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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Reverend Phil Chiles, Crossroads United Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois. Reverend Chiles.

THE REVEREND PHILIP CHILES:

(Prayer by the Reverend Philip Chiles)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Monday, January 11th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending...

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Could we have some -- just a little bit of order? I can't even hear the lady. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you. Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Monday, January 11th, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports

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Senate Bill 560, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 937, together with the following amendment:

House Amendment 1.

Passed the House, as amended, January 11th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolutions 294 and 295, offered by Senator Parker and all Members.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Consent Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention, please. We will soon be going to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading on page 2 of your regular Calendar today. A -- a number of Members are still evidently in their offices. If you would please come to the Floor. We'll give you a few moments to -- to get here and then we'll proceed with the business at hand. Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. While we're waiting, an announcement: that the Senate Insurance Committee will meet at noon, in Room 400. The Senate Insurance Committee at noon, in Room 400.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Thank you, Senator Madigan. The Senate Insurance Committee will -- meet at 12 o'clock noon, in Room 400. Senator Dillard, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise to ask leave of the Body to become the chief sponsor of Senate Bill 1598 and to add Senator Jim DeLeo as a hyphenated cosponsor to that bill - Senate Bill 1598.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

You heard the motion. Is there objection? Leave is granted, Senator Dillard. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention, please. As previously announced, we are going to go to House Bills 3rd Reading, on page 2 of the Calendar. All right. House Bills, top of page 2. House Bill 448. Senator Radogno -- Radogno? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 448.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, as amended, does three things...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Excuse me just a minute, Senator Radogno. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are on House Bills 3rd Reading, which means this is final passage. Please give Senator Radogno your attention. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. Again, this bill does three things. It does amend

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the special ed section of the School Code to codify the role of school social workers. Secondly, it allows the Chicago Board of Education to hire a secretary, rather than using one of their members in that role. And thirdly, it allows a school district that meets certain qualifications to use a previous, rather than the most current, census in determining their poverty count. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 448 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. House Bill 448, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2688. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2688.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the much long awaited...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski, excuse me just a moment, please. Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the rewrite of the Real Estate Act, and it's been in the works for many, many months now. And be more than happy to answer any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is -- is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I can't get your bill here on my computer, so could you tell me what the main change is in this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. As I've indicated, this is -- repeals the Real Estate -- Real Estate License Act of '83 and creates the Real Estate License Act of 1999. This is a total rewrite of the Realtors' Act. It is organized into several different articles, but it does maintain the same basic licensing requirements and regulatory structure as exist in current laws, but it does reorganize and update the laws. Other than that, Senator, without going into great detail -- we can -- we can talk about it. I'd be more than happy to answer any other questions, but it does basically maintain many of the same provisions of the original bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Senator, is there a grandfather clause on this -- on the real estate brokers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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Yes. Thank you, Senator Geo-Karis. Yes, that clause has been reinstated in this particular rewrite.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

I have a question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you. Does this require community colleges to pay a fee for the real estate courses?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Senator, that has been a topic of discussion, and it was my understanding that we were going to try and address that. I have not heard from the community college system to date whether or not they are comfortable with what has been in this bill. I do know that there are some discussions that are ongoing, and that when this comes to JCAR, that's one of the issues that we're going to have to discuss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2688 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. House Bill 2688, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 2805. Senator Burzynski. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2805.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. As you might recall, when we changed the governance system of our State universities, we also changed the terms of the individuals serving as trustees on those boards; indicated that they served only until their term expired. The problem we have right now is the fact that their terms have expired; our new incoming Governor has not had the opportunity to make those appointments yet to fill those boards. So we're allowing them, under this bill, the opportunity to continue transacting business during this time frame.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Burzynski, nothing in the bill any longer applies to the Procurement Code? The underlying bill was completely removed in the process of amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Yes, that's my understanding, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 2805 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, no Members voting Present. House Bill 2805, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hendon, did you have a -- a... All right. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 871; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 1598 and the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 937.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Rauschenberger, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

For -- for purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your announcement, sir.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

The Senate Appropriations Committee will meet today at 12 noon, in the Stratton Building, A-1, to hear an amendment dealing with language corrections - no additional appropriation of dollars; language corrections only. Room A-1 in Stratton at 12 noon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senate Appropriations Committee, Stratton Building, A-1. Senator -- Senator Watson, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you. Over the holidays, while we were gone, a --

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a major milestone took place by one of our Members. Dave Luechtefeld, coach of the Okawville Rockets, won his seven hundredth high school basketball game - seven hundred victories. Only the tenth coach in the history of Illinois to achieve such an accomplishment. And I've -- unfortunately it was at expense of a team from my district. But, anyway, I certainly want to congratulate Dave. He's been a -- a real -- a role model for the kids at Okawville High School. He has five -- or, four wonderful children, one who plays basketball currently for St. Louis University, the Billikens, Ryan, his youngest son. And he's just an outstanding individual and a great individual to have coaching our young kids in -- in this State. I just want to congratulate him on this accomplishment and appreciate his work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Luechtefeld, congratulations. Senator Luechtefeld, congratulations. You know, this State has somewhat of a history now of coaches going on to bigger and better things, so who knows what's in the future for you, sir. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

You know, that's really not that great a feat. All you have to do is win ten games for seventy years in a row. And it's not that bad.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, there was another milestone: that, this week Dan Cronin lost his six hundredth case in court. And I think we should also make mention of that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I have two constituents in the balcony that I would like the Senate to welcome. From southern Illinois: Barb Files and Bob Wolfe. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Senate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Would our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Please state your point.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. I would like to recognize a couple of guests we have in the gallery -- directly behind me this morning: Jerry and Jean Fiordelisi, from Rockford, a couple of my constituents. I'd like for them to be recognized by the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise, be recognized by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is presently being distributed. We'll go to that order of business in just a moment. Senator Cullerton, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I wondered if we could recognize the mother of one of our new Senators who's here with us on the Senate Floor. Her name is Shirley Madigan. And her daughter is Lisa Madigan. Senator Lisa Madigan and Shirley Madigan, her mother, is here. If you could please...

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Shirley Madigan, welcome to Springfield. Senator Molaro, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you. A point of order while we're waiting here. I don't want to take up the Senate's time. But wouldn't it have been more appropriate for Senator Viverito -- since Mrs. Madigan is a constituent of Senator Viverito, I thought it was the unwritten rule of this Chamber that since she is a constituent of Senator Viverito, if there was going to be a welcome from the Senate, a formal welcome, that it would come from Senator Viverito and not Senator Cullerton. I know it's too late to do it, but maybe we can admonish Senator Cullerton of our unwritten rule.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Your -- your point is well-taken, Senator Molaro. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. It is on your desk. On that Supplemental Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, is Senate Bill 937. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 937.

The motion filed by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment -- I move to concur with Amendment 1 from the House. And what Amendment 1 does is incorporate House -- Senate Bill -- House Bill 533, which passed out of the Senate earlier this year, and what -- or, last year, basically. What it does is change the effective date. The bill itself has to do with technological equipment, extending the lease

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sales tax base. Instead of applying the tax at the point of sale, it's done over the period of the lease and the money is redistributed to the local governments through the Local Government Distributive Fund. I ask for concurrence with Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 937.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson has moved to concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 937. Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you. I know everybody is kind of busy here, but I just grabbed the -- the analysis of this, and I read the first line and I'm -- I'm -- I'm trying to recall what took place here. But the first line says: Effective July the 1st of '99, imposes an eight-and-a-quarter gross receipts tax upon persons engaged in the leasing of qualified technological equipment. Now, I haven't had an opportunity to read this bill. Would you want to run me through again here what we're about to do here? This is a new tax that we're imposing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

We're replacing; it goes from the use tax to the sales tax -- to the distributive tax.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

It is a new tax, but we got rid of the old tax that we had before. It's a new occupational tax.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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So, we got rid of the old tax. All we're doing is making this -- the numbers -- the percentage is the same. Only thing is we're taxing gross receipts rather than -- than sales tax. Is that -- is that -- is that what -- what I'm told?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

That's correct. And we're extending it over the time of the lease.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Further discussion? All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 937. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 44 Ayes, 6 Nays, 5 Members voting Present. The Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 937. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. WBBM TV-Channel 2 Chicago has request permission to record the proceedings. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. All right. On Supplemental Calendar is Senate Bill 1598. This is a -- will be a nonconcurrency motion to Senate Bill 1598. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1598, with House Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 5.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would move that we nonconcur with House Amendments No. 1, 2, 4 and 5. So I move that we nonconcur in Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 5

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from the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Dillard has moved to nonconcur in House Amendments 1, 2, 4 and 5. Those in favor, signify by saying Aye. The same sign. Motion is carried. The motion does carry and the Secretary shall so inform the House. ...Supplemental Calendar No. 1, once again, is Senate Bill 560, on the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Mr. Secretary, do you have on file a conference committee report on Senate Bill 560?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. It's the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 560.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Ladies and Gentlemen, I know this is a -- a festive week, but that doesn't minimize the importance of the work that we're doing here. So please give the sponsors of the bills your attention. Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 560, Conference Committee Report No. 1, contains a number of provisions that amend the School Code. The first of those creates the Health/Life Safety (Code) Advisory Committee. Basically it requires urgent healthcare safety items to be repaired within one year. There's another provision that has to do with school bus driver permits. Currently the State Board is to conduct school bus driver education courses and charge fees up to four dollars per person to -- four dollars per person to those taking them. The conference report requires the State Board to seek additional annual appropriations to supplement, not -- not displace, those programs and fees. With respect to bonding authority, provides that a school district may give public notice of a proposed bond referendum either as provided in Section 12. -- 12-1, or where the

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election is held on or after November 1, 1998, pursuant to the provisions of Section 12-5. Another provision deals with State teacher certification. Delays the implementation of House Bill 452's teacher certification provisions. This will delay the implementation of the procedures pending winter and spring negotiations. Another provision deals with driver ed reimbursement claims. Those received by the State Board after September 1, but before October 1, 1998, are to be paid as though they were received before September 1. An additional provision makes changes regarding the disclosure of student records necessary to conform the Act's student record disclosure provisions to the Juvenile Justice Reform Act. And finally, the Chicago School Reform Board of Trustees has requested that the position of board secretary no longer be that of a member, but of an employee. As an employee, the secretary would have those duties prescribed by the Board. And I'd be happy to answer any questions there may be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate -- I'm sorry. Senator Link, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR LINK:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Senator O'Malley, does this rectify the bonding problem that the school districts in Lake County have incurred during the last election?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

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Senator Link, I'm advised by our staff that according to Chapman & Cutler, that that is the case.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes. Then I -- then I rise in strong support, because I think this is something we have to do here to solve this problem that we have up in Lake County so that these school districts will have this bonding referendum and we can get going with the projects that the voters have decided on. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I heartily concur with Senator Link's remarks, and we ask an urgency to pass this, because there are two sections - one is in the Election Code; one in the School Code - and that's where they had the problem. So we ask your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Further discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 560. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Secretary. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, no Nays, 1 Member having voted Present. The Senate does adopt the Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 560. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we'll just stand at ease for a few moments, please.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

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(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

Senator Karpziel, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to announce a Republican Caucus at 12:15 in Senator Pate Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

All right. Republican Caucus at 12:15 in Senator Philip's Office. Senator Demuzio, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

I just have a -- how long do you think it might last?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

I was -- I was just getting ready to make that announcement, Senator Demuzio. My suggestion is that the Senate would stand in recess until the hour of 1 o'clock. The Senate stands in recess to the hour of 1 o'clock. Senator Welch, for what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR WELCH:

Inquiry of the Chair. What is going to happen to the Appropriations Committee meeting? I thought that was 12:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MAITLAND)

I believe, Senator Welch, it's 12 o'clock, and it's a short order of business. Okay? Any further announcements? Senate stands in recess until the hour of 1 o'clock.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Advise the Membership that are in your offices to return to the Floor. We will return into Session in a brief moment. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Rauschenberger, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 871 Be Adopted.

And, Senator Madigan, Chair of the Committee on Insurance and Pensions, reports Senate Bill 417, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration; Senate Amendments 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 1921 Be Adopted; and Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 3814 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 930, together with the following Amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 930.

Passed the House, as amended, January 12th, 1999.

We have a like Message on Senate Bill 200 with House Amendments 1, 4 and 5.

Also passed the House, as amended, January 12th, 1999.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Once again, I remind the Members that -- return to the Floor so we can proceed with the business of the Senate. It's the intention of the Chair to go to page 2 of the Calendar, Senate

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Bills 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 1921 - Amendment No. 3 sponsored by Senator Donahue and Amendment No. 4 sponsored by Senator -- Senator Luechtefeld. Excuse me. Senator Donahue seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1921 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is there an objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1921. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Donahue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Donahue, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1921 simply says that the State shall pay the cost. When we get to 3rd Reading to discuss the bill, you will find out in what context that the State will pay. But the cost of this is about seventy-seven thousand dollars initially and will be -- will increase slightly and then reduce itself to zero by the time the end of the bill -- the duration of what the bill's process is. So I would move for its adoption to Senate Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 1921.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Amendment 4 to -- to Senate Bill -- or, 1921 adds to the bill language further amending the State Employee Group Health Insurance Act. The language allows the SURS members employed before July 7th, 1997, to choose between the old plan or the new 2.2 plan. There's a group of these people who were kind of left out of -- of the 2.2 plan that we passed two years ago. This would allow them to choose; not taking the best of both worlds, but certainly choosing between one of the two plans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. We are on page 2, the top of page 2, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We do have Senate Bill 1921, sponsored by Senator Donahue. Senator Donahue. Please, Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1921.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1921 corrects a problem that we did in 1984 dealing with the Cooperative Extension employees at the University of Illinois. And many of you, I'm sure, have heard

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from some of your constituents that are in this situation. But it deals with the health insurance for their spouse, not the health insurance, necessarily, for the -- for the annuitant, but for the spouse. And what happened, back in the early 1900s actually, they were not given a choice; they were forced to take benefits from the federal government and the insurance for the State. And in 1984 we changed that inadvertently. And this bill, 1921, corrects the problem, and it simply says that, for the spouse, we will pick up the insurance, like we do for every other employee -- State employee. They are considered State employees through the university system. And I would simply ask for your support. This is a very important bill and the issue is very important, and I would ask for your support. Now -- oh! And if I could, if I could ask leave of the President to -- that's what the initial bill does. The part that Senator Luechtefeld added, I would request that he have the opportunity to explain that, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thanks, Mr. President and Member of the -- Members of the Senate. Amendment 4 simply corrects something that I -- that I feel was a -- a wrong to many employees at the university -- in the University Retirement System with the 2.2 that we passed two years ago. This basically allows, as I said earlier, those employees, many of them, and especially the lower-paid employees, the ability to stay on the old plan if they so choose. Many will not because the other plan will maybe make things better for them as far as retirement and also even if they stay on sixteen, seventeen years, they will also receive a very big part of their health insurance. Simply feel that this was a promise that the State made to these people and then we broke that contract. I would ask for your support.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I've got a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield, Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator, could you tell me the cost of this bill and the anticipated future cost?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

I know that the initial part is about seventy-seven thousand, and the part that Senator Luechtefeld is talking about is about twenty-three million over twenty years -- ten years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Ten years. Twenty...

SENATOR WELCH:

And the seventy-seven thousand is the annual cost of the part that you're handling? Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Donahue. Senator Donahue.

SENATOR DONAHUE:

Thank you. Seventy-seven thousand for the part dealing with the Cooperative Extension. The part dealing with -- Senator Luechtefeld's part would be about twenty million over ten years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Further discussion? If not, the question is -- would the sponsor like to close? Question is, shall Senate Bill 1921 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No.

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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 58 voting Yes, no voting No, 1 voting Present. The bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Rauschenberger, do you seek leave of the Body to return House Bill 871 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment? The sponsor does seek leave. Is there any objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 871. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 871 makes the corrections on the legislative projects that were drafted in error in our haste last May. There are forty-four projects that receive minor changes out of some, nearly I think, two thousand different provisions that we had in the bill. They're mostly minor. They are no increase or decrease in the amount of funds expended. They simply correct the names of people who were supposed to get grants, et cetera. We heard it in committee. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. And we are on page 2, House Bills 3rd Reading, House Bill 871. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 871.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is final action on an appropriation bill that corrects drafting errors that were made in the May appropriation bill. It affects some forty-four individual legislative initiatives. I would appreciate favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 871 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. 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 58 voting Yes, no voting No, no voting Present. House Bill 871, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

State your point.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to, as my last official act as Chairman of the Senate Black Caucus, invite everyone to our inaugural ball tomorrow at the Hilton, at 2:30. We have a lovely

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pin lapel for all legislators, regardless of party. It's a nonpartisan ball, at the Hilton, tomorrow at 2:30. I appreciate the opportunity to make that announcement. If you can't make the ball, we will bring your pin and your lapel to your office on Thursday. So that's tomorrow at 2:30, bipartisan inaugural ball. Thank you, Mr...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Cronin, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR CRONIN:

For a point of personal privilege. I just wanted to point out to the -- my colleagues here in the Senate that we're joined by the esteemed DuPage County State's Attorney, Joe Birkett, and his lovely wife, Patti, over in the gallery above the Republican side. Let's give 'em a Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please rise, and welcome to Springfield. We've had requests for videotaping by WCIA-Channel 3 and Channel 20 wants to take photographs. Is there any objection? Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege. In the gallery behind us, as well as Dan's guests, we have our County Clerk from Winnebago County, John Schou. John, welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Welcome to Springfield, John. Senator Myers, for what purpose do you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please state your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

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In the gallery behind me is the Mayor of Sheldon, Illinois, in my district. I'd like to introduce him: Mr. John Young.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Mayor Young, welcome to Springfield. Will you please rise and be recognized by the Senate? Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Point of personal privilege, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Please proceed, Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I would like to take this opportunity just to acknowledge to our august Chamber that my political leader, the President of the Cook County Board, John Stroger, is with us this afternoon. And will we please welcome him?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

President Stroger, welcome to the Senate. Glad to have you here, sir. Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

And -- and excuse me. And I -- I would be remiss not to mention he's also with his lovely wife.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good. Mrs. Stroger, we're glad to have you here. Appreciate the Membership turning to page 2. Under House Bills 3rd Reading, you see House Bill 3814, has Senator Philip as sponsor. That has been changed and it is now Senator Maitland. And I believe Senator Maitland seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3814 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is there any objection? Hearing none, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3814. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Maitland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you -- thank you very much -- thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Committee. Amendment No. 2 to House Bill 3814 does a number of things and, frankly, I'm -- I'm prepared to explain the amendment in detail if anyone wants me to. Generally, they are technical amendments on -- on SURS, the State University Retirement System, that needed to be taken care of in this -- in this Session. I'm going to follow with a second amendment - a second amendment - that will delete some of the more controversial portions of this amendment that House Democrats had a problem with. Mr. President, I'm prepared to answer any questions on the amendment should any Member seek -- seek one, and otherwise would move for the adoption of Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Further discussion? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Senator, I apologize; it's possible that you may have covered this. With regard to this amendment, and we discussed it in committee, we understand that you're also going to adopt Amendment No. 3 and you would not call the bill unless both Amendment No. 2 and 3 are on the bill. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

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That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Any other discussion? Any other discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Maitland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 3 deletes those objectional -- objectional parts of the amendment that were discussed in -- in committee. And once again, Mr. President, I'm prepared to give a detailed explanation if any Member should so desire. Would move for the adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

3rd Reading. We're now on the Order of 3rd Reading, middle of page 2 on the Calendar, House Bill 3814. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Bill 3814.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

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Senator Maitland.

SENATOR MAITLAND:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Once again, we're dealing with House Bill 3814, as amended. And essentially the bill now does -- does three things. It, first of all, deals with an issue that Senator Weaver had in Senate Bill 1270, which addresses the U of I firefighters to continue participation in SURS after the department was to be eliminated by the University, and this is a technical amendment to that bill, or to what we did in Senate Bill 1270. Secondly, there's technical language needed to specify how the reciprocal Act will apply to SURS. And that's component number two. Component number three, it amends the SURS article to make it like State Employees' Retirement System and TRS. The section is amended to delete a requirement that a annuitant's benefit be reduced upon being employed in a SERS- or a TRS-covered position. I'd be happy to respond to any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall House Bill 3814 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, vote No. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? ...all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yes, no voting No, 2 voting Present. House Bill 3814, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Weaver, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Environment and Energy Committee - Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 299, Senate Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 3256; refer to Local Government and Elections Committee - Motion

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to Concur with House Amendments 1, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 200; and Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 930 and House Bill 3256.

Filed by Senator Stanley B. Weaver, January 12, 1999, No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Senator Mahar, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR MAHAR:

The -- for the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. The Senate Environment and Energy Committee will meet in Room 400, at 4:05. 400 - that's a change in rooms. 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Thank you. Senator Bomke, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purpose of an announcement. To announce that the Local Government and Election Committee will meet at 4:15, in Room 400, or immediately following the Energy and Environment Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

Very good. We're waiting on a Supplemental Calendar, so we would hope that the Members would stay close to earshot. Hopefully that Calendar will be available shortly and we will be able to proceed. So, the request of the Chair: that all of us stay right here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Supplemental Calendar No. 2 is being distributed on the Members' desks. We will be going to that order of business shortly. Senator Watson will be on Senate Bill 930, on Supplemental Calendar No. 2. Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been distributed to the Members. On Supplemental Calendar No. 2 is the Order of Concurrence. Senate Bill 930. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 930.

The motion filed by Senator Watson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 930 now contains the language concerning the 9-1-1 locator law mandate. You should've heard from several of the business groups and concern about the implementation of this Act, which was mandated to take effect June 30th of 1999. What this bill will do is extend that mandate to June 30th of 2000, giving the business community and others more time to implement this particular Act. Be glad to answer any questions. Otherwise, that's exactly what it does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 930. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And 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 59 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 930. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WATSON)

The Senate will stand at ease until the call of the Chair.
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(SENATE STANDS AT EASE)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will the Members please come to the Floor? Supplemental Calendar No. 3 is being distributed. The 90th General Assembly is fast coming to a close. Senators, please come to their desks. We are preparing to conclude the business of the 90th General Assembly. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Bomke, Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Elections, reports Senate Bill 200, the Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 4 and 5, Be Adopted.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Bill 299, the First Conference Committee Report, Be Approved for Consideration; and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 3256 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 296, offered by Senator Viverito and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Consent Calendar. Senator Demuzio, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Point of clarification.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

When will it end?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

When it's over. Will the Members still in their offices please come to the Senate Floor? We are quickly approaching the time where we are concluding the business of the 90th General

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

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. If you turn to the top of page 2 of Supplemental Calendar No. 3, in the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 3256. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger, do you wish this bill returned to 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment? Senator Rauschenberger seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3256 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3256. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments that have been approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Amendment No. 3 to House Bill 3256 makes the technical corrections necessary to reinstate the Retail Rate Law for incinerators which use methane gas from landfills as fuel. In -- in our efforts and work on electric deregulation, there was an inadvertent correction as we worked through the tax portion. The drafters of the electric deregulation inadvertently repealed the section that

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applied to electrical generation from landfill gas. This restores that. It has nothing else, no other provisions unrelated to it. Later on the Calendar, we'll get to a bill that includes some ancillary language related.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCH)

Is there any discussion? If not, all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCH)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3256. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 3256.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCH)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just described this as we adopted the amendment. This makes technical corrections to restore the Retail Rate Law to electrical generators that use landfill gases. This is, quote, unquote, "clean" version of the bill. There's nothing else attached to the bill. It simply restores that right that methane generators can -- can access the Retail Rate Law. I'd appreciate its favorable adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCH)

Is there any discussion? Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would the speaker -- sponsor yield?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

What of -- in terms of this bill - I think this question was asked in committee - why didn't we -- rather than to do this, what you're doing here, why didn't we just reinstate the Retail Rate Law, rather than what you are attempting to do here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Senator Shaw, that's a good question. But you need to keep in mind that the repeal of the incinerator -- the -- the landfills that generate methane gas, their retail rate was not repealed by action of the General Assembly; it's a technical correction to a drafting error in the -- in the -- in the electrical deregulation bill. Although, I understand where you're coming from in many ways; I think there's some -- there's some other issues involving retail rate. But this is a correction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Thank you. But one of the things I'd like to say about the -- this particular bill: We have a -- a bill, if you would, that will follow this bill, 299, that go a little farther than this bill itself. We kill the -- by repealing the Retail Rate Law, we put a whole community at risk. And I think the Members of this Assembly should keep that in mind. And what has happened with the bill that will follow this bill, hopefully, 299, will sort of make that community whole again. And I would urge the -- the defeat of this bill and -- and let's deal with 299, and -- because in 299 -- and certainly you're the sponsor of that 299, Senator, and I know it's a good bill, otherwise you wouldn't be sponsoring it. And we

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would like to -- we would like for that bill to pass, but I think we should send this bill on its way, like down the tube, and get to 299. I urge the defeat of this -- of House Bill 3256.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I think that there's -- the way I understand this thing's supposed to work - and, Senator, correct me if I'm wrong - is we have both the bills and we're supposed to pass both of 'em out, or, at least, bring them to this Body to do so. I have a little problem with the trailer bill from the standpoint I think it's really special legislation. It's -- it -- it's creating an economic development fund, which is only utilized by one community. I voted to get that bill out -- out of committee in order to get it to the Floor. I don't have a lot of qualms with that. But it appears to me that in -- in this day that we're trying to be good legislators and to ensure that we watch the -- the dollars, even though these are not State dollars, that it's -- it's going to only benefit one city, and whenever the Retail Rate Law went out and went down, there were a number of communities that were hurt and there were a number of industries that were hurt. And now, all of a sudden, we're coming back and we want to -- to -- to come with some legislation that helps only the one community and -- without looking at the other communities, number one, and number two, to -- to -- I always get a little worried, as I said in committee, whenever an industry is willing to come up with voluntary funds in order to get a bill passed, and that's a little scary to me. I personally would like to see both of these pieces of legislation passed and sent on to the House to make their choice.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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Any further discussion? If not, Senator Rauschenberger, to close.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a couple of points I would like to, maybe, remind Members: I think there were far more than one community that was materially affected when we repealed the Retail Rate Law for garbage-to-energy incineration. We need to keep that in mind. One of the reasons I feel very strongly about this version of the bill is I think it helps send a message to the House that we can do legislation in the right way. If we have an issue with eight, nine or ten communities that lost a major economic asset because of a change we've made, then we need to look to DCCA or a statewide program that addresses the needs of many communities. I just am a little uncomfortable with arguing that we should only pass 299. This bill actually corrects the deficiency in the law, which was a technical mistake - does not have complications. So I urge Senator Shaw to reconsider and I enthusiastically support this version, as well. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Shaw, the -- the sponsor was closing. The question is, shall House Bill 3256 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 Ayes, 1 Nay and 12 voting Present. And House Bill 3256, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Middle of page 2 of Supplemental Calendar No. 3 is the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills. Senate Bill 200. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HARRY:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their

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Amendments 1, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 200.

The motion filed by Senator Rauschenberger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

The -- the conference committee report -- or, I'm actually -- take that back. The Amendments 1, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 200 deal with some filing errors made by clerks involving referendum bonding. The -- the Statute presently states that they have to give notice between ten and thirty days before the election. In a couple of cases those -- notice was actually published thirty-one days before the referendum. This corrects it by retrospectively and prospectively changing the notice provision to ten to forty-five days. Earlier today we dealt with a bill that dealt with the School Code and made this correction. This carries that into the Local Government -- or, Local Government Statutes. I'd urge its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 200. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, 4 Nays, 2 voting Present. And the Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1, 4 and 5 to Senate Bill 200. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

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SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, in the back gallery is sitting our County Clerk, Willard Helander, and her Deputy Clerk, Cindy Pagano, and also my legislative aide, Mary Nelson, and her husband, Dave, from Lake Villa Township. And I would like you to welcome them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Karpiel, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to say that on the last bill, I voted in error and I would like to be reflected as having voted Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The record will reflect your intent, Senator Karpiel. Senator Hendon, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HENDON:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR HENDON:

On the Democratic side of the aisle, up in the gallery, is my lovely wife, Dawn, and her friend, Sherrie, from Chicago. Would you stand up, honey?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

...note for the record: She's the only one who can get me to vote any kind of way she wishes. So...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President, and I'm very happy to hear that Senator Hendon acknowledges the great job that his wife does on him, because, believe me, it's not easy. But, anyway, we're glad to have you here. And another point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

In the gallery behind me is a -- is a constituent of Senator Terry Link from Lake Forest, Louis Atsaves - A-T-S-A-V-E-S. We'd like you to welcome him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guest in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Trotter, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I had inadvertently pressed the wrong button on the last roll call and I would like the record to reflect that I would've voted Aye...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The record shall reflect your intent, Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

If you turn your attention to the middle of page 2 of Supplemental Calendar No. 3, in the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Mr. Secretary, do you have a file on a conference committee report on Senate Bill 299?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 299.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. If you'll recall the discussion of -- if you'll recall the discussion of House Bill 3256, this is the other version of that restoration of the Retail Rate Law, simply for landfills that -- that burn -- or, for landfills that produce methane and then burn it to create electricity. It also includes special provisions which permit the affected landfills to agree by themselves to set aside up to five hundred thousand dollars a year. It's deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Illinois for economic development involving the City of Robbins. So, this is the -- the kind of "loaded" version of the Retail Rate restoration. I'll be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

On -- in this legislation, there is a cap that you cannot exceed five hundred thousand. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Yes. There is a cap. The maximum amount that would go into this economic development fund each of the ten years would be five hundred thousand dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Shaw.

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SENATOR SHAW:

And am I correct that the methane gas people has agreed to this voluntarily?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

It is clear and true that they agreed to it. The voluntary part, I would not want to speak to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

The -- well, the testimony in the committee is that they agreed to it voluntarily and that they wanted to do this because of the -- the repeal of the Retail Rate Law. So, I would urge everyone's support. And this is a good sponsor of this legislation - great sponsor - and, certainly, this is a great bill. I would urge a Aye vote on this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any further discussion? Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for some questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Senator Rauschenberger, I've read through this conference report, as it's drafted, and I have a series of questions for you. Probably the easiest one -- I just want to make sure that I understand the intent of this legislation, which I think goes to what Bill Shaw is talking about -- Senator Shaw is talking about. The -- the bill, as I read, on page 13, and if I could direct you into the area of line 12, it says, "...these funds shall not be

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paid, directly or indirectly," and then it goes on "...to the owner, operator, lessee, shareholder, or bondholder of any incinerator." Is it the intent of this legislation that the owner of an -- of a municipal incinerator not receive the benefit of these funds?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Yes, it is the intent that the owner of an incinerator not receive these economic development funds.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Senator Rauschenberger, because I think it's very clear -- or, very important to make sure that everybody understands that, because the particular incinerator that's at issue here is actually owned by the Village of Robbins. So I'm somewhat confused as to how this legislation, in any way, shape or form, benefits the Village of Robbins. But that being as it is, I just wanted to make sure that was the intent of the -- of the sponsor of the legislation. You mentioned earlier on that their was a "clean" version and I assume, by saying there was a clean version, there's a "dirty" version. Is 299 the dirty version?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

I think I referred to it as the "loaded" version.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Well, it is certainly loaded. But I -- I don't want to take a lot of time and -- of -- of -- of the Senate today, but I do want

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to make a few comments for all of us to consider, and -- and, basically, it goes to your points about whether or not this is good public policy, because if you look at the other bill, the other bill does not include this payment of five hundred thousand dollars. I have to tell you that I have somewhat -- some mixed emotions about this particular payment. To go to the Village of Robbins, if you want to drive there, you have to drive through a community that I represent. And the Village of Robbins is a poor community and it's a community in need of help and assistance. In fact, I would have to tell you that every community that I represent that you would have to drive through to get to the Village of Robbins would be vitally interested and concerned that the Village of Robbins is as healthy financially, fiscally, socially, any way you want to measure it, because it's very important for our particular part of the State that the Village of Robbins gets on its feet as soon as it possibly can. But I would submit to you that this is the wrong way to go about it. I think, Senator Rauschenberger, you mentioned that there's a thing called DCCA here in the State of Illinois, which is probably the proper vehicle in which to administer economic development funding. And getting to the question of whether or not it's good public policy, you know, why don't we send an extra half a million dollars a year, without any accountability to speak of, to the good citizens of the City of Elgin or the good citizens of the City of Galesburg? And I'm not trying to pick on anybody -- or, frankly, Mayor and Senator, the good citizens of the Village of Dolton? And I could go on with all of our hometowns and say why aren't we doing that. And we're doing it simply because there's an expression of raw political power that if you don't do this, then we won't do that, and therefore we're going to do the following, so here is our price and this is the price that you must pay. I don't know whether that price is symbolic. I don't know whether

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every -- any dollars will ever be paid. But I think it is, as Senator Jacobs said, clearly special legislation. And I think we're setting in -- in place, by passing legislation like this, a message that will reverberate into the next General Assembly that this type of activity can continue. Now, I've had the great honor and privilege of serving the citizens of the 18th Senate District now for six years, in this Body. I received a letter earlier today from Senator Howard Carroll, and he talked about what it was like to serve -- I think we all got a letter. I don't know that for sure, but I -- I received a letter. And it was -- well, there might be a reason for that, Bill. I don't know. But I received that letter, and in that letter he talks about what a great place it is, what this Illinois Senate is, the greatest -- I don't have the letter in front of me, but the -- the greatest political Body, if you will, in the State of Illinois is the message that he was conveying to us. And so, if the House can't resist the temptation for this special legislation that will establish a public policy initiative that is, in my opinion - and I think the opinion of many Members of this Chamber - deleterious to the best interests of the citizens of the State of Illinois, then I think it is up to us in the Illinois Senate to stand up and say that, "Yes, we are the greatest Body, the greatest Legislative Body in the State of Illinois. We can work together, and there's a better way of accomplishing what -- what is sought by the proponents for this particular initiative in this legislation." And by the way, isn't it wonderful to see Senator Carroll here today? Senator Rauschenberger, I appreciate the fact that you have taken on this legislation and you have attempted to deal with it forthrightly. I know that there's been tremendous pressure put on you and other Members of the Illinois Senate to deal with this legislation. And I would urge my colleagues here to do what we've always done in the past: stand up for good public policy, send a very strong

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message, and make sure that we don't see this kind of legislation again in our Chamber. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Shaw.

SENATOR SHAW:

Thank you, Mr. President, and sorry to rise for a second time. But certainly the previous speaker -- I listened to the same argument some two years -- two years ago about the Retail Rate Law. "We should find a better way." And I might agree with the repeal of the Retail Rate Law. But if you were going to strangle people -- and Robbins is well-known as one of the poorest communities in America, and for a Member of this Body, who lives next door, to put a choke hold on 'em by repealing the Retail Rate Law, that might have been fine. Now we have a system -- we've come up with a system that -- where people voluntarily want to give this community five hundred thousand dollars a year, and that's not satisfactory to you. I don't know. Why don't we just take a napalm bomb and drop on Robbins, because that's what you're doing when you talk about we shouldn't do this. If people want to give you something, Robbins should take it. You've had two years to come up with additional legislation, to put in that bill that you talk about DCCA, where that you could give any of these communities five hundred thousand. But you haven't found the will; you haven't found the pen to write that bill. Today we have a bill before us to make Robbins whole, and you don't want Robbins to be whole. But I represent a part of the same community over in Blue Island, which is adjacent to your district. Robbins is my district. And certainly Robbins need help. But it's a -- it's fine for us to sit here in this Body and talk about what should be done, and when Members of this Body, like Senator -- Rauschenberger, go out and find a piece of legislation to make Robbins whole and then another Member get up and castigate the

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bill, I think that's unfair, unwanted. And, certainly, the people of Robbins is citizens of this State. And we should be about protecting the lives and property and education for all of the people of this State. And Robbins is in the State of Illinois. I ask for the passage of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Senator Rauschenberger, is there any provision in here that will allow other municipalities to take advantage of this particular action?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

As I understand it, the way the definition is crafted, a single municipality in the State of Illinois will meet the definition. So there'll be a single municipality that's able to access the economic development funds that'll be set aside in the Treasurer's Office. So I think the appropriate answer to that is no, only the Village of Robbins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Okay. I have a -- an incinerator in my district that is currently closed, that the residents of my district wanted closed. Will this allow them any opportunity whatsoever to begin to reopen that incinerator? Can they use this legislation to benefit

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themselves in any kind of way?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

No, Senator. Unfortunately, there would be -- none of the economic development funds that would accrue to the Treasurer and then be distributed to the Village of Robbins would -- would be able to help your constituents who also have had a closure of an incinerator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I don't often disagree with my colleague behind me, but I do feel that there is a great need to help the Village of Robbins. We know that it has been a very destitute village, and I certainly speak for the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. You know, listening to the -- the debate as regards this piece of legislation, you know, I'm really shocked at some of the words that I heard in describing this piece of legislation. Not one dollar that would go to the Village of Robbins is taxpayers' dollars. You know, we passed the Gaming Act a few years ago, and we mandated that certain amount of those dollars shall go to education, to children across the State of Illinois. They were not public taxpayer dollars; these were dollars we set in there. These dollars are not taxpayers' dollars. I'm glad you mentioned the -- the word -- or, the agency called DCCA, Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Department of Commerce and Community Affairs has known for years

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the fiscal condition of that poor community, but I haven't seen one initiative in all these years that DCCA has done to aid and assist a -- a community like Robbins. And here you have a private entity who is willing to do this and you stand up and speak against it. I listened to our new Governor yesterday talk about the spirit of cooperation, the spirit of working together, the spirit of trying to aid and assist people. Your opposition to this, Senator, is not working in the best interest of all the people of Illinois. I've heard rumors around this Chamber, where -- and -- and throughout the Capitol about some riverboat deal for a big wealthy person, where we're going to take some tax dollars out of the General Revenue Fund to give to this individual to pay his property tax. And here you have a private entity who wants to help a economically depressed community and you talk about setting some sort of precedent. You should have really read the letter sent out by Senator Howie Carroll, and don't talk about special interests and setting a precedent, simply because this is what the business is all about. If you're genuinely sincere about helping the people of the State of Illinois, you would be for this bill, because it helps that community. And when you talk about DCCA, look at the record of DCCA - not one economic development package to impact poor communities. So let's not play games here. Senator Shaw is absolutely right: We should all be for that -- for this bill. And remember what the Governor said: Let's work together. Let's work on issues together to help people, not play silly politics with this issue. I want to commend Rauschenberger for sponsoring this here; but, at the same time, this is not a "loaded" version. It should have been in the other bill. We should not play games with the economic development of communities throughout the State of Illinois. In a bipartisan manner, we should help that community, and I urge a Yes vote on this conference committee.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? If not, Senator Rauschenberger, to close.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

I -- I will be brief in my closing, but I want to mention just a few things. It's been a very interesting debate, and it's -- it's first time that I recall doing a closing on a bill that I had very, very mixed emotions on. But I would point a couple things out to -- because they've been raised in debate. The idea that private parties might want to aid a municipality or a community or some subpart of the State of Illinois is a wonderful thing, but it should take place in private agreements - contractual relationships and in whatever they want to do together. What's bothersome to some of us is that it's included as part of legislation, almost in a quid pro quo fashion, that -- that makes it kind of, you know, questionable what the relationship is, that we ought not to be mandating third parties outside of State government be participating with other, you know, units of government. You know, it's kind of a bothersome concept. So, I do think, in all fairness, Senator O'Malley's objections really get to the heart, procedurally, of some real problems in this. And we do need to understand that the repeal of the Retail Rate Law affected far more than one community in the State of Illinois. And in the long run, you know, I would have been more comfortable with a more broad-based remedy. But at the end of Session, as always, we have what we have, particularly when frequently these negotiations originate in -- in the House. You've -- you earlier had a version which was a slimmed-down, clean version of simple restoration of the methane retail rate. This is exactly the same thing with the inclusion of an economic development fund, funded by a third party, deposited with the Treasurer, that's accessible by a single community. I urge you to vote your conscience.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate -- to Senate Bill 299. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, 3 Nays, and 2 voting Present. And the Senate does adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 299. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 417. Mr. Secretary, do you have a file on a conference committee report on Senate Bill 417?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Yes, Mr. President. First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 417.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Robert Madigan.

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 417 does two things, as far as amendments to the Insurance Code. It codify the manner in which dividends are declared and distributed with regards to government reciprocals, so they're handled in the same fashion as private reciprocals are. And it exempts private alarm companies from the service contract legislation that was passed last spring, as far as putting them under the supervision, or authority, of the Department of Insurance. Currently they're regulated by the Department of Professional Regulation. This eliminates them from the duplicate oversight, and the Department of Insurance is in support of these two provisions. And I would ask for favorable consideration of Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 417.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the Senate adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 417. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And the Senate does adopt Conference Committee Report No. 1 to Senate Bill 417. And the bill, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

...Resolution 297, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads SR No. 297)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Donahue moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Rule -- Senate Rule 297 -- Resolution 297. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Now, Senator Donahue has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 297. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Resolutions. Senator Weaver, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move that the Illinois State Senate of the 90th General Assembly adjourn sine die.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Weaver moves that the Senate of the 90th General Assembly stands adjourned sine die. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. Good luck, Senator Carroll and Senator Garcia. This Session is adjourned SINE DIE.

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