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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 100th General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Ronald Young, Impact Church St. Louis, Swansea, Illinois.

PASTOR RONALD YOUNG:

(Prayer by Pastor Ronald Young)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Blueroomstream.com seeks permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcript.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1692, offered by Senator Rose and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1693, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1694, offered by Senator Mulroe and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1695, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 1696, offered by Senator Connelly and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 72, offered by President Cullerton. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 370 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Joint Resolution 67 Be Adopted; House Bills 751 and 3080 Do Pass.

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Bill 2533 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2341 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3211 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Resolutions 1582, 1592, and 1613 Be Adopted; House Bills 4135, 4213, 4507, 4645, 4735, 4751,

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5242, and 5686 Do Pass.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3114 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 5123 Do Pass; House Bill 4395 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 54 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 486 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2744 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Bills 4853 and 5513 Do Pass.

Senator Holmes, Chairperson of the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2675 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3606, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill -- Senate Bill 3607, offered by Senator Harmon.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4364, offered by Senator Tracy.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5021, offered by Senator Tracy.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5551, offered by Senator Righter.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 5447, offered by Senator Haine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you. Today, I'd like to introduce to the Senate Chamber a school that's in my district. It is the Science and Arts Academy located in Des Plaines. It serves gifted students. Their fifth grade class is here. And they cover fifty zip codes within the Chicagoland area. So there's -- it's likely that anybody in northern Illinois has a student who's a member -- that's present here that's in their district. So I'd like you to join me. They're celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary this year. So if I could ask you all to rise, the fifth grade class of the Science and Arts Academy, and welcome to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to the Senate. Will all Members at the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? Will all Members at the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR McCARTER:

Purpose of announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have with me today visiting, to my right, here up in the gallery, Mr. Fred Koch. Fred has been a business partner of mine for twenty years. He now lives in Norway, married a beautiful Norwegian girl, has got two kids. But he's the inventor of the abmat.com - yes, I'm shameless, yes - abmat.com {sic} (AbMat) that my -- my factory has been producing for over twenty years and he's become a good friend, a good business partner, and I just -- welcome him today, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Schimpf, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Point of introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SCHIMPF:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I had the -- I had the pleasure of getting to spend about thirty minutes just -- just a little bit ago with a group of eighth graders from Cobden, Illinois, which is in the deep south part of my district. They are - stand up, please - they are in the -- in the gallery on the Democratic side. I would just ask that we give them a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Welcome to the Senate. Senator Curran, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CURRAN:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Mr. President, I'm very proud to introduce my Page for the Day, MarieClaire, from LaGrange Highlands Middle School, seventh grader. Marie is accompanied by her mother, Claire; and her grandparents, retired Circuit Court Judges Francis Gembala and Bettina Gembala, who are in the gallery. Marie was the winner of my veterans essay contest in my district. She is -- loves acting, math, and Abraham Lincoln. I've learned a lot about Abraham Lincoln walking around the Capitol with her today. So she's been a fabulous resource and she's going to be planning on attending Nazareth High School and I think we're going to be seeing more of Marie down here in the Capitol in future years. So I would ask everyone to please welcome Marie to the Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

A point of introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

As long as it's not number thirty-four, state your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

No, Mr. President, we're not there yet. I appreciate that, though. I want to introduce today the student council members

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here in Springfield, the capital of the State, for a -- a State Student Council Convention. They're from Alton High School, the home of the Redbirds. So I -- as I told them earlier, in Alton, when you say Redbirds, it could mean the Cardinals or the Alton High teams, and they're a great -- they're a great group of young people and I want to introduce them real quick: Kristi Doering, Student Council Advisor, she's a teacher; Nicole McKenney, sponsor; Betsy Papin, student; Lauren Weiner, student; Morgan Riley, student; Maddie Wilkins, student; Olivia Dickson, student; Mia Elkoff -- Eikoff, student; Andrea Bickley, student; and Torre Simon, student. And our -- one of our distinguished staffers, by the way, Dillon Santoni's a graduate of Alton High School. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, if you could welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to the Senate. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer -- re-refer from Human Services Committee to State Government Committee - House Bill 4888; refer to Transportation Committee - House Joint Resolution 21; and Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2952.

Signed, Senator James Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will all Members at the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? We will be going to Senate Bills 3rd Reading. All Members at the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. We will be going to 3rd Readings. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 4 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bill 486. Senator



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Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 486 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 486. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

...you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 486. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 486.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 486 creates a statewide standard for assessing the value of solar installation, solar farms, for purposes of property tax. With the amendments we adopted today, we have eliminated all of the opposition, but for that of the School Management Alliance. Their opposition is limited, as I understand it, solely to the dollar amount of the valuation. We're happy to continue those conversations in the House. I've asked them for more information, but I'd like to send this over in its current form. It's much improved and I believe ready to be considered by the Senate and sent to the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 486 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate

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Bill 486, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2341. Senator Collins. Senator Collins. Senate Bill 2522. Senator Stadelman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2552. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 2598. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval. Senate Bill 2638. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2647. Senator Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2657. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2952. Senator Bush. Senator Bush seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2952 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2952. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your amendment.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd ask for its adoption. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your amendment.

SENATOR BUSH:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for its adoption. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2952. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2952.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Can we keep the noise down, please? Senator Bush, on your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. This bill just dealt with adding an additional doctor and a dentist to the PMP bill. These are -- these two amendments are some technical changes - a change in where the data is stored and how it's stored and literally a one word change and adding veterinarians to the list, so technical changes. There is no opposition to the bill and I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall

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Senate Bill 2952 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2952, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3114. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Hunter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3114 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3114. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Aquino, on the amendment.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. The amendment quite simply allows for a small business in my district, a restaurant, to -- to be able to obtain a liquor license. It is currently a hundred feet away from a school and a church and so I want to thank the sponsor for allowing me to add this amendment. And I ask for an Aye vote and -- for its...(microphone cutoff)...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question -- seeing none, all those in favor will vote Aye -- say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 3114. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3114.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter, on your bill.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3114 allows the City of Chicago to be able to issue two liquor licenses, provided certain requirements are met. One is the future tenant of a development in Chicago, which is located within one hundred feet of Holy Name Cathedral Church and Frances Warde School; and the second one is the Salsa Picante Restaurant, which is located within one hundred feet of St. Helen's School. Letters of support or no opposition is on file and we've received those and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 3114 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 47 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 3114, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BENNETT:

For a point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if you would turn your attention to the rear left side of the gallery - if you'll please stand - I have some guests from my -- from my district. They've been working hard for the good people of the 52nd District all semester and our guests are Adarsh Singh, Sara O'Malley, and Nicole Rose. And we also have a new intern that will be joining us this summer, Claire Dickerson, along with my Chief-of-Staff Michelle Gonzalez, who does a great job for the people of Illinois. If you'll please give them a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, for, I believe, eight years straight, I have brought to the Capitol some young ladies that are very special to me. Mercy Multiplied is a organization that -- a nonprofit Christian organization dedicated to help young women break free from life-controlling behaviors and situations. As you know, my daughter was on the waiting list to get into Mercy when she passed away. The great thing about this organization is, one, the courage of these young ladies to step forward and say, I believe in myself enough that I can be transformed. The -- this -- the next good thing is, they have a ninety-three percent success

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rate according to Vanderbilt University. And I challenge you to find any other program that can step up and say, one, that we have results; and, two, that ninety-three percent success. And so Victoria and I decided that -- that moment that we were going to do everything we could to prevent young girls like our daughter from being overcome by these -- these strongholds. And so we've done everything we can and we want to promote their organization today and I want to introduce you. First, my wife, sitting up here on the left, Victoria. And -- and, as well, these beautiful young ladies, who are my heroes. Just so everyone knows, Mercy has homes in St. Louis, Louisiana, Nashville, Sacramento, in the UK, Canada, and New Zealand and it's free of charge, because no one wants to make -- make money off people's problems and this way they know they're cared for and loved and the compassion works. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

WCIA seeks permission to video record. No objection, permission granted. Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

Purposes of four introductions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your introductions.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'm joined here on my left-hand side by Bridget Galibois, a friend who is in town today to win an award for her superior performance in the State History Fair. Her family is actually constituents of Senator Steans, but her presentation was on Frances E. Willard, who was from my district, so they're sitting over here with me. She is



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joined by her grandmother, Judy Fitzgerald, and in the gallery her sister, Leah Galibois, and her mother, Amy Galibois, great friends and great residents. I hope you'll all join me giving them a very, very warm Illinois Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, today is a busy day for me. I have my Youth Advisory Council going on today over in the Stratton Building and I want to -- I want to thank the Members that have went over and -- and spoke to them on each side of the aisle. But, also with me today, I have two Pages. First one I'd like to announce is -- is Colton Marshall. Colton is a -- he interns in my office, plays football at the -- at Augustana College in my district, and has been a huge help in the office, is a great -- great guy. And then also with -- with us is Colton's girlfriend, Autumn Anderson, no relation by the way. I'm sure there is somewhere down the line. Autumn is a sophomore at Augie. She's a cheerleader. She's studying pre-med and psychology. She wants to be a nurse practitioner and she is also -- if you guys don't know, in the Quad Cities, we have a Arena Football team, the Quad City Steamwheelers, and Autumn is also a -- a dancer for the Steamwheelers. So if we could give them a big Springfield welcome -- welcome, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senate Bill 2744. Senator Althoff. Out of the record.  
Senate Bill 2675. Senator Fowler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Fowler seeks permission to return Senate Bill 2675 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2675. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Fowler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Fowler, on your amendment.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'd like to explain it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2675. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2675.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Fowler, on your bill.

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SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a vehicle bill to Senate Bill 3467, which passed out of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. This bill removes provisions from Senate Bill 3467 that provides a HUBZone small business's price bid for a State contract shall be deemed lower, if the bid is within ten percent of a competitor's bid. Senate Bill 2675 simply codifies federal HUBZone definitions. It allows procurement officers to establish rules relating to HUBZones and to the Illinois Procurement Code. HUBZones are administered by the U.S. Small Business Development Administration. The boundaries for HUBZone areas in the State are set by the SBA. They are set in areas that have a low median household income or historically high unemployment. HUBZone areas are intended to increase employment opportunities and stimulate capital investment. I'm not aware of any opposition and I would request an Aye vote, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2675 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2675, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2744. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2744 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2744. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff, on your amendment.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd after its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2744. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2744.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff, on your bill.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2744 passed out of committee yesterday unanimously. It amends the Property Tax Code. Makes changes concerning qualifications for township or multi-township assessors and supervisors of assessments. It provides that certain notices shall be posted on the Department of Revenue's official website. It provides that the effective date of a certificate for designation as a pollution control facility shall

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be the date of recommendation by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to the Illinois Pollution Control Board and it also moves the application process for qualified water treatment facilities from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Revenue. I know of no opposition and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2744 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2744, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will turn to page 16 of the printed Calendar, House Bills 3rd Reading, House Bill 5121. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5121.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar, on your bill.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is identical to a bill that was approved by the State Government Committee in the Senate, 3233, and it incorporates language that we refer to as the Truth in Hiring Act. It simply states that the budget of the Governor's Office should be reflective of the personnel that work for the Governor's Office. I don't know of any formal opposition to the

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bill. I think there's some expressed opposition, but I'd be happy to take any questions from the Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I wonder if the sponsor will yield, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Manar, just for clarity's sake, your intention is that this would be a -- become effective for what fiscal year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

So it's -- it's a little complicated, but give me a chance to explain it. With -- with the amendment that was added on in the House, the timing of the enactment of this bill related to the timing of the passage of a budget, excuse me, would determine the effective date. So as we know in recent years that the timing of the budget has been suspect to many factors. I'll give you an -- a hypothetical. If a budget is passed and signed into law in May and this bill is signed into law in July after the enactment of the budget, then it would be applicable to fiscal year '20. If it's the other way around, it would be applicable to fiscal year '19, the upcoming fiscal year that starts on July 1st.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

So the -- the fiscal year to which this would apply depends upon things that have nothing to do with the content of the bill. It has to do with the timing of -- of two separate events, neither of which can be controlled by what you've put on -- what you've put in the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, that is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

What's your preference?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

So my preference, I -- I would hope would be everybody's preference, which is we get back to some element of norm when it comes to budget making and adoption and, you know, we can get that done in May -- before May 31st. That takes precedent over this bill in my opinion. That's not diminishing the value of the proposal, but if that were the case, Senator Righter, then the provisions in this bill would be applicable to the following fiscal year's budget.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, Senator Manar, I'm going to cleverly try to put some

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words in your mouth and see if you'll be okay with this. Yes. Is it fair to say that your intent and desire is that for the terms of this bill to be applicable for fiscal year '20?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Not quite, but close. So if -- if a budget is passed, which I hope it is, which we're working toward, before May 31st, I would hope that the Governor also signs this bill, because as part of the discussion, this has been happening going back to administrations on both sides of the aisle and the opposite side of the aisle has always expressed frustration about how Governors of both parties have handled their budgets. So I would hope that we pass a budget before May 31st that gets enacted and the Governor signs this bill. Whether or not he does that before or after is out of my control as well. So, in that scenario, the intent of this bill would be for it, as it's written, to be enacted in fiscal year 2020.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:



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When we first heard this bill in State Government Committee and when we consider the -- the terminology of offshoring and transparency and governmental reform, it seems like good practice to go back to a -- a new era where no Governor can do this anymore, and certainly it was started several administrations before, but when you peel back the layers, there are actually some good government reasons for doing this. And entering into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement does allow the Governor's Office to access federal funds. For instance, the Early Childhood Development, it operates primarily on federal funds. The Office of Governor runs on General Revenue Funds, so it cannot receive, through the Governor's Office directly, these federal funds. But we need those federal funds to help us implement our Early Childhood Development. So an intergovernmental agency agreement is then used so that another State agency can act as the fiscal agent and receive funds and pay the Governor's Office staff for their services in Early Childhood Development. So that would be one area that the terminology "offshoring" might in fact be a good government reason, because we want to access as much federal funds, especially in the area of education. Likewise, the Dunn Fellowship Program, it was moved to a intergovernmental agency agreement between Department of Central Management Services and the Government's {sic} Office and it allowed the Dunn Fellow Program to make use of the assistance and procedures of the operational - - time sheets and the -- using the same time systems as the rest of the Governor's staff. There's other examples within Health and Human Services, the -- the Innovation Incubator. It is one program that they worked with a intergovernmental agency agreement. So I'm just saying, let's not be hasty and act to do away with

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something. Maybe we should learn more about it; that there are reasons that it makes good sense and not just good political terminology. So I would ask everybody to reconsider and therefore I will be a No vote, even though I -- you know, at the first part, it sounds like good reform transparency. Perhaps there's another way using these intergovernmental agency agreements we can accommodate both purposes, have the transparency and the ability to access funds or make better efficiency and operational cooperation. I mean, certainly the agencies do operate under the Governor and that, I think, is -- is reason enough to allow this flexibility. So, therefore, I will be a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, is -- is this bill similar or identical to your bill SB 3233?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

It's identical to the Senate bill, as amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

In the State Government Committee, this passed out unanimously, I might add. Let me ask you a couple of questions,

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and these are kind of repeats of what we talked about in that committee. Have both Democrats and Republicans practiced this in the past?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, Governors of both parties have participated in the practice of offshoring salaries of employees that are devoted to that Office specifically, to agency budgets, drawing out of appropriations that were in many cases not intended for people, but for programs - both sides of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

So, this -- this concern -- there's a concern apparently over not -- the Executive Branch, the Governor, not having the influence that he wants within these different departments, having someone there to make sure they're guided according to his wishes, which we understand that. Right? I mean, we understand that he wants to have that guidance of -- of where those departments are going. Is there any reason that, even though these -- say, someone that was Human -- in -- wants to be -- have influence over Human Services could not be in his budget, but be the person responsible for having influence in Human Services? Any reason that couldn't take place?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

No, there is no reason and I would -- I would argue to answer

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your question, Senator McCarter, that happens today as well. There are employees that are direct employees of the Governor's Office, who are tasked with making sure that the administration's desires, having been elected the Chief Executive, are carried out by agencies. So that happens today. What also happens today is the opposite of that when it comes to accounting for how salaries are paid for in the budget of the Governor's Office. So it happens both ways. We -- we're just saying, let's just make sure it happens this way. And -- and the intent of this bill is not to say that a Governor shouldn't be able to manage agencies and the direction of agencies; the -- the intent is to say, let's have a true accounting of what the cost of an office is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I remind you when I was -- I was standing here last week complaining about a bill where the Democrat side wanted to take over the -- and overturn the ruling of our IEPA, I said it was wrong and I said I would -- it was wrong even if the roles were reversed. Well, here's one of those times. This is a bill of -- for transparency, both Democrats and Republicans are practicing this in the past. Now it's time to do it right. With a Republican Governor, with a Democrat Governor, there's no reason not to be transparent in this way. This is a good bill. So, let me just remind you, I think we should do more of this,

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maybe less legislation, but more legislation that is good in principle and less in partisanship and probably would produce more for the people of Illinois. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

Question for the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator Manar, can you tell me -- so we talk about transparency in this bill, so we agree with that - we think it's a good transparency bill. Do you feel after the election, regardless of who wins in November, that this bill will still stay in effect regardless of the outcome in November?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yes, I would, and -- and I've -- I said this in committee, said it many times publicly, that I've been an equal opportunity critic about administrations on both sides of the aisle that have utilized this to deflate the appearance of perhaps the size of the budget of the Governor's Office. So, that's not going to change, at least from my own perspective, that's not going to change regardless of the outcome of an election.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin. Senator Manar, to close.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate the questions about

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this bill. I also want to offer my compliments to the Comptroller for putting this bill together and also working with both sides of the aisle to address concerns, many of which we just talked about in debate. I think one of the speakers said it very appropriately. This bill is about transparency for State government, raising the level of transparency about how money is spent in the Governor's Office, and as I stated a few moments ago, that should be applicable to -- regardless of the individual or the political party that runs that particular office. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 5121 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 Ayes, 7 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 5120 -- House Bill 5121, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 2 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 3550. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3550.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, Senate Bill 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3608, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We will now proceed to the Order of Resolution Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And the resolutions are adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate -- pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 68, the Senate stands adjourned till the hour of 12 noon on the 8th day of May 2018, or until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.