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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 16, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3306, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3507, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4074."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will please be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Keith Perry, an ordained Lutheran Minister who formerly served parishes as Pastor in Minnesota and Elgin. He now serves as the hospice chaplain for Harbor Light Hospice in Glen Ellyn, as well as part-time chaplain at Advocate Sherman Hospital in Elgin. Reverend Perry is the guest of Representative Moeller. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Perry."

Reverend Perry: "Thank you. Let us pray. Oh God, creator and sustainer of all that we have, we thank You today for being who You are and for giving us Your grace. Look with mercy on all who rule over us in this great state and guide our Leaders who have put in place in the direction You would have them go. Remove temptations from their paths. Give them the strength and the will to stand up for what is right and important. We thank You today for the freedoms and opportunities You've given to us in this state and country. Send forth Your spirit, make it a source of wisdom and strength, order and integrity for us. May Your blessing rest

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upon all of our Leaders here today. Help them to lead us in all truth and righteousness and inspire them with the courage to make laws for the good of all. We also pray for our economy, that You might raise up a people of skill and wisdom who will affect our financial future. Give them an inspired voice and creative ideas that will alleviate our economic concerns. Give our Leaders foresight so that provision might be made for our state's and our country's future, not just its present. And we also give You thanks today for the democracy that is alive in our state and country and for the precious freedom we have to worship. Bless this day, bless the work You have put before these, Your Leaders. In the name of our Lord God, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Representative Jesiel."

Jesiel - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Crespo and Mautino are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All Republican Members are present today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, there are 116 Members present and we do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal

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reports the following committee action taken on April 15, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1453, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2919, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4089. Representative Kelly Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 15, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3577, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3897. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on April 15, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 745, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 821, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1665, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3289. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 16, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1051, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1646. Representative Jackson, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on April 16, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1610. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 16, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1660. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on April 16, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1

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to House Bill 3428, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4025. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 16, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1744. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolutions 360, offered by Representative Wheeler, Barbara Wheeler. House Resolution 367, offered by Representative Yingling. House Resolution 369, offered by Representative Andrade. House Resolution 370, offered by Representative Bennett. House Resolution 371, offered by Representative Bourne. And House Joint Resolution 66, offered by Representative Batinick. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed please, Sir."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like the House of Representatives to welcome Divine Infant eighth-grade class from Westchester to Springfield. Let's give them a round of applause, please."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for being with us today. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Butler."

Butler: "Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. You're looking rather dapper today. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Butler: "I am honored to welcome today two Pages for today from my district. From Zion Lutheran School in Lincoln, Illinois, Madeline Steiner and Grace Montgomery. If my colleagues would please welcome here today. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for coming today. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going back to running priority Bills and we will start with Second Reading. But first, we have Representative Scherer on a point of personal privilege. Please proceed."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today I am proud to let everyone know that the 4-H members from Macon County are here visiting. There are 17 of them. And I would love to give them a warm welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. Thank you for being here. Here we go. House Bill 3655, Mr. Burke. These are Bills on Second Reading, Ladies and Gentlemen. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3655, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #2 was adopted. No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 642, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 642, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia on the Amendment."

Chapa LaVia: "You look very striking today Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "You're just marking time..."

Chapa LaVia: "But my computer..."

Speaker Lang: "... 'til you get the file."

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Chapa LaVia: "My computer is not working right now. It's not coming up on the screen. But I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Shall we come back to you?"

Chapa LaVia: "No, no. Can you... can you put it up, please?"

Speaker Lang: "I will take this briefly out of the record. Give me a... give me the high sign when you get it straightened out, Representative. Out of the record. House Bill 3749, Representative Bourne. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3749, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Bourne, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bourne on the Amendment."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment changes the language so that it's at least a minimum pull back weight for a crossbow."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3669, Representative Bourne. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3669, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer. Is Mr. Davidsmeyer in the chamber? Let's take this out of the record. Let me know when he returns. Mr. Clerk, take 3669 out of the record. Returning to

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Representative Chapa LaVia on House Bill 642. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 642, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, handsome. Here to our Bill. It creates the Women's Business Ownership Council will... which shall report to the General Assembly on how the state can be better... can better foster women-owned businesses in the State of Illinois. And I ask for its approval by the General Assembly."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2690, Mr. Breen. Out of the record. House Bill 3289, Mr. Breen. Out of the record. House Bill 3523, Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown. Out of the record. House Bill 4025, Representative Conroy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4025, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Conroy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Conroy on the Amendment."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. The Amendment just clarifies some language that we had... that we needed to clarify in this Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4113, Mr. Costello. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4113, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1744, Mr. Cavaletto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1744, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Cavaletto, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "I ask for Floor Amendment #1 to be adopted."

Speaker Lang: "Can you tell us briefly what it does, Sir?"

Cavaletto: "It authorizes the Department of Agriculture on behalf of State of Illinois and the Department of Agriculture to convey that the state-owned property of the Centralia Animal Disease Laboratory to the Kaskaskia College for \$1."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."



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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2542, Representative Monique Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2542, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3101, Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3101, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3306, Leader Durkin. Representative Bellock is handling it. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3306, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Leader Durkin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 adds to the Bill. Removes two of the items to be included in the department progress report."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 4096, Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz. Out of the record. House Bill 1004, Mr. Ford. Mr. Ford. Out of the record. House

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Bill 3464, Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. Out of the record. House Bill 3897, Mr. Hays. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3897, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hays, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hays."

Hays: "The Amendment would allow the student members of the ISAC Board to be eligible for grants, but they would not be given any preferential treatment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2556, Representative Jesiel. Please read... Out of the record. House Bill 1660, Mr. McAuliffe. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1660, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative McAuliffe, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. McAuliffe on the Amendment."

McAuliffe: "Thank you. This Amendment would extend a task force... the Hepatitis C Task Force. Instead of expiring in January 2016 it would go to January 2017. And I ask for the adoption."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3761, Representative McAsey. Representative McAsey. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3761, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. A fiscal note and housing note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that Bill on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 4038, Mr. Moylan. Mr. Moylan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4038, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3848, Representative Mussman. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3848, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mussman."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you very much. So basically, this is the negotiated language with the hospitals that just clarifies the idea that victims of sexual assault should not be paying

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for their own forensic exam. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mussman and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "So, this is just a technical Amendment that basically adjusts for a typo."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3815, Mr. Reis. Mr. Reis. Out of the record. House Bill 3429, Representative Sente. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3429, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Sente."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Sente on the Amendment."

Sente: "So, I'd like to adopt House... Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3429 and then call... or discuss the Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Seeing no objection, those in favor of Amendment 2 say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And Amendment 2 is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Sente and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Wallace: "Thank you. I just want to recognize Charles Les Conez of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Thank you for coming out and thanks for your hard work of organized labor."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. House Bill 1429, Representative Sente. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1429, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3841, Mr. Sims. Out of the record. House Bill 1014, Mr. Smiddy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1014, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Smiddy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Smiddy."

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Smiddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 becomes the Bill and it basically gives an exemption for one of my landfills in Whiteside County. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'. Excuse me. We'll back down a little bit. No. All right. Let's try this again. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes Mr... or Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Williams: "I would like to announce two very special young ladies that are with us today. I am joined by Mercedes Bryant and Madison Dicus of Springfield. They're excited to see all the action today and have informed me they're interested in going into the medical field after graduation. So they'll be paying close attention to those issues today. Welcome, ladies."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you and welcome aboard. House Bill 1646, Mr. Sosnowski. Out of the record. House Bill 2823, Mr. Stewart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2823, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1665, Mr. Sullivan. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1665, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Sullivan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #2 becomes the Bill. The Bill, in essence, allows... codifies existing law in regard to private carriers and the private carriers that, in essence, transport students to school or have... transport students to school and their degree of care that they have to have. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 2486, Mr. Tryon. Mr. Tryon. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2486, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Tryon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Tryon on the Amendment."

Tryon: "Yeah. This is a... Floor Amendment 2 actually makes some changes to the Bill regarding the kitchen and cottage food industry. It's an agreed to Bill and I would request that we move it... adopt it and move it to Third Reading for debate."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 352, Mr. Verschoore. Mr. Verschoore. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 352, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Verschoore, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All the Amendment does is it initiates a fee of \$5 for the hunting and trapping of bobcats. And they figure it will generate about \$500 in revenue."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. But a fiscal note has been requested but not filed at this time."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold that Bill in the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3686, Representative Wallace. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3686, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Wallace."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."



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Wallace: "Thank you, Speaker. This particular Bill will expand upon a program that exists in Cook County making it possible for veterans to receive discounts throughout the year with participating merchants. It will partner with the Secretary of State who will begin issuing new veteran dedicate... designated driver's licenses. I ask the Amendment be passed."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Wallace and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "All right. The second Amendment, I think, just allows for the... the designated driver's license, as I stated."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1458, Mr. Welch. Out of the record. House Bill 437, Representative Barbara Wheeler. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 437, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 simply replaces the word 'point' with the word 'event'. That's it."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Wheeler: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1051, Mr. Zalewski. Mr. Zalewski, 1051. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1051, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Zalewski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 becomes the Bill. It's a rideshare trailer dealing with banking language sunset and a... a preempt issue. I wish to adopt the Amendment and then hold the Bill on Second for another Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold the Bill on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're now moving to Third Reading Bills. The first Bill is House Bill 1326, Representative Ammons. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1326, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

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Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is my pleasure to ask the General Assembly to support this Bill. This Bill is an agreed Bill for us to protect a water source the Mohomet Aquifer. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack. Gentleman wishes not to speak. And his... and his light is back on. Do you still wish not to speak? Your light's on. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, record yourselves. Batinick, Bennett, Burke, Butler, Demmer, Hays. Bennett, Burke. Representative Burke. Please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3757, Mr. Andrade. Mr. Andrade. Out of the record. House Bill 3104, Mr. Andersson. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3104, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Andersson."

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill concerns the county appropriation process after a county board has processed and passed its initial budget. It clarifies an existing practice that most counties already engage in; however, the McHenry County State's Attorney advises that they feel that in order for counties to properly engage in this practice the... the statute needs clarification. So it does two things. One, it requires board approval for any transfer affecting personnel or capital funds, which is required by statute. However, it also does a second thing which is allows routine transfers

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between sub interfund categories by county staff for things other than personnel or capital. Again, this is generally the practice of most counties now, but the state's attorney from Kane... McHenry County had asked for clarification. I would ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, I'm reading this Bill and our analysis indicates that you wish to allow a county board to make a supplemental appropriation in excess of an adopted county budget if there is an emergency."

Andersson: "That... that's correct in the sense that's reinserted into the statute. It was moved around within the Amendment process. That already exists right now. That is not technically an addition."

Franks: "Is there a definition of 'emergency' in the statute?"

Andersson: "Not that I'm aware of. I think that that's probably judged on a case by case basis. But again, that exists right now."

Franks: "Okay. And... and it also says in an emergency and two-thirds of the board votes and agrees, correct?"

Andersson: "Correct. So it's a supermajority requirement."

Franks: "Then the next line in our analysis indicates that transfer of appropriations may occur without a vote of the board."

Andersson: "This is for those more routine... what... what we would characterize as interfund transfers. So, we're not talking about moving money between segregated funds. We're talking

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about like the general fund, for example, if they create sub funds. For example: commodities, contracts, personnel, capital, those are very common. What the statute will allow if this is passed is for the more routine ones which are the commodities and contracts, purchasing your paperclips, purchasing your road salt, things like that. Those would be allowed to be moved without... with staff level approvals reporting back to the board. However, the more significant line items, personnel and capital, those would require, again, the two-thirds majority requirement."

Franks: "So, would this... is there a limitation on the transfer of the appropriations?"

Andersson: "Only in the sense of they can't transfer more than what they've already appropriated to those particular sections."

Franks: "And that's the one thing that does concern me. Because if you do give emergency power and two-thirds of the board votes and agrees, you'd think that there'd be a limitation on how they'd be able to transfer it. Because I'd be concerned about the ability to zero out a line item and move everything into something else."

Andersson: "I... I recognize the concern. Again, I'd repeat that the emergency process is in place right now. So number one, they can do that now. I think the two-thirds majority is pretty significant in protecting that. And number three, again, these are the same people who voted for the original budget if an emergency came up, it seems legitimate that if you can get two-third of them to agree it might be reasonable to allow that local control."

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Franks: "Okay. I... I'd like to see what the emergencies are. But I'll listen to the debate. So, thank you."

Andersson: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3884, Mr. Anthony. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3884, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Anthony."

Anthony: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3884 is an initiative of Department of Corrections. What it does, it basically increases the number of sentence credit from 6... from 90 days... it's... originally it's 60 days; now it will be 90 days good credit. It's for anybody that's committed to the Department of Correction even while you're in pre-trial. I ask an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Harris. Please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'yes', 19 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3369, Representative Bellock. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Holman: "House Bill 3369, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. 3369 is a cleanup Bill from the agency from the Department of Financial and Prof... Professional Regulation to make that agency more efficient and effective. And the Greater Midwest Lenders Association is in support of it. I know no opposition to it. It does four things. Number one, it eliminates outdated references requiring the department to use HUD default claim rates for endorsements issued by HUD. Two, it increases the time period from 1 day to 30 days in which renewals will be deemed timely. Three, eliminates outdated reference to the use of the Illinois register as one of the methods of providing notices for companies licenses disciplines. Four, it requires each company license issued in an assumed name to also be included in the company's legal name. I know of no opposition."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bennett, Leitch, Moylan. Mr. Leitch. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3374, Representative Bellock. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Holman: "House Bill 3374, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This Bill simply extends the deadline that the Capital Development Board must

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adopt and publish the updated Illinois Accessibility Code as well adopt its accessibility standards from January 1, 2016, to Jan... January 1, 2017."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Cabello, Chapa LaVia, Franks. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2763, Mr. Burke. Out of the record. House Bill 217, Representative Cassidy. Out of the record. House Bill 3797, Representative Bryant. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Holman: "House Bill 3797, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is concerning a spouse who passes and the other spouse held the title of a vehicle. So when the... if the... if the living spouse's name was not on the title, they have to pay \$95, take a death certificate as well as a letter from the attorney to get the tran... the title transfer done. I worked with the Secretary of State's Office on this. It changes it from \$95 to \$15. Secretary of State's Office is not opposed to the Bill. It also brings parity to when two spouses are on the Bill... or on the title and one has to be removed, that's also \$15. So it brings parity between to the two situations. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all



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voted who wish? Acevedo, Chapa LaVia. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3476, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Holman: "House Bill 3476, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "It... does that have a fiscal note on it? Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill's on Third Reading, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "Okay. Wonderful. Okay. This... this Bill has to do with the exemption of children of wounded veterans from paying tuition at public universities in Illinois. There's a lot of caveats under that. We already have programs in place for this and this is just carrying it through. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'... Mr. Sandack, do you wish to interrupt the proceedings?"

Sandack: "I do."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Thank you. Linda, I think you were good enough yesterday to suggest a fiscal note may be prudent to determine the costs of this tuition exemption."

Chapa LaVia: "Right."

Sandack: "Did you get a response? I did file a note. It may have been after it had been moved from Second to Third."

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Chapa LaVia: "They... they did. And they said there's no way to really put a... enumerate that because they don't know how many kids would be vying for it year after year. 'Cause this is a very small minute amount of children that could get this because of the specifications of the wounded veterans. So they could not enumerate exactly how many students it would cost."

Sandack: "And thank you for that. Do you have any instructive examples? Are there other states that have this type of tuition exemption for wounded veterans and... and their spouses or..."

Chapa LaVia: "Well, the amazing thing, and this did come through the committee 'cause I wasn't able to chair that, so one of my counterparts... my colleagues did it, this is actually for children of individuals who've received the Purple Heart decoration..."

Sandack: "So, it's even more limited."

Chapa LaVia: "...who were either wounded as a result of enemy action or were killed in the line of fire. Okay."

Sandack: "So, it's real limited."

Chapa LaVia: "Very limited."

Sandack: "Thank you, Representative. And thanks for your good will on the fiscal note."

Speaker Lang: "Now, those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ives, Jones. Jones. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having

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received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3149, Mr. Cabello. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3149, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 3149 is a Bill that I think everybody can get behind. It is a bipartisan Bill. It is a felony seal Bill. What this Bill does is helps with the recidivism rate, I hope. I believe that this Bill will get us to a point where we can move even further forward. What this Bill does is if you are a felon, a non-forcible felon, you didn't hurt somebody, and you are in prison and you continue your education while you're in prison, once you are released and you successfully complete your probationary period, you can immediately petition the court to seal that felony. So now you can get... apply for a job without having to say that you're a felon. Now you can apply for housing without saying that you're a felon. There are safeguards in this Bill that will allow law enforcement and state's attorneys to try to see if maybe you... you're not allowed to do this there... there's a path for that. But also, you only get one bite at the apple. I'll be more than welcome to answer any questions and I would requestfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Brown, Bryant, Jones, McAuliffe, Mitchell, Tryon. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 94 voting 'yes', 20 voting

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'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes... She has changed her mind. House Bill 3220, Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3220, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Last year, we adopted a measure that will make it easier for workers who do not have access to retirement savings programs at work to save for their old age. The measure required the reporting of the program about the program and... and all manner of other things. And it said that the board that administers the program will be responsible for making the report. But this Bill says instead it's the Treasurer whose responsibility that will be rather than the volunteers who participate in the work of the board. I know of no opposition. I'd be happy for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4074, Mr. D'Amico. Please read the Bill. We understand there's an Amendment, Mr. D'Amico. So we'll move the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4074, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous

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day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative D'Amico, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt the Amendment. It's technical in nature. It clarifies that SOS has rulemaking authority and move it to Third."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 3445, Mr. DeLuca. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3445, a Bill for an Act concerning notices. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill removes the requirement that notice in a newspaper must be published in the county or an adjacent county and replaces it with language that it be provided in a newspaper that has general circulation. The opposition... or I should say, the concerns were removed with the Amendment. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Cavaletto, Davidsmeyer, Drury, Jones, Reis, Sosnowski. Mr. Drury. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this

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Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Leitch is recognized."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had my speaker light on before the matter was brought to a vote. I think this is a very bad Bill and we should've had an opportunity to debate it. The purpose of this Bill will result in a number of community newspapers, especially downstate, that may be out of business after the implementation of this Bill. I think it deserved a full debate and would appreciate an opportunity to debate subsequent Bills in a timely way."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Leitch, I will tell you that I did not see your light on before we voted. But I'll try to take better care of you in the future. The Chair recognizes Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Acevedo is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect that, Representative. House Bill 810, Mr. Drury. Mr. Drury, 810. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 810, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury."

Drury: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 810 deals with a... a very big issue in our state and with our families. It deals with student data privacy. House Bill 810 is the culmination, at least in the House, of extensive negotiations. We've worked with... with all the stakeholders. There may be a little bit more work to do and we plan to do that in the Senate. But I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Scott, could you just elaborate a little bit on what the open issues are or the points of disagreement that exist as we stand here today?"

Drury: "I'm sorry. I had a little trouble hearing the question."

Sandack: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Scott, could you just give a little bit of light and elaborate a little bit on what open items exist? I know you've worked with opposition and there's negotiations still ongoing. Where's the point of, you know, disagreement or where has no agreement yet been reached?"

Drury: "I... you know, it's unclear... the confines of the construct of the Bill is generally agreed on that we want to protect student privacy. There's some issues about notification and how that notification will be given to parents. One of... one of the big things the Bill does is it allows parents for the first time to get access of how their kids data is being used in research projects. And in order to get that information to parents, the parents have to be notified. So there's an issue of is it going to be by Internet, is it going to be in student handbook, is it going to be in a notice that's mailed out? So we've been talking about that back and forth and... and that remains ongoing. And as every day goes on there's a new issue, but I've always been at the table and been willing to talk with everybody."

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Sandack: "And you're going to continue to be at the table if we pass this out to the Senate that those discussions will still ensue."

Drury: "Yeah. I... we had a conference call this morning and I told everybody we may move it today, but my... my goal is to continue the discussions to get the best Bill we can for our state."

Sandack: "Thank you. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, I'm reading the executive summary of the Bill and it indicates that this Bill would limit how vendors who contract with school boards, the State Board of Education, how they use the student educate... educator data. Is this done for commercial purposes or is this only for academic purposes?"

Drury: "This Bill?"

Franks: "Yes."

Drury: "The Bill is... it's a combination of both. It... the data, the student data that a... a vendor collects pursuant to the Bill can only be used for an educational purpose. So if there was, before this Bill, a plan to use to profit off of it, that either would be prohibited by it or there would have to be in... in a contract. Somehow they'd have to be allowed to use it. But the purpose of our Bill is to allow students to use these great programs to learn, to advance our... the education system in Illinois, to allow vendors to develop these products and schools may pay to have them, but not allow



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for tangential uses that could profit somebody at the expense of our kids."

Franks: "Thank you. Because that's what my concern was. 'Cause I... I don't like that fact that just because a school or any governmental entity has proprietary information from the taxpayers if they're somehow able to profit off of that without consent. So I like the idea that you're taking away the ability for private companies to profit off of this information. So... I think this is long overdue and I appreciate you bringing this forward."

Drury: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Thapedi: "Thank you. Scott, I know that we talked about this a little bit yesterday in Judiciary Committee and you'll recall that the individuals that had filed a slip in opposition that they had made a commitment to work with you in good faith to try to come up with some type of amicable resolution. And I think that you answered a question a little earlier. What... what were the scope of that discussion this morning, if I heard correctly?"

Drury: "The discussion this morning was that we would continue having the discussions. I received from them, that one group, their comments. They... they we're extensive. We're... we've agreed to talk again..."

Thapedi: "Okay."

Drury: "...maybe as early as today or tomorrow. But the discussion are ongoing. A lot of it has to do with notice and... and some

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other issues just related to... are the definitions in the Bill as tight as they can be. And we're going to continue working on that. I don't know that there will be something that everybody will ultimately agree on. But the discussions are ongoing and I'm excited to keep having them."

Thapedi: "Excellent job. Well done. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Burke, K.: "Scott, it... would this pertain to the ACT? Only because I know the ACT takes the student information generated through the sign up process, their interest, their grades and things like that, and then sends them to universities so that the universities can then let students who fit their profiles know about them. Would this prohibit the ACT from using the student data?"

Drury: "I would need to know how... how ACT... I know I took the ACT."

Burke, K.: "Right."

Drury: "This... this applies to vendors who are contracting with schools to provide educational products. So the PARCC test, it might apply to PARCC."

Burke, K.: "Right."

Drury: "Or... or there's MAP testing that my kids take. ACT I'm not sure if that's outside of the school system, where I remember I signed up separately, paid my own fee, and took the ACT."

Burke, K.: "Right, but a lot of times now, and I don't know the status of this with PARCC, but the ACT was the assessment test for high schools. So... and I don't know who pays; I don't know the answer to that. I'm just... we might be... maybe we could

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check that out 'cause we might be doing those high school students a disservice if their information can't be shared with prospective... prospective schools."

Drury: "That's something that we'd be willing to look at. I just don't know the answer to that question."

Burke, K.: "Okay. Sounds good."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury to close."

Drury: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the record to reflect on House Bill 3149 I would like to be recorded as voting 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention, Representative. House Bill 3549, Representative Fine. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3549, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 229, Mr. Franks. At the request of the Sponsor, Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill back to Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 229, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous

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day. Amendments 1 and 3 were adopted previously. No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. House Bill 3527, Mr. Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3527, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3527 is in some sense a trailer to a Bill this Body passed two years ago when we passed the... the Facebook Privacy Act in schools. There were some interactions with our cyberbullying Bill from last year and this Bill corrects that restricting the schools ability to access Facebook to only those specific cases of cyberbullying which are either reported to the school or were observed by school personnel. Happy to ask... answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Chapa LaVia, Nekritz. Nekritz. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3750, Mr. Frese. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3750, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Frese."

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Frese: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill provides for the issuance of an Illinois Veterans' Homes license plate. I move an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bennett, Franks, Harris, Hoffman. Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3158, Representative Gabel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3158, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill allows for the Department of Public Health to provide additional information about Down Syndrome to both providers and to families once they have a positive identification that they're going to be having a Down Syndrome child or that they.. the child is already born. So, I think it's a great Bill. People need a lot of information about Down Syndrome. It.. it is simply an education piece. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3531, Representative Golar. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3531, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Golar."

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3531... sorry... actually prohibits any smoking whatsoever in day care centers. Day care centers, any child or careful... care facility that provides day care for more than eight children in family homes or more than three children in a facility other than a family home but not in a school. Currently, a person may smoke in a day care center on the day the center... on a day of operation if done so in a room to which children do not have access and in any areas of the day care centers on days the day care center is not in operation. So to the Bill, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. We have been working tirelessly to ban smoking, not only in many of our restaurants and... and areas where we feel that there's secondhand smoke. And so, I bring this measure today to say that we need your help on taking care of our children. There are many of our children that have asthma and they have taken on other bronchitis and so many different things because of secondhand smoke. So, let me say, I need your support on this Bill. And Mr. Speaker, I'll be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. Those being in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having

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received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2706, Representative Hammond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2706, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2706 provides that the Department of Public Health shall publish quality and safety measures on major public health problems including cardiovascular and diabetes. And I'd be happy to answer any questions and appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Riley, Soto. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2462, Representative Greg Harris. Do you wish to proceed, Sir? Out of the record. Mr. Riley in the Chair."

Speaker Riley: "Next, we have House Bill 2822, Representative Jesiel. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2822, a Bill for an Act concerning human trafficking. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Jesiel."

Jesiel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2822 would create the Human Trafficking Task Force Act. It consists of Legislatures only... or Members of the Legislature only. And they would just be studying the effects of human trafficking in Illinois. The task force is set to expire in Ja... on June 30 of 2016. And if

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there's any questions, I'd appreciate that. Otherwise, I'd urge an 'aye' vote."

Riley: "There being no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2022 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote '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, with 113 'yea', 0 'nay', and 0 'present', House Bill 2822, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Tryon, for what reason do you rise?"

Tryon: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Riley: "Make your point."

Tryon: "You know, it has come to my attention that yesterday was the Assistant Clerk of the House Brad Bolin's birthday. And I think it's only fitting that the House of Representatives wish him a happy belated birthday. Happy birthday, Brad."

Speaker Riley: "It is only right and just. Next, we have House Bill 2635, Representative Sandack. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 26..."

Speaker Riley: "Out of the record. House Bill 3616. House Bill 3616, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3616, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Leader Lou Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill deals with the issue of when a patient at a hospital is in observation status. The reason for this Bill is to clarify when Medicare and Medicaid can or cannot pay, so a patient



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would need to be notified when they're in observation status.  
That's all the Bill does. I know of no opponents."

Riley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3616 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourself, Member. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this record, with 113 voting 'yea', 0 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3616, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 208. House Bill 208, Representative Sommer. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 208, a Bill for an Act concerning pie.  
Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you..."

Speaker Riley: "Proceed... proceed, Representative."

Sommer: "...Mr. Speaker. House Bill 208 designates pumpkin pie as the official state pie of the State of Illinois. Now, let me first of all say that I understand that there are more pressing issues facing this state. But my response to those who say that this kind of legislation is frivolous, I would say that we need to celebrate what is good about our state, not get mired in the negativity. There is much good about all of our communities and all our cultures, and this is one way to celebrate something unique in Illinois. You may be surprised to know that 95 percent of all pumpkin processed in this country is done so in Illinois. And 85 percent of all that pumpkin that's canned and produced for your pumpkin pies comes from my hometown of Morton, Illinois, which in the '70s

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was designated the Pumpkin Capital of the World by Governor Thompson. It's not just about pumpkin pie though, it's about pumpkin and the fact that it's a cash crop in central Illinois, that we have a Libby's plant in my hometown less than a mile from my home that employs many people and ships out not tons, but hundred thousand tons of pumpkin annually. I ask for your support. You're always welcome to come to Morton, Illinois, in September when we have the Pumpkin Festival where you can sample pumpkin pie and pumpkin ice cream and pumpkin chili and pumpkin pancakes and the list goes on and on. So I think it's... it's incumbent upon us to recognize what's good about our state. I'm proud of my hometown. We're proud to be named the Pumpkin Capital of the World. Please join me in desig... making this designation. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Moffitt."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Moffitt: "In promoting pumpkins, obviously you're trying to promote tourism. Is that correct?"

Sommer: "Yes, Sir."

Moffitt: "And draw attention to the fact of the agricultural significance of... of this crop as well as other agriculture crops, but it's a significant economic producer."

Sommer: "A significant crop and the legislation does have the endorsement of the Illinois Farm Bureau."

Moffitt: "Aren't there some jobs, quite a few jobs directly associated with the production..."

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Sommer: "Yes, there are. I just outlined that, that many people rely annually on that... the job at the Libby's plant."

Moffitt: "Now, a couple questions, Representative. One, are you going to have a pumpkin chunking contest?"

Sommer: "For you... those of you that don't know, pumpkin chunking has been taking place in Morton for a number of years where pumpkins are launched by, it looks like artillery but they're actually air guns, and those pumpkin are launched almost up to a mile. And that... that's a way to raise money, too, for a local charity."

Moffitt: "Representative, I know you're promoting agritourism, you're promoting jobs, economic activity, significant to your part of the state. Pumpkin pie... obviously, the pumpkins is a... is a relatively healthy food as long as you leave the whip cream off. Is that correct?"

Sommer: "I'll leave that choice up to you, Representative. I prefer it with pumpkin ice cream on top."

Moffitt: "Okay. And you mention pumpkin pan... pancakes. Girard may want to go for the Capital of Pumpkin Pancakes. But I see what you're trying to do, promote... really promote agriculture, promote jobs, promote tourism, promote economic activity. Thank you."

Sommer: "Thank you."

Moffitt: "I think it's a good idea."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Ford."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Ford: "Representative, I think you have fine piece of legislation, but I have to tell you, where I come from we eat sweet potato

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pie. So, what I think we should do is have a contest to see which becomes the state designated... take it out of the record and let's have a contest first. My mother makes great sweet potato pie."

Sommer: "Representative, I understand we all have..."

Ford: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. The Chair recognizes Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Sommer, first off..."

Speaker Riley: "Sponsor will yield."

Dunkin: "Question. I'm very, very happy to even know you... that you exist over there. I rarely hear from you. So a couple questions."

Speaker Riley: "Excuse me, Representative Dunkin. Members, shh. It's a very important Bill we have here. Proceed."

Dunkin: "That's exactly why I'm speaking on it. Representative Sommer, first off, it's good hearing your voice. I rarely hear you, I know you've been here a while, but do you... what are the ingredients that go into pumpkin pie?"

Sommer: "I wish my assistant, unpaid assistant, my wife, were here today and she could probably tell you, but I cannot."

Dunkin: "Wait a minute. You're introducing major legislation that goes all the way from Rockford to Harrisburg and you don't know what goes into pumpkin pie?"

Sommer: "Well, let me respond by saying pumpkin goes into pumpkin pie and it's... and it's... you can ask any person in my community that may bake pumpkin pie and they will add their own

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seasonings and flavorings to their preference. So... but obviously, the ingredient is pumpkin, Illinois pumpkin."

Dunkin: "Oh boy, you're a sharp cookie. Pumpkin goes into pumpkin pie. I... who would have thought it? So, yeah, someone once inquired about, you know, blueberries. We grow blueberries in Illinois, too, right?"

Sommer: "Representative, we are blessed with..."

Dunkin: "Would that..."

Sommer: "...we are blessed with a state that is able to grow all kinds of fruits and have all kinds of pies. Yet our state is unique in that 95 percent of that processed pumpkin..."

Dunkin: "So..."

Sommer: "...comes from this state and that would not be the case with blueberries."

Dunkin: "So Representative, finally couple of questions. Do pumpkins typically grow in the fall or the summer?"

Sommer: "The pumpkins grow beginning in the summer and are harvested late fall."

Dunkin: "All right. Final question. Now everyone needs to hear this. Can I get a shh? Representative Sommer, have you ever heard of the Century Club Trophy?"

Sommer: "I... I believe you have been so honored."

Dunkin: "Are you ready to earn it this afternoon?"

Sommer: "I'd... I didn't understand your question."

Dunkin: "Are you ready to earn the Century Trophy today?"

Sommer: "I... I believe my community deserves having pumpkin pie designated as the official pie of the State of Illinois."

Dunkin: "But Ford said our community deserves a sweet potato pie."

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Sommer: "And if you have a Sweet Potato Pie Festival in your community, please invite me."

Dunkin: "All right. So, let me... let me go brush off the dust of the Century Club and get it ready."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, don't shoot me for this, but this legislation probably has some spice to it, it may need a little bit more time to bake, which they can do that over in the Senate and it deserves an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "Are you done, Representative Harris? Okay. The Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I understand some of my colleagues have made light of the Bill and it's kind of fun to talk about the Century Club. I don't think anyone has to worry. The trophy should stay where it is. Absolutely, that side of the aisle. In all seriousness, this is a Bill of economic development. It's important to the Sponsor, it's important to the Sponsor's district. Come on, yourself. It's a good Bill. Come on, yourself. It's an important Bill..."

Speaker Riley: "Members, Members, Members. Representative Sandack, proceed."

Sandack: "Thank you, Sir. Vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "Chair recognizes Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you. First, let me say, Mr. Riley, I'm glad you're in the Chair for this one. I wasn't going to vote for this Bill because I'm not that fond of pumpkin pie, but I refuse to vote for any... against any Bill that will take the trophy away from Mr. Dunkin."

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Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Move the previous question, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Riley: "The previous question has been moved. All in favor state by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The previous question has been moved. The question is shall... Representative Sommer to close."

Sommer: "We do a lot of serious business here in this chamber and we have a lot ahead of us, but it's important to recognize the good things about the State of Illinois. The good things we share, the different cultures in this state. I ask for your vote and I welcome you to Morton, Illinois, the second week of September to enjoy the Pumpkin Festival. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "There being no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 208 pass?' All in favor state by saying 'aye'... I mean, I... I'm sorry. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 108 voting 'yea', 3 voting 'nay', 2 voting 'present', House Bill 208, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1493. House Bill 1493, Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1493, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 259. House Bill 259, Representative Sosnowski. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 259, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming.  
Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Out of the record. House Bill 3898, Representative  
Martwick. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3898, a Bill for an Act concerning civil  
law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Martwick. Out of the record. House  
Bill 1320, Representative Wehrli. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1320, a Bill for an Act concerning public  
employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Downstate  
Police Code, eliminates the practice of double dipping. A  
clear distinction of this Bill is it is prospective only. It  
does not apply to anyone, and I repeat, anyone that is  
currently a sworn law enforcement officer. It changes the law  
for those entering the academy that they know going ahead in  
their career 15, 20 years down the road that they cannot  
retire on a Friday from one unit of government and then on  
Monday become the chief while collecting a pension from the  
previous. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Drury."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Drury: "I was on the Pension Committee when this Bill came through  
and understand how it works. After we... we passed it out of  
committee, I got phone calls from a number of my police chiefs  
in my community. So I just want to ask some of the questions  
that they've been asking me. One is, why have police chiefs



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been singled out versus anybody else who may have the same issue? They're wondering why we're only focused on police chiefs."

Wehrli: "Well, I'm trying to make a small incremental change here. I understand that the police chiefs now are more concerned why this doesn't apply to firefighters as well. Perhaps we may see language in the future that addresses those concerns."

Drury: "And the other question that I was asked. I... I guess there was similar legislation passed or proposed back in 2011, and there's some real small towns, I represent some of them with less than 5 thousand people, where they want to provide top of the line safety... safety services and they feel that they won't be able to afford to do this with this sort of pension Bill. And what was proposed in 2011, is my understanding, was a carved out for towns that have less than 5 thousand people so that they'll still be able to get top of line police chiefs. Is that something that you would either consider working on with us now to amend this piece of legislation or at least promise me that you'd consider as it gets over to the Senate?"

Wehrli: "Well, first off, this Bill is prospective, so we do have 15 to 20 years to get our fiscal House in order at the... at the small municipal levels where they will be able to adjust to this. However, I am willing to follow this up with a trailer Bill if necessary to address some of your concerns."

Drury: "But would you be willing to continue work on this actual Bill in the Senate and possibly consider looking at the smaller towns? Because they don't... some of them don't have 15 to 20 years to fix this if a police chief retires and a new

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one comes in. They feel they won't be able to hire top of the line personnel for their communities."

Wehrli: I am willing to work on that. However, please keep in mind that this does not impact anyone that is currently sworn. If they're a day on the job this Bill does not apply to them. This is strictly for people entering the academy so that they know going into their career, a very noble career indeed, that when they get to that point in their careers that they cannot proceed with this practice."

Drury: "Well, I... actually, explain that to me. So, if a town has 3 thousand people, the police chief retires, they want to hire a police chief from another town. What happens to that police... the second police chief that they want to hire? What happens to his or her pension?"

Wehrli: "He continues to collect it. Any... as I said, anyone that is sworn today, this does not apply to. This is prospective for anyone entering law enforcement. So if you're in the system today and you're day one on the job and in 20 years you retire and you want to be a police chief in Carmi, Illinois, this doesn't apply."

Drury: "Are you sure that that's the... I mean, I would just ask that we... we take a look at that and bring it back. I'm not trying to hold it up, but I don't know that that's what the language actually says."

Wehrli: "It... that absolutely is what the language says."

Drury: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Bryant Wheeler."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Riley: "Barb... Barbara Wheeler. I'm sorry."

Wheeler, B.: "I didn't... I wasn't sure who you were talking about.

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler, B.: "Earlier today, Representative, you were kind of enough to speak with one of my chiefs of police who had great concern about this. And there was a lot of confusion in regard to who was going to be affected by this pension Bill. And I'm not sure that it's a clear understanding, even with this Body today. If you don't mind, please repeat, again, who will be affected with this Bill?"

Wehrli: "This Bill does not affect, does not affect, anyone that is currently a sworn law enforcement officer with regards to double dipping. This is prospective only."

Wheeler, B.: "There was also some questions earlier today, Representative, that either part-time workers with smaller villages need to bring in a part-time chief perhaps for the interim time. Did you address that with the Chief of Police today?"

Wehrli: "Well, I tried to and I assured them that if we need to clean this up going forward I'm more than happy to do so. However, I'm not going to let perfect be the enemy of good. This is a good bit of legislation. I'd like to see it moved out today if possible."

Wheeler, B.: "All right. Thank..."

Wehrli: "But I am willing... I am willing to address their concerns on a go forward basis."

Wheeler, B.: "You've been more than generous. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Jack Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to rise and speak to the Bill. And I want to first thank the Sponsor for being so thoughtful on this Bill. This is a Bill... I had filed something previously similar to this and we named it Retirement means Retirement. The Sponsor's Bill is different in that his is only prospective and mine would have dealt with folks that were already in the system. So this would fix an issue that's going on in the future. I think it's certainly an incremental step. It's not a panacea, but it's certainly something that is necessary. And I think it's a good start. And hopefully we'll be able to build off of this and have it for other employees besides chiefs of police. I can tell you what happened in Rockford last month. And folks, you ought to understand what this costs our system. What happened last month in Rockford was there was a gentleman who had been at the park district for a long time who then decided to retire, but his retirement meant that he was then going to contract with the same park district for a salary of over \$10 thousand a month, where he also kept his SUV, he also kept his office, and he kept his expense account and he really wasn't retired, but what he was doing was double dipping by taking his full retirement pension all his payment and then having the taxpayers pay him again for doing the exact same work. This Bill would prohibit that from happening in the future for people who are in law enforcement. Hopefully, we will create more and we will build off of this, but we need to start with this Bill. This should not be contentious. This should be a Bill that is pure common sense. You know, we... a few years ago

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we passed a Tier II issue; this is the same analogy. It's for prospective employees going forward. Again, thank you, Mr. Wehrli. I think it's a... it's the good thing about new blood. We have new ideas that come in to help our state. And this is certainly one that everyone should support."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Zalewski."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Zalewski: "Grant, I gave you some difficult questions in committee about this Bill and we've had subsequent conversations. I actually spoke with a couple of the towns that would be affected and they're still not sure this is show ready. I resp... respectfully, I totally disagree with the... with the last speaker on this Bill. I think that the difference here is there's a perception that this restrains local government from making the best choice for their community. And I know it's prospective in nature, but we need to be careful of how we restrain choices when it comes to these decisions. So, my question is along the similar lines as the Gentleman from Highwood. Are you... would you willing to consider having the Senate make some changes to this Bill?"

Wehrli: "Thank you, Representative. I am open to anything, but let's keep in mind that this Bill all it simply does is it mean you can't collect a pension and a check from a unit of government. This is a fiscally responsible Bill that's prospective in nature. It doesn't currently impact anyone. In fact, you know, best estimate is this will be an impact on municipalities or units of government in maybe 15 years."

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Zalewski: "No, I... I understand. But it doesn't affect any person, but I think it certainly affects local communities that wish to be... have certain autonomy when it comes to hiring decisions. So again, I... I can appreciate what you're trying to accomplish and I... I said my peace. I can't be for the Bill at this time, but I know you're going to continue to work on the issue. I know it's an important issue to you and your community. So thanks for answering my questions."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Cloonen."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Cloonen: "I do have a concern with this Bill. I have 21 small villages in my district. The only way that some of them can get police chiefs is through the retired. And some of them earn less money because it's almost a volunteer position. I'm concerned that they would not have anyone be chief of police. I'm also concerned about who would want to be a chief of police... would a community want a chief of police if they don't have experience doing this? And secondly, who would want to do... who would want to go from there... who would to be a chief if they have to give up their pension?"

Wehrli: "Well, if they reenter service in the downstate pension system they can still be a chief of police. This will not drain talent away. It just means that you're not going to be collecting a pension from one pension system while... while participating in the same general area of expertise and build a second pension. So they can absolutely reenter service and I would encourage that. I under... I... I hear your concerns, but this eliminates them from being able to get the pension from

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one municipality and earn another one at a... at a second.  
Retirement does mean retirement."

Cloonen: "But what I'm saying is that some of my villages are so small that the chief of police receives very little money. And so they would be receiving less than their pension. And so this would put them in a hardship then if they actually had to give that up completely. And then the village would be without a chief of police. That... that's my concern said."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Davidsmeyer: "So what... what is the purpose of a pension?"

Wehrli: "The purp... of a pension, any pension, to provide for your financial security in your retirement."

Davidsmeyer: "In your retirement. Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Martwick."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Martwick: "Thank you. Representative, I just have a series of questions. So, you know, there's much talk of pensions, 401(k)s, what should be the proper vehicle for a retirement savings. If you were in the private industry and you hit your age of retirement, 65, you could start drawing from your 401(k). Is that correct? There... there'd be no penalty, you could continue working and withdraw from your 401(k). Isn't that right?"

Wehrli: "That is my understanding."

Martwick: "Okay."

Wehrli: "Age 65 may be in question, but I... I'd..."

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Martwick: "I think you..."

Wehrli: "...for the sake of argument I agree with you."

Martwick: "Yeah. But... but this involves a public pension, still a retirement vehicle, but still a vehicle that a worker has invested in. So, you know, you talk much about fiscal responsibility and I think that's important, but in this situation that I think of some our other Members are alluding to is that sometimes a small community has a police chief... they may not have a large pool of people to take a very important role, play a very important role in their community, chief of police. And yet this person has reached the age of retirement, is eligible to withdraw their benefits and they can come back on a contract for a far reduced cost to the city. So, they've... they're receiving benefits that they've paid into, they're eligible to receive them for a far less, a slower cost to the community, they're able to hire a chief back at a much lower cost fiscally responsible to their taxpayers and still get that very valuable service which might not be readily available elsewhere in the market place. Do you understand that concept?"

Wehrli: "I understand the concept, but I would also articulate to you that they're not there for retire; they've reentered service as a sworn police officer. They're back in their career. They're not retired."

Martwick: "Yes, but in the private industry, people retire from one career and take another job all the time. And they're able to, you know, if they have private savings, they're able to withdraw that savings. So really what we're doing is we're saying the money that you took and invested into your



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retirement that you're not eligible to take it even if you've reached an age where you would be entitled to those benefits. And so really what you're doing is, in many instances, you're taking a chief of police who would want to continue the service to a community that values him and telling him you have to choose. And that choice might be that they decide, well, if it's no benefit to me, I might as well just retire then."

Wehrli: "Well, I... let... let's be clear in the distinction between public and private. Private dollars are truly that private dollars. This is a taxpayer funded for the most part. There is small..."

Martwick: "I don't think the employees would suggest that it's a small contribution on their part."

Wehrli: "Well, it's a, relatively speaking, a small contribution by the employee. And those are taxpayer dollars. Listen, our state is in a fiscal mess. Our pension systems are woefully underfunded. This Bill would add the longevity to those pension systems because it may eliminate between 5 and 10 years of draw down on a pension when somebody's truly in the working world. Keep in mind that this doesn't change anything for a current employee. They..."

Martwick: "I understand and I... I think that what you're... what you're doing is... speaks to a very popular issue right now. And I respect the fact that you're trying to solve it, although I think, like many things that we do here, our good intentions have unintended consequences. So at this point, I'm not going to support it. I hope that it comes back in a better form so that there's some flexibility. We're not

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hurting communities and we're not taking away their... an opportunity for them to be especially fiscally responsible to their taxpayers by getting a good service at a lower cost. Thank you very much."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative DeLuca."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

DeLuca: "Representative Wehrli, first I want to thank you for the conversations we've had and being responsive to some of my constituents which you've spoke to. So thank you. Do you view this as a cost saving measure for municipalities?"

Wehrli: "Short term it will actually have no impact. Long term I believe it is, because it would remove maybe perhaps 5 to 10 years of payments from a downstate pension fund while someone is working in the law enforcement community. So I... I do see a cost benefit net plus to this."

Speaker Riley: "Excuse me. Members, Members, please, this is a very important measure. Can we keep the... your voices down, please. Shh. Thank you."

DeLuca: "The unit of local government has to hire a police chief. So from that stance, what difference does it make if he's a newly brought in police chief or was formerly working at another department? How will it affect that unit of government?"

Wehrli: "I'm sorry, could you repeat the question?"

DeLuca: "Yes. The unit of local government that will hire a police chief, they're going to hire one. So, from the perspective from the previous question, what difference would it make to

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the unit of local government whether the police chief is a new police chief or was a... is a former police chief?"

Wehrli: "Well, it... it shouldn't make any fiscal impact as far as that hiring requirement. But on that same unit of government is going to have a police pension fund set up that they would have to pay into for someone that leaves them and goes a different municipality or unit of government. So... on the hiring side, it will not have a fiscal impact. On the retirement side, it absolutely would."

DeLuca: "Okay. So it won't have neg... any negative impact on the unit of local government. That's correct? I mean, that's your answer?"

Wehrli: "On... on the hiring aspect of it?"

DeLuca: "Yes."

Wehrli: "No, it will not."

DeLuca: "And if the retired police chief goes to work in the private sector and is able to collect a pension that they've earned, you're okay with that?"

Wehrli: "I'd prefer that retirement meant retired everywhere, but I... you know, one can only do so much."

DeLuca: "Well, you're restricting them whether they go into the private sector, you're saying that's fine. But if they go to work in another unit... unit of local government, that's where the rub is."

Wehrli: "Well, it is... it has to do with public funds. I mean, if... if they're still in law enforcement using public dollars for a pension or a salary at the same time, I have concerns with that. If they retire from their profession and go into the private sector and they can do whatever they want just like

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anybody else can. But this is about fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars."

DeLuca: "Well, that's what I mean. You're... that's... that's good. That's good, but it's not clear because you're saying it has no negative impact. So it... for some reason it seems to be unclear to many Members is if it has no negative financial impact, then what is the downside?"

Wehrli: "It has no negative financial impact on the hire. If they're hired as a police chief and collecting a pension it absolutely has a negative fiscal impact on our state as a whole, not to the hired chief in his new role, that needed unit of government."

DeLuca: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, there's a lot of misconceptions and misunderstanding about what this Bill does and what it doesn't do. It does not prohibit a small town, midsize town, or big town from hiring whomever they want. It does not hurt anybody from hiring a retired police chief or police officer from another town. All it does is suspend, during the time of the new employment, the pension payment while the gentleman or lady collects a paycheck. The idea that this stops anyone from hiring anyone is a false idea. It is absolutely untrue. This is a good government initiative. Using government dollars, retirement ought to mean retirement. And if it doesn't, fine> Your pension sits in abeyance collecting interest, and right now 3 percent compounded interest, while you collect a paycheck. This is a good Bill. Yes, the pension

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word is used and it makes some people nervous. We're in a financial calamity because we can't change our ways. This is a good Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Manley."

Manley: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Manley: "Representative, we had a small conversation a couple minutes ago and I really like the idea about your Bill. But I'm getting some... and so I'm just going to... you've probably answer this questions several times, and I just want to clarify. I'm being told that the Chiefs Association has been very vocal and critical of the content of this Bill. Have you removed their opposition? Are you aware that they're opposed?"

Wehrli: "I am aware that they're... they are opposed. It's my understanding that some of their opposition has softened. They remain opposed to it. But it... they originally thought that this Bill was... impacted things as of today. It is truly in a prospective basis. So, they are still opposed..."

Manley: "So what information are they lacking? So how can... how can we remove their opposition?"

Wehrli: "I think by not running the Bill. I mean..."

Manley: "There we go. That'll work. All right. All right. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Williams."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

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Williams: "Grant, just a quick question. In terms... our analysis isn't super updated. Wondering who is opposed to the legislation."

Wehrli: "Well, it's my understanding that the Chiefs of... the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association is opposed to this Bill."

Williams: "Okay. You haven't heard from anyone else against it. But the Illinois Chiefs are opposed?"

Wehrli: "Illinois Chiefs are opposed and I... I want to say the Village or City of Monmouth is opposed as well."

Williams: "Okay. Thanks for the clarification."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Batinick."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Batinick: "Mr. Sponsor, I just want to clarify one thing. You said this won't affect real... in reality anybody for 15 years. Is that correct?"

Wehrli: "That's an approximation. It's for people that enter this line of work and graduate the academy after the effective date of this piece of legislation. So, if that's 15 years or 20 years, it somewhere in there."

Batinick: "Okay. And... and is your goal of this to kind of help with the pension crisis?"

Wehrli: "It absolutely is. This I... I honor and respect the pensions that these fine men and women of law enforcement have earned. They're entitled to them, but I think on a go forward basis we need to let everyone know that we need to get our fiscal House in order. This is a small step in doing that."

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Batinick: "Okay. To the Bill. This is something... this is one of the situations where you... 15 years ago there's probably a bunch of small, easy decisions that we could've made that would have made life in 2015 a lot easier than it is now. Passing this might make the, I can't do the math, 108th General Assembly a little bit easier, we don't know, it doesn't... I don't believe it will make it a little bit harder. If we have some of the issues that people are concerned of... concerned about in the year 2030, 2035, we can quickly address that. But it'll be harder to make those changes 15 years from now than it will be to just make this little vote now. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Thapedi."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Thapedi: "Representative, I just want to make sure that I understand correctly exactly what you're doing. If I'm understanding this correctly, you're not looking at the entire police force, but you're... instead you're looking specifically at the chiefs. Is that correct?"

Wehrli: "Well, those that are participants in the Downstate Police Pension Fund."

Thapedi: "Does that include chiefs?"

Wehrli: "It may."

Thapedi: "It may or it may not?"

Wehrli: "Well, I know if they're participants in the fund they are. I... I know in the... in the City of Naperville, for example, our previous chief was not a participant in the Police Pension Fund."

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Thapedi: "Okay. So could this affect normal officers who are not chiefs?"

Wehrli: "If they retire... if they retire as a sergeant from one unit of government and become a lieutenant in another while still in the same Police Pension Fund, which they can't do it if they... if they switch to IMRF, then it would."

Thapedi: "So..."

Wehrli: "It depends on... it depends on the individual circumstance."

Thapedi: "Okay. Do you see any potential equal protection issues here, while you're asking your lawyer?"

Wehrli: "We do not."

Thapedi: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Hays."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Hays: "Representative, I... I applaud the underlying reason for the Bill and what you're trying to do. One of the questions that I have is for those of us who live in very rural regions and have very rural police departments... the community where I live in personal... personally, for example, the person who would act as chief of police does it more on a part-time basis, maybe making 12 or 15 dollars an hour, and our pool of candidates for that job are, in fact, retired policemen or retired police chiefs. So with this Bill, affectively my... my pool of candidates would be eliminated entirely for the small communities in central and southern Illinois. And my question to you is, would... with kind of knowing that that's the dynamic on a day to day basis in some of our very, very rural



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communities, a community of which I was personally a mayor, would you be willing to look at going forward perhaps an exemption for communities under 5 thousand or those communities who are really dealing with a totally different animal than I think what you're trying to address."

Wehrli: "I am willing to address that in a trailer Bill. But please keep in mind that under the Police Pension Code, part-time work there are exemptions for that. So it may not apply. I'd like to know the individual, you know, the exact circumstance. But there are part-time provisions in the Pension Code currently."

Hays: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Willis."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Willis: "I just have a quick question. As a retired officer that is collecting their pension and then they so choose to go and get a job in another town, and this would certainly possibly fall into one of these small towns, maybe they're only a part-time police chief, if they choose not to participate in a second pension fund, would that still... would that qualify? So, for example, I signed away my pension here at the Statehouse, and if they choose to not participate into IMRF or another downstate pension fund, can they then qualify for that position and still get their pension from their first job?"

Wehrli: "That issue is not currently addressed in this Bill. So, I... it's not addressed in this Bill."

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Willis: "I think that's a position that certainly needs to be addressed. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Wehrli to close."

Wehrli: "Thank you. I thought there for a minute that everybody was going to speak on this Bill, so I'm grateful that didn't happen. This is a good commonsense Bill. It is a start. It doesn't change anything for 15 to 20 years. It certainly doesn't change anyone that is currently a sworn law enforcement officer. I am willing to address concerns with a follow up Bill. I respectfully ask this Body for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1320 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Arroyo, Cabello, Cassidy, Dunkin, Fine. Please record yourself. Stewart. Mr. Clerk. Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Postponed Consideration, please."

Speaker Riley: "Place this on Postponed Consideration. House Bill 3898. House Bill 3898, Representative Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3898, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 3898 amends the Income Withholding for Support Act so that non-employees are subject to wage garnishment for failure to paying child support. It accomplishes this through three changes, defines non-

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employees as independent contractors, vendor or a person receiving payments who's not an employee and not receiving payments for personal services. Includes non-employee in the definition of 'obligor', an obligor is a person who owes a duty to pay child support. And it provides that non-employee wages will be garnished the same as an employee whether or not the wages are actually taken from the non-employee obligor's incomes. This is a... a Department of Human Services initiative and under the current law, this is already the current law and it's already a federal regulation. So, this is an Illinois codification of federal child support laws. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will accept your question."

Sandack: "Rob, in existing law, don't we just do non-wage deductions for none-employees? Isn't that the prescribed method of withholding?"

Martwick: "Non-wage deductions for non-employees? I'm... Ron, I'm not sure I understand."

Sandack: "Well, you have wage deductions and non-wage deductions. There's two instruments that are used when someone wants to garnish wages or things that aren't wages. So, an employee, you'd have wage garnishment sent to an employer. If it's money withheld or to be withheld for anyone else, it's a non-wage garnishment. So is... is this a solution looking for a problem? Because it looks like we have a mechanism already available."

Martwick: "So Ron, the... what this does is this closes sort of a loophole, and again, this was done on the federal level so

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the employers are already subject to this through Federal Law. And what it does is it closes a loophole where people who are classified as 1099 independent contractors and who are being paid on a regular basis but not as an employee are now subject to... to child support orders for withholding. When I was a child support prosecutor some years ago, this was a common thing where certain employees would ask to be classified as 1099s and then there wouldn't be any way to actually attach their wages for garnishment purposes. So this is something that's been done over the course of years, and like I said, it is Federal Law right now, so we're just codifying it into State Law to make sure that we're able to attach those non-employee wages."

Sandack: "I... and I hear you. And I want us to be consistent with federal law. I just assumed that there's been a mechanism in place because independent contractors is nothing new. And so in order to obtain child support, I thought the prescribed method was a non-wage garnishment or an order from, even though it's not an employer, to say 15 percent or whatever the amount would be... being withheld. I didn't know that there was problem just in designation and I thought there was already something underway and a methodology to obtain child support, which is obviously sacrosanct."

Martwick: "Well, as... as I said, I know that it was an issue in the past because it was an issue that I ran into as a child support enforcement officer. However, like I said, it's been a long time since I've done that. I don't know what's transpired in the meantime, but I do know that this was done

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on the federal level and we're adopting it on the local level so it is law."

Sandack: "Very good. Thank you."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Leader Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I was just going to reiterate that it is Federal Law and that the child support enforcement has updated their income withholding form to make it clearer to codify in Illinois what has become Federal Law. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Jack Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. One of the previous speakers, Mr. Sandack, had a question on how this is working on... What I understand and how... when you garnish someone, the limits that can happen in the state are 15 percent above a certain limit because if you don't make enough you cannot be garnished. What I want to make sure that's explicit here is the fact that there are different withholding amounts for... for child support. So they could be much higher than the 15 percent. It could be 25 percent; it could be 30 percent. So this Bill is necessary to codify existing practices to make sure that we're able to protect the children who need these funds, because there is some confusion in the law and I believe this makes it explicit. And I think it's a very well written Bill because you don't want to have that loophole where it would only be 15 percent when the children should be... should be getting 20 or 25 or even 30. So I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Cloonen."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Cloonen: "I have a question. I understand and support this. My question is the mechanics of it. If there's a 1099 contractor and that contractor does work for someone else, that 1099 isn't sent in until the end of the year. So how will the child support division know who is responsible for doing this under the 1099s?"

Martwick: "So, Representative, that's a... that's a good question. I... I can say that I'm not going to be terribly well versed in that. I think Representative Franks might have some information for me. Allow one second. Yes. So child support is, as Representative Franks has told me, is an ongoing obligation of the employer to respond to this so that once the... the person who is entitled to the support makes the employer aware, then they have to... it's not waiting until the end of the year to report. As long as they're making payments on a 1099 on a regular basis and they are served with an order, they must comply with that order."

Cloonen: "No... and I understand that. I'm asking for those that may work only once for someone else during the year. Maybe someone only works for someone once during the year and they get that 1099 at the end. Is there any mechanism to help with that?"

Martwick: "There... so... there are a number of mechanisms in... and know that, you know, there is always loopholes and that would be one of them. A person who jumps from job to job, gets one paycheck and doesn't come back. Yeah. No, this isn't perfect,

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but this is where... where there's an ongoing relationship.  
They're able to serve an order and get..."

Cloonen: "Okay. It's a step in the right direction. I agree. Thank  
you."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Martwick to close. I... I'm sorry.  
The Chair recognizes Representative Kay."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Kay: "An operational question, Rob."

Martwick: "Sure."

Kay: "There is some mechanics on the part of ham... Health and  
Family Services with respect to what they're doing. What is  
it that they do with respect to a fee or payment request to  
take care of the transactions in collecting and dispersing?"

Martwick: "I... I'm sorry, Dwight. I'm not sure I completely  
understand. Could you..."

Kay: "Okay. They don't... unless they're doing this for nothing. I  
mean, let me just say, simply. Do they collect a fee?"

Martwick: "HFS?"

Kay: "Yes."

Martwick: "No. No. So, child support orders typically go through  
the court system. So the... the... once the wage garnishment... I  
mean, HFS is... is of course the... they're the ones who initiated  
this legislation, but they don't... unless I'm mistaken, they  
don't actually collect child support moneys."

Kay: "No."

Martwick: "It would go through like a Circuit Court and then the  
clerk of the Circuit Court would collect and then distribute

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child support money. So the order would direct the employer to send the money to the courts where they have a fund. They account for it and then send it to the person who's entitled to the support."

Kay: "The money is sent to whom?"

Martwick: "So the employer would send the money to the clerk of the Circuit Court. I'm sorry. My former boss in child support, Representative Soto, who says it would be sent to the State Disbursement Unit. So through DCFS, is that what it is? Yeah."

Kay: "Yeah. And I think Representative Soto is correct."

Martwick: "Pardon me?"

Kay: "I think Representative Soto is correct."

Martwick: "Yeah. There is a State Disbursement Unit. Okay."

Kay: "So should... wouldn't it be better to send Family Services the \$36 a year we're sending the Circuit Clerk?"

Martwick: "Yeah. Perhaps. I... but this is the way the law is set up right now. I..."

Kay: "Okay."

Martwick: "That would be a change beyond the scope of this Bill, I think, Dwight."

Kay: "Yeah. I think it's a good Bill. Would you be willing to consider getting the fees in the hands of the people that are actually doing the work, when you send it over to the Senate?"

Martwick: "Yeah, I mean, of course. I'm open to anything that would... I mean, I... child support is an issue that I feel very strongly about. I'm open to any tweaks, so if you want to work on something, I'd be happy to."

Kay: "Okay."

Martwick: "Anything that we can do to..."



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Kay: "I think... I think you have a good Bill. I'm going to support it. I'm just concerned that the people who are really doing the work aren't getting the money."

Martwick: "Yeah."

Kay: "Thank you, Rob."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Jesiel."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Jesiel: "Thank you. Representative, I'm just wondering, it says here independent contractors and vendors. What kind of burden does that place on an employer who may decide to hire someone to plow their parking lot or to fix a furnace? These are vendors, if you're hiring them for your business and for business purposes. So what kind of impact is that on that employer to collect and remit? And how would they even know that that is due?"

Martwick: "Well... So, they would know when they were served with an order for withholding by the... by the court. The court would send an order of withholding to them and then they would be required to... to withhold a portion of it and send it back. But that is... I mean, yes, it's a burden. But I assure you, Representative, every collection and disbursement of child support is a burden to every employer that's required to do it, but we have to do it. These people have an obligation to their children, and as we've seen, the reason the government is involved in this is that people furlong and shirk their responsibility to their children. So it is... there's no doubt it's a burden. But every form of child support withholding,

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whether it's for an employer or an independent contractor, is going to be a burden. But you know, that's something that we decided is a worthwhile burden."

Jesiel: "Yeah. I understand that and I agree that it's a worthwhile burden. What I'm trying to understand is the technicality. How would this work? If I am an... I am an employer and I happen to hire a vendor maybe once or twice a year, how will I even know that I'm responsible to be withholding anything from their paychecks or from their payments?"

Martwick: "You would... you would be... you would be... if you were an employer, if you're hiring someone, you would be served with a withholding order. So..."

Jesiel: "And does that come from the agency? I mean, do they know that this snowplow operator or this HVAC vendor is required to have child support withheld from whatever their revenue stream is? Is there an agency that would inform me as an employer of that?"

Martwick: "Well, if you're... if you receive the withholding order, that's when you are made aware of the fact that this person owes child support and it's your responsibility as an employer of this vendor or contract employee to withhold whatever the order tells you to withhold. And again, this is current law; it's under the Federal Law. We... and we're... we're doing it here."

Jesiel: "Okay. So basically then if I'm an employer and I've never been served with a notice that my snowplow guy that I just hired last summer or my HVAC, if I don't have a notice then I'm not responsible as an employer. Is that correct?"

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Martwick: "No. No, you're not... you're not responsible to withhold, at least I don't believe you are. You are not with... you are not responsible to withhold until you've been served with an order requiring you to do so."

Jesiel: "Okay. Okay. Thank you."

Martwick: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Martwick to close."

Martwick: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "There being no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3898 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, please. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 114 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay' and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3898, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3512, Representative Martwick. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3512, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I present to you House Bill 3512. This is also a Department... initiative of the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. It also relates to child support. This an update to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act or UIFSA. So, UIFSA provides universal and uniform rules for the enforcement of family support orders. Importantly, the Act sets basic jurisdictional standards for state courts,

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determines the basis for a state court to exercise continuing exclusive jurisdiction over a child support proceeding and establish and provides rules for modifying or refusing to modify another state's child support order. So, in plain English, this is the set of laws that allows us to enforce child support orders across state lines and internationally, as well. This Bill makes technical and substantive changes throughout the Act in accordance with the best practices and recommendations from the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. So there is a National Conference that gets together. They create these laws, and all of the laws that are part of this pact the... all the states that are part of this pact then adopt them. That's what we're seeking to do here. There's a number of... of changes... of changes that are being made. I'm not going to state all of them unless there are questions. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "Mr. Clerk, I understand that there is an Amendment on this Bill. Can you verify that?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #1 was filed today. It has been referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Riley: "Please... Mr. Clerk, please move this Bill back to Second Reading. House Bill 3475. House Bill 3475, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3475, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. House Bill 3475 is an initiative that I've been working on with the Shriver Center for the Poor. And basically what this Bill would do it provides an

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opportunity for individuals who have totally rehabilitated themselves to go before the court system with the state's attorney and a judge and to convince both the state's attorney and judge that they have totally rehabilitated themselves in order to receive this certificate of good conduct. There are... there is no opposition to this Bill. And I'm requesting an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Riley: "She indicates she will."

Davidsmeyer: "Have... have you worked with the Department of Corrections on this Bill?"

Mayfield: "I have not worked with the Department of Corrections. None of the individuals that receive this certificate are cur... are incarcerated. These are individuals who have been out, who have gone through great lengths to show that they have paid their debt to society, have rehabilitated themselves, they've taken classes, they've gone to school, they have maintained good jobs. Basically, this is a really good process. They have to go into the court system and they have to argue with the state's attorney there, who at any time can strike them down and say absolutely not, we're not going to give this to you. The judge can say at any time, based upon what the state's attorney is saying, we're not going to give this to you. They have to really jump through hoops in order to get this certificate. It is not something very easy to have. The process has been in place since 2010 and we've only given out 300. It is very difficult to get one of these, but it provides a great resource to those

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individuals who do get one because it gives them an opportunity to move off of public subsidy programs such as public aid and other programs that are funded by the state. Go out and get a job so they can take care of themselves and their families. And that's what we want to move towards, helping individuals to be more self-sufficient."

Davidsmeyer: "The only reason I ask that is I was dealing with a constituent issue last week that dealt with the Department of Corrections. Somebody was asking about good behavior and things of that sort. And I just wanted to ensure that this fell under the Code correctly. Department of Corrections was basically saying that they no longer deal with good behavior."

Mayfield: "Right."

Davidsmeyer: "It's called something... different. So, I just wanted to make sure that this fell into... into the Code correctly."

Mayfield: "Okay."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

Mayfield: "Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "There being no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3475 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Unes, Jones, Dunkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this record, with 87 voting 'yea', 23 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3475, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3933, Representative McAsey. Mr. Clerk... Out of the record. House Bill 4090. House Bill 4090, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4090, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4090 permits disclosure of confidential information to law enforcement when a person has escaped from an Illinois Department of Human Services facility or from their custody. Last year in the City of Elgin, where the Elgin Mental Health Facility is located, we had a... a patient escape from the Elgin Mental Health facility while in transport to a courthouse in Lake County. And during that incident, there was confusion and a lack of clarity as to what kind of information could be shared with our local police department by DHS regarding the prisoner. This Bill is intended to clarify the kind of information that can be shared and only in situations where a person has left a DHS facility unlawfully or illegally and essentially has escaped. And I ask for an 'aye' vote and would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4090 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote '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 record, with 114 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 4090, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3887, Representative Keith Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3887, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Riley: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3887 is a small business regulatory review Bill. The Bill requires all state agencies within the Executive Branch to scrutinize the rules, administrative regulations, and permitting processes in order to identify those rules, regulations and processes that are unreasonable, unduly burdensome, duplicative, dup... one... and onerous to small businesses. The intent is for these agencies to provide within one year a report of these reviews back to the General Assembly, the Governor's Office, and the DCEO business appropriating office, and then repeat the process every five years."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3887 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote '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 record, with 113 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3887, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Congratulations. But standby. House Bill 3538, Representative Keith Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3538, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a... this Bill would clarify the poker run operations that take place for non-profit organizations throughout the state. There's some technical changes to the language. I'd urge an 'aye' vote."



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Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3538 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those oppose vote '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. This record, with 98 voting 'yea', 14 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 3538, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lou Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "It's good to be loved, Mr. Sandack. Yeah, it is. House Bill 3812, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

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

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3812 essentially takes money from the Transportation Highway Safety Hire-back Fund and adds another purpose. This was a Bill that was an initiative with Will County and together we came up with this idea that a portion of that money that is used to hire off-duty police officers to monitor... monitor construct... safety and constructions areas, that these moneys could be used by the county law enforcement agencies to essentially buy education materials and equipment which would help educate drivers on construction zone safety. This is a very good Bill. I request you join me with 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bourne. Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sponsor of the... a question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

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Sandack: "Thank you. Al, my analysis says that Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Association is opposed. Are they still opposed to your Bill?"

Riley: "Representative Sandack, I didn't know that there was any opposition on that Bill, frankly."

Sandack: "So no one made themselves known to you that they were in opposition."

Riley: "Not at all. And we've dealt with this for quite some time. This is a meeting that I attended in Will County last September. So there's been a lot of time that has elapsed. No one ever came to me with any opposition for the Bill. The Bill is fairly straightforward in terms of what its purpose is."

Sandack: "All right. And I'd... I don't want you to speak for anyone you don't speak for, but do they think that this is moving money that would otherwise be for road construction for anc... basically for ancillary purposes?"

Riley: "No. No. Not at all. Frankly, the new purpose for this Bill is congruent with the original purpose of the Hire-back Fund. So it's the same kind of purpose; it just makes clear that they can use it for these other... these other issues."

Sandack: "Thank you for answering the questions, Al."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "Just... just for clarification. What are these dollars currently used for?"

Riley: "Well, they're used for public safety. Actually, I don't remember when it was. I think it was somewhere in the middle

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2000s we really started looking at problems with safety in construction zones. There'd been a number of officers that had been killed. And so the fund was developed at that time and it was used to hire more police officers to monitor, as I said before, safety in construction zones. So essentially, the incre... the money from the increased fines is used for that purpose. It would be used, as I said before, to augment the purpose that it was created in the first place."

Davidsmeyer: "So was... was it originally intended just for State Police or has it always been allowed to be used for county and local departments?"

Riley: "It was... it was always for counties. It was always for counties..."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Thank you."

Riley: "...and still is."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley to close."

Riley: "Thank you very much. I request you join me with 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes': opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Fortner. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3332, Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3332, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rita."

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Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 3332 is the extension of the Collection Agency Sunset Act that... It's agreed legislation between the industry and the Department of Professional Regulation. It just extends it out another 10 years. Puts it all in line with all the other registered professionals that we've been extending their sunsets. So, I'd ask for a favorable vote, or ask..."

Speaker Lang: "Those in... Mr. Franks is recognized. The Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Thank you. My only question, and I'm not sure, Mr. Rita, if you know the answer. The only reason I... I got up is because we just did these fund sweeps and I'm wondering was this fund swept for this... for these groups? 'Cause I'm wondering why we're going to extend it if the money they give just doesn't go to what... what they're paying for."

Rita: "Well, if we don't extend it then they won't be licensed to... and..."

Franks: "Or maybe we license without actually making them pay."

Rita: "So... and I can't answer your... you know, I don't know..."

Franks: "All right."

Rita: "...exactly what was swept or not swept in that last sweep."

Franks: "Okay."

Rita: "But we do want to keep them licensed, keep them regulated in terms of their... how they do business."

Franks: "No, I agree. I agree. But I just... I'm a little concerned if we're going to keep... this is not the first Bill that we've had on extending sunsets, but if we're going to extend sunsets perhaps we ought to put some protections with sweeps. I know that's not the genesis or the focus of your Bill."

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Rita: "Yeah."

Franks: "But that's my only concern on... on these, and perhaps staff can help and somebody can bring me an answer on what was swept on those that we're looking to extend sunsets on it."

Rita: "And I can try to get you that answer as I run it up the ladder."

Franks: "Thank you."

Rita: "All right."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Davis, Hernandez, Soto, Williams. Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recog... Chair recognizes Representative Bourne."

Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask that the record reflect that it was my intention to vote 'yes' on House Bill 3538."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. Thank you, Representative. House Bill 3765, Representative Scherer. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3765, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I am presenting House Bill 3765, regarding minority, women, and disabled hiring on

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the high speed rail in Springfield. I would be happy to answer any questions and would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, I'm looking over my analysis and it indicates that this commission, there are no Governor appointments. Is that correct?"

Scherer: "There are appointments from... let me get the list. One Member from the President of the Senate for IDOT... let's see Speaker of the House for the City of Springfield, and an ombudsman also on the street rail corridor."

Sandack: "So the answer to my question is no?"

Scherer: "No, the Governor is not part of this."

Sandack: "And we go through a lot of commissions and task force here. In fact, we did a couple yesterday. How many are you aware of that exclude the Governor from the process? Are you aware of any?"

Scherer: "Are you opposed to minority hiring and women and disabled people?"

Sandack: "I'm opposed to the process you're putting up that excludes the highest ranking offices of the State of Illinois. That's what I'm opposed to. So I'm happy if you amend your Bill and go with the ordinary course of business, which would permit the Executive to have some say so in a state-appointed commission."

Scherer: "There is a... appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, representing the minority Chamber of Commerce."

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Sandack: "Yeah, that's wonderful, Representative."

Scherer: "A minority or a female and a licensed professional engineer."

Sandack: "Is there a reason why you're excluding, again, the Chief Executive Officer?"

Scherer: "IDOT is on it. That's a department of the Governor."

Sandack: "That's isn't the Governor himself or herself, it's not the Office of the Governor. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. The elusive manner in which the Sponsor answered my question indicates a reluctance to work with this administration and follow the ordinary course of conduct which has a gubernatorial appointment on a state-appointed commission. I am of course in favor of the intention the speaker... I'm sorry, the Sponsor wishes to undertake. But the method is frankly it... it's erroneous and it's... it ought to be rejected. We ought to go with the ordinary course. And I suspect people that want to improve diversity would understand that a fully diverse commission is what's really important here. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "Representative, I want to go back to the appointments that are eligible under the Bill that you have before us. It seems to be that there are roughly 14 appointments and we obviously have asked the question in regard to the Governor. I want to ask the question in regard to the chambers that you serve in, this chamber and the Senate. My analysis indicates, and I've confirmed it through the legislation, that you're

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allowing for 6 Members to this commission to be appointed by the House Speaker. Is that correct?"

Scherer: "There's 14, so let me get your exact figure..."

Sullivan: "Sure."

Scherer: "...if you want to know that exact number. This... the Speaker and the Senate President have appointed several of them. There's also a Member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, 1 Member of the House appointed by the Minority Leader of the House."

Sullivan: "So, Representative, you have 6 Members that are appointed by the Speaker and you have 1 Member appointed by the Minority Leader. You have 6 Members appointed by the Senate President and 1 Member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader. Can you explain or is there a specific reason why you have such an unequal balance of membership appointments amongst the two caucuses and the two chambers. Can you just explain that for me?"

Scherer: "Representative, we had this discussion in committee and there is not a specific reason that I... I didn't go in and say I want it exactly laid out like this. In answer to your question, I... I would like to add, and going back to what Representative Sandack asked me earlier, in committee I offered to put an Amendment in that said that the Governor personally could appoint anyone he wanted from IDOT and your Republican Member told me that he didn't want me to do that."

Sullivan: "Okay. I'll trust your judgment on that one. I don't know why that would be..."

Scherer: "It's in the record."



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Sullivan: "All right. Well, then we'll find it. Now you're before this Body and the entire House of Representatives and so I would say the majority of us on this side of the aisle feel that maybe we should revisit the idea of having equal membership within this commission. Specifically, when you have many Members of the Republican Party that actually serve this area. Obviously, you serve this area, and I understand that. But there's many more that also serve this area that we would like to establish some representation. So that's really all... I mean, nobody's disagreeing with your Bill and the concept you're trying to do. But we think that... historically when we have these types of commissions we have co-representation within the Parties and you clearly do not have co-representation within the Parties. So our thought is maybe that you could bring an Amendment to bring co-representation in the Parties if you like how the types of people, because within the Bill you enumerate... or you explain that there are specific types of people you would like to be in there from different agencies, it's just who's going to appointment those. And that's the... the basis for our complaint right now before you."

Scherer: "If I might offer a suggestion. It's my understanding that Representative Butler has already prefiled for Senator Andy Manar's twin Bill that he passed out of the Senate. So perhaps if, you know, anything that Representative Butler would like to do to work on that Bill, you know that would be his prerogative, since he prefiled for it. I had intended to file for it myself."

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Sullivan: "Okay. Well, why don't we... why don't we just pull this Bill out of the record and we'll work on his? I mean, do you agree that it should be co... it should be equal representation, or do you disagree with that then?"

Scherer: "There is no opposition from the Governor's Office."

Sullivan: "That wasn't the question. Do you believe, personally, that there should be equal representation between the caucuses on your Bill, or should there be the way it is?"

Scherer: "I believe it should be the way it is."

Sullivan: "So you believe that you should have more representation on your side of the aisle on this issue than we should have on our side of the aisle."

Scherer: "I believe that the most important critical issue is being avoided which is, for once, we finally want to hold people accountable, that they will be willing to hire not a majority, we're not asking for the majority of the hires here to be minorities, we're asking for their fair share. I don't even think it's their fair share, but that's what we're asking for is this little bitty amount. The people who are going to be most directly affected by this, it's their homes being torn up, but they can't get the job and we are going to sit here and argue of who's in a committee that's simply an advisory committee and all..."

Sullivan: "Oh, really."

Scherer: "...we're asking for is a report and an explanation. If you won't hire minorities or women or disabled people, please just come and explain to us why not. That's what the issue is."

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Sullivan: "And... and that's awesome. I love that speech. I agree with 100 percent of what you just said. Now, can we get back to the issue of you certainly..."

Scherer: "That is the issue."

Sullivan: "Well, but within your Bill you're going to break precedent within this chamber and go down a path where you're going to have a supermajority of folks appointed by your side of the aisle versus our side of the aisle. You're going to break precedent."

Scherer: "We do have the supermajority right now."

Sullivan: "Okay, but it's 6 to 1. I... you know, maybe we could make it a little closer."

Scherer: "I need to ask a question. Why is the makeup of the committee so much more important than getting this Bill passed when a Member of your side prefiled for the exact same Bill from Senator Manar?"

Sullivan: "Well, as legislation works, maybe one makes it through and one doesn't. And so, we should get both of them right at the same time. Don't you think? Would that be a better way of doing it?"

Scherer: "That's why we need to pass this right now."

Sullivan: "But it's not in good form, as you just admitted that maybe we could work on the other one. So wouldn't we want to maybe pull this from the record and amend it the way we want to do it now. And then you'd have universal support for an issue. But you have to remember that we have... each Member has 108 thousand people that we represent, so we would like to have some say in what goes on in this committee. That's all we're asking."

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Scherer: "I'm sorry. I'm going to have to ask you to repeat that."

Sullivan: "Jack. Okay. I will wait for your one second."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan, when you're done waiting for Mr. Franks' one second, could we move on to another speaker? There are still six people that wish to speak on this Bill."

Sullivan: "Maybe she could pull it out of the record and bring it back. So they can have that discussion."

Speaker Lang: "We'll give them another couple of seconds."

Sullivan: "Hey, Jack, have her pull it out of the record."

Scherer: "Okay. I have to ask this question, if I could. Is there a reason that we can't put this through the House..."

Sullivan: "I'm sorry?"

Scherer: "...and amend it in the Senate? Andy Manar, our Senator, said that he will work..."

Sullivan: "So we don't have to do anything..."

Scherer: "...and I... I'll work with him too..."

Sullivan: "We don't have to do anything..."

Scherer: "...to amend this in the Senate."

Sullivan: "...until the 31... I mean, we've got some time. It would take you half a day to get this fixed and... and the Amendment deadline is Monday. So you have all the time in the world. Why don't we get both of them fixed properly the first time, which I'm assuming you have a bunch of people talking to you right now that maybe that might be the better way of doing things? It's not that hard. We're not opposed to your Bill, other than this aspect of it. You could get unanimous support on a Bill, the first time. Wouldn't it be easier to do that?"

Scherer: "I'll tell you what, we could do this. I know this might not be the way it works around here, but this is common sense."

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I'll amend my Bill, if I can have Senator Manar's Bill. That way I have an assurance that I can stand up for my minorities, women, and disabled people."

Sullivan: "Listen, I'm all for that, personally, but you know, I don't have that say. We have a lot of issues going on with your Bill right now. Maybe it's a good time to pull this out of the record and have a discussion about that offline."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan, can we move on?"

Sullivan: "No."

Speaker Lang: "All right, then we won't."

Sullivan: "Thank you. Representative, you have several of your colleagues asking you to pull this from the record so we can have this discussion. I mean, this is an important thing for this area. It's very important for your... for your area, for Representative Butler's area, for Representative Poe's area. We can get this done very quickly. All right, I give up. I'd like a verification of this Bill should it receive the requisite votes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think there may be more to this than just the Bill but there's still, I believe, Representative Scherer, I think... Representative Scherer, I do believe that this could probably be worked out. I think it might be deeper than just the Bill and I think that you're probably right. However, I would just suggest, because I'm not prepared to vote for it... for this as it is, I would suggest that we take it out of the record. Let's get the commission in the right form and then I think you, being men of your word, will support the Bill.

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So that's my recommendation to you. It's your Bill, you can do what you want, but I think we could then move on to other business."

Speaker Lang: "Chair... Representative Scherer. You look like you wanted to say something."

Scherer: "Yeah. I... I would like to ask... Representative Sullivan, if I pull this now and work with this on an Amendment, will you guarantee me that the people will vote for this and support..."

Speaker Lang: "Representative... Representative..."

Scherer: "...the women and the minorities?"

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer, I don't think that's an appropriate request. Let me... let the Chair make a recommendation to you."

Scherer: "Okay. I can't ask that."

Speaker Lang: "Let the Chair recom... make a recommendation to you. We'll put... why don't you take this out of the record? If... if you can't come to an agreement, you come back to the Chair and we'll call your Bill. Why don't we take this out of the record now?"

Scherer: "That is fine."

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. House Bill 3619, Representative Soto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3619, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3619 amends the Equal Pay Act of 2003. Provides that the Act applies to employees rather than only those with more than

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three employees. Increases the maximum civil penalty for violations to the Act from 2500 to 5000 thousand dollars. Thank you and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "Actually, Mr. Speaker, I was... I had my light on to speak to the previous Bill because I..."

Speaker Lang: "That Bill is out of the record, Representative."

Davis, M.: "I... I understand. But the issue never... what the real issue was never came out. That it was merely a commission that would study the hiring of minorities, African Americans, Latinos, women, and the disabled. So that issue never came out what the Bill was really about. And I was waiting to hear someone talk about what the Bill was about. So..."

Speaker Lang: "Quite certain... I'm quite certain when it comes back, Rep... the Sponsor of the Bill will do that, Representative."

Davis, M.: "Well, I hope so. Thank you, Mr. Chairman... Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, my analysis says that the business community, or at least some of the business community, are opposed to your Bill, or at least were. Are there... is... are there still opponents to your Bill?"

Soto: "I have no oppon... Yes. Hold on, let me just... Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. I'm sorry. I have an updated analysis. Yes, we have proponents and some opponents."

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Sandack: "Well, the opponents I have are the Illinois Department of Labor and then I have the Illinois Chamber of Commerce... Commerce, NFIB, IRMA, and IMA. Have you talked to any of those organizations?"

Soto: "They have not come to see me."

Sandack: "No one has come to see you..."

Soto: "On the... on the opponent side."

Sandack: "Okay."

Soto: "And I'm very available. You know, I'm probably the friendliest Legislator in this General Assembly. My doors are always open, Representative, for whoever wants to come and negotiate."

Sandack: "And I have no doubt they aren't. But obviously, NFIB is considered to be the voice of small business, or at least they advocate on behalf of small business. And your Bill changes the limitation on how many businesses would be affected by... under law. One, it makes it four people or less, right?"

Soto: "Correct."

Sandack: "And it changes... it doubles the penalty from 2500 to 5 thousand and so that obviously would negatively affect small business and bring more companies into, you know, the requirement under the law."

Soto: "Okay. Okay."

Sandack: "So I... I'm asking you if... if you wouldn't go out and have a conversation with NFIB. Because their concerns, I mean, they're opposed to your Bill, pretty strongly."

Soto: "And I understand that. But again, I'm in my office every single day and I stay at work late. So if they... they had an



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issue with this and didn't come and speak to me, there's nothing that I can do to force them to come and see me."

Sandack: "Okay. And what..."

Soto: "I... I filed this Bill a while ago so, you know, my doors are open. Again, if they passed through there before they've never come in my office."

Sandack: "What policy... what good policy is advanced by making smaller companies require to be available under the Equal Pay Act? How does that advance small business? How does that get new jobs and promote business growth?"

Soto: "Okay. Just being able to pay employees equal pay no matter what size the business is."

Sandack: "Well, don't you think that this will actually cause reduction in employment in small employers? Don't you think this will have a negative effect and frankly, a direct or contrary consequence to what you're seeking to do?"

Soto: "Yeah. I... I don't know. I don't have anything to say to that."

Sandack: "Well, have you... have you sought input to see if this will actually be a net gain or a net loss to employment? I mean, you're actually bringing more people into the Equal Pay Act and my... my question is, you don't want to reduce employment, do you?"

Soto: "We don't... we don't, but we have to make sure that people are... are treated equally. Do you understand that?"

Sandack: "I do understand that. So, to... to the Bill Mr. Speaker."

Soto: "And you know what, there's a lot of employees that are taken advantage of and we know that... we all in this General Assembly know that."

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Sandack: "Well, and there are penalties and consequences for those who take advantage of people and who don't follow the law. And what you're doing now is frankly making the law... law a wider net, dragging more people under the consequence of having to pay pursuant to this Act, and I'm just suggesting you may have an undesired consequence. You may make smaller companies reduce their workforce because of this."

Soto: "No, I don't think so. I think that these companies will then follow the law and treat people equal... as an equal."

Sandack: "Well, that... that's wonderful. And... but they don't have to hire people if they don't need to. And so they can reduce their workforce to begin... to become underneath the confines of your Bill. I'm just suggesting that had you had communications with small business advocates you might understand their conditions a little better."

Soto: "I... I have a lot of... of big business community and I have a good relationship with them."

Sandack: "I have no doubt."

Soto: "Again... again, you know what, if they do what they have to do they won't be penalized. That's really just the bottom line and that's in a lot of Bills that we pass out of this General Assembly."

Sandack: "Well, it... to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. That... that's not quite correct. It's not just a matter of penalizing for noncompliance. You're opening the... the door to smaller companies being required in the first instance to comply with the... with this law. They were otherwise exempted. So we're making it more difficult for small business to exist in this state. We... we... time and time again we talk about being

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business friendly, yet we pass laws that aren't well thought through that the consequences aren't frankly thought through, and now we're going to stick it to more people and we wonder why people are leaving Illinois. We wonder why."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Really? That's the argument. So you'd rather say that women should make 77 cents for every dollar a man makes. And we should say that's okay. We should say it's okay to discriminate based on someone's sex because it might hurt business. Really, that's the argument? Yesterday, you made an argument that you said for employers who knowingly steal from their employees that we should not penalize them 'cause that could somehow hurt business. What I'm saying is no legitimate business would do that. No legitimate business would steal from their employees. Legitimate businesses don't pay women less for the same job that men do. Wow. So really? Really? The defense is this is somehow antibusiness. Why don't... I'd like to welcome you to the 21st century. Its simple math, I know some don't like science, but this is just math. Math is our friend, we should embrace it. And we should be equal and people who do the same work should be paid the same amount. It doesn't matter what sex you are, it doesn't matter what color you are, it doesn't matter what sexual preference you have. We should treat everybody fairly. For those who discriminate based on those issues, they should be penalized. We shall all be voting 'yes' on this because there's no reason not to. Please support this Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks, the Chair would like to thank you. We went from no lights to eight lights on while you were speaking. Mr. Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "I appreciate the previous speaker and I completely agree with you. I completely agree with you. My question on this Bill is currently the law applies to businesses of three or more people. Why would you decrease that number? Who are you comparing to if it's under... under three people? You're comparing one guy to one women who..."

Soto: "No. If there's an injustice in there and they're not treating them the same and paying them the same then it's an issue."

Davidsmeyer: "How do... how do you justify a comparison in that circumstance? Have you run a small..."

Soto: "We... we..."

Davidsmeyer: "...have you run a small business before?"

Soto: "I have families who have."

Davidsmeyer: "You do?"

Soto: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Of less than three people?"

Soto: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Has there ever been a circumsta..."

Soto: "Two, three, four."

Davidsmeyer: "What did you say?"

Soto: "I said sometimes they have two employees, sometimes they have four employees."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I just don't understand..."

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Soto: "It's not a big business, so it's a small one, you know..."

Davidsmeyer: "I just don't understand how lowering this from three to zero or one employees makes any sense. But that's just me."

Soto: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wallace: "Thank you, Speaker. I stand in strong support of this Bill. As some of us may know, on Tuesday, April 14 was equal pay day. That date is that date because it takes until April 14 of the next year for a woman making 78 cents or 77 cents for every dollar that a man makes to earn the same thing that a man made the year before. When we start to look at race and ethnicity along with gender, then people are making even less. African-American women make about 64 cents for every dollar a white man makes. And Latinas make about 54 cents for every dollar a white male makes. It does not matter the size of the business. It does not matter what the company does, if the employees are doing the exact same thing those individuals should be paid. If we look at the 77 cents per dollar, a woman loses almost... no, a woman loses \$10,680 per year for not making that one full dollar that men are earning. It does not matter the size of the business. This will not drive businesses away from Illinois, in fact, I think it would drive individuals, companies, entrepreneurs to Illinois. It may inspire women to take on more employees; it may incite them to start their own businesses. I do thank the Sponsor for bringing this Bill forward and I urge a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Guzzardi: "Thank you. A quick question for you, Representative Soto. So I think with regards to Mr. Davidsmeyer's question, does this... will this protect employees who are paid less than their counterparts in other businesses?"

Soto: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "So, it wouldn't just have to be in comparison to other people within the same business. It would be in similar position in the other industries."

Soto: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "Well, I hope that clears up Representative Davidsmeyer's questions. To the Bill. I certainly don't intend to top Representative Franks, but I think this is a terrific Bill. I wanted to address a couple of the concerns that had been raised earlier. Representative Sandack... Leader Sandack, excuse me, suggested that this Bill would... would stick it to more people. I think that paying women equal to men doesn't constitute sticking it to anyone. It constitutes basic fairness. I very much appreciate you bringing this Bill forward, Representative Soto, and I strongly urge an 'aye' vote to my colleagues. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cassidy. Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. The idea that going into a business plan planning to pay a portion of your workforce less than the other is a good business plan is maddening to me. I would ask all of the Members of this chamber to think of their daughters. Those of you who have a

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daughter and a son perhaps, would you give them different allowances? Those of you who have wives and sisters and mothers, do they deserve less respect and appreciation and compensation than... than fathers, and brothers, and uncles? The answer is no. This is plain and simple equality. If a business plan, if a business model requires paying half your workforce less, you have a faulty business plan. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in support of the Lady's Bill. Quite frankly, this Bill really is about men. According to the Center for American Progress, men in America work longer hours than anyone else in the world. And if this Bill were to pass, you guys would be able stay home longer and spend more time with the family. So, if for no other reason, let's do this one for the men. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

Demmer: "Speaker, I yield my time to Representative Sandack."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Yeah. I think my name was used in debate a couple of times anyway. To the Gentleman who was bloviating a little bit about equal pay..."

Speaker Lang: "What, what, what was he doing, Sir?"

Sandack: "Bloviating. What's interesting about the Gentleman's recent outburst of pragmatism is we should all make what he makes. We should all be paid what the Gentleman from McHenry makes because it's equal and fair. Because none of us should... with less talent or opportunity should make a nickel less

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than him. To the legitimate concepts that are... should be debated here. The Lady that just spoke is quite right. When we debate men and women's wages they're not necessarily equal. But no one here on my side of the aisle thinks anyone should be paid less than anyone else for the same work. No one here thinks that. No one here thinks that. How we legislate that, how we create policies matters. And I heard the Sponsor say, in answering to a question, that this isn't just something within the business itself, but it's over a market. So a competitor, a low cost competitor pays X and company Y now has to pay the wages that company X pays. That's preposterous. Let's make sure we're doing this smart, people. Just saying equal pay may make for a great mailing piece and it may make... get people from McHenry to stand up and become champion of working class people when they're really not. The fact of the matter is, we ought to be doing this far more thoughtfully. That's our debating point so let's look at the measure itself. And let's include small business in the discussion, since they're the ones we're penalizing right now and we're not thinking it through. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe my name was used in debate. So, a question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "So are you saying that if I'm a man from Jacksonville, Illinois and a woman from say southern Illinois, somewhere, Cairo, wherever it may be, is making less than me but we're in the same industry working for two different businesses that you can compare the two?"



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Soto: "It's just within the same business."

Davidsmeyer: "'Cause you told the previous person that if you're comparing people in two different businesses that..."

Soto: "I did. Sorry."

Davidsmeyer: "You did."

Soto: "Sorry. I'm sorry."

Davidsmeyer: "And I just wanted to clarify that."

Soto: "And..."

Davidsmeyer: "And I also wanted to clarify one other thing really quick. To the Bill. Nobody, nobody in business is going to go to their bank with a business plan that says this is how I'm going to make money, right? Nobody goes in with a plan. So, to imply that somebody goes in with a plan to pay anybody less, man, woman, black, white, yellow, purple, whatever it may be, is ridiculous. Nobody goes in with a plan to do something like that. And I think this is pure politics. And it's frustrating as... all get out."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

DeLuca: "Representative Soto, I support your Bill. I'm a cosponsor, but I'm looking at the executive summary here and it says that the Equal Pay Act prohibits employers with four or more employees from paying unequal wages to men and women for doing the same or substantially similar work except if the wage difference is based upon a seniority system, a merit system, a system measuring earnings by quantity or quality of production or factors other than gender. My question is

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nowhere in the text of the Bill do I see that. Is that in statute, or..."

Soto: "That... that's already... that's already in the Act."

DeLuca: "So, that's in statute."

Soto: "Yes, it is."

DeLuca: "I didn't get your answer."

Soto: "Yes. I said, yes, it is."

DeLuca: "Okay. So that language is protected in statute."

Soto: "Yes, it is."

DeLuca: "So a lot of the concerns that have been brought up about the business community are really protected here because if you have two employees, one man, one woman, starting at the same time, doing substantially similar work, they should receive the same pay. Is that correct?"

Soto: "That is correct."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Representative."

Soto: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reis: "Representative, will this apply to federal employees as well?"

Soto: "No."

Reis: "No?"

Soto: "No."

Reis: "Well, I was just curious if you had opined in on Senator Durbin's office to find out how he felt about your Bill."

Soto: "You can call him if you want to ask him."

Reis: "Okay. I'm sure that all the staff in his office..."

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Soto: "Call... call Mark Kurk... Kirk, I'm sorry."

Reis: "Don't know about Senator Kirk, but his FOIA request proved that Senator Durbin wasn't paying his employees equal. So I'm sure they'll all be happy if your Bill passes."

Soto: "Okay. Well, you can get that information."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Ives: "So, we already have equal pay legislation at the federal level. Is that correct?"

Soto: "Yes."

Ives: "And we already have equal pay legislation at the state level. Is that correct?"

Soto: "It doesn't apply to everyone."

Ives: "It applies to employees... more than three employees right now, correct?"

Soto: "Correct."

Ives: "Okay. Well, then why do we have such a huge problem, as was recently reported? For example, Democrat Patty Murray paid her female staffers about \$21 thousand less per year than male staffers. A difference of 33.8 percent. Diane Feinstein, another Democrat, paid her female staffers about... made a difference of about 41 percent less."

Soto: "Are you talking at the federal level?"

Ives: "Yeah, I am. You..."

Soto: "We're not talking about the state level. Okay."

Ives: "I'm making really good example here though. You have Barbara Boxer paid her female staffers an average of \$5 thousand less or 7.3 percent. The White House is also part of

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this hypocrisy, paying its female staffers 13 percent or 10 thousand less than its male staffers. So if you really want equal pay for equal work maybe you should join the military. A perfect example, 'cause a captain gets paid the same regardless of gender. However, you could also make the argument that that's not equal work. Because if you're an infantry officer captain male out on the frontlines I guarantee you you're working a lot harder than a female transportation officer even if you're both in a combat zone. So if you're really concerned about this then maybe you should look to that example. Thank you."

Soto: "Well, I think that..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. It seems like some of the comments that I've heard about this. One Gentleman commented that this was very political in nature. The previous speaker pointed to, I guess, Democratic examples as she eloquently said and I'm sure there are probably equally as many Republican examples as she chose not to talk about. But the idea here, Ladies and Gentlemen, is that why do we have a system where a woman who performs the same task receives less pay than a male? I don't see what the big debate is about this. To me the... it seems simple. And if we have individuals out there that would choose to make those distinctions and pay women less, why shouldn't we have mechanism to go after them or to chastise them in some way? So, this isn't political in any way. Because again, I'm sure there are examples on both sides of the aisle where this takes place. But the objective is that it's wrong for it to happen in any

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situation. There's no reason why a woman should make less than a man. We don't see them any differently. Here in the General Assembly we don't make the distinction between a female Legislator and a male Legislator, they're just a Legislator. So why can't we just see people in that same way no matter where they are and no matter where they're working? I look at these young ladies sitting down here, why should they need to grow up in a society that will pay them less than it would pay a male. It shouldn't happen. It shouldn't happen. So Ladies and Gentlemen, let's support the Lady's measure, let's make it right for everybody here in the State of Illinois. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto to close."

Soto: "Thank you. I urge my Members to vote for House Bill 3619. And let's move forward and change equal pay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no". The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Batinick, Breen, Bryant, Cavaletto, Davidsmeyer, Reis, Thapedi. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 76 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3684, Representative Wallace. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3684, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Speaker and colleagues of the Assembly. I rise today to ask for your support in codifying a Bill of

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Rights for the foster children of the State of Illinois. There are over 16 thousand children in foster care. And this particular Bill would add Illinois to a list of 17 other states that solidify rights for their foster children. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Batinick, Breen, Cavaletto, Davis, Reeves-Harris, Welch. Please record yourselves. Davis, Reeves-Harris. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3211, Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3211, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3211 is an initiative of our new State Treasurer, Mr. Mike Frerichs. It makes two changes to the State Treasurers Act to conform to the current payment process. What it is also does is, without the proposed changes to the law, it basically puts them at risk for audit findings. I ask for approval."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davis, Flowers, Mayfield, McAuliffe, Wehrli. Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having

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received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3161, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3161, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill provides that for an order of protection a special process server cannot be appointed to serve orders of protection that grant a few specific things. Number one, surrender of a child; number two, surrender of a firearm; or three, the exclusive... exclusive possession of a shared residence. This only applies to Cook County. It's supported by the Cook County Sheriff, the judges in the domestic violence and domestic relations division. And the purpose is simply because in these cases it's often very high risk and we need a law enforcement officer to serve in these cases. So, I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 152, Representative Willis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 152, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis."

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Willis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This Bill requires all public schools to put carbon monoxide detectors in the building. It is something that we have found that we have need for. In fact, just this past fall a school right outside Springfield had to transport over a hundred students from a carbon monoxide leak in the building. So this is something that we tried to do last year. Many people were hesitant to work on it, not sure that there was a need. And we have now seen the need. Just last... this past September we had over a hundred students transported because of a carbon monoxide leak. So we've worked on this, we have carved out Chicago Public Schools, not because they don't need them, but because they have already been proactive and put that into there. We've also carved out private institutions 'cause we do not want to put any more undue burdens on them. But we do feel that it certainly is necessary there too and hope that they would abide by that. The State Fire Marshal will be working up the rules and recommendations on where they are supposed to be placed. But the rule of thumb will really be just outside the furnace rooms where we would anticipate leaks. I'm open for any questions. But I do urge an 'aye' vote for public safety of our students."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Zalewski is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Lang: "The record will so indicate. Thank you, Leader. Mr. Sandack. Yes, the Sponsor yields."



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Sandack: "Thank you. Kathy, I have a note from some of the folks, the School Management Alliance, that they are hoping you'll get... continue to work with them with the Fire Marshal with respect to the rules promulgated. I think it's a good Bill and I think most people think it is. But apparently there's some mechanisms that need to be continued to work on."

Willis: "Right. I just talked to Zack though, right before Session started and he would like to have it a little bit more specific as to what the rules the Fire Marshal's going to come up to him. I assured him that we would work on that and try to have that clarified for him when the Senate gets the Bill."

Sandack: "Fantastic. Thank you much."

Willis: "You're welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "Representative, when you spoke about this in committee, did you cover how serious a problem this carbon monoxide could be?"

Willis: "Well, I think the fact that we had to transport over a hundred students from, let me tell you, one of the schools right outside Springfield in September shows how serious it can be. It's a silent killer and that's the problem."

Pritchard: "And you indicated that probably it would just have to be placed outside a boiler rooms or someplace where there's combustion going on. Would... do you have any insur... assurance from the Fire Marshal that they aren't going to require them in more places?"

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Willis: "I'm going to make sure that we have that in writing before the Bill gets through to the Senate... as the Senate works and processes that. Because it is not my intent to put huge financial obligations on to the schools at all by having more than is necessary. So we want the bare minimum that are necessary to ensure the safety of our students."

Pritchard: "And could you reiterate what the opponents are saying about this Bill?"

Willis: "The opponents from the School Alliance is just that they... they are not against the carbon monoxide detectors, they're just concerned that we have not ironed out the exact specifics on where they'd be located. We want to be vague so that we make sure... if the requirements change we don't have to come back and change our legislation. But we do want to make sure that we're concrete enough that we give good guidance to the school districts. So we're going to work that out. I... I'm sure we'll get there."

Pritchard: "And you also indicated that this could be a low cost item that it doesn't have to be hard wired. Is that correct?"

Willis: "Correct. You can buy... you can purchase one right now at Walmart for under \$25. So it does not need to be hard wired into the building. You can do a battery operated one, which is that case. Also, we have put into the statute that the schools may use their school safety levy to pay for that."

Pritchard: "That's an important point. Thank you very much."

Willis: "You're welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Willis to close."

Willis: "For the sake of our students and for the sake of better schools, I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all 'voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Andersson, Breen, Davidsmeyer, Feigenholtz. Please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3172, Representative Winger. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3172, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Winger."

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. The suggestion for this Bill came about from a resident in an adolescent facility last summer during the DCFS hearing between... in front of the GA. And what House Bill 3172 does is it requires the DCFS, the residential treatment centers that accept wards of the state to provide a locked suggestion box where residents can submit anonymous concerns and suggestions. The thought behind this is, is that residents could disclose things that are happening without fear of retaliation. And there is no opposition that I'm aware of to this Bill. And I respectfully ask for your 'aye' vote and happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative, I see you, I think I see you. Is that over there? Okay. Fine, how are you? Good to see you. So these suggestion boxes, what happens to the suggestions?"

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Winger: "There is a requirement within the Bill that the employees of the DCFS facility would review those at least once a week. So they would open up the box at least once a week. That's the requirement of the Bill, as well. With any process, there's no guarantee that each suggestion would be acted upon. But what this does is it opens up the lines of communication in an anonymous fashion between the residents and the employees."

Davis, W.: "I can appreciate that. But... so, I mean, who... who opens up the box? Does this go to the director of the facility only and she or he or she reviews them? So... I mean, this is an anonymous box. What if... what if somebody drops something in the box that speaks to despaired treatment, somebody says I'm being abused. I mean, what happens to these suggestions when they're opened up and read? Really."

Winger: "Sure. Well, I would be open to... to amend to define a... a person within... or a position within the facility whether it's a director or whoever we deem is the appropriate position."

Davis, W.: "Well, I mean, but... but does the Bill speak to that? Again, the box shall be open or the suggestions, if you will, shall be given to the director of the facility and only he or she reads them and then determines how they're dealt with. I mean... I mean... 'cause, again, somebody could random... it seems like somebody could randomly open up the box, read through them, I know that kid, you know, guess what, ball that one up and throw it away. I mean... I mean, really, what happens to the suggestions to make sure that they're taken seriously? You know, that someone of substance, if you will, is reviewing those suggestions and making sure that if they're appropriate

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that they are indeed acted upon. And what if the suggestions require money? We know how the budget is going to be this year. So does that mean because the budget is depleted, even if it's a good suggestion that the suggestion goes nowhere?"

Winger: "Sure. We can't guarantee that every suggestion would be acted upon. However, the box is locked and an employee of DCFS would be the one to open the box."

Davis, W.: "Well, you keep saying an employee. Are we talking about a specific employee? Again, are... do they have the responsibility of delivering these suggestions to that particular facility director? Or what happens to them?"

Winger: "I'd be open for suggestions on defining it further within the Bill on who would open the suggestion box."

Davis, W.: "Okay. I mean, there's nothing wrong with what you're suggesting. I get that. But my fear is that when you're talking about a facility where you've got young people and adults, I mean, depending on the dynamics of the folks in there, I wouldn't want a good suggestion by a kid to be disregarded because that employee doesn't like that kid or thinks that kid is, you know, whatever the case may be. So I would just want to make sure that, I guess, procedurally that there's an appropriate mechanism for collecting, which is a box of course. I don't know if that box is locked, anybody have access to it, you know, what happens, again."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Representative for doing this Bill because at the hearings on the Human Service downtown when we had DCFS there in front of us for several hours, this was one of the main suggestions

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that the young people who lived in the residential facility asked us to do. They said it would be very simple, but they were afraid to speak out within their facilities. So they felt if there was a locked box that would be taken by an administrator from DCFS that they would feel free to say what was going on within the facility itself. And so I think that this is a great idea. I think it had been done years before, but had been stopped for the last several years. So this was the main request at that hearing by the young people who live in the residential facilities. And I thank the Representative for doing it. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Winger to close."

Winger: "It... it's my understanding that the new director of the DCFS organization is very open and wanting to hear all the different perspectives. So I do believe that this will be implemented with integrity. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Ammons, Burke, Davis, Feigenholtz. Representative Ammons, Representative Davis. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A moment of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Gordon-Booth: "Thank you. On yesterday, we celebrated Representative Camille Lilly's birthday, but today, if you have the time, please make your way over to Representative Esther Golar's desk today. She is celebrating her birthday as well."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday, Representative. She's not at her desk, so I... I don't know why we would go there. Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Costello: "I was wondering if Mr. Mapes would be willing to put a suggestion box at the well for the General Assembly."

Speaker Lang: "It appears nobody is shy about giving Mr. Mapes their suggestions. Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Phelps: "I just wanted to remind everybody that you're all invited to the Sportsman's Caucus next Tuesday night, April 21, at the Inn at 835 starting at 5:30. It's a little different this year. If you want to come, RSVP because we're going to have a nice sit-down dinner. So please let us know if you're coming. Thanks."

Speaker Lang: "House Bill 3930, Mr. Yingling. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3930, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Yingling."

Yingling: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a cleanup Bill that unifies the language between the Criminal Code and the Code

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of Corrections and the Human Rights Act. There is no opposition. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Ammons. Please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 30 of the Calendar, under Motions in Writing, there appears six Motions to Table Bills. We'll do them all on one Roll Call. House Bill 1845, Mr. Meier. House Bill 2653, Mr. Thapedi. House Bill 2655, Mr. Deluca. House Bill 2745, Representative Flowers. House Bill 3291, Mr. Verschoore. House Bill 3309, Mr. Kay. Each of these Sponsors has moved to table their Bill. Is there leave? Let me... let me... Mr. Clerk, remove House Bill 2745 from that list. So to reiterate, it's House Bill 1845, House Bill 2653, House Bill 2655, House Bill 3291, House Bill... All right. The Chair is reading too fast. These are the Bills that we're... that we're moving to table: House Bill 1845, House Bill 2655, House Bill 3291, House Bill 3309, four Bills. Is there leave? Leave is granted. All four Motions are adopted. All four Bills are tabled. One additional Motion. The Chair is in possession of a Motion by Representative Manley to table House Bill 4047. Is there leave? Leave is granted. And the Motion passes. And the Bill is tabled. Members, an announcement you might have heard before. Members. Members. Monday, April 20 at 3 p.m. is the deadline to file substantive Amendments. I want to say this one more time, maybe you haven't heard it yet. Monday, April 20 at 3 p.m. is the absolute and the final deadline to



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file substantive Amendments to your House Bills. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees were canceled for this afternoon: Counties & Townships was canceled. Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies was canceled. The following committee was moved from one room to another. Health Care Licenses is now going to be in 122, not 115. Meeting immediately after Session are these three committees: Executive in Room 118, Health Care Licenses in Room 122, Transportation: Vehicle & Safety in D-1."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I was just wondering, do you happen to know the deadline for filing substantive Amendments?"

Speaker Lang: "Perhaps someone on your side of the aisle can be helpful on that. I heard it was Monday at 3 p.m."

Hammond: "Okay. I'll check over here too. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Yeah, let's double-check that. And now... Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 359, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 361, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 362, offered by Representative Costello. House Resolution 364, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 365, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 366, offered by Representative Beiser."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The

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'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the record, with respect to House Bill 2653, that Motion should not be laid on the table at this time."

Speaker Lang: "That is correct. I corrected myself, Sir. You're absolutely correct."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Chair recognizes Mr. Martwick."

Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One last point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Martwick: "Although he'll probably be pretty upset for me a belated birthday wish, since it's been on the Order of Birthdays today, to our staffer, Craig Willert. So please join us."

Speaker Lang: "Happy birthday. Cake for everybody, I'm sure. Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Brady: "I'd like to thank my Page for the day, if he'd stand up down here in front, Logan Dirr, from my Legislative District. Please stand up, Logan, give us a wave. Thank you for coming to Springfield. And his dad who came with him up in the gallery. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thanks for your hard work today. Thank you for being here. Mr. Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

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Guzzardi: "Today is the day of remembrance for the Holocaust. I would hope that the chamber might take a moment. Earlier this morning, we had wonderful ceremony at the Old Statehouse in which we heard from a Holocaust survivor who spoke to those of us assembled and described her experiences of living in Hungary in 1944 being crowded onto a cattle car and taken to a concentration camp. She was fortunate to survive, although many of her relatives were killed along with six million others. So today, it's Yom Ha'Shoah. We take a day to remember those who were lost during the Holocaust. And I ask this Body to take a brief moment of silence to do some remembrance, as well."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Guzzardi. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Friday, April 17 at the hour of 9 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned 'til Friday, April 17 at the hour of 9 a.m. Thank..."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4204, correction, House Bill 4202, offered by Representative Bennett, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 29, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 67, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 90, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 636, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning

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transportation. Senate Bill 637, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 653, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 655, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 777, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 784, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning land. Senate Bill 836, offered by Representative Hays, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 870, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1262, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1304, offered by Representative Sims, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1369, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1377, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1378, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1447, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1483, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1488, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1498, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1504, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1506, offered by Representative Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning

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education. Senate Bill 1549, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1590, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1605, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1620, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning motor vehicle theft. Senate Bill 1688, offered by Representative McDermed, a Bill for an Act concerning vital records. Senate Bill 1728, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1824, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1885, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1893, offered by Representative Wehrli, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1932, offered by Representative Anthony, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1938, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1942, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning business. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."