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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Regular Session of the 90th General Assembly will come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks and will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by the Reverend David Kueker, United Methodist Church of Pawnee, Illinois. Reverend Kueker.

THE REVEREND DAVID KUEKER:

(Prayer by The Reverend David Kueker)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Sieben, the Pledge of Allegiance.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Reading of the Journal. Senator Butler.

SENATOR BUTLER:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 24th, in the year 1998, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Butler moves postponement and reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, it is so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Burzynski, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1625 Be Approved for Consideration.

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1028, Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1426 and Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1428 all Be Approved for Consideration.

Senator Rauschenberger, Chair of the Committee on Appropriations, reports Senate Bills 1399, 1400, 1784, 1785, 1786,

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and 1787 Do Pass.

Senator Fawell, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1364 Be Approved For Consideration.

Senator Peterson, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1458, Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1568, and Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1867 all Be Adopted; and Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 533 Be Adopted.

And Senator Cronin, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1561, Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 1664, and Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1892 all Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY HARRY:

A Message from the House by Mr. Rossi, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bills 1072, 2367, 2471, 2369, 2297, 2391, 2581, 2616, 2580, 2732.

Another Message on House Bills 2452, 2703, 2640, 2796, 2554, 2447, 2491, 2510, 3110, 3257.

Another Message on House Bills 2827, 2837, 2950, 3129, 3363, 3394, 3612, 3407, 3435 and 3484.

Another Message on House Bills 2377, 2435, 2589, 2643, 2671, 2672, 2747, 2887, 3374 and 3843.

And another Message on House Bills 2748, 2869, 2899, 3025, 3048, 3068 and 3081.

All passed the House, March 24th, 1998.

(Message on the following House Bills was inadvertently not read

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into the record: 2827, 2837, 2950, 3129, 3363, 3394, 3612, 3407,
3435, 3484)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 2297, presented by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2369, Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Donahue offers House Bill 2391.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2447, by Senator Geo-Karis.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2554, Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Peterson offers House Bill 2580.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2640, by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2748, Senator Bomke.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2837, offered by Senator Butler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3081, by Senators Dudycz and Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3484, by Senator Maitland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 179, offered by Senator Link, as is Senate

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Resolution 180.

They're both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Consent Calendar. I would like to remind the Membership that next week is the final week for passage of Senate bills. I'd remind the Members if they have amendments to get those amendments filed to expedite the committee assignment -- the Rules Committee assignment to committee. So if you'd keep that in mind, get those amendments filed as soon as possible. Senator Madigan has some guests he'd like to introduce.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It gives me great pleasure this afternoon to introduce to you the 1998 Illinois Fair Queen, Natalie Jeckel, a young lady who is a resident of my home county. And for the second year in a row, I get to present to you the Illinois Fair Queen, and hope the tradition continues. It gives me particular pleasure, since I've known the Jeckel family for many years - consider them to be great friends of mine. And to introduce to you this beautiful, young lady gives me extreme great pleasure. So without further ado, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please -- please welcome, Natalie Jeckel, Miss Illinois Fair Queen.

1998 MISS ILLINOIS COUNTY FAIR QUEEN NATALIE JECKEL:

(Remarks by 1998 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Natalie Jeckel)

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Natalie, on behalf of the Illinois Senate, let me present to you a small token of our recognition for you appearing today and the great honor of being the 1998 Illinois County Fair Queen. Natalie, congratulations.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

We have a double whammy for you. I also have the pleasure of introducing the current President of the Illinois FFA, Matt Wells.

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You know, Matt, he comes -- he lives in the same county and has grown up in the same county that I did. I grew up in Wayne County down in southern Illinois, and so there's really some important people came from down there. Matt came from there. I came from there. The Shelton Gang came from there. We've had a lot of important people come from -- from Wayne County. I've known Matt and his -- I knew his grandfather and his father and they're a fine family. He's an outstanding young man and -- and so many of these young people that are involved in 4-H and FFA go on to be, you know, our -- our current and future and past leaders in agriculture and agribusiness. So at this time I'm going to give Matt the privilege of saying a few words to the people. It's really an honor for me to have Matt here, and -- and come from the same part of the State that I did. Matt.

FFA PRESIDENT MATT WELLS:

(Remarks by Matt Wells)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...purpose Senator Karpiel arise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

For purpose of an announcement. I guess it's an announcement. Just to announce -- to say that Senator Parker is absent today, due to a death in the family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Thank you. Senator Myers, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR MYERS:

Along with the other visitors, FFA visitors, today, I'm proud to present two different groups who are in the gallery right now. Behind you are two of the advisors, and my Page for today, the

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Salmons and Mr. Seifert. If you'd stand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Welcome to Springfield.

SENATOR MYERS:

And from Paris High School FFA, Allen Hornbrook, and his group of FFA students right behind the Democrats.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Welcome to Springfield.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

...purpose does Senator Peterson arise?

SENATOR PETERSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR PETERSON:

In the gallery on the Republican side, I'd like to introduce Mr. Doug Weber, Executive Director of the United Way of Lake County. He's visiting us today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Demuzio has a group he would like to introduce. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Before I introduce my group, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I do have another group of FFA students from Carrollton High School who are sitting in the Chamber right behind us with Kevin Brannan. Kevin, you want to stand with your group? Welcome to the Senate. Glad to have you here. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, it's a pleasure for me today to introduce the -- the Nokomis High School 1997/1998, the Lady Redskins, who are the Class A winners, and it's quite an extraordinary opportunity for

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me and I'm sure for the coach and for the team. Most of these young ladies are juniors, so in addition to looking at them today and recognizing the accomplishment that they have already achieved, we in our district have big hopes for them for next year to be back here again. And so with that I'd like to introduce Coach Hough, who will introduce the players and perhaps highlight a little bit about the season. Coach, glad to have you here.

COACH HOUGH:

(Remarks by Coach Hough)

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Coach, on behalf of the Illinois Senate, I have a certificate for each and every one of the members of the team and and hopefully the -- the coaches and the managers. Congratulations. It was a great season. Hope to see you here next year. Thank you all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose Senator Madigan arise?

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

State your point.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Visiting with us today in the visitor's gallery is a group of students from Chester-East Lincoln Junior High and their teacher, Claudia McEvers, and I'd like them to be recognized by the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Shadid has a group he would like to introduce.

SENATOR SHADID:

Mr. President, thank you very much, and Members of the Senate.

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I am very... Before I start, I'd like to mention that usually Senator Hawkinson's up here, because we usually have the -- the Class AA champions up here four years in a row. And, Carl, I think we ought to give you a big hand for Galesburg, who came in second. Let's give Senator Hawkinson... I'm very pleased to have joining us in the Senate today the Hanna City-Logan Patriots - the Boys Basketball Class 8A Illinois Elementary School Association State Champions. Their record was 24 wins and 1 loss. Coach Larry Whitmore is a veteran of 38 years of coaching at the junior high level and was recently named "Coach of the Year in District 16" by the Illinois Basketball Association. He was also honored by the Hanna City Village Board with the Key to the City for his many years of dedicated service to children, for so many years. This team is not just athletically talented, but they also -- but they have also demonstrated a strong commitment to academics and involvement in school activities. Fourteen have been on the Honor Roll, some earning straight A's. This team represents what is right about Illinois youth! Congratulations. And join me in welcoming them to Springfield! I would like to ask Coach Larry Whitmore if he'd like to say a word or two. Coach.

COACH LARRY WHITMORE:

(Remarks by Coach Larry Whitmore)

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you, Coach. The Principal, Jack Small, would like to say a word or two.

PRINCIPAL JACK SMALL:

(Remarks by Principal Jack Small)

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you very much, and thank you, Members of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

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Mr. President, the Revenue Committee Report previously read into the record, Senate Bill -- Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1458 was erroneously reported. That amendment is still in the committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On page 2 of your Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, we'll go right down the line, starting out with Senator Fawell, Senator Dillard and Syverson. Senator Fawell, do you wish 743 read? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 743.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Dillard, on 1028. Out of the record. Senator Syverson, on 1210. Out of the record. Senator Carroll, on 1215. Out of the record. Senator Molaro, on 1240. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1240.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Fawell, on 1259. Senator Fawell? Out of the record. Senator Maitland, on 1265. Out of the record. Senator Dudycz, on 1289. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1289.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Dudycz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Dudycz.

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 removes a -- a portion of the bill that the Committee on Judiciary found objectionable and it keeps the -- the original intent of the bill intact.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Dudycz moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1289. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment's adopted. 3rd Reading. Senator Peterson, on 1290. Out of the record. Senator Farley, on 1295. Out of the record. Senator Karpel, on 1326. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1326.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Bowles, on 1328. Out of the record. Senator Dudycz, on 1335. Out of the record. Senator Karpiel, on 1339. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1339.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Public Health and Welfare adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Walsh, on 1356. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1356.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. ...Klemm, on 1364. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

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SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1364.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Transportation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Klemm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Klemm, on Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 is a requirement that the committee had asked for concerning DUIs on the operation of golf carts, if the local authority were to grant that. And it was a requirement that the committee asked for, and it -- I think it has no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Is there discussion? Senator Klemm then moves the adoption of Amendment No. 2. All those in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Are there further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Bowles, on 1356. Out of the record. Senator Garcia, on 1370. Out of the record. Senator Maitland, on 1420. Out of the record. Senator Luechtefeld, on 1428 -- 26, Senator Bomke. Excuse me. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1426.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Bomke.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Bomke, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The -- the amendment simply gives the -- allows school district the authority to allow the person who created the damage on the premises to clean up the defacement. It just gives them the option. It's not mandated. They have the option to allow the person on the -- the premises or not. It's a technical amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator Bomke moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1426. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment's adopted. 3rd Reading. Senator Luechtefeld, on 1428. Out of the record. Senator Maitland, on 1451. Out of the record. Senator Sieben, on 1455. Out of the record. Senator Mahar, on 1463. Out of the record. Senator Karpel, on 1475. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1475.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Donahue, on 1499. Out of the record. Senator Luechtefeld, on Senate Bill 1500. Out of the record. Senator Maitland, on 1555. Out of the record. Senator Radogno, on 1566. Out of the record. Senator Karpziel, on 1585. Out of the record. ...Hawkinson, on 1591. Do you wish to move that bill? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1591.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Maitland, on 1592. Out of the record. Senator Fawell, on Senate Bill 1293. Excuse me. Senator Karpziel, on 1593. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1593.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Karpziel. 1594. Out of the record. Senator O'Malley, on 1610. Out of the record. Senator Burzynski, on 1625. Out of the record. Senator Cullerton, on 1628. Do you -- Senator Cullerton. Out of the record. We have leave to go back to 1625? Senator Burzynski, do wish to call 1625? Read the

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bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1625.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senators Luechtefeld and Sieben.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 1625, which repeals the -- the Real Estate Licensing Act, this particular amendment deletes the auctioneer provision of the underlying bill. In addition, this amendment provides -- agreed to -- agreed to the clean-up language of the underlying bill. There was no opposition in the -- in committee, and it simply goes back to the status quo, as far as auctioneers are concerned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, the question is, shall -- the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1625. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment's adopted. Are there further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton, on 1628. Out of the record. Senator Burzynski, on 1633. Out of the record. Senator Fawell, on 1703. Out of the record. Senator Walsh, on 1709. Out of the

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record. Senator Lauzen, on 1750. Out of the record. Senator Bowles, on Senate Bill 1756. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1756.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Syverson, on 1833. Out of the record. Senator Klemm, on 1838. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1838.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Klemm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Klemm, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, Amendment No. 1, Mr. President, was a technical amendment. It doesn't change any of the provisions of the bill. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator Klemm moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1838. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Any further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Rauschenberger, on 1840. Senate Bill 1840. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1840.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Energy adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Lauzen, on 1844. Out of the record. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 1853. Out of the record. Senator Mahar, on Senate Bill 1854. Out of the record. Senator Butler, on 1860. Out of the record. Senator Klemm, on Senate Bill 1867. Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1867.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Klemm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Klemm, to explain the amendment.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 1 changes the

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Property Tax Code regarding the extensions of mental health boards. It has no opposition. I do ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? If not, Senator Klemm's moved the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1867. All in favor, signify by saying Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment's adopted. Are there further amendments?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Karpel, on Senate Bill 1895. Out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

If you turn your Calendars to the top of page 8, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We will be going to that Order of Business immediately. Will the Senators be in their seats? We will begin with Senate Bill 499. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 499. Senator Maitland. Senator Maitland. Senate Bill 668. Senator Maitland. Senate Bill 1195. Senator Madigan. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1195.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1195 is a revisit to legislation that this General Assembly passed last spring that became part of a larger bill that was amendatorily vetoed, and we did not revisit this legislation. What it does is currently the Department of Natural Resources is

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allowed to issue permits to handicapped people to hunt deer with a crossbow. This expands the Department's authority to allow the Department to issue permits to handicapped for other -- to take other game other than deer. The intent of this legislation and the stated purpose of this legislation from the Department is that they will only issue the permits -- additional permits to take wild turkey. That's the legislation. I'll be glad to answer any questions and otherwise would ask for it approval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1195 pass. 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 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1195, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1217. Senator Petka. Senator Petka. Senate Bill 1222. Senator Rauschenberger. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1222.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Very briefly, we -- we have motorcycle safety classes in the State of Illinois and have had for, I think, almost twelve years. They are very well-attended. In fact, they're oversubscribed. For more than two years the motorcycle riders in the State of Illinois, including the ABATE Association and the Motorcycle Dealers' Association, have been working for a way to increase the

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number of safety classes that we have available to the riders in the State of Illinois who would like to participate. This will be the third attempt at -- at cobbling together a compromise that was acceptable to the Transportation Committee. We've had extensive hearings on it. What this bill actually does is two things: One, it -- it permits a five-dollar increase in the motorcycle driver's license, as well as motorcycle registration and converts the fee from a -- flat-dollar amount to a percentage amount. So as there's increases on all registration in the future, there'd be increased safety money. It's warmly supported. I appreciate a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1222 pass. 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 48 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1222, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1223. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senate Bill 1246. Senator Watson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1246.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. As you recall, when we passed the education funding bill this past fall, we had a provision in there that said that no school district would lose revenues below the 1997/98 school year, which we called hold harmless. And what

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we do -- what we would have done under the provisions of the bill, we would have appropriated that money each year. What this bill does is puts the hold harmless provision in the continuing appropriations language, and therefore, it doesn't cost any more money, but it just guarantees that the money will be going to our local school districts each year under continuing appropriation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I just rise to remind our colleagues that what you're doing is you're expanding a continuing appropriation. Many people would argue that the whole point of the school aid formula is to apportion the amount of money that we appropriate to school aid based on the changing conditions in their own local resources, their property valuation and other things. By moving this hold harmless into the continuing appropriation, you're effectively freezing districts which may have tremendous increases in local resources at the level that -- the base year. The -- one of the reasons it's appropriated separately and was not included in the continuing appropriation is people thought -- I thought at the time that the school aid formula was supposed to continue to work and adjust the amount of resources that we send to each school district. I just think Members ought to -- this is -- you know, I certainly applaud the sponsor's championing this issue, but I think it's more than a simple bill that doesn't cost any more. It's really changing the way you distribute school funds by locking in, for the period of the continuing appropriation, the hold harmless, which was agreed to for one year and, you know, you just need to be aware of that, if you decide to support the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Berman.

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SENATOR BERMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the bill. Let me just share with you, I represent school districts in Evanston and in Skokie. They were very concerned about House Bill 452 regarding the changes and they were -- the item that they were most concerned about was the reliability of the hold harmless. And each one of us recognize that our school districts back home, they like what we do, but they're not sure that we're going to do what we say we're going to do. The continuing appropriation only is in existence, under the bill we passed in December, until the year -- through the year 2001. I, and many of us, would like to make that permanent. It's not. That's a different issue. We will address that. But I think for those of us who represent school districts that got no substantial increase and would be hurt by the change in the weighting factor - our high schools, for example - this is an important bill, at least for the next two years so that they know that they can sleep at night until we do something better as -- down the road. So I stand in support of this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not so sure I understood totally what Senator Rauschenberger was talking about, because this is living up to the commitment that we made when we passed this -- the funding bill this past fall. All we're doing is saying that yes, indeed, we are going to hold harmless all school districts at a certain level, and this puts it into a continuing appropriation. And as a result of that, the money then will be there for them and they will not, as Senator Berman mentioned, have to stay awake at night worrying about what the General Assembly is going to do from year to year. All we're doing is living up to the commitment we made, and that's what this

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legislation does, and I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1246 pass. 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 50 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1246, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1247. Senator Watson. Senate Bill 1249. Senator Garcia. Senator Garcia. Senate Bill 1250. Senator Butler. Senate Bill 1251. Senator Luechtefeld. Madam Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 1258. Senator Watson. Senate Bill 1280. Senator Butler. Senate Bill 1288. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1291. Senator Watson. Senate Bill 1292. Senator Weaver. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1292 creates the -- the Museum Disposition of Property Act. It set -- sets forth the procedures for the disposition of property that has been loaned to or that a museum has acquired that is unclaimed. We put in provisions for the Jewish Federations by Amendment No. 1. I know that there's been confusion by museums as to how to contact people who have loaned exhibits to museums and have died off or no known relatives. They want to -- their storage is full of loaned displays and they're just trying to find an orderly way of disposing of -- of these loaned exhibits. So if there are any

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questions -- I know of no opposition to the bill. If there's any questions, I'll try to answer them for you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1292 pass. 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 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1292, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On the top of page 6, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 1293. Senator Fawell. Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 1305. Senator Peterson. Senate Bill 1306. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1308. Senator Philip. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1313. Senator Peterson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1313.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1313 changes the way prepaid calling cards are subject to taxation. Under current law, prepaid telephone calling cards are subject to State and municipal telecommunication taxes. Each of these rates was five percent, but as part of the education funding reform, the State rate was increased to seven percent. The local rate remains at five. This bill exempts these cards from the telecommunications tax and instead makes them subject to sales tax and use tax, which would be 6.25 percent. It makes it a lot easier for the revenue to be collected because it'll be done

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by the Department of Revenue. Department of Revenue is supportive with the amendment, which was a technical amendment, and in the long run, we're saying that there will be a small increase in revenues to the State of Illinois. I ask for your support of Senate Bill 1313.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1313 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote... Senator Demuzio, you just put on your light. Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Must have burned out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Well, it's working well now.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you. I had one question. Does this mean there would be less money for school construction?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

I don't know if it addresses it. If -- if it does, it would be very minor. It would be like a hundred thousand dollars, but the State itself, in general revenue, would collect maybe about three hundred thousand dollars more. So, indirectly, education would get money through the General Fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? The question is, shall Senate Bill 1313 pass. 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 33 Ayes, 11 Nays, 3 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1313, having received the required constitutional

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majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill -- Senator Philip, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The -- the "Dean of the Senate" has a birthday coming up on March 29th, this coming Sunday. We have a birthday cake down here if everybody would like to enjoy it. But it's the "Dean of the Senate," Senator Geo-Karis. She is thirty-nine years of age once again. We all love her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Happy birthday, Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is a shock to me. Actually, I thank the President of the Senate for his kind words, and I want you to know I'm getting younger, because Sunday I will be eight years of age. Eight plus zero. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Happy birthday, Senator Geo-Karis. Senate Bills on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1324. Senator Luechtefeld. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1324.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1324 amends the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act to increase the household income limit from fourteen to sixteen thousand dollars.

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We passed this bill out of the Legislature last year almost unanimously, both houses. It was vetoed by the Governor. We overrode in the Senate, and it did not get called in the House. It, I think, is certainly a bill that is time. In 1985 the limit was set at fourteen thousand. Sixteen thousand certainly is a very moderate increase. I would be willing to answer any questions and ask for the support of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1324 pass. 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 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1324, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The Senate President reminds the Members that there is cake by the -- in the Chamber here in honor of Senator Geo-Karis' thirty -- forty-second annual thirty-ninth birthday. Is that what it is? Forty-first annual thirty-ninth birthday, and Members, please, are welcome and staff welcome to please have a piece of cake. Senate Bill 1347. Senator Sieben. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1347.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation deals with the Illinois Building Commission and establishes that the Commission may charge fees for the services that it provides. Provides that the -- those fees then can be deposited into a revolving fund, and

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then that that money can be used to -- to carry out the activities of the Act. I ask -- ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1347 pass. 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 51 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1347, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1349. Senator Peterson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1349.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1349 creates the Direct Pay Permit Implementation Act. It authorizes the Department of Revenue to implement a pilot direct pay permit program to collect State and local use and occupation taxes. Provides that the Department, in cooperation with the Illinois business taxpayers, may set the standards for participation in the program and may select voluntary participants. Provides the Department shall report the results to the General Assembly on or before January 1st, the year 2001, and shall recommend whether a direct pay permit program shall be implemented in Illinois. I ask for your support on Senate Bill 1349.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Berman.

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SENATOR BERMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Berman.

SENATOR BERMAN:

Senator, we had pointed out in committee and I thought we were going to have an amendment put on, because under the present language there is no cutoff for this pilot program. There's a reporting date when they're supposed to tell us what's happening, but there's no cutoff and I thought there was an agreement to impose a cutoff of the pilot program. Do I have a commitment that this will -- that that amendment will be put on in the House?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Mr. President, let me pull the bill from the record till we get this straightened out. We can still do it here in the Senate. I prefer to do it here than in the House. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 1350. Senator Myers. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1350.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill amends the Illinois Economic Opportunity Act. It requires the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs to administer a family and community development grant program. It

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provides that the grant program fund, evaluate and make recommendations on eight to ten projects designed to move a hundred families to economic self-sufficiency. I would be happy to answer any questions about this program, and I would ask for a favorable vote from the Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Would the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates she will yield. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

We're talking about, as you indicate, a hundred families and the cost of this is six hundred and six thousand dollars. Well, why don't we just give them each sixty thousand dollars and call it over? Or six thousand, and just call it, you know, for help that way.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

I believe that this program is designed as a -- as kind of a test program and initially this would be what we would give -- and I don't know that the cost will be six hundred thousand dollars. If we get that much, there could be more programs throughout the State, but it is a way to get some of the families and to create a program that would then, in addition to these families, help other families to get off of welfare and -- and become self-sufficient.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Yeah. I -- I don't have any qualms with what you're trying to

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do. It just seems to me that six hundred and six thousand, if that is the correct figure - and as you allude to, that very well may not be the correct figure - because if it's that, that seems pretty expensive to do a trial program that we don't really know where it's going. And we're talking a hundred families, and six hundred and six thousand could probably be spent in other areas just as well. And just curious as to whether you really feel it's going to be anywhere near that six hundred thousand or whether -- how do we make up the six hundred and six thousand? What is that being spent on, I guess? I just can't see how we can spend six hundred and six thousand dollars for a study with a hundred families. That just seems quite high to me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

I believe that the hundred families would probably disagree with you about that and I believe that this program would be a good way of developing techniques to help many, many more families through existing agencies - not creating any other agency, but through agencies that are already dealing with the families and ensure that this does work and develop techniques for helping many, many families in Illinois get off of welfare.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Well, not to belabor it. I'm going to -- I'm going to vote for you anyway, Senator, but -- but it just seems to me that -- you know, as you say, a hundred families may disagree with me, but also I think there -- there are hundreds of thousands of families out there that would say, "We'd like to have this help, too." And I just don't know if a hundred families is enough to give a good test, and I just wonder if six hundred and six thousand is a

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proper amount. That's -- that was my only concern.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates she will yield. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

On the -- on the same level of questions, Senator, I -- I -- you know, I support the concept of what you're trying to do one hundred percent, but I guess... Are you listening to me? 'Cause I'm going to ask you a real question here. Given the fact that we have a mandate to remove -- a deadline to remove people off of public aid in the State of Illinois, per federal and State legislation, what -- what are you going to do different in this program for this one hundred families than what we are supposed to be doing for all families to move them toward self-sufficiency? And I guess that's what I'm concerned about. Is this some kind of special program, pilot program? Afterward -- would we be able to duplicate it as a model and make it more global or -- or, as an example how we can get people off of public aid, or what's the purpose? Given the fact that that is a mandate and that we are seeking and searching for dollars to -- to move as many families as possible off of the welfare role into being productive citizens, I'm trying to find out what are you doing different here for this hundred families than what we're supposed to be doing for all families on public aid?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

For one thing, this targets families who are -- have a long history of dependency, and it requires them to cooperate with the

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Illinois Community Action Association to identify these families with a long history of dependence. And it goes back to the people who are dealing with these programs now - the community action agencies - who I feel are the ones who are very well-qualified to deal with helping the people that need it the most, the people who have been dependent for a long period of time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

So then explain to me what specific -- what's your goal? What specific actions, objectives -- how are they going to get someone who's been on public aid generation after generation - I guess you're talking about a long history - to -- to become involved in some kind of -- are you talking to open their own business, entrepreneurships? What are you talking about here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

One of the ways is that they're going to use care management techniques that they've been using for awhile, and this program specifically targets those families with a long history of dependency. Yes?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator, I -- I don't have any problems with you targeting that group of people, but we're talking reality here. Now, I'm sure this bill is probably going to pass, because who wouldn't want to get a hundred families off of aid. But let's deal with real reality. If you are able to do this through this -- I'm asking you what specifics or programs are you talking about, and techniques? Do you have a specific program that would move these

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people off of aid, help them to get their own businesses or their own jobs? What are you going to be doing differently from all of the work that we did to set up the new Human Service Department? I know I worked all summer on it. Other people have -- have worked. We've spent thousands -- hundreds of thousands of -- millions of dollars doing it, trying to come up with a plan. What are you talking about here differently than what we -- we are trying to do for all the people?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

There are some programs and some activities that are in this program and then let me just name some of the ones that they're -- I -- I understand now what you're saying. They are talking about expanding TANF to include tuition for parenting skills programs, family support and counseling services, child development services, job readiness and job skills training, and transportation and child care expenses associated with these programs. So it's expanding some of the programs that you were so ably talking about and trying to add some dimensions to them -- the above mentioned to do another dimension of help for these families.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

But, Senator, that is not unlike any program or case management that we are doing right now. I mean, there is absolutely nothing different except you've -- you just targeted one hundred families. We are doing the same thing -- should be doing the same thing for all families on public aid now and under the new TANF program to move them off public aid, and that's what we are doing -- we're supposed to be doing. So I'm trying to find

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out, what are you doing different?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

There is also a research part of this bill, and in my opinion, it needs to go back to the community action agencies to institute the things that I mentioned and research to make sure that the programs that we have instituted before are, in fact, working for these families who need it so desperately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you very much. I can certainly, Senator Myers, relate to you when you talk about community action agencies and their involvement. I guess the question that I have - and I'm talking with the staff back here - the community action agencies did come in and testify on behalf of this bill, as I -- as I understand. And also the quarrel that I guess I have is your bill says that the family and community development grant program shall be administered by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Now, is it your intent, then, under this bill that they -- they are the so-called administering agency, but they would be in a position to subcontract or to contract with other vendors, accept applications?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Well, in fact, the agency with Frank McNeil was available and did testify in favor of this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Yeah. That -- that was my only -- we're talking about the community action agencies. However, you're also talking about a very small program of eight or more -- less than -- not less than eight or no more than ten projects to move a hundred families. I don't quarrel with what you're doing. I guess the concept is very good. The bill's probably to pass overwhelmingly here. The problem that I have is that there's such a proliferation these days of -- of agencies that are involved with the so-called welfare-to-work, one-stop shopping, things of that nature, the Human Resources Council. I guess this is a insignificant bill, I guess, unless it -- unless there's some funding for it, and I'm told that there isn't. So I just hope that the community action agencies are the principal vendors that are being considered to be the administering agents for this -- this type of legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis.

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I think this bill is a step in the right direction. First of all, this bill, it was filed at the request of the Illinois Community Action Association. We have a Illinois Community Action programs in my county and they've been working very well and very hard with very distressed people, financially. And I think when you stop to think that the -- the goal of the family and community development grant would be to provide services to families at risk of long-term economic dependency in order to provide economic opportunities which would move the families to self-sufficiency is a very worthwhile situation. So I certainly speak in favor of it, and let's go on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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

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SENATOR MYERS:

I would remind them that it was the community action agency who came to me and ask that I take the bill. This bill went flying out of here last year with, I think, no opposition. I would ask that we continue with this program, which does help the families who need it the most, and I would ask for a favorable vote today. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1350 pass. 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 54 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1350, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1372. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson. Senate Bill 1380. Senator Cullerton. Senate Bill 1386. Senator Trotter. Senate Bill 1387. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1424. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1430. Senator Parker. Out of the record. Senator Link, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

... you, Mr. President, a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR LINK:

I'd like to welcome to the Senate gallery, in the President's Gallery, one of our distinguished Mayors from Lake County, from Green Oaks, Mayor Tom Adams.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guest please -- in the gallery please rise and be recognized? And welcome to Springfield. On the top of page 7, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1446. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1473. Senator Donahue. Senator

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Donahue. Senate Bill 1491. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1507.
Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1510. Madam Secretary, read the
bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1510.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Philip.

SENATOR PHILIP:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.
Senate Bill 1510 amends the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act.
And evidently last Session when we passed it, unbeknownst to me,
we -- we left out a few counties. We used to be able to get two
thousand two hundred and fifty dollars grand prize for a day for
those counties. This increases it and makes all the counties the
same. So all the counties in these pull tab could get up to five
thousand dollars in one day. Now, this involves those
non-for-profit clubs: the VFW, American Legion, Elks, Moose, KCs,
et cetera. So it just puts everything on the same playing field.
Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill
1510 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, 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 33 Ayes, 16 Nays, 2 voting Present. And
Senate Bill 1510, having received the required constitutional
majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1527. Senator Link.
Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1527.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill would create a deduction for corporations in the amount of equal of twenty-five percent of the expense related to the construction and installation of cellular towers contingent upon the towers being shared jointly by telecommunication carriers. This is to try to alleviate the amount of towers that we're having built, and I would ask for your positive vote on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Yes. For purposes of a question, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Senator Link, why are we doing this? Why would we be giving these private companies a subsidy on this? What's the reason for that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

The main reason is, is that we have this surplus of towers going up, and in like in my district and adjoining districts, we're having six, eight towers being built in the same lot. And what we're trying to do is get the telecommunications together to get more antennas on one tower. And I think this is a way of increasing them to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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Senator Klemm.

SENATOR KLEMM:

Well, I guess to the question, Mr. President. It would seem to me that if all these companies are each putting up their own individual towers and you'd like to have them consolidated under one tower, that it would really cost them half as much if two of them got together, or if three of them, it would only be a third of the cost, and they could do that individually on their own and save that as a business expense, rather than the taxpayers now subsidizing the same point. And it would seem to me, as a business guy, I would think that makes good eminent sense what you're trying to do, but I think they can do that of -- on their own, saving their own dollars without the taxpayers giving a subsidy to have them do what they can do on their own. So I really think this would be an expense that I think we should be cautious about. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Don't -- don't municipalities -- incorporated municipalities have zoning authority over tower construction? I mean, you can't locate a tower in a municipality without zoning permission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes. You're correct, Senator, but this does not all -- this is basically for your unincorporated areas where we've been having a number of problems when we worked on a bill last year to try to

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alleviate this problem. What we're trying to do is in these unincorporated areas that are right next to municipalities, we have a case where they can do basically as they please, and that's where your towers are coming up, and they're on the borderlines of municipalities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Then is the sponsor saying that this only applies to towers that would be constructed in unincorporated areas?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No, it doesn't, Senator. But this is a -- this is a bill that right now is a five-year sunset bill that would go into effect. So it's trying to enhance what we got going right now in the massive growth of these towers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Rauschenberger.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Well, to the -- to the bill: I certainly appreciate the sponsor's intention, and I think it's a worthy effort to try to get the industry to work together, but inasmuch as corporations pay less than eight percent of the income tax collections in the State of Illinois, I -- and in -- in recognition of the fact that both AT&T, MCI and Ameritech are all doing very well, I would encourage him, perhaps, to pursue a zoning solution, rather than a -- than a revenue solution. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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Senate. To the bill: I think we're missing the point, and I think the point is that we are being cluttered with these towers, and here is an opportunity without having to get into a myriad of -- of local laws, which we all know can cause more problems sometimes than what they -- they -- they cure. The reason for this is to say let's have one tower instead of five towers, which is a bill, to me, which is in the public interest. It's in the interest of the community as a whole. I think it's a good bill and we ought to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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

SENATOR LINK:

I just would ask for affirmative vote on this. I think this is a step in the right direction to alleviate an eyesore, and I would hope that we'd get a positive vote on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1527 pass. 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 25 Ayes, 26 Nays, 1 voting Present. And Senate Bill 1527, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Senator Link, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Can I -- Mr. President, can I put this on Postponed Consideration?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Link requests Senate Bill 1528 -- 1527 be placed on Postponed Consideration. Senate Bill 1528. Senator O'Malley. Senator O'Malley. ...Bill 1544. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1557. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1561. Senator Cronin. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1565. Senator

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Watson. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1565.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation was requested by Marion County Board in my district, but of course it has statewide implications for all units of local government. And as you know, under current law, counties can ask for voter approval for a sales tax increase of one-quarter percent if those proceeds are going to a public safety purpose. A situation in Marion County is they have a overcrowded jail. They spend about four hundred thousand dollars a year in fees for having inmates stay in outside jail space. So they put the vote -- to the vote of the people and the vote was about over sixty percent in support of this quarter-percent increase in the sales tax. The problem is that the current law also says that the Department of Revenue must be notified before July 1st and the collection, the Department would begin the following January 1st. And what that means is, you have the -- the referendum in November, you wait till the following July 1st to file with the Department of Revenue and then you wait till the following January 1st to begin collecting it. So it's over -- almost a year and a half before you begin receiving the revenues. This -- this would allow for that speedup of the collection to July 1st. So they would have to file within thirty days. Department of Revenue supported the legislation, and I know no -- of opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any discussion? If not... Senator Clayborne.

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes. I, too, rise in support of this -- this bill, because there's a municipality in my district that's affected by this, and I, too, ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1565 pass. 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 44 Ayes, 6 Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1565, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1567. Senator Mahar. Senate Bill 1568. Senator Peterson, do you wish this bill returned to 2nd Reading for purposes of an amendment? Senator Peterson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1568 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 Senate Bill 1568. Madam Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment 1 to 1568 just makes the bill permissive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1602. Senator Molaro. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1602.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members. 1602 amends the Court Reporters Act, and it deletes language that describes specific positions that the Supreme Court may authorize the chief judge of any single circuit to fill in -- administering needs for court reporters. By empowering the chief judges of the single-county circuits to appoint staff as required in meeting court needs, this gives greater flexibility and autonomy to manage the vital needs for the services that court reporters provide. Actually what this bill does is court reporters - every county has them. And the three main counties - Will, DuPage and Cook - has all the court reporters, and the chief judge goes out and he has administrators who administrate these court reporters. They're paid by the Supreme Court. This bill had certain guidelines and certain amounts of money that they could be paid, the old bill from 1973. This eliminates a lot of the language and allows the chief judge to more easily and more cleanly administrate court reporters. And that's what the bill does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Senator, this wasn't heard in -- in the Judiciary Committee. It made it on an Agreed Bill List, I think by error. So we -- we haven't really had a debate on this yet, and I -- I need the -- I talked to you this morning about some questions, and I was -- thought maybe you would address them in your opening remarks. Currently there's a -- a limit on the number of administrative personnel. You can have an administrator, a deputy administrator, two assistants, one reporter supervisor and one assistant. This takes off the limit. Can you tell me why?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Well, the reason for it is that instead of delineating one of each or two of each, this would allow the chief judge, if necessary, to have three assistants and maybe just eliminate one of the other titles that are involved. So it just gives more autonomy to the chief judge, as opposed to being delineated in the statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Would the number of personnel be subject to appropriation by the county board, or would the county board be required to fund any positions that the chief judge chose to have?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

You know, to be quite honest, all we're talking about is the amount of money that are paid in administrative services over and

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above their salary as a court reporter. So we're just talking about the overage and that's actually paid for by the State; hence, that's the reason we're here. So it's -- the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois actually would -- it's -- it's their appropriation, as I understand it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Currently an administrative personnel individual has to have an A proficiency rating by examination. Your bill deletes that. Can you tell me why you no longer feel that an A proficiency rating is required?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Well, basically, I -- I just talked to Administrator of the Supreme Court. He tells me there are probably in the entire State of Illinois a few people who -- maybe a few remnants who had a B. Almost everybody does have an A. The A on the proficiency rating is their rating as a court reporter, not as an administrator. There is no test that you take as an administrator. The only test in the A rating comes as your proficiency in court reporting. So everybody in Cook County has to be an A to even be hired as a -- as a court reporter, and that was just brought out because we wanted to take out as much as we can to give the autonomies to the chief judge.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Another change in this bill: Under current law, administrative personnel, as you indicated, receive additional sums to compensate them for their administrative duties, and

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you're indicating that the State would be paying for those sums. However, under current law, those sums are capped by law. This completely removes the cap. Why are you doing that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Well, I stated earlier these numbers -- and you have administrative court reporters. In Cook County - I don't know the exact number - there's over four hundred and eighty court reporters. So the cap now is the administrator of these four hundred eighty employees would -- can only get twenty thousand dollars per year. The deputy administrator can get fifteen thousand a year. Now, these amounts were put in decades ago - at least twenty years ago, I'm told. So for us to sit back here and say, well, maybe it should only be forty thousand or thirty thousand, what this does is, the chief judge may decide we're going to have an administrator, but we don't want a deputy, we don't want an assistant administrator. So instead of capping them, we would give that money to the administrator, and this allows for more flexibility by the chief judge.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Hawkinson.

SENATOR HAWKINSON:

Well, I guess my suggestion would be that you -- you take this bill out and you put some reasonable cap in. Because the situation you're setting up now is you're having one individual can set a salary at, theoretically, any level and requiring the State to pay for that. And I think if you've got an outdated salary cap, you ought to come in with a reasonable one, and that would be my recommendation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Any further discussion? Senator -- Senator Shadid.

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SENATOR SHADID:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Senator Molaro, how many counties does this affect?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Three counties, the ones that have single circuits: Will, DuPage and Cook County.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

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

SENATOR MOLARO:

Well, one of the reasons I didn't talk about everything in my first presentation of the bill is I wanted Senator Hawkinson to have a chance to get up. I just want to point out one thing to Senator Hawkinson and the Members. The first line of this Statute has not changed. And the first line reads: "The Supreme Court may authorize the chief judge..." So at any time anything that we do in the Statute, whether we delete or not delete, the -- Supreme Court can take that authorization away from the Circuit Court. This will move over to the House if it has enough votes. There are certain things that we can look at, as far as putting on this pay scale, but we're not, at this point, ready to do that. I think the Supreme Court is going to look at these three circuits, and if the chief judge of that circuit gets too high of a salary, the Supreme Court's not going to allow it and take that right away from them. So I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1602 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. And the voting is

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open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 31 Ayes, 21 Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1602, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1612. Senator O'Malley. On the top of page 8, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 1617. Senator Molaro. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1617.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Molaro.

SENATOR MOLARO:

Being on a roll, let me just tell you what this bill does. This amends an -- an Act which may not be well-known, but is very important to the people of the State of Illinois. It's called the Dance Studio Act. Yes, we have one. Basically, it was created in 1965 and it has a lot of provisions in it that protects the consumers so they don't get ripped off by these unscrupulous dance studio people. Anyway, what it was, in 1965 we put a cap of twenty-five hundred dollars, which is the most you can do in a contract. There are all kinds of provisions which protects the consumer - no contract can be over a year, you could terminate it at any time, there must be bonding requirements - but in 1965 twenty-five hundred dollars was a lot of money. In today's dollars, it might be eighty thousand. For those of you who don't know, and I'm going to speed this up, ballroom dancing will be an Olympic sport in the year 2000. So a lot of people want to take dancing lessons and they can't do it with twenty-five hundred dollars. So we're just going to take that one little provision and delete the cap, and that's what the bill does.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1617 pass. 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 46 Ayes, 3 Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1617, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1622. Senator Myers. Senate Bill 1627. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 1664. Senator Cronin, do you wish this bill returned to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment? Senator Cronin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1664 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing... Out of the record. Senate Bill 1674. Senator Dillard. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1675. Senator Dillard. Senate Bill 1694. Senator Parker. Senate Bill 1698. Senator Shaw. Senate Bill 1700. Senator Donahue. Senate Bill 1701. Senator Maitland. Senate Bill 1702. Senator Butler. Senator Butler. Senate Bill 1704. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 1705. Senator Watson. Senate Bill 1706. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. Senate Bill 1707. Senator Sieben. Senator Sieben. On the top of page 9, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 1710. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1711. Senator Donahue. Senate Bill 1712. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1713. Senator Geo-Karis. ...the request of the sponsor, we'll hold Senate Bills 1806 through 1815. Senate Bill 1830. Senator Rauschenberger. Senator Rauschenberger. On the top of page 10, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 1846. Senator Petka. Senate Bill 1875. Senator Fawell. Senate Bill 1878. Senator Bowles. Senator Bowles? Senate Bill 1884. Senator Demuzio. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1884.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1884 is a provision that would provide for a quicker procedure in order to obtain a temporary restraining order. It is this -- intent that those who have a serious gambling problem that this might be in order to help them... Take it out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Out of the record. Senate Bill 1889. Senator Cronin. Senate Bill 1892. Senator O'Malley. Senator O'Malley. Senate Bill 1896. Senator Philip. Senate Bill 1901. Senator Madigan. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1901.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Madigan.

SENATOR MADIGAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1901 increases the current allowable amount that is allowed to be paid for a medical condition on a life insurance policy that contains those provisions in advance of a death from twenty-five percent of the face amount of the life policy or annuity to seventy-five percent. That's what the bill does. I'd be happy to answer any questions on Senate Bill 1901. Otherwise would...

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1901 pass. 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 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1901, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bomke, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

State your point.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Would like to recognize, behind the President, Andy Goleman and Paul Schumann, members of the Farm Bureau. Andy is a distinguished member, also a distinguished member of the Sangamon County Board. Would like...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Will our guests in the gallery please rise and be recognized? Welcome to Springfield. We're on -- in the middle of page 10, in the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 1903. Senator Madigan. Senate Bill 1904. Senator Madigan. 1911. 1912. 1919. Senate Bill 1938. Senator Philip. Senator Mahar, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MAHAR:

For the purpose of an announcement. The Senate Environment and Energy Committee will meet immediately after adjournment in Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator Karpziel, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KARPIEL:

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To announce a Republican Caucus. We will be caucusing at 12:30 in Senator Philip's Office. Please be prompt. Following that we do have a meeting set up for the entire caucus, as well, at 1 o'clock. So please be prompt for the caucus at 12:30 in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

Senator DeLeo, what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DeLEO:

Thank you, Mr. President. We'll ask for a Democratic Caucus at 12:30 in Senator Jones' Office. Same time: 12:30. Democratic Caucus.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DUDYCZ)

A Republican Caucus at 12:30 in Senator Philip's Office. A Democratic Caucus at 12:30 in Senator Jones' Office. The Senate... For clarification of the Members, Senator Mahar's announcement of committee will be immediately upon recess, which we will be recessing until the hour of 2. So the Senate will stand in recess until the hour of 2.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS)

(SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senate will be in order. 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 Judiciary - Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1628, Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1713, and Amendment 1 to Senate

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Bill 1884; to the Committee on Local Government and Elections - Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1280; to the Committee on Revenue - Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1349 and Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1566; to the Committee on Transportation - Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1293; and Be Approved for Consideration - Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1306 and Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1840.

Senator Mahar, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1265 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 58, offered by Senators Maitland and Weaver.

It's substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

It would certainly be nice if the Membership would come to the Floor and move some of their bills - if you want 'em moved this year. House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY HARRY:

House Bill 1072.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Offered by Senator Syverson.

House Bill 2367, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2452, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2491, offered by Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2643, Senator Sieben.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2671 is presented by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 2703, by Senator Kehoe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2747, offered by Senator Syverson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2869, Senator Kehoe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2887, offered by Senator Karpel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Sieben offers House Bill 2950.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3025, offered by Senator Berman.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

On page 5, we'll run through Senate Bills on 3rd Reading one more time. Senate Bill 499. Senator Maitland? Out of the record. 668, Senator Maitland? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1247. Senator Watson? Excuse me. Senator Jones, on 1223? Out of the record. Senator Watson, on 1247? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1247.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This piece of legislation attempts to address a problem that high schools are now having as a result of a bill we passed last fall, many high school districts. And of course, as you know, we have dual districts, we have unit districts. So I'm talking about high school districts

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now. When they had the weighting factor, we eliminated that weighting factor in the bill last fall. What this is an attempt to do is to reduce the qualifying rate from a dollar twenty to a dollar for high school units, and what it will do, in essence, is help them raise money -- get more money from the State to offset the losses that incurred as a result of the loss of the weighting factor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there discussion? Seeing none, do you wish to close? Senator Watson moves the adoption of Senate Bill 1247. If there's no discussion, all in favor will signify by voting Aye. Opposed, Nay. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 52, the Nays are none, none voting Present. Senate Bill -- 1247, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Garcia? Senator Butler, on -- out of the record. Senator Watson, on 1258? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1258.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amends the Higher Education Student Assistance Act and deals with the maximum Monetary Award Program that we adopt each year. This year we're asking for a two-hundred-dollar increase for full-time students, and part-time students would go from two thousand and sixty to two thousand one hundred and sixty - a one-hundred-dollar increase. This has been -- in the Governor's budget. Flew out of the committee with no opposition, and it is from the Illinois Student Assistance

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Commission.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I have a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

He indicates he would yield.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Watson, what's the total cost of this proposal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

...point seven million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Senator Watson, if we keep subsidizing the tuition at private colleges, do you think that this is driving up the cost of tuition at private colleges?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

No, I do not at all. In fact, this is not only for private, it's for public.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

Well, yesterday, in the Appropriations Committee, we had a witness who testified that it did drive up the tuition costs at private colleges. That's why I was wondering if you had any information on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

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Senator Watson.

SENATOR WATSON:

I'm not sure what the rationale would be for that, Senator. I -- I do not have any information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Any further discussion? Senator Welch.

SENATOR WELCH:

I'll have the witness contact you directly then, Senator. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Is there further discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1258 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, the Ayes are 53, the Nays are none, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1258, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Butler, on 1280? Out of the record. Senator Peterson, on 1305? Excuse me, Senator. Senator Watson, on 1291, do you wish to call that? Out of the record. Senator O'Malley, do you wish to call 1528? Out of the record. Senator Peterson, do you wish to recall 1568 to the Order of 2nd Reading? 1568. Senator Peterson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1568 to the Order -- out of the record. Senator Butler, do you wish to call 1702? Out of the record. Senator Watson, do you wish to call 1705? Out of the record. For what purpose Senator Geo-Karis seek recognition?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm delighted to tell you that today we have a number of legislative interns from the Lake County Centers for Independent Living, which -- sponsored by my good friend -- our good friend from Zion, Illinois, who is an officer of that organization, Barbara

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Anderson. And they're upstairs in the center gallery, right opposite you. Let's welcome them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Will our guests be welcomed by the Senate? Welcome to Springfield. Senator Sieben, did you want to call 1707? Out of the record. Senator Bowles, did you wish to call 1878? Out of the record. On page 2 of your Calendar, we'll go through 2nds one more time. I'd admonish the Members to move their bills if they expect them to be heard. On page 2, top of the page. Senator Syverson, on 1210. Senator Syverson? Out of the record. Senator Carroll, -- 1215? Out of the record. Senator Fawell, on Senate Bill 1259? Out of the record. Senator Peterson, on 1290? Out of the record. Senator Bowles, on 1328? Out of the record. Senator Bowles, on 1365? Do you wish to move that bill, Senator Bowles? Out of the record. Senator Garcia, on 1370? Read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 1370.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted one amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

3rd Reading. Senator Sieben, on 1455, do you wish to move the bill? Out of the record. Senator Radogno, on 1566? Out of the record. Senator Burzynski, on 1633, do you wish to move the bill? Out of the record. Senator Lauzen, on 1750, do you wish to move the bill? Out of the record. Senator Trotter, on 1853? Out of

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the record. Senator Karpel, on 1895? Out of the record. Is there any further business to bring before the Senate? If not, the Senate will stand adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

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