the Speaker said, all deserved to get paid on time, but honestly this is what we need to do to get through these tough times. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Speaker Madigan to close."

Madigan: "I simply request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3512 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. 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 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Granberg, are you ready to run on House Bill 3582? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3582, a Bill for an Act concerning structured settlements. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3582 incorporates new changes to the Structured Settlement Act in Illinois. When we passed the Act in 1988... 1998 we said that they could be approved with a court order from the judge that they had discussed this to make sure there was no damage to potential beneficiaries of that settlement. Since that time the Federal Government has enacted changes in the law. They have now come up with a model Act for all the states in the country, 33 states have now passed that model Act. This reflects that new revision in the legislation and in fact, it makes it more pro consumer because it adds various conditions to reflect the Federal Law. And what it also does is, if you have a structured settlement and if it does not comply with conditions set forth in the federal language and in this model Act then the persons would receive a 40 percent penalty if they wish to do that structured settlement. There is no opposition to the Bill. This reflects the additional changes made at the federal level and would prohibit that 40 percent penalty from people who are willing to take advantage of the Structured Settlement Act."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 3582. And on that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

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Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Black: "Representative, first, let me ask you a procedural question, the Bill was shelved in committee and then the Amendment that becomes the Bill was sent directly to the floor and has been adopted. Was that the... was that just because you didn't have time to take it back to committee or...?"

Granberg: "Mr. Black, what that was, the Bill in its original form does 99 percent of what it does now. But there was one party that was negotiating with some of the other parties so in order to facilitate them to have more time, we shelved the Bill. This Amendment... the Amendment that was adopted on Second Reading added one little... one small clause at the request of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association with in regard to insurance. And that was signed off by the insurance parties and the other groups, as well."

Black: "All right. The structured settlement, wasn't that long ago, Representative, and I'm sure you saw the ad, too. There was a, I don't know if it was a regional law firm, a Midwest law firm, maybe just an Illinois law firm that advertised extensively on TV, ya know, if you're receiving a monthly stipend as a result of a court judgment or a worker's compensation case, come see me, I'll give you cash so you don't have to wait forever and ever and ever. And I always wondered what the cash settlement might be. Does this Bill strengthen the, I hate to use the word victim..."

Granberg: "Sure."

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Black: "...but the person who is entering into this agreement for a structured settlement I've always thought it was very important that they have adequate and accurate constructive notice as to what they're receiving vis-à-vis what they're giving up in the structured settlement. Does this Bill make sure that the rights of the injured are protected above all else?"

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Black. In fact, it not only strengthens it, it expands it..."

Black: "Okay."

Granberg: "...to reflect the Federal Law, in fact, I believe in fact it does. The court must find that the transfer's in the best interest of the payee, but you also have to take into account now with this Bill, take into account the welfare and support of the payee's dependents, as well. So, actually it does expand the Bill..."

Black: "All right."

Granberg: "...or expand those protections."

Black: "It would still allow a person to enter into a structured settlement if that's what they wanna do..."

Granberg: "Correct."

Black: "...but it certainly gives them constructive notice. I have had constituents of mine who have taken a structured settlement on a worker's comp case and they were barely 30 years old. And I, ya know, I'm not an attorney, I can't give them advice, I don't think that's a very wise thing to do. If you're 65, yeah, you may want a structured settlement, but if you're 30, I'd be very careful of that."

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Granberg: "I agree."

Black: "So, you're convinced that the... that the injured party is better protected with this Bill than under the current situation?"

Granberg: "It does two things, Mr. Black, as you indicated, this way those people don't have to take a 40 percent penalty. As you so stated, it adds four provisions, which makes the current Illinois Law stronger in terms of being more pro consumer and protecting the best interests of the payee and their dependents, 'cause I remember we discussed that Bill in '98. I was always concerned that people would be more receptive and they could actually be not talked into, but certainly be persuaded to take that money upfront, it might be detrimental or deleterious down the road to their dependents..."

Black: "Yeah."

Granberg: "...or whomever, their beneficiaries. This..."

Black: "Well, it's..."

Granberg: "...this, I'm sorry, this adds four more provisions to provide it is more consumer and protect those obligations."

Black: "Well, I think that's... that... then I intend to join with you in the Bill, because I've seen this happen, somebody walks in and offers you \$20 thousand cash for a settlement that you're now getting \$850 a month for, they don't stop and figure out how soon the \$20 thousand in cash, that they'd be much better off, depending on their age, to keep the... to keep the settlement rather than... rather than sell out for \$20 thousand, that person just made a lot of money

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depending on the person's age. I appreciate the work you've done on it. Thank you."

Granberg: "I agree. Thank you, Mr. Black."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Steve Davis."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Davis, S.: "Representative Granberg, these structured settlements are basically annuities that are set up by insurance companies. Is that correct?"

Granberg: "Correct. That is correct."

Davis, S.: "Well, my question is, just a couple of years ago there was a firm in our area, a gentleman who now I believe is in jail, who was doing these structured settlements and was taking the money and he ended up taking about \$20 million of the people's money who had structured their settlements with his firm. So, my only question is, is there protections in this piece of legislation that would prohibit that from happening in the future?"

Granberg: "Well, those types of provisions are illegal as it is. I mean, I think, I... I'm not... I can't remember the name of the party, Representative Davis, or in fact when it happened, but this Bill expands the protections that currently exist in the Federal Law 'cause we expand the model Act for the entire country. So, this would provide more protections for the person receiving the structured settlement that they could in fact rescind it. Those things would be available. Plus, you also have... you have

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the penalties. And I'm not sure if we can actually protect everyone from every person out there who might try to take everyone's funds. Hopefully, they would have adequate bonding or have adequate guarantee or personal bond to protect that person, that beneficiary."

Davis, S.: "Well, that was going to be my next question. I'm wondering, because I do not know the answer is, these companies who are doing these structured settlements, are they registered with the State of Illinois and are they required to post some type of bonding..."

Granberg: "Yes."

Davis, S.: "...with the State of Illinois? And it seems to me that if we don't have it in law, we should have it in law that when these people do structure their winnings from a court judgment that they should be able to collect that money and that regardless of what kind of culprits are doing it, these people should either be licensed with the State of Illinois or should have to file with the State of Illinois and should have to have some type of bonding to protect the people's money who they are supposedly investing for in these structured settlements."

Granberg: "Those requirements are currently in the law, Representative Davis, I think what happened to that one individual and that's why this strengthens it, because the court has to issue an order and they not only consider what happens for that one person, with this law they have to consider what's going to happen with the beneficiaries. So, it would be up to that court and that judge to

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determine that in fact the person who's doing the structured settlement is capable and those parties are protected down the road, not only the person who takes it, but the beneficiaries. And that's how it expands the law."

Davis, S.: "So, we are giving the authority to the judge to sign off on who does the actual structuring..."

Granberg: "Has to be by..."

Davis, S.: "...of the settlements?"

Granberg: "...court order."

Davis, S.: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Granberg: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? There being none, Representative Granberg to close."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would simply ask for an 'aye' vote on this pro consumer piece of legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3582 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Burke on House Bill 1375. You ready on that one? Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 1116?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1116, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. Second Reading of this House Bill.

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 3021?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3021, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1... #2 is essentially an agreement between the National Center on Poverty Law and the Governor's Office regarding the family cap and how the phase-in would work."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of Amendment #2. Is there any discussion? Then all those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 2356?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2356, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Osterman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Osterman."

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Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2356 looks to address concerns raised by Members regarding the previous definition of a gun show. Amendment #1 more narrowly defines the definition of a gun show, to an event or function sponsored to facilitate in whole or part the purchase, sale or offer for sale or collection of firearms at which 25 or more firearms are offered for sale or not less than 3 gun show vendors sell, offer for sale firearms. This definition is drawn from the definition of a gun show used in the State of Colorado and a law that was enacted by state referendum in the wake of the tragedy of Columbine. It is an effort to address concerns that were raised by... about person-to-person firearm sales at events like Pheasants Forever dinners. Amendment #1 also adds that the State Department of Police shall adopt rules to carryout provisions of this Act. This Amendment is a reasonable, good faith effort to address concerns that have been raised to more accurately define what a gun show is. I ask for adoption of this Amendment and ask... ready to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? There being none, then all those in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr... Representative Slone, are you prepared on House Bill 221? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 221, the Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Slone, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Slone."

Slone: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 221 a similar version has passed the House previously and what this Amendment would do, is it would set a standard of less than 10 percent as a... as a standard for nominal consideration of rent. And I would urge adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of Amendment. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Turner on House Bill 3316. The Gentleman wish to have that move to Third? Okay. The Gentleman does not so. Okay. Mr. Clerk, take that Bill out of the record. Representative Saviano, for what reason do you rise?"

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise for purpose of an announcement. I would like to announce that the Reg & Reg Committee will meet at 9 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m."

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tomorrow morning. We have a lot of Members from the E & E Committee on my committee also, so we've only got a minor thing in committee. So, we'll be meeting at 9 a.m. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Fritchey, for what reason do you rise?"

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. For purpose of an announcement."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your announcement."

Fritchey: "On that same end, the Judiciary I Committee will meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow. It will be in the same room that it's scheduled to be in, but at 9 a.m. instead of 8:30. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you. And Representative Mendoza, for what reason do you rise?"

Mendoza: "I rise for the purpose of an announcement, as well. I just wanted to let everyone know that COWL meeting that was setup tomorrow for 8:30 in D-1 is going to rescheduled because there are other committees meeting in D-1 at that same time. So, just... I'll let you know what the new time and date will be in what room at further notice. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, if I might."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

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Black: "Representative Sara Feigenholtz had graciously agreed today is opening day as you know in baseball and the Cubs are off to an excellent start. Representative Feigenholtz has agreed to take orders for World Series tickets, but we will cut those off... we will cut those off by noon tomorrow. So, in the vernacular of the Cub fan, if you snooze, you loose."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Delgado, for what reason do you rise?"

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To make a short announcement. On the Human Services Committee for tomorrow will meet at 9 a.m. 9 a.m."

Speaker Madigan: "Speaker Madigan in the Chair. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention, we're prepared to adjourn but I would like to have your attention just for a short announcement which has been covered in the last bulletin issued by my office. But I would like to direct your attention to a section of that bulletin which announces that the last meeting of the Rules Committee for the purpose of considering Floor Amendments will be Thursday morning at 10 a.m. And for an Amendment to be considered at that meeting, the Amendment must be filed with the Clerk before Wednesday, April, 2 at 2 p.m. So, once again, the last meeting of the Rules Committee to consider Floor Amendments will be Thursday morning at 10 a.m. and for an Amendment to be considered by that meeting of the Rules Committee it must be filed with the Clerk before Wednesday at 2 p.m. So, we would ask your

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cooperation with this and our purpose is simply to provide that once we move into Thursday and Friday we will have a reasonable approach to Bill consideration on those two days. And again, we're prepared to adjourn but before we do the Chair would like to recognize Representative Pat Lindner. Give your attention to Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the attention of the Body for a minute. I would like to have a moment of silence for a 24-year-old Staff Sergeant, Jacob Frazier. Jacob was from Campton Township, which is in my district. It's west of St. Charles. He was a member of the Illinois Air National Guard. His family was happy because he was stationed in Afghanistan rather than Iraq, but on Saturday they got the call that every parent dreads, that he was killed in an ambush in south-central Afghanistan. I did not know Jacob, but reading the article about him he sounded like a really neat kid. And could we have a moment of silence for him, please."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you very much. The Chair would like to recognize Mr. Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Correction for the Human Services Committee Members, we will meet at Room C-1 at 9 a.m., I'm sorry 8:30. Correction, 8:30, C-1. There's another meeting there at 9. Human Services Committee Members, C-1, 8:30. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to thank Representative Lindner for bringing the young man's name to

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our attention. And the keyword, Representative, was that he was a kid. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until April 1 at 10 a.m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m., providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. In... First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 191, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act in relation to schools. Senate Bill 207, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Senate Bill 372, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act relating to education. Senate Bill 639, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. Senate Bill 1149, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Senate Bill 1466, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning partnerships. Senate Bill 1500, offered by Representative Bassi, a Bill for an Act concerning certain financial institutions. Senate Bill 1521, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning recreational trails. Senate Bill 1647, offered by Representative Rich Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session now stands adjourned."