

83RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REGULAR SESSION

JUNE 12, 1984

PRESIDENT:

The Senate will please come to order. Will the members be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise. Prayer this afternoon by the Reverend Rudolph S. Shoultz from the Union Baptist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend.

REVEREND SHOULTZ:

{Prayer given by Reverend Shoultz}

PRESIDENT:

Thank you, Reverend. Reading of the Journal.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Monday, June 4, 1984; Tuesday, June 5th, 1984; Wednesday, June 6th, 1984.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Johns.

SENATOR JOHNS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion for approval as placed by Senator Johns. Any discussion? If not, all in favor of the motion indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. It's so ordered. Senator Johns.

SENATOR JOHNS:

Thank you, again, Mr. President. I move that reading and approval of the Journal...Thursday, June the 7th, in the year 1984, be postponed pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT:

You've heard the motion as placed by Senator Johns. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. Motion carries. It's so ordered. Committee reports.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Senator Dawson, chairman of the Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Corrections, reports House Bill 598, 1522, 2348, 2617, 2869, 2878, 2946, 3068, 3092, 3095 and 3101 with the recommendation the bills Do Pass.

House Bill 1658, 2332, 2428, 2684 and 3123 with the recommendation the bills Do Pass as Amended.

Senator Chew, chairman of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 2211, 2368, 2430, 2441, 2453, 2800, 2807, 2913, 2934 and 3086 with the recommendation the bills Do Pass.

House Bill No. 2454 and 2856 with the recommendation the bills Do Pass as Amended.

PRESIDENT:

Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Senate Resolution 676, by Senator Lenke.

Senate Resolution 677, Senator Hall, President Rock, and all members of the Senate.

Senate Resolution 678, by Senator Lenke.

Senate Resolution 679, by Senator Geo-Karis.

Senate Resolution 680, Senator Demuzio and all members.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar. Messages from the House.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

A Message from the House by Mr. O'Brien, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the Senate, to-wit:

House Joint Resolution 160 sponsored by Senator Vadalabene.

PRESIDENT:

Consent Calendar.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Joint Resolution 158 sponsored by Senator Vadalabene and Rock.

PRESIDENT:

Executive. That last resolution will be reassigned to the Committee on Executive Appointments. That's that veterans...it's Appointments and Veteran Affairs. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 24 on the Calendar. I've asked those members who...who have been requested by a House sponsor to please indicate to the Secretary which bills you are...are willing to assume the sponsorship of. House bills 1st reading, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2663, Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2664, Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2739, Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2769, Senator Vadalabene.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2776, Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2785, Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2788, Senator Zito and Rock.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2821, Senator Carroll.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3277, Senator Kustra.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st reading of the bills.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Savickas, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SAVICKAS:

I'd like the record to show that Senator Carroll is absent due to illness. He had pulled his back muscles and he's, I guess, recuperating in the hospital.

PRESIDENT:

The record will so reflect. All right. With leave of the Body, we'll move to page 4 on the Calendar on the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 243, Senator Vadalabene. House Bill 876, Senator Holmberg. 877, Senator Bruce. 1004, Senator Hall. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 1004. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 1004.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 1123, Senator Vadalabene. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 1123. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 1123.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendment.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 1186, Senator Buzbee. 1190, Senator Buzbee. 1302, Senator Demuzio. 1348, Senator Bruce. 1427, Senator Darrow. 1448, Senator Savickas. 1474, Senator

*HB 2040  
2nd Reading*

Sangmeister. Middle of page 5, on the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 1474. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 1474.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 1563, Senator Degnan. 1587, Senator Bruce. 1839, Senator Holmberg. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 1839. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 1839.

Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 1859, Senator D'Arco. 2-0-4-0, 2040, Senator Hall. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, the top of page 6, is House Bill 2040. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2040.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Energy offers one amendment.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Hall on Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The purpose of this bill is to...purposed landfill in East St...the bill originally prohibited the approval of a new regional pollution control facility and the one hundred-year flood plane. This approach would have stopped the landfill in question but would also have affected other communities...to desire and to locate landfills. This...amendment gets at the same situation by providing that if a company wanting to locate a facility does not apply for development permits within two years after receiving local siting approval, the local approval expires. I ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Hall has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2040. Discussion? Senator Grotberg. Senator Grotberg.

SENATOR GROTBERG:

Thank you, I'm trying...there we go. Will the Senator yield?

PRESIDENT:

Senator indicates he'll yield. Senator...Grotberg.

SENATOR GROTBERG:

Senator Hall, is this the bill or does the amendment have anything to do with...within one thousand feet of a State park?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

No, it does not, Senator Grotberg.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Grotberg.

SENATOR GROTBERG:

Neither the bill nor the amendment?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

No, this is...has an amendment that has to do with an undesirable landfill that's been placed in the city, and the residents of the city object to the landfill going in this particular place in the city. It does not have anything to do with what you question.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Hall has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2040. Further discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2296, Senator Demuzio. 2307, Senator Carroll. 2321, Senator Schuneman. 2325, Senator Davidson. 2334, Senator Savickas. 2339, Senator Davidson. 2345, Senator Marovitz. 2347, Senator Bruce. 2355, Senator...2347. On top of page 7, on the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 2347. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2347.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2355, Senator Bloom. 2359, Senator Buzbee. 2360, Senator Kustra. 2365, Senator Jerome Joyce. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, the middle of page 7, is House Bill 2365. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2365.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2376. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2376.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2377, Senator Jerome Joyce. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 2377. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2377.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?



*HB 2388  
2nd Reading  
HB 2381  
2nd reading*

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2379, Senator Berman. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, the bottom of page 7, House Bill 2379. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2379.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2381, Senator Vadalabene. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, top of page 8, is House Bill 2381. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2381.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2384, Senator Lechowicz. 2388, Senator Maitland. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 2388. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2388.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue offers one

HB 2400  
2nd Reading

amendment.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2388 puts the bill in exactly the same posture that the Senate bill was in when it left the Senate, and I move for the adoption.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Maitland moves the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2388. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2395, Senator Kelly. 2400, Senator DeAngelis. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 2400. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2400.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Higher Education offers one amendment.

PRESIDENT:

Senator DeAngelis on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Committee Amendment No. 1 clarifies who is eligible and also changes the program to a five hundred dollar flat grant for one year to the top five

percent of all students in the State of Illinois. I urge its adoption.

PRESIDENT:

Senator DeAngelis has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2400. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2403, Senator Watson. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 2403. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2403.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2423, Senator Buzbee. 2429, Senator Vadalabene. On the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 2429. Senator...pardon me Senator Johns, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JOHNS:

Sorry to bother you, Mr. President. Would it be in order for me to ask to be leave to be shown cosponsor of 2423. Which is the one you just got on just a second ago?

PRESIDENT:

That request is in order.

SENATOR JOHNS:

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

Gentleman requests leave to be shown as the hyphenated cosponsor of House Bill 2423. Leave granted? Leave is granted. 2429, Senator Vadalabene. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 2429. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2429.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2438, Senator Zito. On the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 2438. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2438.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2466, Senator Berman. 2473, Senator D'Arco. Pardon me? On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, the top of page 9, is House Bill 2466, 2-4-6-6. Read the

bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2466.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive offers one amendment.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Berman on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Committee Amendment No. 1 is a...was a clarification as to the deletion regarding actual knowledge. I'd move the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Senator Berman has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2466. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2473, Senator D'Arco. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 2473. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2473.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

*H. Bill 2475  
2nd Reading*

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2475, Senator Vadalabene. On the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading...2nd Reading is House Bill 2475. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2475.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2479, Senator Joyce. 2483, Senator Luft. 2502, Senator Hall. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, is House Bill 2502. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2502.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2507, Senator Vadalabene. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 2507. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2507.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2511, Senator Degnan. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 2511. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2511.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2513, Senator Etheredge...2516, Senator Fawell. Do you wish the bill called? On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 2516. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2516.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government offers one amendment.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Fawell, on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR FAWELL:

Thank you, very much. The amendment is just a technical amendment clarifying the language with the words, "...including the fiscal year." And I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Pawell has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2516. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd...2519, Senator Bruce. 2525, Senator Bloom. 2534, Senator Dawson. 2542, Senator Barkhausen. 2553, Senator Berman. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, in the middle of page 10, is House Bill 2553. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2553.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 2556, Senator Bloom. 2560, Senator Netsch. 2566, Senator Savickas. On the Order of...2568, Senator Nedza. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, the bottom of page 10, is House Bill 2568. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2568.

(Secretary reads title of bill)



2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Top of page 11, 2569, Senator Hudson. Senator Hudson, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR HUDSON:

Oh, I'm...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

You want the bill called?

SENATOR HUDSON:

...2569.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Read the bill...

SENATOR HUDSON:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

...read the bill, Mr. Secretary, 2569.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2569.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. We are going...I'm going to move to Table the committee amendment and we will put that same amendment...bring that back as Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Hudson moves to Table Amendment...Table...Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2569. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1...Committee Amendment No. 1 is Tabled. Further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Hudson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

Well,...Amendment...Amendment No. 2 limits the provisions of the bill to DuPage County. It places the population figures of more than six hundred thousand but less than one million. So that...Amendment No. 2 is replacing the amendment that we Tabled. And...and it also provides that the petitions...the percentage required changes from one percent to five percent. So that would be Amendment No. 2, and I would move its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Hudson moves the adoption...Committee Amendment No. 2 to 2569. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2570, Senator Hudson. Senator Hudson, 2570. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2570.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hudson. All right. Senator Zito.

SENATOR ZITO:

Thank you, Mr. President and members. Committee amendment...or Floor amendment to 2570 did the same thing that we did to 2569, it limited it to DuPage County only, and I would move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Zito, I am told that there is a committee amendment. Senator Hudson. Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

Yes. Committee Amendment...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Do you want...do you want to Table that committee amendment, I am told, is that correct?

SENATOR HUDSON:

Just one moment, Mr. President. Mr. President...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hudson.

SENATOR HUDSON:

...we want to keep that committee amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Let's proceed with the committee amendment. Senator Hudson, you are recognized on Committee Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HUDSON:

Okay. This provides that the...petitions in advance of a referendum be changed from one percent to five percent requirement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Hudson moves the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2570...Senator Hudson moves the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2570. Any discussion? If not, those...in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Committee Amendment No. 1 is...is adopted. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Zito.

SENATOR ZITO:

Thank you, Mr. President. We're getting this straightened out now. Floor Amendment No. 1 to...No. 2 to 2570 will limit it to DuPage County. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Zito moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2570. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senate Bill 2574, Senator Bruce. Top of page 11, 2574. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2574.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

HB 2576  
2nd Reading  
HB 2578  
2nd Reading

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senate Bill 2576, Senator Lemke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2576.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lemke. Senator Lemke, I'm told it's a technical amendment.

SENATOR LEMKE:

Yeah, I just want to make...check. It's a...reinserts current law...law enforce means any full-time local government agency. It's a technical amendment. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lemke moves the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2576. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment...Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senate Bill 2578, Senator Berman. Senator Berman, 2578. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

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2nd Reading  
HB 2622  
2nd Reading*

House Bill 2578.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2598, Senator Lechowicz. Senator Lechowicz on the Floor? 2598, middle of page 11. Illinois Housing Development Authority. Senate Bill 2600, Senator Berman. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2600.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senate Bill 2605, Senator Maitland. 2615, Senator D'Arco. Senator D'Arco on the Floor? 2619, Senator Buzbee. Top of page 12. House Bill 2622, Senator Berman. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2622.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Licensed Activity offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

This amendment that was offered by the chairman changed

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Am. Mahan*

the bill as it was amended into...in the House. Upon further discussion,...the chairman indicated that he did not wish to pursue this amendment, so I'd move to Table Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Berman moves the committee...moves to Table Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2622. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Committee Amendment No. 1 is Tabled. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senate Bill...House Bill 2629, Senator Luft. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2629

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senate Bill 2657, Senator Sommer. Senator Sommer on the Floor? 2658, Senator Carroll. 2665, Senator Mahar. All right. Senator Rupp, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR RUPP:

I'd like leave to handle 2665 for Senator Mahar who is

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reported to be in the hospital.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Rupp has moved to handle the bill, 2665 in the absence of Senator Mahar. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Senate Bill 2665. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2665.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2666, Senator Bloom. Senator Bloom on the Floor? 2678, Senator Savickas. Senator Savickas, 2678. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2678.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2692, Senator Rigney. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2692.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive offers one amendment.



PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Rigney.

SENATOR RIGNEY:

Mr. President, the amendment puts in the selling price of thirty-four hundred dollars which is the appraised value of the land.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Rigney...moves the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to 2692. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment...Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2693, Senator DeAngelis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill...House Bill 2693.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 1 offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. With leave of the Body, Senator DeAngelis to offer the Amendment No. 1. Is leave granted? Leave is granted.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Amendment No. 1 is a technical amendment to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator DeAngelis moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to 2693. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Top of page 13, 2706, Senator Jeremiah Joyce. Senator...Senate Bill...or House Bill 2710, Senator Savickas. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2710.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading...House Bill 2711, Senator Schaffer. Senator Schaffer on the Floor? Senator Rock, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR ROCK:

I...I'd like to ask the Body if we could have leave to get back to that one. That is of an emergency nature. If this doesn't pass this week there will be a number of recipients of welfare who unfortunately will not receive checks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Rock...seeks leave of the Body to return 2711. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. 2714, Senator Smith. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. House

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Bill 2714.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2714.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2721, Senator Vadalabene. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2721.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2731, Senator Berman. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2731.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2732, Senator Lemke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. House Bill 2732.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2732.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lenke.

SENATOR LEMKE:

Whose amendment...whose civic center is this? Is this the one for Orland Park or...what...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Village of Rosemont.

SENATOR LEMKE:

Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lenke moves the adoption...of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2732. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Senator Lenke.

SENATOR LEMKE:

I...I...I'll bring this bill back because I...I know that it'll be...there will be many amendments coming on this bill later in...in the game.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

House Bill 2735, Senator Rock. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2735.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO);

3rd reading. House Bill 2736, Senator Savickas. Read the bill, Mr...Senator Savickas. All right. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. House Bill 2736.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2736.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2740, Senator Holmberg. Senator Holmberg, 2740. 2751, Senator Lemke. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2751.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Lemke.

SENATOR LEMKE:

This amendment is the...this bill is the senior citizen license plate bill and what we did is amended this. This amendment makes it similar to the Senate bill which Senator Watson had. In other words, this...the present bill calls for free plates; this calls for fifty percent reduction in

plates...vehicle registration on first division vehicles. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Senator Lemke moves the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2751. Is there any discussion? Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Is this the bill that was not held in Rules or else was defeated in committee in relation to this reduction on senior citizens this year?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Lemke.

SENATOR LEMKE:

My understanding is that the Senate bill Senator Watson had, we passed that out. This is the House bill that came out of Rules and said free license plates. We amended it to the Senate version which is fifty-percent plates for senior citizens and disabled making it similar to our Senate bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right. Further discussion? Senator Lemke has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2751. Those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2753, Senator Nedza. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2753.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Top of page 14. House Bill 2775, Senator Rock...2783, Senator Nedza. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2783.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 1 offered by Senator Nedza.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Nedza.

SENATOR NEDZA:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 1 just gives some language that adds additional protection to the owner of real estate, and I move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Nedza moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to...House Bill 2783. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

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2nd Reading*

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2787, Senator Vadalabene. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2787.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2797, Senator Berman. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2797.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2798, Senator Luft. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2798.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.



PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2803, Senator Lenke. Senator Lenke on the Floor? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. House Bill 2803.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2803.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2804, Senator Egan. Senator Egan on the Floor? House Bill 2805, Senator Welch. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2805.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2810, Senator Jeremiah Joyce...2812, Senator Philip. 2815...all right, with...is there leave to have Senator Rock handle 2815? Leave is granted. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2815.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

H.B. 2876  
2nd reading

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House...House Bill...House Bill 2816, Senator Egan. 2827, Senator Egan. 2832, Senator Etheredge. Senator Etheredge on the Floor? House Bill 2837, Senator Rock. 2853, Senator Degnan. 2857, Senator Grothberg. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. Bottom of page 15, House Bill 2857.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2857.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2865, Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2865.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. Top of page 16, 2871, Senator Barkhausen. 2873, Senator D'Arco. 2876, Senator Jerome Joyce. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

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2nd Reading*

House Bill 2876.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2883, Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. House Bill 2883.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2883.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2884, Senator Bruce. 2887, Senator Nedza. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please...2887.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2887.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Local Government offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Nedza.

SENATOR NEDZA:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentleman of the Senate. Technical in nature, it puts a cap on it and that's all it does. Move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Nedza moves the adoption of Committee Amendment

No. 1 to House Bill 2887. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Committee Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further committee amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd...3rd reading. House Bill 2892, Senator Bruce. 2896, Senator Schuneman. 2898, Senator Watson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. 2898.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2898.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2917, Senator Jerome Joyce. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. Bottom of page 16. House Bill 2917. Nope...

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

...take it out of the record,...Mr...Mr. Secretary, take it out of the record. House Bill 2921, Senator Egan. Top of page 17. 2926, Senator Chew. 2927, Senator Sangmeister. 2936, Senator Davidson. Senator Davidson. 2936, top of page 17. All right. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2936.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2937, Senator Davidson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2937.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. 2950, Senator Sangmeister. 2952, Senator Schuneman. 2953, Senator Darrow. 2961, Senator Netsch. 2962, Senator Degnan...all right. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. House Bill 2962.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2962.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 2987, Senator Bruce...skip that

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2nd Reading  
HB 3026  
2nd Reading

one. Page 18, top of page 18, 3026, Senator Maitland. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please. Top of page 18.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3026.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading. House Bill 3027, Senator Geo-Karis. 3031, Senator Smith. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, please.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3031.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 3034, Senator Degnan. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 3034. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3034.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 3035, Senator Nedza. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, House Bill 3035. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3035.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3036, Senator Welch. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3036.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3037, Senator Lemke. Senator Lemke. House Bill 3038, Senator...Senator Lemke on Senate Bill...House Bill 3037. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3037.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

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2nd Reading

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3038, Senator Joyce. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3038.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3039, Senator Welch. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3039.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3040. Senator Holmberg. Senator Holmberg. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3040.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)



House Bill...3rd reading. House Bill 3041, Senator Holmberg. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3041.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3042, Senator Welch. House Bill 3043, Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3043.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3045, Senator Demuzio. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3045.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill...3050, Senator Nedza. Read the

H. B. 3061  
Maitland

bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3050.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3057, Senator Hall. House Bill 3059, Senator Darrow. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3059.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3060, Senator Joyce. Jerome Joyce. House Bill 3061, Senator Maitland. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3061.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3065, Senator Etheredge. House

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Bill 3066, Senator Rupp. House Bill 3067, Senator Schuneman. House Bill 3069, Senator Etheredge. House Bill 3070, Senator Jeremiah Joyce. House Bill 3072, Senator Darrow. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3072.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Darrow.

SENATOR DARROW:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. What the amendment does is clear up some language. Registration and Education wanted the amendment. It's more technical in nature than anything else. I'd ask for the adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there any discussion? If not, Senator Darrow moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3072. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments. No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3073, Senator Johns. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3073.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd readings. House Bill 3083, Senator Etheredge.  
House...House Bill 3087, Senator Davidson. Read the bill,  
Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3087.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3089, Senator Geo-Karis. Read  
the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3089.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3090, Senator Holmberg. Read  
the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3090.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Elementary and

Secondary Education offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Mr. Secretary, that's Senator Etheredge's bill, Holmberg is the hyphenated sponsor. Senator Etheredge. Take it out of the record. House Bill 3099, Senator Philip...3091, Senator Philip. House Bill 3093, Senator Davidson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3093.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance, Licensed Activity...Pensions and Licensed Activity offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

The committee amendment does three things. It actually is the bill and it puts in the preferred provider organization, describes term appointments and has the disability...annuitants who are disabled option life coverage which we found about four or five people across the State fell through the cracks...been on disability, when they were an annuitant became available, they were unable to get the optional life coverage. I move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there any discussion? If not, Senator Davidson moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to Senate...House Bill 3093. Those in favor will indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

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2nd reading

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 2 offered by Senator Davidson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

This is an amendment which was worked out between the Department of Central Management Service and AFSCME which AFSCME has no objection, do not support it but have no objection and would allow the department to establish and implement a plan of benefits available to State employees and officers that their election is provided under the applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code. In other words, nothing in this Act shall diminish the employer's duty to bargain with exclusive representatives, the employees, over the matter subscribed in this section under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, the Illinois Educational Labor Act. What it amounts to, it gives the State employees or anyone else who...who is a State employee or elected, such as we, the opportunity to participate on deferred income as private employers are able to do, and people would be able to collect more take-home pay because the tax would come from...off the income tax be paid on this after they would retirement. Move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Davidson moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 3093. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 2 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3096, Senator Sommer. House

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Bill 3098, Senator Geo-Karis. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3098.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3099, Senator Kustra. House Bill 3102, Senator Bloom. House Bill 3110...3120, Senator Nedza. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3120.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3125, Senator Kustra. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3125.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill...3128, Senator Kelly. Senator

Kelly, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KELLY:

Yes, Mr. President, I have been relieved as the membership know from this bill, and I believe it's the Philip-Rock or Rock-Philip bill now, and it's up to them to decide what their fate is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Well, we'll recognize Philip Rock, Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President. With leave of the Body, I'd like to show House Bill 3120 as being sponsored by Senator Philip-Rock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is leave granted? You've heard the motion. Leave is granted. Senator...

SENATOR ROCK:

Let's go, top of...

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3128.

(Secretary begins reading H. B. 3128)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Just keep going at the top of page 22, leave that one sit there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

House Bill 3136, Senator Kelly. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3136.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)



Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. There was a committee amendment that went on that...it was a...amendment which was offered dealing with this insurance and it had a religious connotation to it that I really didn't have any problem with, but there was opposition and the sponsor of the bill has asked that I Table this amendment. As far as I know, the people that were basically interested in the bill would be in support of it, and I...I doubt if anyone on this Floor would...object to Tabling it, and I would like to get leave to Table Amendment No...Senate Amendment...Committee Amendment No. 1 to...House Bill 3136.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

You've heard the motion. Senator Kelly moves to Table Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3136. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those...Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Question of the sponsor. From...the...the amendment is the Christian Science Amendment. Why...why...what's the matter with that, we put that on everything?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY:

Well, I had talked with...Ed-Red, Bernie Sploom, and I also...she had discussed this with the. I'll tell you what, let's take this out...we'll take it out of the record and we'll...we'll talk about it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Take it out of the record. House Bill 3140, Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3140.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3143, Senator Weaver. House Bill 3144, Senator Keats. Senator Keats.

SENATOR KEATS:

Mr. President, for the...to cleanup the problem with this, I would appreciate it if this bill would simply be Tabled.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Keats moves to Table House Bill 3144. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. House Bill 3144 is Tabled. House Bill 3148, Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3148.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3150, Senator Nedza. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3150.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3161, Senator Demuzio. House Bill 3165, Senator Jones. House Bill 3174...Senator Welch. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3176, Senator Welch. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill...3176.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3177, Senator Joyce, Jerome Joyce. House...read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3177.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

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2nd Reading

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 1 offered by Senator Grotberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Grotberg.

SENATOR GROTBERG:

Thank you, Mr. President. With the...permission of the sponsor, I would like to offer this amendment which was the ingredient of a bill that we all voted for over here, I think almost to the person, regarding the merging of the Federal RCRA and the Illinois permit process so that if you get one, you don't need the other. The bill got hung up in House committee, and I think we'd probably change House sponsors on it if necessary. But I would offer it and ask that it be adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there any discussion? If not, Senator Grotberg moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3177. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3178, Senator Holmberg. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3178.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

HB 3205  
2nd Reading

3rd reading. House Bill 3180, Senator Welch. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3193, Senator Welch. House Bill 3201, Senator Vadalabene. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3201.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3202, Senator Vadalabene. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3202.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3204, Senator Bloom. House Bill

3205, Senator Weaver. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3205.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3206, Senator Macdonald. House Bill 3208, Senator Davidson. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3208.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive offers one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

The committee amendment corrects...they're technical corrections. When the bill was typed there was typographical error by reversing...74, they typed it in as 47. It corrects that and put .74 and it puts in the word "feet" after two hundred and twenty-four feet and forty-eight inches. And puts in the word...deletes the word "of" and puts in the word "at." It's strictly a technical correction amendment to correct misplaced words and misnumbering of the numbers that were reversed. Move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there any discussion? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen. Senator Davidson, I would appreciate it if you would give me a memo

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2nd reading

on what land you're taking out of St. Clair County. I asked Senator Coffey about that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Davidson.

SENATOR DAVIDSON:

Well, it wasn't Senator Coffey's bill. If you would have asked me I would have been glad to get you a memo on it, and I will certainly bring you over a copy of the memo, Senator Hall.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Davidson moves the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 3208. Those in favor indicate by saying Aye. Those opposed. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 1 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

3rd reading. House Bill 3209, Senator Schaffer. House Bill 3219, Senator Berman. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3219.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 3221, Senator Kustra. 3239, Senator Holmberg. On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 3239. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3239.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. 3255. 3263, Senator Sangmeister. George.

Read the bill, Mr. Secretary, 3263.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 3263.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Any amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No Floor amendments.

PRESIDENT:

3rd reading. Senator Schaffer, earlier leave was granted to go back to House Bill 2711 on page 13. Are you ready to proceed? On the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading is House Bill 2711. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

House Bill 2711.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd reading of the bill. The Committee on Appropriations II offers five amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee on Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment transfers twenty thousand five hundred dollars from the Stateville Correctional Center Personal Services line to a new line in the school district for State contributions to the teachers' retirement system. The amendment also corrects a defect in the bill transferring a hundred and five thousand from the Personal Services line at the Menard Correctional Center to the same line at the Menard Psychiatric Institute, and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT:

Any discussion on Amendment No. 1? If not, Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs requests that two FY '84 reappropr. be included in this supplemental so that the department does not lose its ability to spend from those accounts during the...the time between General Assembly action and the Governor signing the bill. The reapprop. question of fifty-two thousand...pardon me, fifty-two million from the Job Training Partnership Fund and twenty-five million from the low income housing...Low Income Energy Assistance Block Grant Fund. Both Federal Grants require DCCA to keep only three days worth of cash on hand to pay bills. Since JTPA subgrantees are reimbursed twice a week by DCCA, those programs would

have to be...would have to suspend operations during the time that the Governor takes to sign DCCA's FY '85 appropriations bill, and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Committee Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a supplemental appropriation for an equipment upgrade. It's a two hundred and sixty-six thousand dollar increase, and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT:

All right, Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 3, I believe, Mr. Secretary, to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 4.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This transfers ten thousand dollars GRF among various FY '84 line item appropriations to the Board of Regents' central office, and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 4

to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 5, by the Appropriations II Committee.

PRESIDENT:

Amendment No. 5, Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is a supplemental transfer of a hundred and ten thousand dollars from one project to another at the State fairgrounds for the Department of Agriculture. It includes an appropriation of a hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars for rehabilitation of the Eleventh Street Gatehouse at the fairgrounds. This amount would be increased by one hundred thousand dollars to a...to accommodate the expanded scope of the project necessitated by the harsh winter of 1983-84. It includes a reapprop. of four hundred and forty-three thousand for remodeling and rehab. of Building Thirteen at the fairgrounds, and the amount would be reduced by a hundred and ten thousand dollars due to revision of the total rehab. project into the highly competitive nature of the bids received, and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDENT:

All right, Senator Buzbee has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further committee amendments.

PRESIDENT:

Are there amendments from the Floor?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 6 offered by Senator Schaffer.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

Mr. President and members of the Senate, this amendment adds another ten million dollars to the Grant line for the State Lottery for paying prizes. As we all know the lottery is doing rather well and they need an additional ten.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 7 offered by Senator Schaffer.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

This is a five hundred thousand dollar...transfer in General Revenue Funds from the Foster Care Grant line item to the Institutions and Group Homes Grant item for DCPS.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 8 offered by Senator Weaver.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a transfer of seven thousand dollars in '84 appropriations to the University and Civil Service Board from Personal Services to Contractual Services to pay for legal costs greater than...anticipated.

PRESIDENT:

All right, Senator Weaver has moved the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to House Bill 2711. Any discussion? If not, all in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 9 offered by Senator Schaffer.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

I...I think I'm going to withdraw that amendment. Excuse me? All of our handlers are shaking their heads in different directions.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

No, this one we want to put on. This one changes the funding for the Orland Park Civic Center from General Revenue to the Metropolitan Expo Auditorium and Building Fund.

PRESIDENT:

While there's a lull, Senator Kelly, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. With the leave of the Body, I'd like to bring your attention that we are going to have a baseball practice at 5:00 p.m. tonight. The...the House has had about three or four practices and there's going to be a game on next week's schedule. So, it'll 5:00 p.m., it'll be at the high school field again which is two blocks west of the Stratton Building. It's going to be a short workout but a necessary one if we intend to give some competition to our colleagues across the way.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Jones, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President. While we have a lull, I'd like to be shown as a hyphenated sponsor to House Bill 2636 and House Bill 2639. I discussed it with the sponsor and...

PRESIDENT:

All right, the gentleman asks leave to be shown as a co-sponsor of 2636 and 2639. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. The question before the Body is the adoption of Amendment No. 9. Senator Demuzio. Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Well, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I stand in opposition to Amendment No. 9. What we're...what they're trying to do here is...erode the funding mechanism of McCormick Place, and we are charged with that responsibility presently to try to come up with a compromise package for the expansion of McCormick Place; and now what this gentleman is trying to do is provide for a new civic center to be...funded out of that respective fund, and I...I think this is a bad precedent because what you're going to do is every area and the suburban areas of Cook County or possibly in this five townships...or five additional counties which covers the RTA region, this principle then could be used in the funding of the respective civic centers in that portion of the State. Initially when the fund was established, it was established for the McCormick Place Exposition Center; and I would hope that the membership and this Body would realize what is contained in Amendment No. 9, and for that reason, it should be defeated. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in opposition...in strong oppositon to Amend-

ment No. 9. Not two hours ago, I was requested by the Chief Executive of this State to utilize all promptness to get 2711 to his desk so that bills could be paid. Now to put this kind of an amendment on what is purportedly an emergency piece of legislation makes it, in my judgment, a true nonemergency; and if we're going to play those kinds of game, there's still twenty days left...or thirty days left in this Session, or forty-five days or however long we're going to be here, but this is absolutely inexcusable and I urge opposition to Amendment No. 9.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I...while I would concur with Senate Rock, we're...we're...we're between the rock and a hard spot here because...the bill as it currently stands has this amount of money coming from General Revenue Fund, and...and I have an amendment here which would delete it altogether, so...okay, our...our problem is that we have three possible ways of going; one is, we can leave it as it is and fund the Orland Park Civic Center out of General Revenue Fund, or we can adopt Senator Schaffer's amendment and fund the Orland Parks Civic Center out of the fund that was created for these sorts of things, that is the Metropolitan Exposition Fund, or we can adopt my amendment which will delete it altogether. I think procedurally, probably the...the best thing to do, from those of us who share Senator Rock's opinion anyhow, procedurally the best thing to do would be to go ahead and adopt this amendment and then adopt my amendment which would delete it altogether.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, further discussion? Senator Schaffer may close.

SENATOR SCHAPPER:



Well, perhaps we could just withdraw all amendments on this subject, Senator Buzbee, if we want to avoid controversy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Well, that's fine with me, but I...I think we already have a million seven in the bill under GRF, and so I don't think we can withdraw all amendments because that's already there. So, there are some folks that don't want to see any...any money spent at all as of this moment on that, so...again, my staff director tells me anyhow that...that procedurally those of us who don't think that this is a good idea, probably ought to let this amendment of Senator Schaffer's go on, then adopt my amendment which...which will delete the money altogether.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator...further discussion? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. I'm...apologize for rising for the second time, but I think we'd be better off just to have this amendment withdrawn and maybe a little bit of tranquillity can preside once again in this place, so I would concur to withdraw this amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

I'm offering this amendment on...for a member who is in the hospital. I don't feel I can withdraw it. I told him I'd offer it, I'm going to offer it. If he were here, if he weren't hospitalized, I...I'd talk to him and maybe we could. I think Senator Buzbee has probably got a...a good game plan. If we could adopt this, then at least the civic center would be funded from the proper source...not GRF, the...the appro-

ropriate fund, which, by the way, McCormick Place is protected in up-front before anything...any of the scraps fall off the table for downstate and Cook County...suburban Cook, so that's not really a problem, and then perhaps we can debate the whole concept, although I...I'm sorry that Senator Mahar is hospitalized and not here today to...defend his interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further...further discussion? Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Question of the sponsor. Where is the Orland Park Convention Center?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

I'm...I'm tempted to say Orland Park. Senator, I have no awareness of this project. I'm unaware of any authorization. The bill came over here with GRF money for it. It was concluded that this was an inappropriate use for GRF, that's why this amendment was drafted. Senator Mahar asked me to offer it and that's where we are today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Further discussion? Senator...all right, Senator Schaffer moves the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to House Bill 2711. Those in favor will signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Nays have it. The amendment is defeated. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 10 offered by Senator Buzbee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you. Okay, Mr. Secretary, which amendment are we talking about here?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

It's...it's the long amendment.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

All right, this...this amendment reverses a transfer made by House Amendment No. 4 which reallocated four hundred and sixty thousand nine hundred dollars GRP from the MI Community Initiative to Regional MI and DD Community Grants line items for a mid-year one and a half years cost of living increase. It's no dollar change and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

All right, Senator Buzbee moves the adoption of Amendment No. 10 to House Bill 2711. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 10 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 11 offered by Senator Schaffer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Schaffer.

SENATOR SCHAFFER:

I believe this is the amendment I wanted to withdraw.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Schaffer...Schaffer seeks leave of the Body to withdraw Amendment No. 11. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. The amendment is withdrawn. Further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

Amendment No. 11 offered by Senator Buzbee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment will delete the funding for the Orland Park Civic Center that was already in there from General Revenue, and I would move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

Senator Buzbee moves the adoption of Amendment No. 11

to...House Bill 2711. Is there any discussion? If not, those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it. Amendment No. 11 is adopted. Any further amendments?

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

No further amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DEMUZIO)

3rd reading.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Berman, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to move to suspend the appropriate rules in relation to Senate Bill 1236, that's the bill that we've been hearing in the Finance and Credit Regulations Committee. I wish to waive the appropriate rules so it's not encumbered by any time limitations so that we can hear the bill today and then, if appropriate, move it forward on the Floor of the Senate. That's my motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT:

1236, is that the number, Senator Berman?

SENATOR BERMAN:

Yes, sir.

PRESIDENT:

All right, Senator Berman has moved to suspend the appropriate rules so that Senate Bill 1236 can again be heard in the Committee on Finance and moved...according to the will of the Body this week. Is leave granted? Any discussion? Leave granted? Leave is granted. It's so ordered. Senator Bruce, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR BRUCE:

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. I filed a motion in writing. With leave of the Senate, I'd like to go to that order.

PRESIDENT:

All right. Mr...Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

I move that the Senate go out of the ordinary order of business...

PRESIDENT:

All right, can I ask the members to be in their seats, we'll get to the Committee of the Whole very shortly, I hope. In the meantime, I would ask that the caucuses and the staff meetings take place elsewhere. Mr. Secretary.

ACTING SECRETARY: (MR. FERNANDES)

...I move that the Senate go out of the ordinary order of business to the Order of Consideration Postponed for consideration of House Bill 767; further, that Rule 5 be suspended as to House Bill 767; further, that House Bill 767 be scheduled for consideration for passage by the Senate on June 27, 1984 at 2:00 p.m. Signed, Senator Bruce.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Bruce.

SENATOR BRUCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a motion in writing that deals with the Police Officers' Collective Bargaining Act. There has been discussion ongoing today about the disposition of this particular piece of legislation, and after a long discussion, it is my determination that the proper order of business for the Senate would be to remove this particular piece of legislation from the Order of Consideration Postponed, that we suspend Rule 5 and that it be placed for consideration on a specific date; namely, June the 27th, 1984. This bill was considered a year ago on that identical date, June the 27th, in which it received a 27 to 25 vote. I think that that would be appropriate to take up the matter again. We have had ongoing discussions. There are amendments that are being considered by some of the members that we would need to take a look at, and I think it would be wise to delay

the consideration of that bill to the specific date in mind.

PRESIDENT:

All right, any discussion? Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As you know, this is a House bill on postponed consideration. It's not in the normal order of business and, quite frankly, Rule 5 does...and I certainly would object.

PRESIDENT:

Any further discussion? Further discussion? Senator Bruce, you wish to close?

SENATOR BRUCE:

Yes. The...this...

PRESIDENT:

All right, excuse me, Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT:

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Senator Bruce, do you know where the City of Chicago stands on this bill?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Bruce.

SENATOR BRUCE:

Well, Senator Newhouse, there's been some discussion brought to my attention today that leads me to believe that it would be wise to have this set for a specific date so that members might have a chance to both talk informally in caucus on exactly the position of various city administrations throughout the State.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDENT:

Indicates he'll yield, Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

My question goes to whether or not the vote to bring it to the Floor is an Aye or a Nay, and if the City of Chicago is opposed to this bill, that will affect how I vote on the question of whether or not this bill comes out.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Bruce.

SENATOR BRUCE:

Well, I think it's fair to say that there is a...a mixed signal being received from the City of Chicago. There is correspondence that has been received indicating support for this particular piece of legislation at one period of time. We now have...discussions, I guess, not in writing, that indicates there may be opposition to this particular piece of legislation. The reason we would like to set it over for a specific date...it certainly allows everyone to go back, touch base with their principals, talk to the various cities, including the City of Chicago. I have been shown one amendment just today that may solve some of the problems of the City of Chicago. If it does, I think that it would be considered very seriously by the sponsor...by the House sponsor and certainly by this Body.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Newhouse.

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Mr. Chairman, I wonder if I could yield to Senator Jones without losing the privilege of the Floor?

PRESIDENT:

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President. To the sponsor of the

motion, perhaps what we should do prior to acting on this motion is perhaps we should have a Democratic Caucus on this...on the motion and we'll deal with it at a later date, because there is a little confusion, and I can understand why certain members may not want to vote on the motion, so maybe it'll be best that at a later date we would deal with the motion to set a time certain and prior to that we would have a Democratic Caucus.

PRESIDENT:

Further discussion? Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JEREMIAH JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Newhouse, Senator Jones, and others, it's my understanding that the City of Chicago has never been opposed to allowing us to vote on substantive legislation. That is all that this motion addresses itself to, and I see no reason for a caucus. We will have plenty of opportunity between now and the date set certain to discuss the pros and cons of this bill.

PRESIDENT:

All right, further discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Well, the issue is such that a vote on the motion could be misinterpreted, and I've discussed with the sponsor other motion prior to his filing the motion, but I see right now that there will possibly be some confusion as to what the vote would be interpreted it...if we make that motion at this particular time. This is the reason why I'm suggesting to the sponsor of the motion to withdraw the motion at this time, and we will deal with it after we discuss this in a Democratic Caucus, and the caucus may...need not be today, but we should discuss it because there is a pending amendment which I do have on this piece of legislation and I don't want...I don't want to vote on the motion myself until the sponsor agree to bring the bill back for the amendment and at



the same time have the amendment discussed in a Democratic Caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Lenke.

SENATOR LEMKE:

I just talked to the House sponsor and when this bill was in the House, Representative Braun who is the...supposed to be the Chicago...and read a letter from the Mayor of the City of Chicago supporting this piece of legislation, and that...that...the letter isn't here, but I understand that's the letter that was read on the Floor and a copy of it...if...we can supply a copy of it, for that matter. I don't know if the city has changed their position or not but I think I know Harold, and once Harold gives his word on something he usually keeps it, and...I've never had any problem with Harold on that matter, so...and all the time I've been in Springfield, Harold and I...whenever Harold gave me his word, he was for it and I'm...I'm...I think Harold would be for collective bargaining for policemen, and I...and if he gives a letter to that effect, I would say that he's for it. I...I can't see Mayor Washington being against any collective bargaining bill in this...in this Body, and I think the motion should be called.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Before we get into a confrontation here, the Senators that haven't spoke will be called and recognized first. We have a number of them that seek recognition for the second time. We'll start with Senator Rock. Senator Newhouse, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR NEWHOUSE:

Could you give us an idea of how many speakers there will be...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

There will be Senator Rock, Senator Collins, Senator

Chew, Senator Jeremiah Joyce and Senator Jones. Senator Rock.

SENATOR BOCK:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise in support of this motion, and the motion is one that I'm sure everyone is aware under the rules can be put as many times as this Body will tolerate it, and I suggest to you it is the 11th day of June and we probably only have, I hope, twenty days left. This subject matter is simply not going to go away, and all this motion asks is that this...this matter be set down for a special order of business on the 27th day of June at a time certain so that we can then, and in the meantime, read again the legislation, find out what, if any, amendments are necessary; but in the meantime, everyone will know that on that time and on that date we are going to discuss collective bargaining for law enforcement personnel. It's just that simple, and I hope that we will have an affirmative vote. I urge an affirmative vote on this motion. We don't need a Democratic Caucus to discuss a motion. When we get to the substance, you can be sure that between now and the 27th day of June, we will, in fact, have a caucus; as a matter of fact, we're probably going to have one tomorrow, but the fact of the matter is that we are dealing here only with a procedural motion to allow us, as the Illinois Senate, to address this legislation outside the scope of our current rules and to set a time certain to do that. I think it's a subject matter that is certainly worthy of our consideration, and I would urge an affirmative vote on the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Chew.

SENATOR CHEW:

I think we're getting some complaints that the young lady was skipped over there. Why don't we let the beauty queen

talk first?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Smith.

SENATOR CHEW:

Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Oh. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. Yes, as joint sponsor to House Bill 767, I'm sure that most of you, if you can recall, that these bills passed the House at a time before we had come to any agreements on 536. That was the reason, I'm sure, that Senator Lemke's...that...that the mayor supported the bill at the time. However, it was clearly understood that when the bill reached the Senate committee, that the bills had all kinds of problems that needed to be resolved, some technical and some otherwise. It was understood that those bills would be amended prior to leaving this Chamber. Now, I think the motion is simply is to set a time certain in which the...the issues will be brought to the Floor for the purpose of amendment and discussion. That's all this motion is asking, and I don't think it's an...unreasonable request.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Senator Chew, do you wish to speak now? Senator...if there are no other speakers on the first question, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President. I concur with the previous speaker and I've had discussion with the sponsor of the bill, and the sponsor did not include at that time in his motion that he would bring the bill back, but he has indicated to me that he would bring the bill back to 2nd reading for the purposes of amendments; and in response to the President of the Senate, Senator Rock, I agree with...with what he

had to say; however, when we vote on this motion, this bill will be on 3rd reading, and on 3rd reading it will have to be brought back to 2nd reading for an amendment, and the...that's right, we'll have to have leave from the Body to bring that bill back. The sponsor, Senator Bruce, has indicated that we support the motion, that he would bring the bill back to 2nd reading, and at that point, we would deal with the amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SAVICKAS)

Is there further discussion? If not, Senator Bruce may close.

SENATOR BRUCE:

Thank you, Senator Jones and Senator Collins. I...I did not intend to cause confusion by my motion. The...the purpose of the motion is to get us to an orderly consideration of collective bargaining rights for police officers throughout the State of Illinois. Last year we handled the Employment Labor Relations Act which I was the sponsor of. Senator Collins handled 536 which handled all the other employees in the State of Illinois. Through a fluke and some discussion we were not able to include the police and firemen. I ran this bill and we did not get sufficient votes. I've met with the people over the period of time. Senator Rock has worked with them, I know. We would like to have this scheduled for a definite time. I appreciate the support on this side of the aisle. All this motion says, in essence, is that we are going to suspend Rule 5 so that this Body, in an orderly fashion, can...consider House Bill 767, the rights of police officers to organize and bargain collectively. I don't know anyone that...that should oppose that motion and have this set on June the 27th at the hour of two o'clock. I would appreciate your support for the motion.

PRESIDENT:

The question is the motion to suspend Rule 5 so that

Senate...House Bill 767 will be considered on June the 27th. Those in favor of the motion will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Thirty affirmative votes will be required. 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 32 Ayes, 13 Nays, 1 voting Present. The motion carries. It's so ordered. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes, Mr. President, I...I move that we resolve...the Senate resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of...of the expressed purpose on page 30 of the special order of business to hear the appointment of the next Auditor General.

PRESIDENT:

All right, you've heard the gentleman's motion. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. The Senate does now resolve itself into Executive Session for the consideration of House Joint Resolution 123. This resolution has been assigned to the Committee on Executive. The Chair will yield to Senator Egan, the chairman of the Committee on Executive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee of the Whole, House Joint Resolution 123 is the...provides for the appointment of Robert Cronson as Auditor General for a ten-year term commencing on the 1st of August, 1984. As you know, Article IIX, Section 3 of the Constitution requires that the General Assembly appoint by a three-fifths vote an Auditor General, and that is the business at hand. There are members present, I do believe, Senator Netsch, among others, that wish to say something; if not, I...I am not in possession of the program, so if you wish as...one of the four, I believe, members...if I am incorrect, but otherwise, the

Chair would recognize Senator Netsch. Is that incorrect? All right, I'm sorry. All right,...at this point the Chair would like to formally congratulate the President of the Senate and the Minority Leader on the selection and implementation of an excellent procedure for the Senate's deliberations on the important function of selecting the only constitutional officer selected by and serving in the Legislative Branch...I...I would like at this time to identify all of the members of the Audit Commission who serve in the Senate and thank them for their efforts. The only problem is I don't have the list of all of the members yet, and I don't yet who they are, but Senator Netsch,...if I would then yield...if you would yield to Senator Demuzio, I think he could do that and then you could proceed, I hope, as orderly as possible. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman. The chairman of the commission, Representative Keane, has been detained downstairs in the Appropriations Committee, but I will attempt to, for the most part, briefly...discuss the commission's responsibilities in terms of the selection of an Auditor General. The Illinois Legislative Audit Commission was required by Statute to diligently search out a qualified...qualified candidates for the office and to make recommendations to the Illinois General Assembly. The commission, in fact, did appoint a selection committee in July of 1983, which consisted of Representative Friedrich, Chairman Keane, Senator Kustra, myself and Senator Vadalabene. The direction to the Selection Committee was to undertake a maximum effort to make public the prospective appointment of the Auditor General and to maximize in an effort to secure applications from qualified candidates from all over. Also the direction of the Selection Committee was to make a recommendation to the Legislative Audit Commission as to the vote required and

to authorize the commission to recommend a specific candidate to the General Assembly. At this time, I would yield to Representative Friedrich who would describe the proceedings that took place during the Selection Committee process. Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Yes, Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I will...I will...I will yield to Representative Friedrich who, in fact, will be able to discuss the proceedings of the Selection Committee and how we proceeded.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

All right, Representative Friedrich, if you would want, you could take the Secretary's Podium and use it. You are part of the formal proceeding, and we would ask that you could perhaps even...also fill in for Representative Keane, who I understand is at a Appropriations Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE FRIEDBICH:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate. I missed the first part of Senator Demuzio's remarks, but as you know, this constitutional office was created by the 1970 Constitution and the Auditor General is elected by the House and Senate and is responsible to the House and Senate directly, the...the only constitutional officer that is. The term is a ten-year term which expires this year and the Audit Commission, under the law, is charged with the responsibility of making a recommendation to the General Assembly. We started that process last year and one of the first things we did was notify all of the members of the House and Senate that the office was open and asked them to make recommendations and suggestions as the thing proceeded. We then notified all of the...press and all of the professional organizations and asked them to submit names or make it known that the office was open and that we're accepting applications.

The deadline was January the 4th, as I recall, and we had nine applicants, one of which withdrew. The Selection Committee, a subcommittee out of the Audit Commission including Senator Demuzio and Representative Keane, interviewed those candidates and eliminated it down to three and those three were interviewed by the full Audit Commission. The Audit Commission then took a vote and the vote was unanimous to recommend General Cronson for reelection. We went through the procedure in the House and had a Committee of the Whole hearing and subsequently then a vote was taken on the resolution and the resolution passed 116 to nothing. I would be glad to answer...any further questions...Senator Vadalabene was also on that committee, by the way, I didn't name the whole committee; but if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them, but, basically, that was the system that we used in making this recommendation to you today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

All right, thank you, very kindly, Representative Friedrich. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, as Representative Friedrich had indicated, the nominee that is before us is, in fact, the current Auditor General, Robert Cronson. It seems to me that...copy of his resume was passed out to the members of the Body, at least they were on this side, I assume Senator DeAngelis had them passed out on the other side, and it seems to me that with the qualifications that Bob Cronson possesses that the individual that we are about to reconfirm again today, I suspect for another ten years, is perhaps the best choice that we could find, and I would certainly recommend Robert Cronson to the members of the Legislature and would yield to any of the other members who wish to make remarks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Demuzio. Senator Vadalabene, who is,



as he says the oldest member of the commission, I think means that he's been on the commission longer than anyone else, but Senator Vadalabene is recognized.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I've served on the Legislative Audit Commission since 1971, and also served on the committee of the screening of the first Auditor General, and eventually helped in the selection of the present Auditor General, Robert Cronson. What I would like to do in the form of a recommendation is a letter that was written to our chairman at that time, the chairman of the Selection Committee, Representative Dwight Friedrich, and the letter went as follows: " On behalf of the Society's Board of Directors, I am writing to express the board's praise for an accomplishment which Robert Cronson has achieved through the Office of Auditor General. The Society has had many occasions to work closely with Mr. Cronson on matters of great concern to the citizens of Illinois, and we have been impressed with his technical and management skills, both of which are evident in the impressive strides in governmental accountability that have taken place during his term. On...March the 23rd, 1983, the Society Board of Directors presented Robert Cronson with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his accomplishment, and the special recognition to Robert Cronson from the Illinois CPA Society for fostering excellence in governmental accountability. It is a policy of the Illinois CPA Society not to endorse candidates for public office; however, the board felt strongly that it should convey its high respect and accolades regarding Robert Cronson's performance. Sincerely, Eugene L. Delvels, President of the Illinois CPA Society." And I would like to add, in my thirteen years on the Audit Commission and my observance of Robert Cronson, he is truly an efficient administrator and should be reconfirmed. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Vadalabene. The Chair would like to call on each member of the commission, and if there's anything further beyond that at that time, I'd like to recognize you. Senator Grotberg, for what...

SENATOR GROTBORG:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm moving toward your frame of mind but the General, of all people in the world, understands the legislative process, and he's the world's greatest, but I would move the previous question, 'cause I think he wants his budget out of here this year too.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

All right, thank you. We'll hold that until we've talked to the members of the commission. Senator Schuneman, I'd like to recognize, but I don't see that he's here. All right, Senator Kustra is a member and if you'd want to say anything, now is the time, at least you're recognized as a member. Then, Senator Netsch is recognized.

SENATOR NETSCH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I recognize the need for some dispatch, but I would like to mention a couple of points. In addition to his work with the Legislative Audit Commission, which in a sense is a reflection of his every day, day-to-day work, and I have now been a member of the Audit Commission for several years...and have had an opportunity to see the technical expertness and integrity that has been brought to that work...which I think was very much a part of Senator Vadalabene's request. That is extremely important, but I would like quickly to mention two other things; one is, that it was out of a report prepared by Auditor General Cronson's Office dealing with the long-term debt posture of the State of Illinois that led to, among other things, the creation of a long-term debt subcommittee in the Economic and Fiscal Commission, and I think generally a sensitizing of the Legis-

lature to the importance of what we are doing to ourselves and to the State of Illinois with respect to our issuance of long-term debt; one of the most important things that we do...that much too long ignored by members of the General Assembly, and I think for the first time we have finally become somewhat more conscious of the importance of that role and then that grew out of a report that Auditor General Cronson did. The second thing I would like to mention, again briefly, is that again it was a report from Auditor General Cronson that led to the ultimate abolition of the Illinois Building Authority and the defeasance of the bonds of that agency with the demise of the authority at the same time. It was the sort of thing that too often in the Legislative Body we do not do; that is, we actually abolished an agency that no longer had a useful function to perform, and it was done with a great deal of skill and a great deal of persistence on the part of Auditor General Cronson. I think it was one of the very good marks that we should have received a few years ago, and again, it was in response to his leadership. Finally, if I might just make one general observation, in writing the Constitution in 1969 and 1970, there were several things that were done to attempt to strengthen the Legislative Branch of government. Probably the single, most important thing was the creation of the Office of Auditor General, the one officer of the State who belongs exclusively to the Legislative Branch and who is our means of keeping our head above water with respect to all of the problems of financing and auditing in the State of Illinois, but that office needed to be pursued by someone with a good deal of strength and gutsiness in order to achieve what it was intended to achieve. I think that that office now has become a major source of strength to the Illinois General Assembly, and it was largely due to the leadership of Robert Cronson that it has achieved its constitutional purpose. All of us in the

General Assembly owe him a great debt for that reason, and our hope is...my hope is that he will continue to provide that leadership for the next ten years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Netsch. Senator DeAngelis.

SENATOR DeANGELIS:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have served on the Legislative Audit Commission since I've been in the General Assembly, and I would like to say two things about Bob Cronson. One, is that no one understands the finances of the State of Illinois any better in this State; and two, no one deals with it more fairly. I urge the support for General Cronson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator DeAngelis. Senator Macdonald.

SENATOR MACDONALD:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm honored to be recognized to praise one of the most outstanding public officials in the history of Illinois, Auditor General Robert Cronson. His superb and consistent efficiency in administrating the Office of Auditor General for ten years is nothing short of inspirational and has set a precedent that will probably be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to follow. In carrying out his responsibilities as Auditor General, Bob has been recognized by his peers and during his term has served as president of the National State Officers...Auditors Association, Chairman of the Post-Audit Section of the National Conference of State Legislatures, been a member of the Executive Committee of the National Intergovernmental Audit Forum and the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers. From the Illinois perspective, he has served an important role as chairman of the adhoc committee of the State Auditors Association which secure passage of the Federal legislation which made possible the audit of the Illinois Income Tax revenue. There were many sceptics who felt

that the provisions for an Auditor General set forth in the...1970 Illinois Constitution could never be achieved. Where indeed could the General Assembly find a person acceptable to both parties and both Chambers who could perform the duties of that office with total impartiality and excellence? Well, we found that person in Robert G. Cronson, who has commanded the respect of even the most vocal critics of the press who resisted his initial nomination. Bob has performed his duties only...has performed his duties in such a superb manner that only a clone could equal his record. It is my great privilege to urge this Body to cast a unanimous vote for Bob Cronson's reappointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Macdonald. Senator Newhouse, do you wish to make a remark...relative...being on the...all right, Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

I just want to say that a good man is hard to find, and Bob Cronson is a good man. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Hip, hip. All right, Senator Philip...in closing on remarks from the members of the commission who are Senate members, you are...yes...yes, that's...that's now.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It's with pleasure that I stand to endorse Bob Cronson for renomination as Illinois General Attorney General. Since his...Auditor General, I was close...since his appointment ten years ago as the State's first Auditor General, he has served with distinction. I think all of us can point with pride to his performance of that office. After the first decade, it's a success story, and his...his accomplishments are because of Bob Cronson. He has developed the office from scratch, and it's a model for the nation. His

performance have won national acclaim. His colleagues have elected him president of their national association, the National State Auditor's Association. With pleasure, I recommend our first and only Auditor General remain just that. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Philip. There are two others who wish to be heard, and I think that if they're brief, we'll get on with the program and I think get down to our other business. Senator Smith and then Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR SMITH:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and to my colleagues assembled. I merely had to stand to have something to say at this time because I see history...repeating...itself today. It was ten years ago that my husband, who was Senator here in these Chambers, was one who sponsored our candidate here for reelection, Mr. Robert G. Cronson, and I know that he was a man of great integrity, my husband and is, and he stood tall for our candidate, Robert G. Cronson. I merely want to say because I am here now in the Senate Chambers to add my admonition and respect for the candidate, Mr. Robert Cronson, and also pledge my support to his reelection.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee. I, too, strongly recommend the renomination of Bob Cronson as the Auditor General of the State. As it was pointed out by previous speakers, he assumed a responsibility ten years ago providing a very important facet and...auditing function for the membership of the General Assembly and the public throughout this State. I think that his office is a model of...throughout this nation, but more important than that, that the Auditor General's reports, which each and every one

of us receives is a wealth of information and it's also a very important auditing tool for the appropriations process and the revenue process that is conducted by the General Assembly; and to you, Bob Cronson, I want to personally thank you and the fine staff that you have...assembled in providing the necessary information to...make our work something that we can all be proud of. Thank you, very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Senator Lechowicz. Auditor General Cronson, if you...if you would, sir, would you take the Secretary's Podium in the event that any member wishes to ask questions and to give you an opportunity to close this proceeding...this committee hearing with whatever remarks you favor. Senator Chew.

SENATOR CHEW:

The General and I came up in the same community, and I have not had an opportunity to ask him this, but since we have him in the witness stand, he's supposed to tell the truth. Since we were kids together, why didn't you return my bicycle?

AUDITOR GENERAL CRONSON:

I've been waiting, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Yes, go ahead.

AUDITOR GENERAL CRONSON:

Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, if I may, let me take just a few minutes to make a few brief remarks following which I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have. Since assuming this office, I've assembled the necessary staff and facilities, and I'm happy to report that we have implemented all of the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Office of Auditor General. In doing so, we have established as our primary purpose the following: to assist the General Assembly in

achieving oversight of State Government and improvement in State agency operations. To serve this purpose, my office has implemented specific programs which include the conduct of financial compliance and performance audits, investigations, revenue reviews, special studies and informal inquiries. With the support of the General Assembly and the cooperation and assistance of the Governor and the Comptroller, we have instituted an annual financial report for the State of Illinois in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We have also instituted and organized electronic data processing program to discharge our duties in the audit business with more efficiency and, at the same time, undertake reviews of the data processing systems that are in place in the major agencies of State Government. In an age in which the computer plays such a prominent role in the processes of State Government, a review of those computer operations has become essential. I have been active in an effort at the national level to coordinate Federal and State audits so as to allow more efficient use of audit resources; however, I have, and will in the future, insist that the Federal Government pay its fair share of that coordinated program. With the assistance and cooperation of a great many people, including in particular, the Legislative Audit Commission, the leaders and members of the General Assembly, legislative staff and many others, not the least of whom are the employees of my office, several important results have been achieved and I would appreciate the opportunity to list just a few examples. Revision of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States so as to permit for the first time an audit of Illinois' revenues from the Illinois Income Tax, the Grants Management Act providing an orderly structure for the handling of funds granted by the State of Illinois, a new Internal Audit Act improving the structure of internal audit responsibilities within the major agencies of Illinois State



Government, the conduct of comprehensive reviews of university fiscal practices, purchasing practices, the provision of legal services, the administration of motorists fees and taxes, the management of long-term debt, the administration of the State Pension Systems and the abolition of three agencies of State Government which had become unnecessary in the administration of State Government; one of which Senator Netsch has already referred to. I describe these programs because with the exception of the financial audit program they have all been implemented since I assumed office. It has been done at a time when there was no particular road map to tell us how to do it, with the result that Illinois government auditing has been on the cutting edge of governmental auditing and has received national recognition for the quality of its work product and acceptance as a leader in the field. In the process, I have sincerely enjoyed my term of office and the related association with the General Assembly. Since assuming office, I have been keenly aware of my obligation to carry out the constitutional and statutory duties of this office in the manner which will serve the present well while providing a sound basis for the future, and I have made every effort to achieve a result which is consistent with that obligation. In nearly ten years, much has been accomplished. I look forward with enthusiasm to the opportunity for further improvement and development of the work of this important constitutional office, and I sincerely request your favorable consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Thank you, Auditor General Cronson. The Chair would like at this time to recognize the fact that on February 21st of this year, the...the commission held public...a public meeting and interviewed all three finalists in the process that has been described to this time. Following their appearance, the commission took a roll call with eight members present,

each member voted for the candidate of his or her choice. Three-fifths vote was required. The result was eight for Cronson and zero for others, and at that time a motion to approve and recommend Cronson was adopted and this resolution introduced on March 7th, 1984. We have heard from the members of the commission present and...and we have heard no contrary witnesses, but the Chair at this time would like to offer an opportunity for any opposition and hearing none, would recognize Senator Demuzio for a motion.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would recommend that we favorably recommend to the full Senate the nomination of Robert Cronson to be the next Auditor General for Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed, No. The motion carries and...Senator Rock.

SENATOR ROCK:

Thank you. So that there is no confusion and it can be properly journalized, I would move that the Committee on Executive be discharged from further consideration of House Joint Resolution 123, and pursuant to the motion just made and adopted, that the resolution be shown on the Order of the Secretary's Desk for action probably tomorrow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR EGAN)

Moved by Senator Rock, seconded by Senator Demuzio. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. All opposed. The Ayes have it. It'll be so ordered. Senator Demuzio moves the committee do now arise. All in favor indicate by saying Aye. Opposed No and the motion is so ordered. Senator Rock.

PRESIDENT:

Other further announcements or further business to come before the Senate? Senator Egan.

SENATOR EGAN:

The Committee on Executive had a meeting time scheduled

for three in Room 400, but we will meet immediately upon adjournment at that place, Room 400.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Vadalabene.

SENATOR VADALABENE:

Yes, at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, Executive Appointments in Room 400 instead of 212. Executive Appointments, ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I'd like the record to indicate that Senator Mahar is in the hospital and probably will not be with us this week.

PRESIDENT:

The record will so indicate, Senator. Further business to come before the Senate? Senator Buzbee.

SENATOR BUZBEE:

Yes, Mr. President, an announcement. Appropriations II Committee will be meeting in Room 212 about fifteen minutes after we adjourn and we have just three bills this afternoon.

PRESIDENT:

Further business? Senator Lechowicz.

SENATOR LECHOWICZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Appropriations I will meet tomorrow at nine o'clock.

PRESIDENT:

Further announcements? Further business? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes, I...I move that the Senate stand adjourned until noon, Wednesday, June the 13th.

PRESIDENT:

Senator Demuzio has moved that the Senate stand adjourned until noon tomorrow. Noon tomorrow. Senate stands adjourned.