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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 May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1612; recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1121, Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3194, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3693, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3895."

Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be in their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Rusty Hayes who is with the First Free Church in Rockford, Illinois. Pastor Hayes is the guest of Representative Wallace. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Hayes: "Good afternoon. Before I say the prayer, I just want to thank you for your public service. Thank you for serving the State of Illinois. You know, I'm a pastor of a large church and believe it or not, our jobs are very similar at times. If you don't believe that, just go to a church business meeting. You'll swear you're in a Session of Congress, but I know you have tremendous leadership responsibilities. I know that you've paid a price. I have Members of both Parties in my church. I am friends with some public servants and I know some of the struggles you have behind the scenes. And I want you to know that last night I got here early and looked you all up by name and prayed for you by name. Prayed that God would give you guidance and would bless your families for your sacrifice. I know that some

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things we would agree on, some things we don't agree on, but I appreciate your service and I just wanted to say thank you. So, let's pray. Father God, I want to begin by thanking You for the many blessings that You have granted our nation. We are a nation of tremendous freedom and hope and democracy. And I thank You for allowing us to call the United States of America our home. I also want to thank You for the great State of Illinois with its plentiful farmland, magnificent cities, hardworking people. Illinois is at the heartland of America. And as our state goes, so goes the nation. Thank You for placing us in the state at this time to serve its citizens. And Father, I want to ask that You guide the Representatives of this Assembly and all the Leaders of our State Government. Over the years, I've had the privilege of serving politicians as a pastor. I've seen the pain of unfair criticism, cruel attacks that they have to bear. I've seen the cost that many of them have suffered with their families due to the job; public life can be vicious for spouses and children. Please protect their loved ones. I've also seen the temptations of fame and power that are overwhelming at times. I pray that You would guard their integrity. Being a Representative of the people is not an easy job in America today. It's fraught with tremendous struggles, heavy burdens of leadership, and at any given moment, half the people love these Leaders and half the people hate them. And the pressure of that dynamic can be brutal. The men and women of this chamber have paid a price for their public service. They have sacrificed privacy, relationships, finances, and careers to be here. So, Father, I ask that You, in their private moments when they're all

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alone, away from cameras and microphones and people trying to manipulate them for various causes, I pray that in their private times, in those moments, Lord, I pray that You would touch them with Your love and remind them that You knew them before anybody else knew them, long before their political careers, and You will love them when it's all over. Times will change, positions and responsibilities will be passed on, but You never change. You are our rock. You're our foundation. I also want to pray for their work and tho... all that goes with it. When each Leader here is in the thick of it, when they are campaigning, staying up all night working on speeches, proposing this piece of legislation or dealing with that disaster in their district, I pray that You would speak wisdom to them, that You would guide them, that they would listen to You. Give them the courage to lead with integrity, justice, and humility. Ultimately, one day they're going to stand before You and give an account and I pray that that would be a great day of joy and celebration and that You would be pleased with the decisions that they have made. Give them civil discourse today and grace. And I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Smiddy."

Smiddy - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. First of all, I think we all enjoyed the prayer, particularly the introduction to the prayer. It's nice to be thanked. Among the... the people who are not here today, excused absences are for Monique Davis, Representative Lilly, and at least for a time, Representative Mautino."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Charlie... Representative Charlie Meier today."

Speaker Turner: "With 114 Members present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative William Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 495. Representative Golar, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2683, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2781, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3197, Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3197, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3428, House Joint Resolution 67, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1455. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 352, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3101, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3234, Senate Amendment #1... correction... Senate Amendment #2 to House

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Bill 3234, Floor Amendment #5 to Senate Bill 1824, Senate Joint Resolution #9. Representative Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Renewable Energy & Sustainability reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3560. Representative Dunkin, Chairperson from the Committee on Tourism & Conventions reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2015: recommends be adopted is Senate Joint Resolution 3. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 274. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2706, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2790, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3270, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3504, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3684, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3841, House Resolution 417, House Resolution 424, House Resolution 429, House Resolution 455, House Resolution 456... correction... 457, House Resolution 471, House Resolution 478, House Resolution 485, House Resolution 497, House Resolution 501. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1470. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends

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be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3773 (sic-3673), House Resolution 160. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: do pass Short Debate is House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #37; recommends be adopted is the Motions to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 488, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1588, Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3464, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3527, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3910, House Joint Resolution 76, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1334, Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 1334, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1487. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Community College Access & Affordability reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 460. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4078. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 68, House Joint Resolution 69, House Joint Resolution 71, House Joint Resolution 72, House Joint Resolution 74, House Joint Resolution 75, Senate Joint Resolution #2. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice & System-Involved Youth reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015:

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recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3718. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3425. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 96. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 526, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 527, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 531, offered by Representative Welch. House Joint Resolution 79, offered by Representative Bradley. And House Joint Resolution #80, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie. Leader Currie for a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirements so that Senate Joint Resolutions 22 and 25 can be heard in the House Human Services Committee, Senate Bill 1441 in Revenue, Senate Joint Resolutions 1, 8, and 24 in House Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges."

Speaker Turner: "You've all heard the Lady's Motion. She moves to postpone the... the posting requirements... suspend the posting requirements. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are suspended. On page 22 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 3428, Representative Sente."

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Sente: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3428, guaranteeing credit to Illinois students receiving a grade of a 3 or higher at our public universities and colleges, passed the House in April with 90 bipartisan 'yes' votes and it's back on Concurrence. Senate Amendment 1, which becomes the Bill, does move our state forward and brings the opponents to neutral. It accomplishes three things. Number one, beginning with the 2016 and '17 school year, the Bill guarantees students taking an AP exam and receiving a grade of 3, 4, or 5 will receive credit in either General Education requirements, elective, or even major requirements which will count towards their degree. Each institution will have the latitude to decide which of these three options they will grant and the actual score and... that they will accept. Number two, by the start of the next academic year, 2016-'17, all public universities and community colleges must place their Advanced Placement exam score granting policies on their website. And finally, number three, we will study this policy for three years watching the effect and at the conclusion, this will be done by the Illinois Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education, they will conduct a review and they will provide a report of the universities and colleges AP exam granting policies for any improvement to the General Assembly and Governor. Mr. Speaker, can I have a little quiet, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Can Members brings... bring the noise level down in the chamber? Thank you."

Sente: "I would just like the Body to note that the individuals bringing this AP credit Bill before us are sitting in the Speaker's Gallery at this moment. They're from Stevenson High



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School. They are bright, energized young minds who brought this Bill idea to us that is coming back on Concurrence and with the college tuition that's skyrocketing from universities and... and students being actively solicited by other states, this is a really outstanding piece of legislation that we can now pass in Illinois and keep our best and brightest minds here. I'll be happy to take questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the Lady moves that the House concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3428. 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, please take the record. On a count of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', the House concurs with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3428. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is adopted. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Butler: "Thank you. Today, while opening day for Major League Baseball might have been a couple months ago, today, here in Springfield is opening day for one of our treasures here in Springfield. The Springfield Sliders who are members of the Prospect League, it's a collegiate wood bat league that play the short season here in Springfield. Today, I'm proud to have four members of the Sliders here in the gallery on the west here. Go ahead and stand up, guys. Drew Quinones of St. Peters, Missouri, who goes to Lindenwood University; Corey

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Pic of Montvale, New Jersey, goes to Dominican College; Mark Kowalke... I hope I got that right, Mark... Baraboo, Wisconsin, goes to Wisconsin-Stevens Point; and Avery Brandon, Las Vegas, Nevada, New Mexico Highlands University. These guys come to Springfield... these young men come to Springfield every summer to advance their baseball careers, have some fun in the summer. And they're a great thing for our community. I would welcome our colleagues out tonight. Representative Moylan and I are having a little event on the Budweiser party deck. So, I'm sure we will be out of here by the 6:35 first pitch at Robin Roberts Stadium, so we can go and see the Sliders play this evening. Thanks for being here, guys, and get it done this year."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mayfield: "Personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Mayfield: "I just want to thank everyone for coming out last night for Soul and Salsa. I hope you had a great time. Those ribs were really good. You know, I just wanted to say thanks again. My counterpart, Representative Hernandez, is not here, but on behalf of both the Black and Latino Caucus, we really do appreciate everyone. So, thank you, again."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Ives, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

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Ives: "Here with me today is Alex Dapkus. He's from Glen Ellyn. He is a University of Illinois graduate in Political Science and Philosophy. And he is shadowing me today to find out all the options available to this type of graduate and to see the entire spectrum of possibilities in the government field. So, welcome him, please."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Kay, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kay: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Kay: "My Page today is standing to my right. Her name is Anna Coracy and she's from Collinsville. She loves English and she enjoys drawing. Please give her a hardy Springfield welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Anthony, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Anthony: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Anthony: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly, I'd like to... you to help me enjoy in announcing that Kris and Van Jackson, from the great City of Seneca, joins us today. Welcome those to the Capitol with me. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to stand in thanks to the Black Caucus and the Latino Caucus for the Soul and

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Salsa. And I have to say, those were the best ribs I ever ate in my life. And it is from Boyd's, which is in my district. So, if you want more ribs, go to Boyd's. And I wanted to say thank you for putting that on for us. We appreciate it."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Bennett, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Bennett: "Thank you, Sir. We have a Page for the day from our district. Her name is Bailey Theesfield, right to my right here. Glad to have her with us today. And also, her dad Tom is in the gallery behind me above. So, could we give them a warm Springfield welcome, please?"

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Moving to page 7 of the Calendar, we have House Bills on Third Reading. House Bill #1, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sure most of you know that over a year ago, at the request of... at my request, the Speaker put a task force together, a bipartisan task force of House Members, to study the issue of heroin abuse in our state. Of course, it went on to other drug abuse as well. This task force traveled the state and talked to anyone that wanted to talk to us: victims, state agencies, doctors, coroners, pharmacists, judges, all kinds of people in the

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process. And we had a mountain of testimony to go through. Subsequent to that, in January we introduced House Bill 1, a comprehensive package to deal with drug abuse and heroin addiction in the State of Illinois at a time where we have a huge problem, a problem that's geometrically going out of control faster than in most other states. There were, of course, some opponents to this Bill, some people that felt we had gone too far. And so, we met with IRMA and the pharmacies and the doctors and the dentists and the hospitals and the insurance companies and all of those opponents are no longer opponents. This is a well negotiated, comprehensive piece of legislation that will do much to rid our state of heroin abuse and other drug dependencies. It is a large Bill. It's 250 pages long. You all have an analysis. I don't wish to read it to you, but let me try to do... go at least through some of the general bullet points. First, it goes into the areas of describing and dispensing controlled substances and requires a physician to document in a patient's medical record the medical necessity for the amount and duration of any three sequential 30-day prescriptions for Schedule II narcotics. Next, it enhances something called the Prescription Monitoring Program, which is an electronic monitoring that doctors and pharmacies and hospitals and others in the pipeline access to determine if certain patients are doctor shopping, ER shopping, and piling up more and more and more prescriptions. It deals with the issue of disposing of old pharmaceuticals that people aren't using so that they can't get back into them or their families can't reach into their medicine chests and take them. It adds penalties for the

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deception and fraud of... of fraudulent prescriptions. Talks about overdose sharing information. Creates a plan for drug education in our schools and not simply the old just say no approach, but some real work in the area of education has been done by a few com... a few agencies in our state, which really know how to educate kids in a way they can understand. It changes rules regarding drug court so that more people at an appropriate time can have more access to drug courts so that we can move away from a criminal model toward a rehab model of taking care of people and getting them back to normalcy. There are many changes relative to insurance and doctors, which they no longer object to. In short, this is a Bill that will do much in an area where we've done very little in our state. And as I look at the literature around the country, I see that some states are doing a little here and a little there, but this, Ladies and Gentlemen, is the most comprehensive Bill on this subject ever written in this country and we've been told that even our federal partners are looking at this as a potential national model. So, I'm proud of the work we've done and I'd like to thank a few people before I take questions. We've been working very hard with Representative Anthony, Representative Cabello, Representative Wehrli, Representative Yingling, and McAuliffe and a good amount of work has been done by a former Representative Dennis Reboletti, who has been working with us tirelessly to try to help get us to this point. And I'm proud of my affiliation with them and so appreciative of their help in putting this together. I also want to thank some staff people and we wouldn't be here without them. From the

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Democratic side: Jennifer Baader, who's been a stalwart; no one has ever worked harder on a Bill than Jennifer Baader has worked on this Bill as she comes up.. up the aisle. Alaina Kennedy on our staff as well. And on the Republican side: Ben Ruddell and James Sherwood. All of these people have had much to do with the involvement of putting this Bill where it is. I'd be happy to answer your questions. Firstly and mostly, I would ask you to join me in this so that we can save lives and move these young people and other young people away from a life of drug dependence. I urge your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sandack."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Sandack: "Leader, obviously, I commend you for an extraordinary effort. I'm glad you mentioned former Representative Reboletti. This was important... it still is important to him... to him and obviously, thank you to everyone involved in this. I just want to ask a couple of questions because it... this is a big Bill. It's an important Bill. I think you used the word 'comprehensive' three maybe four times. So, and I want to make sure, first, there are no known opponents to the Bill as it stands today?"

Lang: "I think it's fair to say that certain state agencies have some concerns. We've tried to alleviate those concerns, but none of the usual people that would be in this building, people representing pharmaceutical companies or doctors or IRMA or pharmacies or doctors, none of those folks are opposed to this Bill."

Sandack: "How about the insurance folks."

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Lang: "The insurance companies are either for the Bill or neutral, none are opposed."

Sandack: "Perfect. Maybe there is no expense, but I had assumed in a Bill of this largess that there would be a component and expense associated with the programs associated thereunder. Is there an expense for this Bill, Leader Lang?"

Lang: "Certainly this Bill will cost us some dollars and..."

Sandack: "Could you be a little more specific?"

Lang: "Yes, I'm going to try to do that for you without actually giving you numbers because the problem is that the state agencies really haven't given us any dollars. We've asked for numbers. The first numbers they came up with admittedly, by their own admission, were made up. They don't know... I don't mean they did it on purpose. They just don't know the real numbers. But I would say this, the agencies that have tried to put together numbers have all made one fatal mistake and that is to fail to net out the savings. And so, if it cost one agency a few dollars more, it's going to save the Department of Corrections a whole lot of money. So, no one ever came to us with what we're saving in some agencies as it cost a few dollars in others."

Sandack: "So, you've heard gross numbers, not necessarily net numbers?"

Lang: "That's correct. And if I had the gross numbers, I would give them to you. I just don't think anyone knows and I don't think we know the actual savings on the other end when you net out. I also think, and you would know this as well, we can't possibly measure in dollars the lives that will be saved by this Bill. So, some would say we can't afford to do this."



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I would say considering Illinois's place in this country dealing with drug addiction, which is in a very bad place, we can't afford not to do this."

Sandack: "And I certainly agree with the urgency. I'm from DuPage County. Our coroner has been a leader in trying to address heroin... the epidemic of heroin, particularly in younger kids. It's prevailing in high schools and unfortunately, even at younger ages, and we've seen deaths in DuPage County as we have throughout the state and it's been rather devastating. And it's hitting every socioeconomic ring in the ladder, if you will. With respect to yesterday's budget discussions, and I suspect we'll have more budget discussions, is this Bill being run through the system basically subject to appropriation?"

Lang: "Some of the provisions of the Bill are subject to appropriation, some are not. It seems to me as we work toward a final budget document, we'll... we may have some issues to work through and I'm happy to work them through. But I don't think we can afford to ignore this as a priority of the state. And so, as we work through a budget, as you know, Representative, and I've said on this floor many times, budgets are not always about how much money do you have, budgets are about priorities. And if this is going to be one of our priorities..."

Sandack: "I heard that yesterday."

Lang: "Yes."

Sandack: "That was yesterday's message."

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Lang: "Thank you, Sir. And if this is going to be one of our priorities, we just have to set it as a priority and find a way to deal with the dollars."

Sandack: "Last question, Leader Lang, and thank you for your indulgence. Is this Bill final or do you expect there'll be some changes over at the upper chamber?"

Lang: "Well, we have no upper chamber here, Sir. In fact..."

Sandack: "That was... that was tongue..."

Lang: "In fact, I think my colleagues will join me when I suggest that we are the upper chamber."

Sandack: "Mine was a tongue firmly in cheek comment."

Lang: "I didn't see that over here, Sir. So, the... the Senate Sponsor of this Bill, who will be Senator Kotowski, has been kept apprised of all we're doing. I've asked him to make no changes, but I can't make any promises."

Sandack: "I think he's actually good at those type of straight lineal type of instructions."

Lang: "So, I'm hopeful that since this Bill has been negotiated with everybody that this Bill will move out of the Senate cleanly to the Governor's desk."

Sandack: "Thank you, Sir. To the Bill. Obviously, this is pretty darn important irrespective of where you are in the great State of Illinois. All our communities have been devastated to one way or another. Families have been affected. We need to take action. I commend all involved in the process. It's been thorough and comprehensive. Obviously, I would be remiss if I didn't say I have some concerns about passing a Bill without any price tag on it, but I suspect we may be around for a while to address that later on in some way, shape, or

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form. So, I obviously commend the Sponsor's efforts and urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Wheeler."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you. Representative, I want to congratulate you. I'll quickly echo the words of my colleague who just spoke. I think you've done a tremendous job and I know that you've worked very hard on this. Your work is inspirational and I appreciate it. And like you said, too expensive not to do this regardless of the price. Heroin addiction, as you know, affects and destroys the entire family, not just the addict. So, thank you for your work on this."

Lang: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He will."

Flowers: "Representative Lang, is there a cure for this opium and heroin... is there a cure out there?"

Lang: "Well, there's not a magic cure for drug addiction. It takes a lot of hard work. This Bill does discuss a product called Narcan. And Narcan is a product that, if someone's in the middle of a heroin overdose, will reverse that and save a person's life. So, one of the most important parts of this Bill is making Narcan available to every first responder in Illinois, every police department, every fire department, every ambulance, schools, and even family members can now have this product available so that in the case that a loved one goes down, they have the product available, but there is

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no magic cure. Of course, there are other products out there that people use as a maint... maint... maintenance drug like Methadone and others, but there's no one thing that does it all in one shot or a one bottle of pills, Representative."

Flowers: "I read someplace where there's this drug called Suboxian... it's Suboxone. And it's supposed to block the effects of heroin withdrawals. Is this a part of your package as far as getting people off of heroin?"

Lang: "Suboxone is a... is another protocol like Methadone, like some other things, to move people past heroin addiction. And this Bill would require that that be available to people in their treatment modality."

Flowers: "So, despite the fact that we do have Obamacare or the Affordable Care Act, there's still some people out there that do not have access to health care. And what if they want to get off or kick their addiction? How does your Bill address those people?"

Lang: "This Bill opens Medicaid up to those people, Representative."

Flowers: "Okay. Well, I want to commend you on bringing this issue to the light because children across the state and across the country have been dying because... and they've been dying and begging and crying for help. And so, this is the right step in the right direction to saving so many children's lives. But I hope that we use every tool in the toolbox for the entire state, not just one area of the state because for far too long other parts of the state has been suffering for a very long time and crying out for help and the heads were turned. So, hopefully, this is the beginning of trying to

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help eliminate the pain that people are in from losing loved ones from this horrific drug."

Lang: "We wrote the Bill with all of that in mind, Representative. That was our goal."

Flowers: "And thank you very much for coming to my district with your... with the task force."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Zalewski: "Lou, I'm interested in one specific aspect of the... of the Bill dealing with drug courts. Why... why are they important?"

Lang: "Why aren't they working now?"

Zalewski: "Why... No. Well, that's a good question too. But the first one I have is, why are specialty courts and drug courts important to the mission of your Bill?"

Lang: "So, we want to move away from the criminal model for drug... drug addicts to a rehab model. The criminal model hasn't been working. As you know, Representative, a low-level drug addict goes to jail, they don't get the services they need, and they come out and they're still a drug addict. The goal of a drug court was to put them in rehab, but the way the law is currently written, drug courts don't address it as well as they might. Even though every county is required to have a drug court, every county doesn't access their drug court. This would require that. It would require training for prosecutors in drug courts, require training for judges who deal in drug courts, and would open up the process so, from

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a system where one strike and you're out for a low-level drug defendant to a... an opportunity for them to access the drug court many more times before they're considered a failure."

Zalewski: "And how do local governments and the state's attorneys and the public defenders feel about bolstering these specialty... these drug courts?"

Lang: "When we started this process, they were hesitant, but we worked this through with them and to my knowledge, the state's attorneys, the judges that handle drug courts are all for this legislation exactly as written. We made some changes. The State's Attorneys Association supports the Bill."

Zalewski: "And I don't... I'm not... I'm asking legitimately. Is there any way to record... do you have any mandated reporting of the outcomes of drug court as a result of what will be the dispositions and can we see if these... this will work?"

Lang: "That's actually a good idea, Representative, but that's not in the Bill. But I'll be happy to work with you later to do a trailer Bill on that subject. I think it's a very good idea."

Zalewski: "Well, I have a very fond belief in specialty courts and I... I think that putting this in your Bill and everyone supporting your Bill and having this as part of the package is an excellent idea. And I'm... I'm proud that you were able to bring this Bill forward. I'm proud that Representative Reboletti, who I consider a dear friend, remained on the job and congratulations to you. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Lang: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Bellock: "Thank you. And I, too, want to thank you, Representative Lang, for all your work on this issue. It's huge and I know all of us spent a lot of time with you last summer going around the entire State of Illinois to find out what all the state's attorneys and the public health officials and their suggestions on this Bill. So, I just had a couple of questions. Besides our concern over the cost of the Bill, and I'm not quite sure one of those questions that I had was on the Medicaid coverage. Is that something that the Federal Government will cover in Medicaid program?"

Lang: "Representative, this is an issue we're still trying to get an answer to."

Bellock: "Okay."

Lang: "I know the state agencies are working on that. I intend to continue to work with them to get those answers and to do what we need to do. Clearly, if you only pass a Bill for people with insurance, you're leaving out a wide swath of people who won't be covered. In fact, you're leaving out the biggest portion of the group that won't be covered. So, we have to include Medicaid."

Bellock: "Thank you. I... I do think that there is new coverage under the Medicaid program for substance abuse and that this would probably fit under that, but I just wanted to bring up some of our financial concerns..."

Lang: "Of course."

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Bellock: "...on the Bill and that asking you to continue to work on this as it goes over to the Senate and our concerns about the finances of that. That's one issue. But also, I wanted to ask you about, initially, I know the Retail Merchants were opposed to the Bill and I see now that they are on as a proponent I think. So, I wanted to ask about the drug pickup and drop off because that seems to be, not only an issue with the Retail Merchants, but it was also an issue with the IEPA."

Lang: "So, we thought in our original Bill, as we originally drafted it, that one of the most serious problems we have in our state are when all of us, all 13 million Illinois citizens have in their medicine cabinet bottles, and bottles, and bottles of pills that they don't use. It would help us, and the testimony was very clear in our task force, to get rid of those. So, the original Bill required pharmacies to have a take-back program. We discovered, with the help of IRMA and the help of the pharmacists and the pharmacies, that that couldn't be done under Federal Law. So, we backed off of that. And what this Bill says now is that the state agencies involved must put together a prescription take-back program that includes posters and pamphlets and brochures, which would... the pharmacies would distribute that would be put on the state website that would tell people how to safely dispose of their drugs. This could include... would include perhaps programs the departments would run in different counties in the state, programs where seminars would be conducted locally, where people would learn. We learned, for instance, that you could take old medications and... and pour them into a vat of bleach and then throw it out."



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Bellock: "Right."

Lang: "Or... or put it... there's a trick with coffee grounds that seems to work. We just want to let people know how to get rid of their medications so that you don't decide to go back into the opioid you might have been given after a surgery or your little cousin, who's in your restroom, may not choose to get into it as well."

Bellock: "Thank you. So, I have another question on that issue of the Narcan because, coming from DuPage County, and I want to thank, besides you, I want to thank a lot of the Legislators from DuPage County especially Representative Reboletti for all his work, as you had mentioned him, but also Dr. Richard Jorgensen, our coroner, and State's Attorney Bob Berlin, because especially on the Narcan issue, I think they led the charge on this as we heard from a lot of the other counties throughout the state. But I'm not quite sure, 'cause I haven't had time to thoroughly read through the Bill, how the Bill addresses Narcan. Are we going to allow all counties to distribute that through the police departments or their sheriffs?"

Lang: "Well, first, let me say that DuPage County was a model county."

Bellock: "Right."

Lang: "And when we drafted this Bill, a lot of what is in this Bill is extrapolated from what the folks in DuPage County had done. State's Attorney Berlin..."

Bellock: "Right."

Lang: "...Dr. Jorgensen have been stalwart leaders..."

Bellock: "Right."

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Lang: "...in this area. They were two of our earliest witnesses, in fact, maybe our first two witnesses, way back last April. And we took a lot from what they had to say. This Bill requires that every first responder have Narcan available."

Bellock: "Okay."

Lang: "And that... originally, I thought it should be in every police car and then I discovered that it's temperature sensitive. So, we couldn't do that because in the summer days it would... it would ruin the Narcan. So, the Bill says that every police department, every fire department, every ambulance company, every first responder has to have Narcan available. So, it could be at the police station, it could be at the firehouse."

Bellock: "Thank you, Representative. So, I'm just asking you that we have your commitment to continue to work on this through the rest of the process with the Senate and to work on the cost of the Bill and how we can regulate that."

Lang: "Well, Representative, I understand there's a cost to this Bill. We both share the thought that we have to save lives, but we should do it as efficiently as we can. We should not spend more than we need to spend and figure out a way to cut costs while still providing the services we all want to provide."

Bellock: "Thank you. And to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I just want to, again, thank Representative Lang for... this has been a year or almost a two-year process. Lots of times when people don't serve on a task force, they don't understand the work that the other Members are doing throughout the state. I think it's a very thorough process. I still have concerns about the

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cost because we all want the mission to happen. And I just want to thank again, as Representative Lang did, the people in DuPage County because, as we heard in every county that we went to in the state, they mentioned how they were the leaders of this and they weren't afraid to face the problem that had come about in our county where I think last year we had over 56 deaths of young people just on heroin overdoses. So, that's why this is a public health crisis and I appreciate all the work that has been done on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill, briefly. On January 11 of 2011, my good friend Jim Strong died from a heroin overdose. He had been addicted to heroin as a younger man, had spent time in prison. When he left prison, he was unable to find a job. He bounced back and forth between a few part-time employments and unbeknownst to us, his friends, he started using again and overdosed accidentally and died. And from the first time that I ran for this office, I thought to myself that if I could do something, some small thing to help people who had been incarcerated find a job and some small thing to help prevent heroin overdoses, I would have done what I was sent here to do. I... thanks to the leadership of Representative Cassidy and others I've had the opportunity to vote on Bills this Session to help formerly incarcerated people find work and I could not have anticipated such a comprehensive and thorough approach to the crisis of heroin abuse in our state as the one that Leader Lang has put forth today. I'm so proud to be a cosponsor of this Bill. And in the memory of my dear friend Jim and all those who have lost

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their lives to this scourge, I am proud to vote for this Bill and it's one of those days where it feels good to be a Member of this Assembly. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cassidy."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Cassidy: "One of the previous questioners was asking about the drug disposal program. In our analysis, it seems like it goes beyond education, so I just want to get clarity. It... it looks like there is funding associated from fees that the Criminal Justice Information Authority can use to give grants to established drug disposal programs and that... that there... that IEPA is going to establish a program and then report to us. Is that accurate?"

Lang: "So, there was a fee for offenders in the Bill that is currently \$20."

Cassidy: "Right."

Lang: "It's been moved to \$40 to help put money in a program that could be used for grants for all sorts of educational purposes including the drug take-back program."

Cassidy: "But... So, is there actual disposal involved or is there only education? I'm just trying to get clarity 'cause in reading the analysis..."

Lang: "The..."

Cassidy: "...it looks like there is disposal."

Speaker Lang: "Originally in the Bill... the original version of the Bill required every pharmacy in the state, when it was open, to take back pharmaceuticals. We couldn't do that under Federal Law. So, we turned this into a Bill where the... there

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are state agencies that'll, by rule, will set the... set up programs to... regarding safe disposal. They made... they will probably go to counties around the state and help them form drug take-back programs. We don't want the state to do the drug take-back programs, but we want them to help the counties administer that. Also, police departments, also, wherever they can think of that can do programs. Some suggested, because there are volunteer programs now at various police departments around the state, that we require police departments to take these things back. We decided against that because there's a large group of people in our state that don't like to go to the police department.."

Cassidy: "Right."

Lang: "...for any reason. And they aren't going to return their pharmaceuticals. But I believe that if we work hard enough to educate and work hard enough to get the word out, we can get a lot of this stuff out of peoples' homes and safely disposed of so they're not harming people."

Cassidy: "Wonderful. To the Bill. As you probably know, Representative Lang, our mutual friend Commissioner Debra Shore is deeply engaged in the issue of trying to get some of these... these things out of our waste stream from an environmental perspective as well as from a safety perspective. So, I'm glad to see we're moving the ball forward. And to the underlying Bill. This is an issue that I've been deeply involved in and I'm really grateful to you for all the work you've done on this. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Wehrli."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Wehrli: "Leader, thank you for your hard work on this, but does your Bill amend the School Code to allow public and private schools, through properly trained programs, the ability to administer Narcan inside the schools?"

Lang: "The answer is yes, Sir."

Wehrli: "So, you took the Bill that you knew I was working on. You rolled it into this and that language is all in there?"

Lang: "I believe your language is in here exactly the way you wrote it, Sir, and exactly the way I premised it to you."

Wehrli: "Well, Sir, I thank you for that and to the Bill. This is absolutely a scourge that's not just in the collar counties or in Chicago, but it's across our great nation. And so, I think this piece of legislation actually is a model that can be followed elsewhere throughout our nation on how to help deal with a... with the heroin and opiate-based narcotics problem that's upon us. And I strongly support this Bill and urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Will Davis."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Davis, W.: "Representative, earlier in your questioning you were talking about something called Narcan. Is that... And you indicated that the Bill requires police and fire departments to have that available. Can you tell me a little bit more about it? Is it something that's very expensive to have? Is it cheap? You know, how do people access this? And essentially, where I'm going is that unfortunately in my

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district I've got some police and fire departments that aren't exactly rich. They're not DuPage County police and fire departments. You know, they're not North Shore. You know, they have some financial difficulties. So, if you're going to require them to have it, just for my own purpose, just trying to get some information about that... whatever it is and how they access it, but more or less, what... are there costs? What are those costs at?"

Lang: "That's a good question. So, first, let me describe what Narcan is. So, if someone... it's actually a miracle drug... if someone's in the middle of a heroin overdose, a shot of Narcan will save their life. It will stop the overdose. The person's life will be saved and they'll go on doing... with their life. Narcan is not expensive. I think an injection of Narcan is \$14 or something on that order. It is not expensive. So, even the police departments in the state that are strapped for money can afford a couple of \$14 injections."

Davis, W.: "Well..."

Lang: "Having said that..."

Davis, W.: "...hopefully, we won't cut their LGDF money..."

Lang: "Right."

Davis, W.: "...so they can afford it."

Lang: "Right. But having said that, the Bill allows for police departments to petition the state for grants when they can't afford their own Narcan."

Davis, W.: "Okay. So... so, those grants, what state agency would they be administered through? How will the application... If... if your Bill talks about that. If not, then I understand that's a work in progress, but if at all possible."

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Lang: "So, the agency is DHS and they would create rules for the application process."

Davis, W.: "For the application. So, when you mentioned that a shot of it. So, to your knowledge, is this something that's contained in a vial? I know sometimes when there are drugs that can be administered we have what are... what are affectionately called EpiPens. You know, which have pre... premeasured doses in them. Is it an EpiPen? Is it a vial of something? And if it's a vial, is this something now that an officer, you know, we're talking maybe not so much on the fire side but more on the police side, would they then have to measure out a particular dose or is it a EpiPen that has a..."

Lang: "All good questions. These are pre-prepared in... pre-prepared hypodermics. They come in packages of two, but there's also a nasal spray. The nasal spray is much more expensive. But along with this Bill comes training for local police and fire. So, there'll be training for those folks so they can learn how to do it. It's pretty easy to do because you can inject just about anywhere. And... so, these are... these are premeasured. You can't screw up, but we also provide immunity to police and fire and anyone else using this product and the Trial Lawyers seem to be okay with that."

Davis, W.: "Okay. With regards to immunity for... and I hate to use the word 'misusing'... but not properly using that, what about if a local police and fire unfortunately if not able to have it available when it's necessary. Does this open them... open the... the unit up to liability in some ways if somebody says you're required to have it and you don't have it?"



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Lang: "The answer is no. Well, I think, we anticipated that... that somebody... some police department could have some, use it all up and they could be between shipments. So, I... there's nothing in the Bill would confer liability on a police department. We just want them to have it available to save lives."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much. Briefly, to the Bill. I had the pleasure of being a member of this particular task force. And I did attend a few of the hearings, particularly in Addison, as I believe that's where I first learned of Narcan at the hearing that took place in Addison. And it was great because I went across the street afterwards to the Portillo's and had lunch there. So, I spent some money in Addison. But just being a part of that task force, the opportunity to learn and to understand more about this type of abusive drug use was very informative to myself and essentially, what I think it does is it hopefully puts all of these things in perspective for us because there will be a time when one... someone in the chamber may bring forward this type of legislation to address drug abuse of another type of substance. And hopefully, what we've learned here paves the way so that if it happens to be something that's disproportionate to minority communities, you know, we will have learned from this experience to allow us to move forward so that we are not just helping, you know, those who can afford heroin, if you will, but also those in any other situation that may involve abuse of any type of controlled substance. So, thank you very much, Representative. And again, let's support this measure and look forward to supporting additional measures if they happen to arise moving forward. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you for your work on this. I really appreciate it. I understand... I definitely understand that heroin abuse is rampant throughout the State of Illinois, not just in urban areas, but also throughout rural areas. My question for you is, volunteer fire districts, part-time police departments, are they also required to have Narcan?"

Lang: "Fire departments that have medical staff are required to have the product. So, if a volunteer fire department have no medical staff, they're not required to have the product."

Davidsmeyer: "But if they're also EMS, then they will be required to have it."

Lang: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Do we... do we help with grants for storage of the Narcan? Does it tell us how a department has to store it? I mean, you said it's temperature sensitive and things of that sort."

Lang: "Representative, this doesn't require any special storage, just a refrigerator."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I... I guess my only concern, and you said that they can petition the State of Illinois to help them acquire these products?"

Lang: "Yes, Sir."

Davidsmeyer: "Is that correct? Okay. I... I appreciate all your work. And thank you for your answers."

Lang: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Anthony."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Anthony: "Leader Lang, I just wanted to take this time to say thank you. Thank you for your leadership on this matter. I've learned a ton from the legislative process of how we were able to bring this Bill together, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Body, this week every person that was an opponent is now a proponent. And Leader Lang, I thank you for your leadership on that matter. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are embarking on something that will go down as the model for the nation. Other states will look towards this Bill and begin to copycat this Bill. I understand that some are concerned about the cost, but the bottom line of this na... of this matter is that this Bill will save lives. That's what this Bill is about. I can remember the day when I went to my first call as a sheriff's deputy and it was an under... it was a juvenile individual. And I remember running into that room and seeing this kid purple in the face, not knowing what to do. This Bill will begin to save lives, not just here in Illinois, but throughout the nation because we have embarked on a journey that others will begin to implement across the nation. Thank you so much, Leader Lang. And I would hope... I would hope that there will be nothing but green lights upon that board. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang to close."

Lang: "I thank all of my colleagues for listening to this longer than usual discussion, but clearly this is an important issue in our state that affects every part of the State of Illinois. This is a crisis and we have to deal with this crisis and I'm

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very hopeful, as are the people that spoke and many of you who have not spoken, that this Bill will be the beginning to make Illinois a leader in the nation for saving lives and for getting people off of drug addiction. I can't imagine anything more important that we could be doing today. I would appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1 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? Representative Wheeler. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', House Bill 1, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sente, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Sente: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Sente: "I can't think of a more important Bill that the students from Stevenson High School would have just listened to. So, thank you for that debate. But I want to turn to them, back to them right now. It is with great enthusiasm that we recognize a truly special high school. Stevenson High School has a great deal to be proud of today. And on behalf of my fellow peers, Representatives Nekritz, Sullivan, and Drury, who represent students attending Stevenson, Governor Rauner and Comptroller Munger, I wish to heartily congratulate Stevenson High School on not only their 50th anniversary but also six... I said six state championships that the young men and women, athletes, academics, coaches, and their teachers

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still sitting in the gallery before us earned in the last academic year. The first trophy. The Patriots football team won their first Class 8A title in football. The Patriot boys' basketball team won their first basketball title. The Patriot boys' gymnastics team with only three members on varsity won their fifth state championship. The Patriots girls' water polo team capped an undefeated season with a state title in the home pool in Lincolnshire. The Patriot Science Olympiad team defeated the reigning state champions and won their second state title and placed tenth in the country. And the Patriots math team won their second Class 4AA State Championship. In the gallery, you have representatives from each of these six championship winning teams with their state trophies as well as the government students who proactively worked with me on that AP credit Bill that we just passed and their equally hardworking coaches and teachers. So, I would like to invite the entire Body to stand and give these individuals a very well-deserved round of applause."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "Today, I... Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to welcome to the Capitol... this is to our right... I have three guests here today from Nothing's Greater Than in Decatur, Illinois. And that would be very good friends of mine, Verzell Taylor, Chimera Thomas, and Sister Margaret Walker. They're here from

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Main Street Church of the Living God in Decatur. And I wanted to mention that Sister Walker's brother-in-law is the very beloved Roger Walker who in 1998 became the first African-American sheriff in the State of Illinois and was later appointed director of the Department of Con... of Corrections. So, some of you might have known her brother-in-law, Roger Walker. So, let's give a Springfield welcome to my friends standing to my right from Decatur. Thanks for coming over."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Mussman, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mussman: "A point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Mussman: "I just wanted to take the opportunity to introduce my Pages for the day. And the... down in the Page row we have Bonnie Falcone and Joe DeMatteo. As you may notice, they're not quite our traditional Pages, but they, too, are very excited to be here and get an up close front view of how their government runs. So, if we could give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Zalewski, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Zalewski: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Zalewski: "Can the assembled media ask Leader Lang if someone else can have House Bill 1 next year, now that he's co-opted it for the second straight Session. Maybe another one of us

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could enjoy the splendor of House Bill 1. Well, he said no. Never mind, Mr. Speaker. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "He got an answer for you. Members, on page 5 of the Calendar, on House Bills under Second Reading, we have House Bill 1288. Representative Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1288, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hernandez."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. So, House Floor Amendment #1 is a gut and replace Amendment that creates the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. The Amendment codifies the definitions of domestic work, domestic worker, employee, and employer as used in the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938. It then specifies that domestic workers are covered under the Illinois Human Rights Act, Illinois Minimum Wage Act, the Wages of Women and Minors Act, and the One Day Rest in Seven Act. As a result, domestic workers would receive the following: the right to be paid no less than minimum wage, the right to be paid for all work hours, the right to at least one day off a week and the right to be free from sexual harassment. Domestic workers form a workforce comprised of..."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1288. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. But a fiscal note has been requested on the Bill as amended and has not been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please hold this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr.. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet immediately. The Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Committee will meet in Room 114. The Executive Committee will meet in Room 118. And the Revenue & Finance Committee will meet in Room 122."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request a caucus beginning at 2:45 in Room 118 for one hour."

Speaker Turner: "The House will recess for committees. The Republicans will caucus in 118 at 2:45. And the House will reconvene at 3:30 p.m. Committees right now. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3683. Representative William Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary... Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4151. Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4166, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 248, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate



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Bill 1728. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1441; recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2477, House Resolution 47... 451, and Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 368."

Speaker Lang: "The Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, page 13 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 23, Leader Currie. You wish to move the Bill? Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 23, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 47, Mr. Dunkin. Mr. Dunkin. Out of the record. Senate Bill 51, Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 96, Mr. Phelps. Mr. Phelps. Out of the record. Senate Bill 368, Mr. McAuliffe. Out of the record. Senate Bill 398, Representative Feigenholtz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 508, Mr. Crespo. Out of the record. Senate Bill 637, Leader Currie. Leader Currie, 637. Out of the record. Senate Bill 655, Mr. Rita. Out of the record. Senate Bill 760, Mr. Dunkin. Out of the record. Senate Bill 805, Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 805, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1229, Mr. Smiddy. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1236, Leader Currie. Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1236, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Nice signal, Representative. Senate Bill 1381, Mr. Verschoore. Please read the Bill. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill 1455, Representative Golar. Representative Golar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1466, Mr. Yingling. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1506, Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1506, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Committee... Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1562, Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1562, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1747, Mr. Sims. Mr. Sims, can you hear me? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1747, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1824, Mr. Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1824, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Floor Amendments... No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 3, and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Meier."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier. No running, Sir."

Meier: "Yes. My Amendment is a very simple Amendment. It will add on the Zoological Association of America to this Bill. We've..."

Speaker Lang: "This is the same one we debated yesterday, Sir?"

Meier: "We started talking about it yesterday and then we pulled it out. So, the Zoological Association in all states of the union that have been debating Bills throughout the country and working with things, have... have had those work together with them. We had them work with the Illinois House last year. So, last year the Illinois House turned to them and had them help us with the herpe... herpetol Bill. We have them working in Texas, Oklahoma. They have Jack Hanna as a member. And the way the Bill is written now, it will put Illinois businesses out of business. If we have this Bill move forward without this Amendment, Illinois businesses will not go... will not be able to practice business in Illinois any more. Our movie industry rents animals from these places. The Federal Government is working with the Zoological Association of America right now to help introduce cheetahs back into Africa. This is the organization that's breeding these animals so

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that we have the populations to take back into other countries. So, why would we in Illinois not want to go out and protect these animals, protect what our U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services are working with this organization? It's a simple Amendment to add them on and protect our Illinois businesses also."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this is not an Amendment that I wish to be adopted. We had a hearing in committee yesterday. I understand the Gentleman's concern. I would request a Roll Call vote on this Amendment. And I would ask for a verification if more 'ayes' than 'nays' are... come on the board."

Speaker Lang: "Your request is acknowledged. Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Amendment. I would like to see more 'ayes' than 'nays' on this Bill. The Bill itself without this Amendment has an impact on some downstate organizations, some downstate businesses. They affect Charlie's area as well as Beiser's area. The underlying Bill, if the Amendment is not adopted, I would ask that we defeat because it is the General Assembly being used to advance a policy which takes out of business, businesses in downstate that have been well-respected. We have seen them in our fairs, in our country shows. We have seen the programs placed in our schools. And so, when one group uses the legislation to take out the ability of another group to exist, I have a problem with that. I would ask my friends from downstate, both sides of the aisle, to please not vote 'present' but vote 'yes' on this Amendment. I think

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it is a disservice to the process that we have here if this Gentleman's Amendment does not get on. So, with that, I would ask for more 'yesses' than 'noes'. I definitely want a Roll Call vote as well."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a parliamentary inquiry."

Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Franks: "Are we on House Floor Amendment #1?"

Speaker Lang: "Yes, we are."

Franks: "Have there been any other Amendments adopted?"

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments have been adopted at this time."

Franks: "So, we have the underlying Bill and we're debating House Floor Amendment #1, correct?"

Speaker Lang: "That's correct, Sir."

Franks: "Okay. May I ask were... were the other House Floor Amendments, #4 and 5, were they simply tabled?"

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendments 3 and 5 have been approved for consideration. We are currently on Floor Amendment #1."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you. I appreciate that. And now, if the Sponsor will yield."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor will yield."

Franks: "Okay. I'm trying to understand the history here. And I know one Gentleman... one friend got up and asked me to vote 'no' and one friend got up and asked me to vote 'yes'. Tell me what's going on here. Why... It appears to me that this is

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a hostile Amendment to a Bill filed by Mr. Zalewski. Would that be correct?"

Meier: "He's calling it a hostile Amendment, yes. It's a good Amendment. It's protecting other businesses in the State of Illinois."

Franks: "I understand, but it's not one that he wanted on his Bill."

Meier: "Evidently not."

Franks: "Okay. So, now, what does your Amendment do to change the underlying Bill that the original Sponsor wished to have? Tell me how it's different?"

Meier: "All my Amendment does is add on to the list the Zoological Association of America. To be a member of that it costs you \$6 thousand to join that organization and then these... all these different businesses that belong to that are helping to go out and pop... repopulate the world now with more cheetahs and other animals in the future. They're working with the U.S. Wildlife Service to do this."

Franks: "Now, does the Zoological Association of America have the same standards as the others that are included in the underlying Bill?"

Meier: "The Zoological Association of America has stricter standards than the AZA. If you look at their animal containment facilities, the Zoological Association of America has standards their membership has to live up to. The American Zoological Association has recommendations."

Franks: "Can you tell us who some of the members of the Zoological Association of American are?"

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Meier: "Some of the members are Six Flags, Fort Worth Zoo, Fossil Rim Wildlife Park in Virginia, Safari Park, and once again, Jack Hanna."

Franks: "Have you conferred with the other Representative on this Amendment?"

Meier: "We have... we have talked back and forth."

Franks: "Okay. So, you want to include these folks in the underlying Bill which would do what? Would it exempt them from what?"

Meier: "It would give them the same exemptions as the American Zoological Association."

Franks: "And exempt from what, I'm asking?"

Meier: "They would be exempt from... from the nonbreeding of animals. They would be allowed to keep breeding animals so that this cheetah program that they've been working on five years can go forward and we can start taking them back to reestablish them in their native lands."

Franks: "Are they 501(c)(3)s or are they for-profit corporations?"

Meier: "That I do not know."

Franks: "Because I see the underlying Bill treated the 501(c)(3)s different than for-profit. And I'm wondering if there's a rea... a reason for that and maybe the original Sponsor can help answer that question. But I'd like to know what their tax status is as well. Can you find that out?"

Meier: "I can try to find that. I can get back with you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks, have you completed your questions?"

Franks: "I'm waiting for an answer, but perhaps he can come back to me if there's other people. I think he's checking with staff on the question I'd asked."

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Speaker Lang: "A couple hundred people."

Franks: "Okay. Then I'll... I'll be done. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the Sponsor of the Amendment yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Moeller: "Thank you. Representative Meier, what is the difference in standards between the AZA and the ZAA in terms of accreditation and monitoring of zoos and conservation organizations?"

Meier: "They all have to have a federal permit. Your federal inspectors then come around and inspect. These animals are also inspected. If they're at circuses or state fairs or anything else, there's inspectors that go around and check them there on both sides whether you're a member of either one. There is the difference of \$24 thousand a year membership though."

Moeller: "So, you're claiming that the only difference between those two organizations is the amount of dues that they... that the zoos would pay."

Meier: "I'm saying these two organizations do a lot of the same things. And they're... they're... there's... they're promoting different... different things. They're all supplying animals to zoos. A lot of the members of AZA get their animals from ZAA members."

Moeller: "Okay. Do you know if the Shedd Aquarium, Lincoln Park Zoo, Brookfield Zoo are regulated by the AZA or the ZAA?"

Meier: "They would be regulated by the federal inspectors, not by either organization."



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Moeller: "Okay. Well, I guess, member, a member of either of those organizations."

Meier: "I am not sure who is members of which."

Moeller: "Okay. To the Amendment. In doing a little bit of research on this issue, 'cause this has come before the Agriculture Committee that I'm a member of, according to the Humane Society, the Zoological Association of America is a relatively new group with very weak standards that is primarily involved with roadside zoos, traveling zoos, and private menageries. Several states have... have exempted the ZAA from being part exempted from these dangerous wild animal laws like we're doing here in Illinois including Louisiana, Michigan, and Texas and California. The ZAA is not recognized as a credible... a reputable organization in those states. I join with the original Sponsor of this Bill in rejecting this Amendment. Organizations that are affiliated with the ZAA are by and large not meeting the standards that are necessary to ensure that animals are treated humanely and appropriately. And I believe incorporating the ZAA into this Bill would be counter to the spirit of this... of this Bill and would be detrimental to the health of exotic and wild animals here in Illinois. And again, I urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "There are 9 speakers waiting to speak on this Bill, 10. Any Members who wish to restrain themselves would find the Chair appreciative. Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "I desire your appreciation as much as anyone, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to just say very, very briefly, as I have said before on other Bills, in my background as an antitrust lawyer, I never liked to see one group using this

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organization, our General Assembly, to get a competitive advantage on another group. I will be a very strong 'yes' vote. And I urge all of you that like free markets and support Illinois business to be a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Mr. Speaker, can I reserve, after the speakers, to make a brief closing on the Amendment?"

Speaker Lang: "The Chair... since it..."

Zalewski: "Well, then I'm just going to ask to... fine, that I..."

Speaker Lang: "Since it's your Bill, Sir, I'll allow you to do that. I'm sorry."

Zalewski: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would somebody yield?"

Speaker Lang: "You can have my two minutes, Sir."

Kay: "So, this morning I had the Gentleman who is concerned with the certification or designation in my office and he was the second person today who was in who says he's going to leave the State of Illinois if we can't help him. The first was a businessman who had a water tap on fee that exceeded \$50 thousand when it should have been about 5. He's gone. Mr. Meier, I don't know where this fellow is located that came to see me today, but one of the questions I asked him was whether or not he had any violations, citations, or any other authoritative agency come to him and cite him for anything. And the answer was no. So, I'm curious as to why we keep asking people to leave the State of Illinois. I don't know, but it's a very complex problem because we keep having people exiting the state. And I can only assume that this man, who

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Representative Meier is representing or lives in his district, a businessman in his district, is serious. So, if we want to lose two businesses today, we can do just that if we don't take Representative Mautino's advice and help Mr. Meier. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I suggest that we support Mr. Meier's Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are we allowing the original Sponsor to speak at this point or are we waiting..."

Speaker Lang: "Under these unusual circumstances, if you had a question of Mr. Zalewski, the Chair would allow it."

Sullivan: "Certainly and I do. Thank you. Mr.. Representative, this is an odd process. I've been here 13 years and I've never seen a ho... an Amendment which you would declare hostile, would you say?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Sullivan: "Okay. So, have you had discussions with your Speaker because he runs a pretty tight ship over there and is there a reason why you would see a hostile Amendment against his own Member come out of the Bill? Is he in favor of this Amendment?"

Zalewski: "I don't know. I won't speak for the Speaker. I know that this Bill... this Amendment is not my Amendment. It wasn't filed by me. I... Eddie, in my time in this... in the Body, I've never filed an Amendment on another Member's Bill despite my objections to that Amendment."

Sullivan: "And that's..."

Zalewski: "And I wouldn't... and I wouldn't ask..."

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Sullivan: "...and that's certainly your... your personal choice.  
Amendments are filed on other Sponsor's Bills all the time."

Zalewski: "Have you seen a lot of hos..."

Sullivan: "It's not unique to the process, but what is..."

Zalewski: "Hey, wait. Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. Have you seen..."

Sullivan: "Okay. Sorry."

Zalewski: "Have you seen a lot of hos... have you seen this Bod...  
you just 10 seconds ago said you've never seen this before  
and... and so..."

Sullivan: "No, no."

Zalewski: "...how can you say that we file hostile Amendments all  
the time?"

Sullivan: "You know, Representative, there's a difference between  
filing a hostile Amendment and a hostile Amendment coming to  
the floor. It's very unique to see a hostile Amendment come  
to the floor. So, don't... don't mince my words. Hopefully, you  
understand what I mean by that. So, yeah, Representative  
Sandack would like me to explain that, not to lecture me on  
that one but... But Representative, so that's what I'm trying  
to get to. It's a very unique process. And so, I'm wondering  
why you would think, as the Sponsor of the Bill, a hostile  
Amendment by your Speaker would come out on your Bill and  
you... and..."

Zalewski: "I don't. I don't."

Sullivan: "But you've never had a discussion with the Speaker  
about that?"

Zalewski: "I have."

Sullivan: "Okay."

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Zalewski: "My feeling is we had a good conversation with the Leader from Bureau and Charlie last night. I agreed to hold a roll... I agreed to... and we agreed that there would be a Roll Call vote on Charlie's Amendment given my respect for him, given my respect for the Gentleman from Bureau."

Sullivan: "So..."

Zalewski: "That being said, my personal preference as a... as a... as a colleague to colleague is let these Bills rise and fall on its own. It's not a budget Bill. It's not... it's not something that is outside of the norm of ordinary business. And if we're going to go down this road of attaching Amendments to Bills of other Sponsors like this, I think it sets a bad precedent. That's my respectful wish of the Body."

Sullivan: "And... and I appreciate that. You made the agreement to allow this to come for a vote and if it gets up or down, then fine, you'll pull the Bill from the record. But then you went ahead and verified it, so you don't want it to have a rightful up or down vote because that's kind of going against what I... or at least I think."

Zalewski: "Well, I can ask for a verification of 'yes' votes."

Sullivan: "Okay. I just, you know, we're mincing words here maybe about what the spirit of the negotiation was. Well... well, thank you for your comments on that. To the Amendment. One of the previous speakers asked whether this was a 50... 501(c)(3) organization. It is a 509(a)... (a)(2) organization. So, it is... I believe that means a third of their gross income receipts cannot... can only be a third. And a third of their expenditures have to be on charitable ex... expenditures. And so, in essence,

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it is tax deductible is the meaning of that. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor of the Amendment yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier yields."

Breen: "Thank you. Charlie, just walk me through. Current law allows... and I believe I'm quoting from the correct Section... current law allows 'a properly maintained zoological park' to operate in the State of Illinois."

Meier: "The way I understand it, yes."

Breen: "Okay. And are these facilities in any way inspected?"

Meier: "Yes. They are inspected by the Federal Government."

Breen: "Okay. So, they are inspected and therefore, they are seen as properly maintained because they're getting these inspections."

Meier: "Yes."

Breen: "Okay. Now, if Mr. Zalewski's Bill passes, it would close down some of these parks which are, under our current law, properly maintained zoological parks."

Meier: "It would slowly force them out of business, yes."

Breen: "Okay. This Bill is choosing one zoological association over another, correct?"

Meier: "It... it is choosing the older one over the one that is five to six years old, yes."

Breen: "Okay. And to the... to the Amendment. The underlying Bill itself is hostile. The Amendment is merely returning us to our current state of the law and allowing our zoological parks that are operating to continue to do so unimpeded by this

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General Assembly shutting them down. So, would urge a strong 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. First, a question to the Sponsor of the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Well, you sound like you're planning to talk to both of them, Sir."

Fortner: "Well, it depends on the answer I get from the..."

Speaker Lang: "All right. First, Mr. Meier will yield."

Fortner: "Thank you. Representative Meier, I'm looking at the Bill that you are seeking to amend and in the language... Now, let me first say, one of the questions that's come up is about not-for-profit versus for-profit. And as I understand it, some of the members of the ZAA are a for-profit entity. Is that right?"

Meier: "Yes."

Fortner: "When I'm looking at the Bill that you are seeking to amend, one of the things that I see that are exempted are circuses, which I also understand are often for-profit entities."

Meier: "Yes."

Fortner: "So, it would seem to me if the distinction is supposed to be about, you know, some of the not-for-profit and purely research oriented facilities, it seems unusual to me that we would carve out circuses but not carve out other types of entities. Am I reading both the Bill and what you're seeking to do correctly in that regard?"

Meier: "It seems correct."

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Fortner: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question at the Sponsor of the underlying Bill?"

Speaker Lang: "Will there be anybody else after that?"

Fortner: "There will not."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski yields. If he was in his chair, he would yield. Mr. Zalewski, would you like to answer a question for Mr. Fortner? I'm sure it'll be about physics."

Fortner: "Only if I'm going to talk about like, you know, the circus trapeze acts, that's often about physics."

Speaker Lang: "Go ahead with your question, Sir."

Fortner: "Thank you. Representative Zalewski, when I'm looking at your Bill, I was just trying to understand why one of the exempted entities are circuses?"

Zalewski: "Repeat... repeat your question one more time, Mike."

Fortner: "Yeah. One of the things I see on your list of exempted entities are circuses. And I was trying to understand that because in my mind the nature of a circus, as a for-profit entity, that has some of these types of animals, is not so different than the type of entity that Mr. Meier is seeking to exempt as well. And I just was curious as to why... the genesis of circus in the list there."

Zalewski: "The... my understanding of Charlie's Amendment, Mike, is that the Zoological Association of America has a different set of criteria for standards when it comes to these parks. It violates the spirit of the Bill to have them included in the exemptions."

Fortner: "So, do... but do circuses have the kind of standards that are in the spirit of what you're doing? As far as I know,



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circuses don't have a set of standards that are all so different than what Mr. Meier is proposing."

Zalewski: "Yes, they do have different standard.. standards."

Fortner: "So..."

Zalewski: "There's a dif... I mean, Charlie said it in his... in his opening. We heard it in testimony. The only difference here is the fees... the only... the... he would have you believe the only difference is the fees. There's different standards when it comes to the care of the animals. There's different standards when it comes to the... to the regular oversight of the... of the animals. They're wildly different types of parks."

Fortner: "To the... to the Amendment. I guess, from my point of view, I have a hard time seeing a difference between a for-profit circus that is just generally defined in the underlying Bill and a for-profit park of the form that is being identified in the Amendment offered here. So, I don't see the inconsistency with saying if it's fine for circuses, it's not fine for these other types of parks. I will be voting 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski?"

Sandack: "Yes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski yields."

Sandack: "Thanks. Hey, Mike. Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Yes, yes, yes, yes. I'm here."

Sandack: "I want to understand. This is a very unusual process. I am told, and it may be incorrect information, that the agreement you had with Representative Meier is that he gets a vote on this Amendment."

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Zalewski: "Correct."

Sandack: "If it... if this Amendment is successful, what is your intentions with the underlying Bill?"

Zalewski: "Pull it from the record. Pull it from the record."

Sandack: "So, we will not be having..."

Zalewski: "But... but pull it from the record today and reevaluate and then I would remind the Body, Floor Amendment #5, which is an initiative of the Peoria Wildlife Park, remains on the floor. So, and it's a gut and replace. Number 5 is a gut and replace. So, if Charlie's Amendment's adopted, I can still adopt Floor Amendment #5."

Sandack: "Which means you would do a gut and replace and then do this all over again."

Zalewski: "So, I... well, my point... my point is as the Sponsor I... I retain the prerogative to call the Bill as a... as... and adopt Floor Amendment #5."

Sandack: "Well, I... and thank you for that answer. I mean, because what we're doing here is arguably wasting time. So, but you have an agreement with the Gentleman..."

Zalewski: "I... I..."

Sandack: "...and... and that's a good thing. What may be more helpful is for you to simply take this out of the record and then go and do your fifth, you know, your gut and replace."

Zalewski: "We... we can't. That's the problem. We can't. We can't get to Floor Amendment #5 until we have Floor Amendment... I can't make a Motion to Table Floor Amendment #1. I could, but I'd rather see Charlie get his up or down vote."

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Sandack: "Okay. Then I'm... good day. By the way, welcome to the Republican Caucus, Mr. Zalewski. This is what we deal with all the time. So..."

Zalewski: "I don't... I..."

Sandack: "...feel our pain, brother."

Zalewski: "...I respectfully disagree that this is something we've dealt with all the time, Ron."

Sandack: "Feel our pain. To the Amendment. I... the Gentleman from Riverside is a friend, colleague, and someone I respect; however, I ask that my Republican brethren stand with Representative Meier and vote 'yes' on the Amendment. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Burke."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. I would prefer that the Sponsor would take this Bill out of the record. Mr. Meier, is the family in the chamber?"

Meier: "We had a couple members up there earlier. I believe Allen Smith is up there and..."

Burke, D.: "Are they here?"

Meier: "Yes, he's up there."

Burke, D.: "This is a family business, Ladies and Gentlemen. If we're here to talk about economy, this father and daughter came to me today to say they're not making a lot of money, but they have a love for these exotic animals. And they're caring for them. And they're treating them well. How dare we defy the opportunity for this economy to do its job? This gentleman that owns the business makes about \$35 thousand a year, but this father and daughter love these creatures that they care for. I would encourage... I would insist that we

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support this Amendment and call it a day. Enough is enough.  
Let's get on with the business of this state."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mautino, you already spoke in debate. For what purpose do you rise?"

Mautino: "Thank you. My name was used in the debate. I appreciate the Gentleman from Cook's comments. I wanted to rise in support of the Gentleman's Amendment, ask for 'yeses', more than 'noes'. And I think that then when the Amendment does get on the Bill, we can talk about something that will allow them to continue their business. They've been in Bureau County for 30 years. They been in LaSalle County for 30 years. They bring their crews there. They do the... do the shows at our fairs. They do instructions in our schools. They should be allowed to continue in business. And so, with that, I think if this Bill becomes removed from the record or from... we vote the Amendment on, we can make a place in the state for them as well as the groups that do not like what they do. So, with that, I would ask more 'yeses' than 'noes'. We don't need Amendment 5 if there is no Bill. This Bill is not ready for primetime. It should have this Amendment, so that these people can get a seat at the table. Vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Thapedi: "Do you... do you have any additional speakers seeking recognition? I'm the last one?"

Speaker Lang: "You're the last one, Sir."

Thapedi: "Nothing else. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Meier to close."

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Meier: "Yes. I would like to just restate to Representative Moeller that Texas and Arkansas both this year recognize ZAA. So, you need to look at the newer records. And when you talked about Louisi... Louisiana and California, ZAA has not asked to be added into those yet. So, I would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Tabares, Turner. Please take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And Mr. Zalewski has asked for a verification, which he withdraws. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Zalewski removes the Bill from the record. Senate Bill 1827, Mr. Franks. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1827, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a... read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Franks, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the... the Bill that will increase the sunset renewal for the Dental Practice Act. And there was an Amendment brought to us by the Veterinary Medical Association, which is an agreed Amendment that requires the Illio... the Illinois veterinarians shall honor a client's request for a prescription."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1854, Representative Mayfield. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1854, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. 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 Mayfield."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield on the Amendment."

Mayfield: "Okay. What this does is adds the Upper Illinois River Valley Economic Development Authority to the Bill. It adds Lake County and provides one seat at... within the commission for Lake County."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Rita, I have a hold on this. Does your Amendment take care of any objections or any opposition?"

Mayfield: "Yes."

Sandack: "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: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Clerk Hollman: "Okay. Floor Amendment #3 just removes some language from the underlying Bill in regard to the Illinois River Valley Development Authority. And it deals with

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providing... sorry, I've got to read through this one... notification to the Governor through the General Assembly in regard to bonds. This was requested information to provide protection for us."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 398, Representative Feigenholtz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 398, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 398 is the Culinary and Hospitality Modernization Act of 2015. It has industry support. I'm glad 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: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Page 7 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 379, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 379, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

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Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Basically, Senate Bill 379 kind of makes clear things that are going on right now. And it just establishes that buildings and structures owned by Cook County will be governed by the rules and regulations of Cook County and not other jurisdictions. I request 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, that was... can you elaborate a little bit. What current practices are being codified into law now?"

Riley: "Many times there is confusion, especially, you know, we talk about forest preserves, of course, they are surrounding municipalities. This Bill does nothing but make it clear that, you know, when it comes to buildings and structures within that forest preserve, that they are governed by the... they're governed by the rules and regulations of Cook County and not the other surrounding municipalities."

Sandack: "Were... were the other jurisdictions trying to impede upon the Cook County Forest Preserve?"

Riley: "There were a couple of cases where that was not... where that was the case."

Sandack: "And it'll make it clear that the municipalities stay in the municipal corporate areas and the forest preserve is the forest preserve."

Riley: "Is an entity of Cook County governed by Cook County and their regulations."

Sandack: "Thank you, Sir."

Riley: "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? Golar. Please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 679, Representative Williams. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 679, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill does two things. First of all, it provides that loose mercury switches can be collected and counted towards the goal for the collection of mercury switches. And secondly, it accommodates... or addresses a loophole in the law that provides that people that demolish buildings are not held accountable for the collection of these mercury thermostats. The law currently provides for HVAC installers and contractors to have to comply with these rules but doesn't address people that demolish buildings. So, we're just bringing them into the... the fold and 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? Nekritz. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill... Senate Bill 731, Mr. Guzzardi. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 731, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Hearing Society. It provides for a 10-year extension of the sunset of the Illinois Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act, which was set to sunset next year and also makes some small changes to that Act. I know of no opposition. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, I could not hear one word you said. So, would you please repeat... It's not your fault. But I couldn't hear anything."

Guzzardi: "I'm vertically..."

Sandack: "Move your mic, speak into the microphone."

Guzzardi: "It'll only go so high, Leader Sandack. Here's the deal. This Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Hearing Society. It extends the sunset date on... It's actually fitting that you were unable to hear. Perhaps you need to visit some of these folks yourself."

Sandack: "Perhaps."

Guzzardi: "It extends the sunset date for 10 years, until 2026 of the Hearing Instrument Consumer Protection Act and makes some small changes to that Act."

Sandack: "No opposition?"

Guzzardi: "No opposition."

Sandack: "Thank you. And I can hear you clearly now. Thank you."

Guzzardi: "My... my pleasure."

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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? Please take the record. On this question, 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 780, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 780, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 780 essentially just says that in Cook County, a new owner of a property will get the General Homestead Exemption. And essentially, they have to reapply for it in order to receive that exemption after the assessment year of the sale. Again, pretty straightforward. The issue is that doesn't always happen. And in reality, sometimes people will get an exemption that they did not apply for, they'll get an exemption that they don't qualify for. This clears all that up and will really reduce the amount of errors made in receiving of that homestead exemption. I request 'aye' votes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "An inquiry of the Chair. Are there..."

Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry."

Sandack: "...are there Amendments on this Bill pending?"

Speaker Lang: "No. The Amendments are not on the Bill, Sir."

Sandack: "They've been withdrawn?"

Speaker Lang: "Withdrawn or not called."

Sandack: "Okay. A question of the Sponsor, please."

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Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, help me out. Is this... what does this Bill do that's essential that's not being done right now?"

Riley: "Well, again, there have been, you know, a lot of studies, a lot of stories in the press that talk about people receiving exemptions that they didn't qualify for. And what this Bill basically does is it ensures that, first of all, to get the exemption when a sale is made, one must reapply for it. There are other safeguards which will prevent a person from getting an exemption that (a) they didn't ask for or didn't qualify for. That this happens has very deleterious effects, especially in certain areas of the Chicagoland area, for example, the south suburbs. And so, that's what this Bill basically clears up."

Sandack: "Well, I'm happy to help the south suburbs. As you know, I have a very visceral connection. Thank you, Sir."

Riley: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Moffitt: "Representative, this applies only to Cook County. Is that correct?"

Riley: "That's correct."

Moffitt: "Do you know if... if the rest of the state, is this has not been a problem or they do get... already get the assistance that you're extending now to Cook County? Do you..."

Riley: "Representative Moffitt, I'm not exactly sure. I would say that since these are basically clerical errors, that it probably does occur in areas... other areas of the state. It's

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just that, you know, for an area that basically has six and a half million people in it, it is something that really became bothersome and very costly. And as I say, it has discrete impacts, especially in the south suburbs where the levies are higher because of the dearth of commercial properties and so forth. So, that's why we're really cook... concentrating on the Cook County area."

Moffitt: "Okay. Well, thank you. I certainly commend what you're doing. Was going to support it, but I just... we'll take a look and see, make sure we're treating, you know, even downstate property owners the same way and that they're getting the same information. Thank you."

Riley: "I think... I think that that should happen."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "Al, a few years ago we passed legislation that would in essence put penalties on those people that have faulty exemptions. And is this somewhat in response to that legislation, so people know in advance that they have those exemptions or should not have those exemptions?"

Riley: "That's exactly right."

Sullivan: "Okay. And that obviously is a very good thing and I commend you on that portion of it. My... my question is on the backend. Your legislation will indicate that should someone not reapply, either because they think that they don't qualify their exemption or potentially 'cause they forget that the assessor was going to automatically delete those from the books. What is the process by which the assessor... and I'm

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assuming this is the assessor that makes this... these mailings?"

Riley: "That's correct."

Sullivan: "What... Can you go walk me through the process by which this will happen?"

Riley: "It is felt that the impact of the situation that you talked about where a person doesn't apply, again, it would be harmful for that homeowner, but that would be a very small population. And the assessor does have a responsibility to get in touch with the homeowner and see whether or not, you know, they in fact, you know, would... they would still get that card. So, there will still be some checks and balances done."

Sullivan: "Okay. But you believe that this will all take care... take place through the assessor's office and Assessor Berrios is, indeed, in favor of this legislation?"

Riley: "That's correct. Matter of fact, when we had some of the problems that, you know, came about in the media, Assessor Berrios made statements at that time... I think it was a couple of years ago..."

Sullivan: "Right, right."

Riley: "...that it was very important to him and that they saw the Cook County's Assessor's Office, you know, having a role in trying to hunt out, you know, people who did not qualify for this... for these exemptions..."

Sullivan: "Okay."

Riley: "...and to try to find where the problems did lie."

Sullivan: "Yeah."

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Riley: "So, it's something that they're going to have to, you know, pay a little bit more attention to."

Sullivan: "Thank you. And to the Bill. So, this addresses two problems that we have in the tax system right now. One, there are those that get faulty exemptions and we pass legislation to penalize them for that. But the problem with that is we also entrap some people that might have faultily, through administrative error, gotten these. And so, this is good legislation to, one, take care of that problem, but two, it will... it will weed out those that shouldn't have the exemptions and ultimately, save taxpayers' dollars. And that's ultimately, what we'd like to do. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Arroyo."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Arroyo: "Al, how do the... how do you expect the Assessor's Office to fix this? Or what is he going to do to fix this?"

Riley: "Well, the fact that he has noted that this is a problem and not only... it's not just the Cook County Assessor. It's all the township assessors, I mean, it's all of these people who are involved in the assessment process who feel that this is a problem and you know, he's looking at it. And essentially, what this Bill does is cause him to look at it even further."

Arroyo: "Al, the reason why I'm speaking on this Bill, 'cause I was one of the individuals that was cited for doing a dual exemption. And the problem was that I had sold a property and the assessor's office doesn't acknowledge when you sell a

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property. So, I think the assessor has a lot of responsibility to do something to be able to catch when somebody sells a piece of property and I had sold the property for years. For six or seven years and they still cited me and I had... I wasn't collecting the proper... the exemption 'cause I sold the property. So, how do you think the assessor is going to do different when all these people that are not qualifying are not even applying for this assessment, and I believe that was in my case. I didn't apply for that assessment, but yet I was cited and I was fined. I paid the fine. So, how is the assessor going to be able to catch those guys that are not asking for the... for the assessment?"

Riley: "Well, I don't want to speak for the assessor, but let me just say this. It's a very difficult job. I don't know. I would imagine that there's probably about, I don't know, 45 or 50 million properties that the assessor has to deal with. That's a lot. And the process of mass assessment or mass, you know, valuation, is a very difficult one. And you know, many times what they do is they take samples of all of the properties and they find that, you know, if in taking their samples they have a lot of properties that don't qualify, then they look at each individual property. I mean, it's... it's a very tough job. And you know, it's just like the old bell-shaped curve. There's going to be people in the tails of the distribution who, like you, were unfairly, you know, targeted. That's something that looking at each of those individual cases..."

Arroyo: "Well, yeah."

Riley: "...hopefully will be taken care of."



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Arroyo: "Al, I think that when you do a fore... when you do a closing on a house, you sell a house..."

Riley: "I'm sorry. Mr. Speaker, I can't hear."

Arroyo: "I think one of the ways to take care of this when you sell a house... when you do a closing and you sell a house, there should be some kind of document from the assessor's office, so we could go to the assessor and know that the house was sold. So, that way they don't keep giving that assessment. I think that's a big responsibility from the assessor's office that if they be vigilant they could take care of that problem. Because a lot of people are getting fined without even knowing that they're getting a second assessment. So, that's why I asked you what is this Bill going to do to fix this problem?"

Riley: "Well, like I said, I've spoken to it before. I acknowledge and I think everybody knows, any time you deal with... with anything that is that large, there are going to be outliers. There are going to be problems that are going to occur. And you know, much of that takes, not formulaic kinds of solutions, but looking at each of those individual cases and that's something that's being done right now. And it's unfortunate that those things happen, but again, if you look at the cases that you were talking about and you look at the fact that there's about 50 million properties, I think that batting average is pretty good."

Arroyo: "Well, Al, I'm glad that the assessor's doing something about it because I don't want to pay no more fines if he finds out that there's another error. But there's a lot of people out there that are being fined that shouldn't be fined. So, thank you for calling this Bill. And I think this is well

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overdue. I wish you would have called this maybe about five years ago, maybe I wouldn't have been paying those fines. Thank you."

Riley: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Zalewski: "Al, following up on Luis's questioning. The... the county assessor rec... just the other day sent out a note to individuals that live on multiple lots that basically said you may be in violation of violating the homestead exemption. If you live on multiple lots, you may be guilty of taking multiple homestead exemptions. Is that accurate?"

Riley: "That does happen in some cases. Multiple lots or whether or not the person qualify for an extension... exemption if they had multiple properties. So, that... that does happen."

Zalewski: "But that's not what happened when he mailed those letters."

Riley: "No."

Zalewski: "What he did was he said, if you have a piece of property that spirals over to two different pins..."

Riley: "Yes."

Zalewski: "...you may be in violation of the Homestead Act."

Riley: "Yeah."

Zalewski: "And so, we're sending you these letters. So, my question is, I'm worried about why we're evaluating this particular aspect of the statute if we're still not clear of what qualifies as a violation of this law?"

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Riley: "Well, I mean, I think what's happening, with all due respect to your question, this Bill is pretty straightforward. I think we will all acknowledge that, again, there are issues with the assessment of real property, who's violating... you know, who's violating or not. We're talking about a lot of taxable property. So, this Bill addresses a specific problem. Are there other issues with... with regard to the assessment of real property? Yes, there are. And I think we can deal with those. But this particular Bill deals with a particular problem that's been around a long time and I think it ameliorates it."

Zalewski: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Riley to close, briefly."

Riley: "Thank you very much. A very robust debate on what I think is a pretty straightforward problem. Again, there are other issues with regard to assessments in general, how we tax real property. That's for another day. And I would definitely be glad to participate in it. But this Bill takes care of some real problems that we know exist. And I request your 'aye' votes. 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 record yourselves. Cavaletto, Reis, Stewart. Please take the record. There are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Welch is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

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Welch: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I'd like to introduce you all to a very distinguished guest that we have in our gallery here today, Miss Black Illinois 2015. She's competing for Miss Black USA in August. She was born and raised in Maywood. She's in the gallery right behind me. Please, let's welcome Miss Destiny Lee to the House of Representatives."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House chamber. We're happy to have you here. Mr. Clerk, Supplemental Calendar #1, Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1441, Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1441, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on Supplemental Calendar #2, House Bills-Second Reading, appears House Bill 4151, Leader Currie, I think. Oh, this is Mr. Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4151, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Will Davis."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis. Take your time but hurry, Sir."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much for being patient, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment... or excuse me... Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4151 presents one portion of the education budget. This is what's being addressed in the House today. There's a portion of it that is in the Senate that we will deal with when it comes over from the Senate. But what this particular

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Amendment addresses is what we'll call the operations aspect of it for the State Board of Education as well as the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board. And what we mean by operations is that, for instance, one of the lines in the budget is bilingual education. In order to administer bilingual education, there's an operations portion of it. So, this Bill represents an allocation of \$2 million that will be used for the operations standpoint of implementing the bilingual education dollars. So, the Bill... this particular Bill is just the operation side of it. The stuff that everybody is really interested in is in the Senate. And we all look forward to that Bill coming over so we can debate that portion of the Bill. That being said, Mr. Speaker, I ask for the adoption of the Amendment, be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "State your inquiry, Sir."

Sandack: "Sir, my inquiry is, how the Amendment is germane to the matter on the board, the actual underlying Bill?"

Speaker Lang: "Are you making a parliamentary request, Sir?"

Sandack: "I am."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack, the Amendment is a gut and replace, so it doesn't have to be germane to the underlying Bill. It's a brand new Bill."

Sandack: "So, it's ungermane."

Speaker Lang: "It's a new Bill. It's germane in and of itself to itself."

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Sandack: "In and of itself to itself. Thank you. I'll save any questions for the Sponsor on Third."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Representative Ives, would you mind if we adopt the Amendment and go to you on Third Reading? Thank you. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4151, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis, do you have anything further to add?"

Davis, W.: "Absolutely not."

Speaker Lang: "Chair recognizes Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Pritchard: "So, Representative, this is one of what we might expect to be two Bills?"

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Pritchard: "And as we look at this Bill, what is the appropriated amount?"

Davis, W.: "This Bill... the appropriated amount is 277,944,000."

Pritchard: "And what might we expect the next Bill to be appropriated?"

Davis, W.: "The next Bill to be appropriated?"

Pritchard: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "Let me see. I'm trying to... trying to do some quick math here."

Pritchard: "About 600 and... \$6.7 billion or \$5.7 billion."

Davis, W.: "Well, in terms of GRF?"

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Pritchard: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "In terms of GRF, yeah, approximately 6.7, thereabouts."

Pritchard: "So, we're to act upon this in a piecemeal fashion. Do you have a vision for the rest of this that's coming and if it's going to be good for education and those objectives that we all have for improving our student's learning?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I can tell you conceptually, Representative, the idea here is to try to increase our proration amount as high as we can possibly get it. This... the other Bill, or if you're talking in terms of concept, it at least takes into consideration one of the Governor's requests to add more money to early childhood education. But the objective is to always try to increase our proration amount as high as we can possibly get it."

Pritchard: "So, did you have a lot of input into this particular Bill and the Bill that will be coming tomorrow, I'm assuming?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I... I would agree that we all have. I mean, even... even if you... even if you take all of our conversations into consideration, all of the hearings that we had where we were listening to advocates, hearing from the State Board of Education, for that matter, even the Governor's introduced budget. All of that has been input in trying to get to where we are today."

Pritchard: "So, does this carry the Governor's recommendations for education?"

Davis, W.: "Does this what? I'm sorry."

Pritchard: "Does this carry the Governor's recommendations for education budgeting?"

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Davis, W.: "Not to the dollar amount necessarily, but the Governor asked for an increase in early childhood education, so we are trying to reflect his wish there. The Governor asked for more money for general state aid. Now, we may not get to exactly where the Governor wants, but we are trying to increase general state aid."

Pritchard: "So, yesterday, we heard a lot about the values that Representatives have and trying to achieve them in our budgeting and our spending plans. Does this represent the values that we have for our younger people?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I would argue that, again, this is the appropriation side of that conversation. And I think all of us conceptually would always like to have additional resources put into the K through 12 budget. So, from that perspective, I would say yes. Now, if you're talking about substantive things, again, we have other committees that are addressing or have addressed some of the substantive things related to K through 12 education. Some Bills have probably passed, some have not. Even I had a Bill, House Bill 2683 that dealt with accountability measures. Again, that all adds itself to the quality of education that we are hoping all of our children in the State of Illinois receive."

Pritchard: "So, this Bill also has in it some federal funding as well as the General Revenue?"

Davis, W.: "Ad... administration and operations for federal funding as well."

Pritchard: "Is that federal funding staying level or do we anticipate it to drop this next year?"

Davis, W.: "I... Okay. It's at the Governor's introduced level."



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Pritchard: "But I mean the federal share that's passed through here..."

Davis, W.: "Well..."

Pritchard: "...is that staying fairly level or are we going to..."

Davis, W.: "Well..."

Pritchard: "...have to make it up with some additional funding?"

Davis, W.: "I don't... Well, I'll say I don't know if we can directly answer that question. We don't necessarily follow the same timeline that the Federal Government does relative to its budgeting process. So, is that possible? I'll say yes, it's possible that that may happen based on whatever the level of federal funding comes. One of the ways that I think we're allowing for the State Board of Education to have some flexibility in that conversation is that we, in past years, we have lump summed money to the State Board of Education. So, if we lump sum money to the State Board of Education, then they have some flexibility where if the Federal Government does fall short, then maybe they can make up some of those differences. Does that mean maybe down the road there may be a call for a Supplemental? I guess that's always a possibility, but we won't know that right now."

Pritchard: "Thank you. And Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would just add that certainly the Representative here who chairs our Education Appropriation Committee has been very open in trying to involve both of our Parties in this debate in this important discussion and decisions. But unfortunately, this Bill kind of springs up at the last minute with very little community in... committee input. And I would ask us all to be concerned about that process. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. What you're looking at here is a budgeting process where you only have half of the picture. Now, anybody who has had a cash flow analysis class, anybody who has gone through an accounting class at, you know, Northern Illinois University or the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana or any of our universities understands that this is not how you do a budget. You don't present half of the budget and the other half is mysteriously behind door #3, or in this case, in the Senate chamber. How can you... how can you even possibly bring forward a Bill that is half done or a budget that is half way there? None of this makes sense. You guys, this... this Body would fail... fail an accounting course at any of our major universities. In fact, you would fail the high school budgeting course that people in my high school... the kids in my high school are forced to take where you start with how much are you going to get in that year and then you set aside specific amounts of money that you know you have to pay and you know what your budget looks like in totality. So, for... for your side of the aisle to bring forward half a budget to look at is just ridiculous. I mean... You... you guys, actually, you fail. When it comes to Budgeting 101, the Democrat Party has failed this year and this is a perfect example. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, B.: "Representative, I asked some questions in committee today and I still have some questions and I can... I agree with

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Representative Ives in not liking a partial budget, but if you'll indulge me with a few more questions, I'd appreciate it. Our analysis... and I'm thrilled that we're increasing the proration rate from 87 to 92 percent. I understand that the entire budget for education is 6.99 something billion, 240 million more than 200... 2015. This budget, the operations budget that we have, is \$2.77 billion, correct?"

Davis, W.: "No. I think it's 2... 277 million; 277,944,000."

Wheeler, B.: "Two hundred and seventy-seven billion."

Davis, W.: "That is all funds. The General Revenue portion of that is 82,305,200."

Wheeler, B.: "Two hundred and seventy-seven mil... 277 billion... million, with an m. I'm... I'm so sorry 'cause I'm reading our sheet that we received today and it's in thousands and it's on two pages and I'm completely confused. So, thank you for indulging my questions. So, the bulk of what we're going to see is going to come from the Senate?"

Davis, W.: "Correct."

Wheeler, B.: "When?"

Davis, W.: "I don't have a timeline for you. I imagine it'll be soon. Obviously, we have, you know, windows in which these things have to move in both chambers. So, I would anticipate seeing it soon, but I don't have an exact or definitive time for you."

Wheeler, B.: "Okay. And I know this was asked in... in committee, but I came... I was having a conversation regarding one of the constituents that was there. So, please, again, indulge me. The early childhood education and bilingual education are

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being cut by almost 98, 96 percent. Can you tell me why? For administrative costs?"

Davis, W.: "This is just the administrative cost associated with administering those dollars. Again, ours... this particular is just that. The largesse of those lines will come in the Bill that will come over from the Senate."

Wheeler, B.: "Okay. Thank you. Thank you very much. To the Bill. I'm in agreement with my colleagues that this is not the way to budget. And I'm disappointed of this way. I... I don't know whether it's normal that this is the education budget process, but I'll be voting 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Guzzardi."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Guzzardi: "Representative Davis, I have some earnest and nonrhetorical questions for you. So, we're going to increase proration up to 92 percent. Is that where we ended?"

Davis, W.: "That is our goal, yes."

Guzzardi: "Excellent. And is there additional appropriation beyond that for lower performing school districts..."

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "...or low-income school districts?"

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "Can you tell me about the dollar amounts there, real quick?"

Davis, W.: "Right now the dollar amount is about \$60 million."

Guzzardi: "Okay. And that will be divided amongst districts with..."

Davis, W.: "That will be..."

Guzzardi: "...high low-income students?"

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Davis, W.: "...that will be targeted to low-income school districts."

Guzzardi: "Fantastic. That sounds like an excellent plan. I appreciate your hard work on this issue."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative David Harris for the rest of this nighttime Session."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Oh, I hope not. Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative Davis, I have a couple earnest and nonrhetorical questions for you, if that will be okay? Sir, where did this budget come from? Who drafted it?"

Davis, W.: "I... I assume our staff drafted it."

Sandack: "Well..."

Davis, W.: "Some... some combination between House Democrats and Senate Democrats drafted this... this particular Bill."

Sandack: "Thank you. Because there's been much rhetoric about secret meetings, mostly coming from your side of the aisle, certainly not you, but Members of your Caucus have been complaining about secret meetings. This budget is a product of secret meetings, exclusive meetings between Senate Democrats and House Democrats, correct?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I don't know if I'd call it a secret meeting. I mean..."

Sandack: "Well, I wasn't invited. Was it posted?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I... I'm not..."

Sandack: "Was there someplace..."

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Davis, W.: "...I'm not... I'm not invited to some of your meetings and I don't call them secret."

Sandack: "We don't have a Bill preselected though, Will."

Davis, W.: "You just have meetings and this was a product of a meeting."

Sandack: "True. But there... it's kind of a distinction without a difference because we're dealing with a budget Bill, which is kind of important. And so, my point is, this budget Bill that you're the Sponsor of is a product of... it's a partisan Bill. It's a partisan budget Bill, is it not?"

Davis, W.: "Well, to the extent in which it was drafted by Democrats, sure it was partisan, but what I will say, Representative, is that in fairness to your side of the aisle, I had conversations with my counterpart in my committee. And as this came together, we would stand right there in front of his desk and I would share with him what we were discussing. Hold on. No, no."

Sandack: "I have no doubt."

Davis, W.: "You... you asked about partisan and secret, so to the extent in which it was conversation on this side, I went to that Gentleman standing down there and I shared with him. Now, it's his choice whether or not he wants to tell you or anybody else on that side of the aisle."

Sandack: "Well, Will, come on. You..."

Davis, W.: "I'm... I'm just saying."

Sandack: "You're see..."

Davis, W.: "I did share."

Sandack: "You shared it, but he wasn't a participant. You didn't say, hey, want to change a number here or there or how do you

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feel about this? You shared something saying here's a look-see not..."

Davis, W.: "He asked... he asked are we going to do certain things? That sounds like him asking and providing some input. And if we were going to do those things, I said yes. If we weren't, then I... I didn't... I didn't say we were going to."

Sandack: "Thank you. I'll... I'll leave it to the Gentleman to determine what level of real participation he had in the process. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I thank the Sponsor for answering my questions, even the elaborative answers that they were, but I thank him. And I think he's a genuine good hearted, good spirited Legislator. But there's no getting around the fact that this is a partisan budget Bill. It is not bipartisan and it also spends more when you aggregate it with the other Bills coming from the Senate and the Bills that we passed yesterday, we are spending \$4 billion more than we have. It's a dishonest budget. It doesn't balance. It doesn't further the needs and it doesn't attend to the needs of the citizens of Illinois. We're going to be repeating this process real soon I suspect or maybe in a few months, I don't know. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the questions and the comments from both sides of the aisle. And I can't necessarily disagree with some of the characterizations made by the Gentleman on the other side of the aisle. But to that extent, the Governor introduced a budget, I wasn't a part of that conversation. Hell, I don't think any of you were even a part of that conversation, but

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he introduced a budget. Are we chastising him for having a secret meeting and introducing his budget? No, we're not. We're not. So, all I can say is that this is a K through 12 budget. We are attempting to do some very, very good things in this budget as it relates to putting more money in it for schools, for school districts to give them the flexibility they need to educate children across the State of Illinois. That has always been our goal. And we will continue to strive for that goal. Do we want more money? Absolutely, Ladies and Gentlemen, we would always want more money in K through 12 education. But this is what we are faced with. Now, while we may argue about the budget overall, K through 12 is actually getting an increase, something that I think we all would otherwise desire. Now, is it the Governor's increase? No, it's not, but nevertheless, it's a step in the right direction. Potentially, as I understand with the Bill that's being done in the Senate, proration could possibly go up. There may be some additional help for low-income school districts, all of the things that we talk about doing in education. Now, if the Gentleman talks about some of the substantive issues, again, that's not the role of this committee. This committee is about money and making sure that we have adequate resource to educate children across the State of Illinois. I understand, if the previous budget Bills are any indication of what's going to happen, then of course you all are going to vote 'no'. And that's fine. And I hope that by voting 'no' that you can go back and tell the children of the State of Illinois, not so much that you voted 'no', but hopefully, you'll tell them that it was this side of the aisle



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that gave them the resources that they need because you didn't want to step up to the plate and help. That's what this boils down to. Your inability to do the right thing. Recognize that. You can talk about us all you want, that's fine. That's fine, but this is the side of the aisle that's lifting up children in the State of Illinois. We're all willing to put that burden on our shoulders, are you? No. And that will be reflected by exactly how you vote on this Bill. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

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. Drury, Franks, Nekritz, Yingling. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 66 voting 'yes', 47 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4166, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4166, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. The Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This Amendment incorporates a mini capital program. Much of it is reappropriation, some of it is new spending, most of it comes from bond proceeds in the Illinois Jobs Now Program. And some is, as we traditionally do, some of it operates as pay-as-you-go. So, the reappropriations include things for DCEO, for the Capitol... the Architect of the Capitol, and about \$10

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billion for statewide transportation projects at IDOT. New would be the ability to spend some money from... from federal mass transit dollars and a replenishment of the Working Capital Revolving Loan Fund in IDOT, which lends money to disadvantaged businesses and then as that money is repaid, then becomes available to spend elsewhere. There also are dollars for school maintenance and about 800 million for the... to the Environmental Protection Agency for drinking water infrastructure projects and also, an additional 1.8 billion. I'd be happy to answer your questions. And I'd appreciate your support for adoption of the Amendment and then the Bill."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4166, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "You heard the Lady explain the Bill. Is there debate? There being no debate, 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? Drury, Gordon-Booth, Nekritz. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 65 voting 'yes', 46 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 522, offered by Representative Sente. House Resolution 523, offered by

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Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 524, offered by Representative Andrade. House Resolution 525, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 528, offered by Representative McSweeney. House Resolution 529, offered by Representative Stewart. And House Resolution 530, offered by Representative Butler."

Speaker Lang: "Those... Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to confirm a rumor that the Boat Drink Caucus will be meeting this evening approximately at 8:45 at Boone's."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet immediately upon adjournment. The Health Care Licenses Committee will meet in Room 115. The Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee will meet in Room D-1. The Human Services Committee will meet in Room C-1. The Business & Occupational Licenses Committee will meet in Room 122. And the Judiciary-Civil Committee will meet in Room 118."

Speaker Lang: "You heard the committee announcements. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Thursday, May 28 at the hour of 11 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til Thursday, May 28 at the hour of 11 a.m. Go, Blackhawks."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 663; recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1424. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 3219. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3464. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 788, Senate Joint Resolution 22, Senate Joint Resolution 25. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 27, 2015: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 356, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 House Bill 1336, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3215, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3988, House Resolution 498, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1304. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2029, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2030, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2031, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning

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appropriations. Senate Bill 2032, offered by Speaker Madigan... correction... offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2033, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2034, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2035, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2036, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Senate Bill 2037, offered by Speaker Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Senate Joint Resolution 27, offered by Representative Currie. This is referred to the Rules Committee. Second Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #37.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 20 to Article VI of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VI

THE JUDICIARY

SECTION 20. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES

(a) A punitive damage award may not be more than the greater of:

(1) three times the amount of compensatory damages awarded in the action; or

(2) \$50,000.

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(b) The total amount recoverable for an injury or death of a patient as a result of medical malpractice may not exceed \$1,250,000.

(c) A health care provider is not liable for an amount in excess of \$250,000 for an occurrence of medical malpractice.

(d) Aggregate damages for the loss of society, including love, affection, care, attention, companionship, comfort, guidance, and protection, resulting from the wrongful death of an unmarried adult who has no dependents may not exceed \$300,000.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies only to causes of action accruing on or after its effective date. This was the Second Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #37."

Clerk Bolin: "Second Reading of House Bills to be held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. House Bill 2030... House Bill 2341, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2342, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2343, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2344, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2345, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2346, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2347, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2348, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2349, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 2350, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Second Reading of Senate Bills to be held on the Order of Senate

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Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 36, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 47, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 224, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 273, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 274, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 368, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 563, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 663, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 763, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 777, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 842, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1376, a Bill for an Act concerning digital assets. Senate Bill 1381, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1470, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1487, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1810, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1919, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."