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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Charles Straight, the Wesley United Methodist Church, in Chicago, Illinois. Reverend.

THE REVEREND CHARLES STRAIGHT:

(Prayer by the Reverend Charles Straight)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I -- I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal of February 28th, 2006, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 918 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Pensions and Investments, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 789 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Crotty, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 701, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 821, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 835, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 841, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 843, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2798, Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3046, all recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Lightford, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 855,

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Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 860, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2257, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2670, Senate Amendments 1, 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 2795 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2796 recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 663, offered by Senator Wilhelmi and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Resolutions Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

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

House Bill 4370.

Passed the House, March 21 {sic}, 2006.

I have like Messages with respect to House Bills 4314, 4404, 4451, 4463, 4546, 4845, 5256, 5295, 5382.

All passed the House, March 21 {sic}, 2006.

And I have a like Message with respect to House Bills 4079, 4649, 5340.

All passed the House, February 28th, 2006.

Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution 55.

Offered by Senator Dillard. It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention, please. I'd like to have Senator Bomke in the Chair for a special recognition and we have

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some -- wonderful guests, our new State Champions. So, at this time, I'd have Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

If -- if I can briefly have your attention. With me, I -- I want to recognize the Chatham Glenwood Titans. They are the IHSA Class AA Soccer -- Boys Soccer Champions. They had a record of 26 and 1. Coach is Jay Lipe, Tom Johnson, and Assistant Coach, which many of you may recognize, Greg Lipe. I'm going to turn it over to Jay Lipe at this point to make a few comments.

COACH JAY LIPE:

(Remarks and introductions by Coach Lipe)

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to page 2 of your Calendar. Senator -- President Emil Jones, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir? Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Sullivan, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 621, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill -- pardon me, 2716 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2810 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Clayborne, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Energy, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 619, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2285, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2580, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2807, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2845, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2884 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Ronen, Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 951, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2326, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2328, Senate Amendment 1 {sic} (2) to Senate Bill 2436, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2465, Senate Amendment 1 {sic} (2) to Senate Bill 2568, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2654, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2695, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2967 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial

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Institutions, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 893, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2325, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2349 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Meeks, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Community Affairs, reports Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2290 recommended Do Adopt.

Senators Cullerton and Dillard, Chairpersons of the Committee on Judiciary, report Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1183, Senate Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 2137, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2243, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2284, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2303, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2368, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2374, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2676, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2684, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2737, Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2869, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2962, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2968, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3016 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Munoz, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1085, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1086, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1087, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2233, Senate Amendment 1 {sic} (2) to Senate Bill 2405, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2489, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2650, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2808 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Silverstein, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 820, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1214, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1991, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2180, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2277, Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2302, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2558, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2981, Senate Amendment 1 {sic} (2) to Senate Bill 3086 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 702, Senate Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 819, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2369, and Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2872 recommended Do Adopt.

Senator Demuzio, Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on State

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Government, reports Senate Amendments 5 and 6 to Senate Bill 2330 and Senate Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2921 recommended Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Jacobs, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Mr. President, point of personal preference.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I'd like to introduce the students from Chicago College of Pharmacy. I'd like 'em to stand, please, and give 'em a warm Senate welcome. And let you know my wife was a first graduate from your school. We appreciate your help.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guests be -- please rise and be recognized by the Illinois Senate. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Lauzen, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I would like to introduce to the Senate two friends from back home, Kristen Daniels from Midwestern University in Downers Grove and Mayor Kevin Burns from the lovely City of Geneva. I would ask the Senate to welcome our two friends from up...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our friends from the western suburbs -- welcome to Springfield. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen -- Ladies and Gentlemen, we -- starting on bills -- Senate Bills 2nd Reading on page 2 of your Calendar. Before we start on 2nd Readings, there's been many inquiries of the Senate President whether we're going to be here Friday or not. Please pay attention, Ladies and Gentlemen. Could I have your attention, please? May I have your attention, please? There's been many inquiries on the Senate President whether there's going to be Floor action on Friday. That all depends on today's -- what we dispose of today and

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tomorrow morning. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are going to -- to 2nd Readings for the final time. Senate Bills 2nd Reading for the final time. Please, let's move your bills in a timely fashion so we can get enough Floor time in today and tomorrow that we would -- we would not require Floor time on Friday. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, on the top of page 2 of your Calendar, is Senate Bill 2144. Senator Mike Jacobs, do you wish to proceed, sir? Excuse me, Senator... President Jones, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

PRESIDENT JONES:

Yeah, thank you, Mr. President. Yeah. I heard the announcement that you made and if Senator Righter and -- and Senator Roskam would tone it down a little bit, perhaps we can complete our work tomorrow. But if they continue to talk, we'll be here. But as we are here, you know, this is March 1st, you know, as we're get ready to move into the great season of baseball and all those other great things - March Madness and everything - there was a little other madness going on. I notice right next to me this -- this young lady. All of a sudden, she looks so young and beautiful. I -- I bought her a lot of candy. And on this day -- on this day a few years ago, a great thing happened. Debbie DeFrancesco Halvorson was born on this great day. Let's wish her a happy birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The Illinois Senate would like to wish a very happy birthday to Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Just so you know - thank you, Mr. -- President - we have Little Debbies here instead of a birthday cake. So, everybody please come and enjoy a Little Debbie. 'Cause everybody else has had a little piece of my stress today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Jones, President Jones.

PRESIDENT JONES:

Also -- also celebrating a great birthday today, our -- our great press secretary on this side, Cindy Davidsmeyer. Today is her birthday, as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

A very happy birthday, Cindy, from the entire Illinois

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Senate. Senate President Jones, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

PRESIDENT JONES:

I was -- I was looking for Senator -- Senator Hendon to see if he can go in the Chair. But also, Jeremy Flynn, our Associate Director of Communications staff - today is his birthday. We have many birthdays we are celebrating on this side of the aisle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Very happy birthday. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just for purposes of announcement. Would like the record to reflect that Senator Rauschenberger is out of town on legislative business and Senator Winkel is out of town on personal business. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Righter, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. First, I want to appreciate -- I want to make sure that you and the Senate President know that Senator Roskam and I and everyone else on this side of the aisle will try to be as concise and relevant as we always are in the debate on the Democrat Members' bills; second, since you've announced that this is the last time that we'll be going through 2nd Reading, it's my recollection in the committee that I'm the spokesperson on, and I'm sure in other committees, there are a number of commitments hanging out there by Members, saying that the bill will be held on 2nd until an amendment can be moved back through. If there is a problem, procedurally, now with that commit {sic} being -- being kept, and now your instruction that 2nds will only be gone through one more time, if those Members would be kind enough to speak to the Chair and the spokespersons of those committees, I think that that would probably help move the process along quicker.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Top of page 2. You have Senate Bill 2144. Senator Jacobs, do you wish to proceed, sir? Out of the record. Senator

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Silverstein, on 2180, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2180.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Silver -- Senator Silverstein, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the Body's -- as you know there's been a lot of debate between the -- where -- beer and wine industry. I -- I will tell you, there is -- they -- they have an -- there is an agreed compromise that has been worked out between both sides and been heavily negotiated. I want to thank -- personally thank Senator Link. That compromise is sitting in the House. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the amendment filed because of the deadline we had. And I just want to make the same representation I did to committee to the Body. I'm asking that we adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 today. I'm -- I'm not going to call the bill as it is right now. I am hopeful that there will be a -- a Floor amendment coming out would make -- makes it identical to the House bill over -- over on the other side which all parties have agreed. So, I will not -- I'm asking that we move this to 3rd. I will hold it until that Floor amendment comes out. If it doesn't, then we'll just have to deal with -- deal with it when the House comes -- House bill comes over. So, I'll take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose you rise, sir?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate.

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Is this the original language that was -- now has become Amendment 2 or so?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Yes, but there's been a little tweaking. But like I said, I'm not going to move this amendment out for final passage. It will be with the -- I -- maybe I'd call it a trailer amendment that will be on the House. They'll be -- come out -- when we go to the Floor amendment, it will come to the -- the Senate Floor. It will be identical to whatever is in the House, 'cause that's the deal they had. The worry is that, let's say, the House bill comes over here; for some unknown reason, it doesn't get out of Rules, which I don't know if would ever happen. So, that -- that -- that's the intent. But I'm not moving this until that bill and everyone is comfortable with it, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

There's no -- no other intentions that you have with regard to this bill. Is that -- is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

No, I -- I tend to favor -- I -- I -- I'm going to -- I'm going to work with the agreement they worked out in the House. I'm not doing anything else with this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Roskam, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator, there's just been a lot of confusion all the way around and just to sort of slow the process down and to reiterate, I think a little bit of your conversation with Senator Luechtefeld, just for the point of clarity. This is the

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compromised legislation between the beer -- this is -- eventually, it's your hope, will be the compromised legislation between the Beer Distributors and the wine industry that they're both agreed to. Is that right, eventually?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

That's correct, Senator Roskam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Roskam.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

And there's a -- there's a shell bill in the House or there's some incarnation of this in the House right now and it's your hope that probably this bill may not even be necessary and that it gets taken care of and amended properly in the House and that we move the House bill. But if that doesn't happen for some reason, then this bill is still alive so that the compromise legislation that both the Beer Distributors and the wine industry have approved of can be on this bill. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Silverstein moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2180. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Sandoval, on Senate Bill 2196, sir. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Sandoval. 2196. Out of the record. Senator Dillard, on 2198, sir. Senator Kirk Dillard, on 2198. Out of the record. Senator Maloney. Senator Maloney, on 2225, sir. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2225.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill. Excuse me. 2nd Reading of the bill.  
No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Maloney, on 2229, sir. Out of the record. Senator Crotty. Senator Maggie Crotty, on 2237, ma'am. Out of the record. Senator Burzynski, on 2303, sir. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2303.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Burzynski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski, on your amendment, sir.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The amendment just basically states that provisions of the bill do not apply to any health care facilities defined in statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Burzynski moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2303. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Susan Garrett, on 2326, ma'am. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2326.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Garrett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Garrett, on Floor Amendment No. 2, ma'am.

SENATOR GARRETT:

Yes. Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 addresses the establishment of a residential health care facility residential {sic} (resident) -- sexual and death review teams, reviews of nursing home resident sexual assaults and deaths, and the access of review teams to information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Garrett moves the adoption of amendment -- Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2326. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say -- Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator...(microphone cutoff)...on 2349, ma'am. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2349.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor -- Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Collins, to explain Floor Amendment No. 3, ma'am.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 3 deletes all and becomes the bill. And what the bill does, or Floor Amendment No. 3, creates the

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Mortgage Rescue Fraud Act. The Floor amendment was at the behest of the Attorney General to address some issues and I'll be happy to discuss it further on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Collins moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2349. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Millner, on 2374, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2374.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Millner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Millner, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR MILLNER:

Of the -- basically requires a hearing regarding statements that were made to somebody who was subsequently killed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Millner moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2374. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Cullerton, on 2415, sir. Senator John Cullerton. Out of the record. Senator Millner, on 2426, sir.

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Out of the record. Senator Terry Link, on 2442, sir. Senator Terry Link, on 2442. Senator Link, on 2442, sir. Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on 2519, ma'am. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2519.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Economic -- Commerce and Economic Development adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, on top -- Senate Bills, continuing 2nd Reading, on top of page 3 of your Calendar is Senate Bill 2558. Senator Silverstein. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2558.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Committee Amendment No. 1 {sic} (2).

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Silverstein, to explain Floor Amendment No. 3, sir.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 3 prohibits the -- the State from -- prohibits the State, any local government or school district from using a -- radio frequency identification chip with certain exceptions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Silverstein moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2558. All those in favor will say

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Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. No. 3rd Reading. Senator Halvorson, on 2561, ma'am. Senator Halvorson, on 2561, ma'am. Out of the record. Senator John Cullerton. Senator John Cullerton, on 2568, sir. Senator Cullerton. Senator Cullerton, on 2568, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2568.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Committee Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Cullerton, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. At the suggestion of the committee, I provided some changes to the original bill which is on 2nd Reading. We increase the penalties for someone to violate the Act. We lower the amount of plants that a person could possess from twelve down to eight. And we increase the penalties for -- for transferring these plants to someone else. We also limited the number of caregivers that a person could have. We limited the number of dispensaries that there could exist throughout the State and in -- in general made it a much better bill. So, be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, ma'am? Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Geo-

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Karis, just a minute. We're having some audio problem. Senator Geo-Karis. Senator Cullerton, we're having audio problems with Senator Geo-Karis, but basically I can hear. Her question is, what is the essence of the amendment? Could you quickly redescribe the amendment, sir? Could we have some attention, please? Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you very much. What it does is to tighten up the bill that came out of committee. It reduces the amount of plants that a person could possess from twelve to eight. It limits the number of dispensaries that could exist throughout the State. And it creates a criminal penalty for someone to violate this Act by not using this medicinal purpose cannabis for themselves. If they transfer it to somebody else, we actually increased the penalties for what otherwise would be against the law -- what would be against the law. So, with that, whether you are for or against the bill, I -- I think this a much better bill as a result of this amendment. And would ask for -- that it be adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Thank you. Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Silverstein, on 2574, sir. Senator Ira Silverstein. Madam Secretary, please read the bill. No. Out of the record. Out of the record. Sponsor indicates out of the record. Senator James Clayborne, on 2580. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2580.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration, Madam Secretary?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. It requires various State agencies to adopt rules for a process to speed up the agencies' permit and licensing process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2580. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, has there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Link, on 2611, sir. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senator Shadid. Senator George Shadid, on 2615, sir. Out -- out of the record. Senator Collins. Senator Jacqui Collins, on 2619, ma'am. Out of the record. Senator -- Senator Collins, on 2670, ma'am. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2670.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Collins, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, ma'am.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Basically, Amendment No. 1 becomes the bill and what the

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bill accomplishes, or seeks to accomplish, to allow grandparents to register grandchildren for school meeting -- after meeting certain criteria.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Collins moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2680 {sic}. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Demuzio, on 2674, ma'am. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2674.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Demuzio, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, ma'am.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 retains the bill and changes the provision for staffing audits. Floor Amendment 1 requires the Auditor General to audit Executive Branch Code agencies to determine five-year trends in staffing levels for direct line service programs starting in FY'07.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Demuzio moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2674. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Silverstein, on 2676, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2676.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Silverstein, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 deletes and becomes the bill. It amends the Illinois Power of -- Attorney Act to expand the powers granted in the statutory short form power of attorney to allow an agent to open, close and control a Totten Trust, a Payable on Death Account.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Silverstein moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill -- 2676. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Link. Senator Terry Link, on 2688, sir. Out of the record. Senator Trotter, on 2693, sir. Do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. Senator Maloney, on 2737, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2737.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Maloney, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment simply says that a motion can be filed; after hearing of evidence, then the court has the discretion to order DNA testing to be performed by other than an accredited lab.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2737. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Althoff, on 2777. Do you wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2777.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's -- continuing on Senate Bills 2nd Reading, our final walk-through. We'll go to page 4 of the Calendar. And at the top of page 4 of your Calendar is 2795. Senator Shadid, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2795.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Shadid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Shadid, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR SHADID:

Mr. President, this is Floor Amendment -- Floor Amendment No. 1. Basically, same as the introduced bill, but it attempts to address questions that were brought up after the bill was filed. Amendment No. 1 fills in details about the administration of the new hybrid school districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Shadid. Senator Shadid moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2795. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, is there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Shadid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Shadid, to explain Floor Amendment No. 3, sir.

SENATOR SHADID:

Floor -- thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 3 amends the definitions of "affected district" and "substantially -- coterminous". Ensures that notices, petitions and ballots will make the needed specifications about levying authority in tax cap districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. For clarification, that was Floor Amendment No. 3. Senator Shadid moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2795. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. Floor Amendment No. -- the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Shadid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Shadid, to explain Floor Amendment No. 4, sir.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 4 makes two changes. First, it defines the school needs that regional superintendents and the State Superintendent have to consider in approving or denying a petition to reorganize a district. Second, the amendment clarifies that the provision exempting certain funding bonds from the backdoor referendum requirement only applies after an election approving the opt-in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Shadid moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2795. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Schoenberg. Jeff Schoenberg, on 2845, sir. You wish to proceed? Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2845.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Schoenberg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Schoenberg, on Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 1 becomes the bill and outlines a process by which medical waste would be -- no longer be incinerated by the year -- 2011 at medical facilities or other health facilities owned by hospitals. I ask for your

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favorable consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Schoenberg moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2845. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Munoz, on 2869, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2869.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 3 {sic} (4), offered by Senator Munoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Munoz, to explain Floor Amendment No. 3, sir.

SENATOR MUNOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 4 deletes all and becomes the bill. It amends the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Controlled Substance Act and the Methamphetamine Control Act and Community Protection Act. The amendment provides that when a forfeited conveyance, including an aircraft, vehicle or vessel, is returned to the seizing agency or prosecutor, the conveyance may be used immediately in law enforcement of criminal laws of this State. Requires that upon disposal of the conveyance, all proceeds from the sale of the conveyance be used for drug enforcement purposes. It also allows the proceeds to be used by law enforcement agencies for security cameras that prevent or detect violence. It's effective immediately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, for clarification -- for

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clarification, Amendment No. 1, 2 and 3 were adopted in committee. This is -- 1 and 3 -- Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 3 were adopted in committee. The amendment that Senator Munoz just explained is Floor Amendment No. 4. Having said that, Senate -- Senator Munoz moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 2869. All those in favor, say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senator Petka, on 2962, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2962.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Petka.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Petka, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 2 would provide that if an individual is convicted of a sexual offense, that his license would be cancelled. The person then would be required to register and -- to get his driver's license and would have an annual registration. I would move its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Petka moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2962. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator John Cullerton. Senator John Cullerton, on 2965, sir. Out of the record. Senator Burzynski, on 2969, sir. Out of the record. Senator Silverstein, on 2998, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2869 -- Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 2998.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Silverstein, on 3037, sir. On 3037. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3037.

(Secretary begins to read title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Excuse me -- excuse me, Madam Secretary. Out of the record. Senator Crotty, on 3046, ma'am. Madam Secretary, we'll -- we'll get back in sync here. On 3046, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3046.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No committee amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Has there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Crotty, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, please.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Floor Amendment No. 1 is really a lot of discussions that were taken by all the parties that are involved in this. It would -- it contains some grammatical corrections, technical and

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some -- substantive changes. It also contains language which allows the University of Illinois to join as one of -- as a municipalities, as a potential partner. It defines "customer of -- of the system" and what a "system" would be in the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 3046. All those in favor, say Aye. All those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment's adopted. Madam Secretary, any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, ma'am.

SENATOR CROTTY:

And simply put, Amendment No. 2 just makes a change from "must" to "may".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 -- adoption of Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 3046. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Trotter, on 3053, sir. Senator Trotter, on 3053, sir. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3053.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, for purposes of announcement. With leave of the Body, for clarification, we're going to go back to Senate Bill -- Ladies and Gentlemen. Okay.

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We're going to correct the record. We're going -- 2869, Senator Munoz's bill. Madam Secretary, for purposes of clarification.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes, Senator. Senate Bill 2869, we previously stated that Committee Amendments 1 and 3 were both adopted. Actually it was Committee Amendment No. 1, only. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, that completes 2nd Readings. That'll be the last time we see these 2nd Readings. We will go to page 4. The bottom of page 4 of your Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, there'll be Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Final action. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Final action. There's Senate Bill 392. Senator DeLeo. Out of the record. Senator Crotty, on 618. Senator Crotty, on 618, ma'am. Out of the record. Senator James Clayborne, on 619, sir. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 619 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading comes House -- Senate Bill 619. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 replaces the language deleting State -- State statutes as an exclusion from State financial assistance for a new electric generating or new gasification facility, a pilot project located in Jefferson County or adjacent county for synthetic natural gas from coal. It also extends the assistance program by one year, set to expire December 31st of 2006.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any -- Senator Risinger, for what purpose you rise? To the bill, sir.

SENATOR RISINGER:

This bill came through committee unopposed. We would urge an Aye vote on this side of the aisle.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. That was to the amendment, sir. Okay. Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 619. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 619. Does the sponsor wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator Clayborne. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 619.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

...ask for your -- I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. The question is, shall Senate Bill 619 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted a wish? Have all voted a wish? Have all voted a wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 619, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, on 621, sir. You wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 621 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Sullivan, to explain your amendment, sir.

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SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is an initiative of the Illinois Soybean Association and it simply redefines or clearly defines soy and biodiesel fuels.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Senator Sullivan moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 621. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 621. Senator Sullivan, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 621.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President. Actually, I do want to take this bill out of the record. There's -- we've had some discussions with the Soybean Association and the petroleum industry. There's going to be some discussions take place over the summer to -- to redefine this issue in the fall and we hope to bring that back in the fall. So, at this time, I want to take it out of the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading on page 5 of your Calendar. Senator Harmon, on 679, sir. Senator Don Harmon, on 679, sir. Out of the record. Senator Wilhelmi, on 701, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator Wilhelmi seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 701 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill

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701 for the purposes of an amendment. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Wilhelmi.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Wilhelmi, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill and would allow -- would modify a Section. It's Section 18-165 of the Property Tax Code and will allow for -- any parcels of five hundred acres or more, it would allow a tax abatement, not to exceed thirty-eight million dollars and not to exceed twenty years in duration. I've had extensive discussions with colleagues on both sides of the aisle. This is supported by every taxing body that would be affected in Wilmington. It includes the City of Wilmington, the Wilmington School District, as well as the Wilmington Fire Protection District. I've had the opportunity to get letters of support from each of these bodies and I've shared those with all members of the committee. This would simply allow for this tax abatement, up to thirty-eight million, would only be for the former Joliet Arsenal, which is currently being developed. The Elwood portion of that arsenal has been developed by CenterPoint and it's created one of the most successful intermodal facilities -- intermodal facilities in the country, certainly in Illinois. This will allow for a big developer, ProLogis, to come in, develop the southern end of the arsenal in Wilmington and create an additional one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in the first year of the abatement, only for the school district. And then by year ten of the -- the abatement - it's a ten-year abatement - that would result in one million three hundred thousand going to Wilmington School District, which is very, very -- a poor school district. I had the opportunity to tour that district and they are in dire need of the revenue and they are fully supportive. The superintendent was in Springfield this morning. I'd be happy to answer any questions. I appreciate the work of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, especially Senator Althoff, who had a meeting in her office with me and the superintendent this morning. And, again, I ask for a favorable

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vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Wilhelmi moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 701. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, is there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 701. Senator Wilhelmi, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 701.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, again, Mr. President. I ask for a favorable vote and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Althoff, for what purpose you rise, ma'am?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much. Senator, I, too, iterate what you have just stated. We've worked very hard on this bill. We have received the three letters from the appropriate taxing bodies. But can you answer for me why we need to increase the statute to thirty-eight million dollars from the twelve million that was already in statute? That's a three times improvement. Can you just explain that for the record?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, this development - the current state of the law would only allow for twelve million dollars of tax abatement for parcels of five hundred acres or more. And the reason why this development needs an additional, I think it's twenty-six million in tax abatement dollars, is that they had it formulated. They did the math and we heard that in committee. Mr. Neal, who drafted the legislation, did the math, and in order for this development to be successful and to get the tenants that they need for the eleven million square feet of -- of -- of the logistics and distribution space that will be built at -- in Wilmington, through that formula, they need the thirty-eight million dollars in tax abatements to allow for the developer to come in and actually start building these -- these facilities and these logistic centers. So that without this abatement, they simply won't come to this part of the arsenal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I would agree. I think this is a great opportunity and a great project. Can you also indicate to me how long the abatement is applied for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

The -- the abatement is for ten years. And in year number one of the abatement, it's a ninety-percent abatement, and then in year ten, it's a ten-percent abatement. And then, obviously, in year eleven, that -- that abatement will -- will no longer be in place and the taxing bodies will get one hundred percent of the revenue of the real estate taxes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

For purposes of my colleague's on this side of the aisle, this actually is a great piece of legislation. A great deal of

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work has gone into it from all of the affected entities and I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Just one quick question, Senator. Is there any assurance that this development will continue after -- this warehousing development will continue after the end of the abatement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Wilhelmi.

SENATOR WILHELMI:

Thank you, Senator. That's a very good question. The annexation agreement that will be drafted between the city and the developer will require that they will not be able to get the abatement unless, in fact, there is the development and the building of these -- of these warehouses. And it'll also say that they will not be able to contest the taxes for the twenty-year period, which is important. Thank you for asking that question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 701 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 701, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on 702, sir. Out of the record. Leave of the Body, we'll come back to 789. Senator Haine, on 819, sir. You wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 819 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted.

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Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 819. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Haine, on the amendment, sir.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a TIF extension for Granite City, Illinois, city I share with Senator Clayborne. And the school boards, all the other taxing bodies are in favor of this. They sent letters which were sent to the file and they're on -- they're on file and I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Haine moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 819. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 819. Senator Haine, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 819.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Haine, to close.

SENATOR HAINE:

I would just ask for a favorable vote. It's very important to Granite City, an old industrial city that's suffered greatly from plant closures over the years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. The question is, shall Senate Bill 819 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay.

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The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 819, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Lauzen, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I would like to introduce to the State Senate, Jordan Hankes from Batavia, Illinois, who is here visiting and -- visiting with her uncle, Andy Hankes, and her grandma, Debbie Hankes, who are in the gallery behind us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized? And welcome to the Illinois Senate. Welcome. Welcome to Springfield. Senator Rutherford, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Mr. President, for an introduction, if I may, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please make your introduction, sir.

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

Thank you. I'm very pleased to have with us today Lauren Masching, who's a seventeen-year-old junior from Dwight High School, who's being a Page for us today. Would you welcome her to the Senate, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please -- welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Roskam, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Mr. President, I'd like to introduce my Page for the Day, Brian Graff, an eighth grader from St. Michael's School in sunny

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Wheaton, Illinois. And his mom, Rhonda, is up in the President's Gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guests please rise and be recognized? And welcome to Springfield. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills -- Senator Cronin. Were you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I wanted to introduce two leaders in education from the City of Elmhurst, District 205, school board members, Marta Davy and Tom Thrall, here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would our guests from Elmhurst please rise and be recognized? And welcome -- welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading. In the -- in the middle of page 5 of your Calendars comes Senate Bill 820. Senator Hendon, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Hendon's going to seek leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 820 for the purposes of an amendment. Is that correct, sir? Hearing no objection, the leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading comes Senate Bills -- 820. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR HENDON:

...this is a good pro-business piece of legislation that attempts to make sure that any municipality that forces businesses to put cameras in front of their business and throughout their business, that the municipality would have to do the same where the aldermen's offices are and where every -- any fines or fees are collected. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. And I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hendon moves the -- the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 820. All those in favor,

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say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, is there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd -- now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 820. Senator Hendon, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 820.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon, on the bill.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. As I said on the amendment, many business people back in the City of Chicago approached me. They -- they were very concerned about putting cameras all over their businesses, in front of the business. It's a unfunded mandate on many of the business people. They don't really want to do this. They think it'll run customers away and have other issues with "Big Brother" overlooking you while you order your crab salad, or something like that. So, this bill is to make sure that that does not happen and that no municipality can just force the businesses in their municipality to put cameras all over to spy on their cooks, busboys and people who come and use their business. I appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Roskam, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR ROSKAM:

Senator Hendon, it is one of the great joys in my life when I get to stand in support of your bills. And I always love it when I find myself -- and I think it was in Judiciary Committee

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last year, or two years ago, when you came in and gave a very passionate plea on behalf of your community on the -- the siren -- not the sirens, but the lights and the cameras and the -- all the action and you were very concerned about that and I was -- and I -- and I agreed with you and I -- I kind of felt like, wow, here I am, you know, I'm -- I'm a State Senator and I'm not from your area and your community and I'm not really in the mix, but I've got to vote and it was sort of like, well, there's Mayor Daley and there's Rickey Hendon, there's Mayor Daley and there's Rickey Hendon - I'm going with Rickey every time. But it strikes me that this -- this legislation that you've advanced, even though it's -- we're sort of teasing about it, it -- I think there's a lot of wisdom to it in that what you're saying is, look, if a city comes up and says that they are going to put this through and -- and make businesses take this mandate on, then -- then -- then the very people that are voting for the mandate and jamming that cost on business, ought, at the very least, to live by the same set of rules. So, it's not as if you're here -- today saying to the Senate that you're necessarily in favor of these cameras, 'cause I know you, and I know you're not. But what you are in favor of is an equal playing field. And I just think -- I think there's a lot of wisdom to your approach and I think it's pretty clever, actually. And I know that you don't mean it just to be clever, but I -- I think that it's well thought out and measured and I would urge its passage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Roskam. Senator Hendon, to close, sir.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Congressman Roskam. I want to thank you very much for your kind comments. And it is very, very, very serious. We have to take spying on our citizens very serious. We cannot allow any terrorist groups or any terrorist acts to make us give up our freedoms here in America. This is the United States of America, land of the free, home of the brave and we have a right to live free and I'd appreciate your Aye vote. One thing we found out about those cameras that they put in my community, is all they did was move the drug dealing from one block to around the corner. And what will happen is they'll move the business from these businesses to other cities and outside the State of

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Illinois and that's why I'm pushing this forward. And I hope that it will cause the mayor pause and the city councilmen pause to -- to push this through because I know for a fact - I was alderman before - and they do not want cameras in -- behind the anteroom at city council. I'd urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. The question is, shall Senate Bill 820 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those -- opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that -- question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 820, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 821. Senator Trotter. Senator Trotter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 821 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading comes Senate Bill 821. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Trotter, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2, sir.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. As always, my bills aren't as sexy as those as Senator Hendon's. This one simply just allows any county, rather than those with a population of less than three million, to establish by ordinance a code hearing unit within an existing code enforcement agency or as a separate and independent agency in county government. This language essentially becomes the bill and deletes the vehicle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Trotter moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 821. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The -- the Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 821. Senator Trotter, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 821.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. The amendment was the bill. Senator Trotter, to close.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I just explained the bill. This is an initiative that's been proposed by County of Cook.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 821 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 821, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 827. Senator Terry Link, on 827, sir. Out of the record. Senator Forby, on 835, sir. Senator Forby wishes to proceed. We're going to return this to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment. Is that correct, sir? Yes, it is. So, now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 835. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Forby.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Forby, to explain Floor Amendment No. 3, sir.

SENATOR FORBY:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. What this is, is an annex bill. I got a town down home wanting to annex some property in and we have a federal wildlife refuge in between the property.

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And what this says, that you can annex the property across from a federal refuge. So, that's all it's adding to this bill is "federal wildlife refuge".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Forby moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 835. All those in favor will vote -- will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 835. Senator Forby, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 835.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Forby.

SENATOR FORBY:

I just ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 835 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 835, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 841, sir. Senate Bill 841. Seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 841 back to 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 841. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Trotter, to explain Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yeah. Mr. President, before I explain the bill, I would like to have a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Certainly. Senator Trotter, on a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Those who look on this side of the aisle might have noticed, I've been honored to have with me an intern from UIS. She's majoring in public health and public administration, Cortesa Howell. So, she's not only watching me, but she's watching y'all, as well. So, please welcome her to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Now, Senator Trotter, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 841, sir.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Thank you very much. This is another initiative by the County of Cook, in this instance, the Cook County Forest Preserve District, and it's in regard to bids for contracts. It increases the amount of all contracts for supplies, materials or work involving -- involving expenditure by the Cook County Forest Preserve District that must be given to the lowest responsible bidder to those in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars, rather than previously it was ten thousand dollars. This is a contract for supplies, materials or work and... Oh, they say the same thing. This sets the limit at twenty-five thousand dollars. Downstate, a twenty-thousand limit has already been set.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Hendon moves the -- adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 841. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 841. Senator Trotter, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 841.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 841.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Mr. -- Mr. President, I just explained the bill and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen. Senator Lauzen, is there any discussion? Senator Lauzen, any discussion on this bill, sir? Okay. Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 841 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yes, 2 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 841, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Lauzen, are you still seeking recognition, sir? Continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading on page 5 of your Calendar, bottom of page 5, is Senator -- Senate Bill 843. Senator Maloney, you wish to proceed? Senator Maloney seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 843 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Is that correct, sir? Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 843. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Maloney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Maloney, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR MALONEY:

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

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Senate. In -- in the year 2004, the Cook County Stormwater Act was amended, making the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District responsible for stormwater management in Cook County. In the amendment, the Act identified the Northwest Municipal Conference, the Southwest -- I'm sorry -- the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the West Central Municipal Conference as responsible organizations for the coordination of the stormwater planning councils. The Southwest Conference of Mayors was inadvertently left off this listing and this legislation would simply codify their participation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Maloney moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 843. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 843. Senator Maloney, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 843.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Maloney, to close.

SENATOR MALONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Again, this simply gives a group the responsibility they were intended to have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 843 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 843, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared

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passed. Senator Sandoval, on 854, sir. Out of the record. Senator Shadid, on 855. Senator Shadid will -- asking to seek leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 855 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 855. Are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Shadid.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Shadid, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR SHADID:

Thank you, Mr. President. In the spring of -- 2005, the school district, Hollis Consolidated School District 328, requested a modification of the statute dictating how much a public school district must charge out of -- out-of district students who wish to attend. Their request was for a five-year modification and the General Assembly approved it for just one year. However, the parents contacted myself, who was -- who was the sponsor, and they'd like to have me extend that to a five-year because they had students in school and they wanted them to continue for the next couple years to get their education. So I'm asking you and I'm asking the Senate to abide by this request to make it a five-year waiver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Shadid moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 855. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Now on the -- 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 855. Senator Shadid, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 855.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Shadid.

SENATOR SHADID:

Yes. I would request an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing no -- Senator Burzynski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to the bill: This is a bill that -- first of all, I just want to point out that I'm going to vote for the bill, but it also -- that this bill bypasses the school waiver process that we're all very familiar with that we go through every year. And I think that one of the things we need to point out is what we're doing is to -- allowing a school district to set its own tuition rate. And perhaps what we need to do in the sense of fairness across the State is allow all school districts to set their own tuition rate so that they can compete for students in neighboring schools. The school enrollment here has more than doubled in the last three years, I believe, or the last two years, since they got their initial waiver and about forty-six percent of their students are coming from a neighboring district. So, this is working real well there and maybe we need to do it statewide. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 855 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 855, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Once again, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we'll go to page 6 of your Calendar. Top of page 6 is Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 860 to 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 860. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, ma'am.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 is a -- is a package to improve training and certification for school administrators and teachers. It's been developed over the last couple of years by the Illinois State Action for Education Leadership Project and it's supported by the teachers and the principals and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Demuzio moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 860. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 860. Senator Demuzio, you wish to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 860.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Mr. President, I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the -- there is discussion. Senator Cronin.

SENATOR CRONIN:

I simply rise to express my support, but also to point out that this bill - a good bill - did have some procedural issues

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and I want to just acknowledge and, for the record, voice our concern about those procedural issues and then, secondly, it costs 1.9 million. It's for a good cause, but just be fully advised. I urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen -- Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, I had a question for the sponsor, but it sounds like you were about to make an announcement. I didn't want to interrupt you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The sponsor indicates she'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Demuzio, the 1.9-million-dollar price tag - who pays that? The locals picking that up or is the -- is -- are we?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

No, the State's going to be picking it up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Is that money in the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2007 budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

...repeat that? I -- I could not hear you, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter, please repeat your question.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, you indicated that the State would be paying for this, as opposed to the local districts. Is it in the Governor's 2007 proposed budget?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

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Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter. No further questions. No further discussions. The question is, shall Senate Bill 860 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 57 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 860, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Susan Garrett, on 880. Senator Garrett, on 880. Out of the record. Senator Demuzio, on 918, ma'am. Oh, I'm sorry. Senator Link. Senator Link, on 893, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 893 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 893. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Link, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes, Mr. President, I know you've been in the Chair for a long time, but as your seatmate, this amendment, which deletes the underlying vehicle, would allow a credit -- credit union to amend its bylaws to provide for elections of directors based on one vote per member for all members. I know of no opposition. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Link moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 893. All those in favor will -- will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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Thank you. Now on the Order of -- 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 893. Senator Link, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 893.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just would ask for a favorable vote on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Rutherford, for what purpose you rise?

SENATOR RUTHERFORD:

To -- to speak to the bill. I'm not going to make a big deal out of this, 'cause I know it's going to fly out of here and probably should. I just have a philosophical problem of changing the way that one votes to be a one person/one vote as opposed to a weighted vote to what your assets would be invested within the credit union. It's similar to what would be a stock opportunity for a company and I -- I realize I was the only one that voted No in committee and, Senator Link, I wish you well with the bill, 'cause it's probably a pretty good bill after all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 893 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 893, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Petka, for what purpose you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR PETKA:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Immediately behind my chair and standing to the right of Senator AJ Wilhelmi is our -- the Chief Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit of Will County, Judge Stephen White.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Judge, welcome to Springfield. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 918. Senator Demuzio. Senator Demuzio seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 918 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 918. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Demuzio.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Demuzio, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, ma'am.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 918 increases the lifetime benefit amount to be received under the Comprehensive Health Insurance Plan from one million dollars to one million five hundred thousand dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator -- is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Demuzio moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 918. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 918. Senator, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Bill 918.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any -- Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. There was no opposition on this bill in committee and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Brady, for what purpose you seeking recognition?

SENATOR BRADY:

Speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the bill, sir.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I stand in support of the lady's legislation. It simply increases the limit to a reasonable level.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Demuzio, to close.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Yes. I just ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. The question is, shall Senate Bill 918 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 918, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Leader Watson, for what purpose you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, sir.

SENATOR WATSON:

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I'd like to introduce the Chief Judge of the Fourth Circuit District from Loogootee, Illinois, in -- Fayette County, Gene Schwarm, Judge Gene Schwarm. Glad to have you here, Gene.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Judge, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Welcome, Judge. Senator Schoenberg, on 951, sir. Senator Jeff Schoenberg, on 951, sir. Out of the record. Senator Schoenberg, on 999, sir. Out of the record. Senator Martinez, on 1085, ma'am. Senator Martinez is seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1085 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading comes Senate Bill 1085. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Martinez, would you be so kind to explain Floor Amendment No. 1?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Gladly. Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 deletes the underlying vehicle. Expands the requirements for a vehicle to be considered salvage by adding provisions regarding self-insured companies. Establishes requirements for obtaining a certificate of title. Establish procedures for obtaining a certificate of title when a stolen vehicle is recovered without damage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Martinez -- is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Martinez moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1085. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1085. Senator Martinez, do you wish to proceed? She indicates

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she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1085.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Currently there is a -- a loophole in our salvage statute that arguably does not require a self-insured company to obtain a salvage motor title when a self-insured company's vehicle obtains substantial damage. Given that there are numerous of -- of self-insured companies in Illinois, including some car rental companies, the potential for this loophole can cause harm to consumers is great. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Bomke, for what purpose you seeking recognition?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This came out of committee with no opposition. We had asked Senator Martinez if she would work with Senator Link who has maybe a similar bill and -- okay. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1085 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1085, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, John Sullivan, on 1086, sir. Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1086 to the purposes -- to 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1086. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Sullivan, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment does become the bill. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Senator Sullivan moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1086. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1086. Senator Sullivan, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1086.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Sullivan, on the bill, sir.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1086 -- the intent of the legislation is to inform the truck drivers, the commercial vehicle drivers, of which roads and streets in the State of Illinois that they may legally travel. Currently, the -- all State highways are reported to -- to the Illinois Department of Transportation. They make that information available. What we are asking is the municipalities, townships, local governments to give that information to IDOT so that it can be made available to the trucking industry so they know which roads they can legally drive on and which ones they cannot. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Thank you, sir. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Dahl, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR DAHL:

Mr. President, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the bill, sir.

SENATOR DAHL:

This -- this is a good piece of legislation. It's something that's been needed for a long, long time in the industry. It gives the -- the trucking firms an opportunity to know which roads are -- are usable and which ones aren't and will -- will keep us off non-designated routes. Thank you. I encourage a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Any further discussion? Senator Bomke, for what purpose are you seeking...

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. Chairman. To the bill: Just to echo Senator Dahl's comments. Appreciate the sponsor's hard work on the bill. Came out of committee with no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1086 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1086, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on 1087, sir. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Link is seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1087 back to 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1087. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Link, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR LINK:

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Basically what this bill does is that vehicles that -- it holds -- holds that a vehicle that has been repossessed by the lienholder that has -- shall be considered to be salvage only when the cost of repairing the damage of a vehicle would be greater than fifty percent, rather than greater than thirty-three and a third percent of its fair market value. The bill also makes it -- similar changes to when a vehicle is part of a fleet of more than five commercial vehicles or a vehicle in -- in submission in water. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Link moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1087. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 1087. Senator Link, do you wish to proceed? He said -- indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1087.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Link, on the bill.

SENATOR LINK:

I would just ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Bomke.

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill: It came out of committee with no opposition. Senator Link, I -- we hope we're not undoing what you did with Senator Martinez. It's two different issues? Okay. Would ask for a favorable roll call.

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It came out of committee with no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1087 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1087, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Crotty, on -- Senate Bill 1183, ma'am. Do you wish to proceed? Would you like to proceed, ma'am? Certainly. Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. Senator Crotty seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1183 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1183. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Crotty, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, ma'am.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. This amendment now becomes the bill so I would like to explain it on 3rd, if it's at all possible.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1183. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 1183. Senator Crotty, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Senate Bill 1183.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator -- Senator Crotty, to explain the bill.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Senate Bill 1183 really -- removes a provision in the Parentage Act of 1984 that requires a court to assess a minimum child support payment of ten dollars on a non-custodial parent regardless of the parent's net income. The Department has brought this bill to me because they have stated that failure to resolve this conflict between the federal law and our law could result in a loss of federal grants. There is already action to recover back child support available for situations where parents have not given any support. In committee when we discussed this, I think the -- the main thing is it's something that we have to do -- just to comply with the federal law, otherwise we would lose some funding in our child support. It is going to go on -- I'm hoping, after the vote today, that it will go on in the House and I have said that there will be better clarification of this bill and some of the -- the questions that we had in committee and that will be taken care of in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no -- discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1183 pass. Senator Righter, for what purpose you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I'm sorry. Perhaps my light up there is not working. I -- I pressed it when Senator Crotty began to present her bill so...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

I -- I apologize.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator -- Senator Crotty, can you elaborate a little more

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on what the -- the conflict is between our statute and federal law? And -- and here's the reason. I think that that ten dollars and whether it's ten dollars or fifty bucks or fifty cents, whatever it is, I think it's a -- it's a good statement of Illinois policy that a non-custodial parent is going to pay something every month to support their child. Can you -- elaborate a little further for us?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Under forty -- I can only tell you what I know to get from the Department. Under 42 U.S.C., Section 667, each state shall have a rebuttable -- rebuttable presumption concerning child support awards. According to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, this Section of the compiled statutes violates the federal law because it is an absolute determination of an award with no discretion. The Department states that failure to resolve that conflict would jeopardize federal grants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Crotty, what -- what kind of grants are we talking about? Are these grants we're getting anyway? And what are they -- what amounts, maybe, are we talking about?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR CROTTY:

It's -- it's tied to quite a few of block grants from the -- from the federal government, but I don't have any number.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Any further people seeking recognition? Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Just a -- a question of the sponsor, if she will yield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator Crotty, is it your intent that this bill pass out of

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here - this is a Department bill - go to the House and then the House will tweak the bill to such an extent that there will be an effort to have every non-custodial parent pay, but there will not be this hard and fast determination of ten dollars? But there will be an effort to make everyone pay, but just that -- that automatic ten bucks will be removed? So there will be an effort. It'll be in the bill when it comes out of the House, I presume, that the -- that it will be changed to such an extent that it'll be the intent of the law that we have people pay who are non-custodial parents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty.

SENATOR HAINE:

Is that...

SENATOR CROTTY:

That is correct and I just want to make sure on the record, this does not change anybody's child support orders or the way in which we conduct the -- the taking of -- or the collecting of child support payments. All it does is -- on the determination of it being ten dollars, it's going to be better clarified in -- in the House. But it does not change anybody's orders or stop anyone from paying the amount that the courts have already ordered a non-custodial parent to pay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1183 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 1 voting Nay, 3 voting Present. Senate Bill 1183, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Halvorson, on 1014 {sic}. Senate Bill 1014, ma'am. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Senator Halvorson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1214 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 1214. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

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Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Halvorson, to explain the amendment, ma'am.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The only thing in the actual amendment is we added another piece of property to the IDOT land transfer bill. I'll debate the entire bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Halvorson moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1214. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1214. Senator Halvorson, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1214.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Halvorson, on Senate Bill 1214, ma'am.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is the annual land conveyance bill for IDOT. It has about twelve parcels of property that will be conveyed. Currently, people that are interested in having their parcels put into this bill have to put up part of the money of the fair market value, and once this becomes law, in order to get the property released, they have to put the rest of the money in. I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1214 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those

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opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1214, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter, on 1447, sir. Out of the record. Senator Dillard. Senator Kirk Dillard, on 1835, sir. Senator Kirk Dillard, on 1835, sir. Senator Dillard. Out of the record. Senator Meeks. Senator James Meeks, on 1839. Senator -- Reverend Senator Meeks, 1839, sir. Out of the record. Senator Carol Ronen, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR RONEN:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please state your point, ma'am.

SENATOR RONEN:

Thank you, sir. I'd like to introduce two students from my district who are in the President's Gallery. They're from the great Loyola University, Erica Brauer and Sam Shea. Please -- please welcome them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Would -- would our guests please rise and be recognized by the Illinois State Senate? Our Loyola students, welcome to Springfield. Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading. On the top of page 7 of your Calendar is Senate Bill 1991. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne is seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1991 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1991. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne, to -- to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir. Senator Clayborne, to explain Floor Amendment No. 1, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 1 allows -- applicants for the currently dormant license will

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receive favorable consideration proportionately based upon the ownership interest of minority persons and females who held ownership interest in the original -- applicant. That's it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Clayborne moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1991. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment's adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1991. Senator Clayborne, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1991.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne, on the bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I would ask -- I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Petka, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR PETKA:

Discuss the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

...the bill, sir.

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you very much. We had this legislation considered in the Executive Committee and unfortunately this piece of legislation gives -- does something that I -- I think is inappropriate. And that is that it sets out criterion to the Gaming Board to grant favorable -- favorable consideration to those individuals who had invested in -- in a prior license application and it didn't turn out so well for them. I think

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that this sets up something that is really not in the best interest of this General Assembly and a path that we should not walk down, by literally picking winners and picking losers on the Floor of the Senate. I believe that we weren't sent down to Springfield to do that. And so I would urge my colleagues to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Sieben, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR SIEBEN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the bill, sir.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

I would echo the comments of Senator Petka, also. We heard this bill just a little bit ago today in the Senate Executive Committee, and for the Members on this side, this raises considerable concern about the type of precedent we're setting here to give favorable consideration to a group of investors that it didn't -- it didn't work out very well for 'em. So, I would also urge our Members to consider this and to urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of this legislation. We have to remember that the people who are in this predicament -- we drafted the legislation in the first place, so we have a responsibility to -- to them on this license. It's still the same one, so I'd urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Lauzen, for what purposes you rise, sir?

SENATOR LAUZEN:

A question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Senator, is there any precedent in Illinois law where we go in and write in a law that protects an investment for a group of

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people? I mean, by law in the State of Illinois. I've never heard of anything like this. But maybe there's a precedent that I'm just not aware of.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Not particularly, Senator, but all we're asking is that that applicant be considered. This is one of the factors. It's not exclusive, as we try to address this previously, where we -- in -- in the same law, where the Board may give favorable consideration to economically depressed areas of the State. We -- we just added that to try to balance this off to allow those minority investors to -- for that applicant to be considered since they did lose money.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator -- Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. How were these favored investors selected in the first place and what is the basis for the preference in the future? How were they selected initially and what is the basis that we protect anybody's investment in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

As I understand it, the licensee afforded ownership opportunities to these particular investors.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I'm -- I'm sorry, Senator, I'm not clear on that answer. How were these specific investors given this right to invest, initially? And now upon what basis are they given preference in the future? What was the basis?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Well, I -- I actually wasn't there, Senator Lauzen. My understanding is that, obviously, this licensee probably sought,

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because of the law, probably sought out individuals who had an interest and who had the financial wherewithal to -- to be able to buy interest in -- in that particular license and to that particular applicant. In terms of a preference, Senator Lauzen, this -- this country is based upon preferences. You know, throughout the entire history of this country, there's been a preference given. So, we're -- we're -- we're really just trying to bring equity into a process by which some people lost money.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Lauzen.

SENATOR LAUZEN:

I -- I just think that this is the -- this may be the most amazing thing I've seen in -- in fourteen years of serving in the Senate and especially the statement that this country is based on preference. To say that this country, founded on the principal of all men and women are created equal, that there would be a preference and that this country is formed on preference. I just think it's terrible. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield for a question, sir.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Senator, it's my understanding that there currently is a lawsuit relative to these individuals getting their funds back from the original investment group. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I assume that that's -- that's the case. I don't -- I don't know that, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. That was made pretty evident in committee today

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and -- that that is the case. That being said, if these individuals get their funds back from the -- original investment group, will they still be under what you call "favorable consideration" then for the boat -- for the -- for the next license, as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

These -- these provisions would still stand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. So then they get two bites at the apple? Okay. I'll -- I'll say this to you. Can you define what "favorable consideration" means?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Just something they would -- that the Board would consider, that's all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. I don't understand what that means, though. "Favorable consideration" - and does it mean that the Board, and I -- my reading of the bill says that the Board "shall" give favorable consideration, not "may" give favorable consideration. And "favorable consideration" to me means that if I have two people coming to me and I'm supposed to give one favorable consideration and not the other, then I'm supposed to choose the one that says "favorable consideration". So, it's a foregone conclusion that they would be part of any license that might be awarded. Is that fair to say or am I missing something?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I really didn't understand your question, but let me -- let me say this. That the Board will consider many factors in determining whether an -- a license will be granted to a

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particular applicant. And basically what this says is that this is one of the factors that they must consider. That's all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Just a couple more questions. First, can you tell me who the people are that would be affected by this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I can't. No. No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski.

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you. Well, there -- there's a list of -- of those. It's in any court case, but you don't have that with you relative to who the people are?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

No, I don't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Burzynski. You want to share that list with us?

SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

I -- I've got the list right here, Senator, if you'd like to see it. It includes several individuals, a couple that we know quite well, or at least we know the names of, and some others that aren't quite so famous, if you will. But to the bill: First of all, I think there's some real concerns. We don't know what "favorable consideration" means. There is no definition. I've got my assumption what that means, but we know what assumptions do. Secondly, I guess what this points out is that if I want to invest in that license whenever it becomes available, the first thing I need to do is I need to go to the individuals that are in this lawsuit, the individuals, the minorities that were a part of the original cast of characters, so to speak, and get them in my group to go purchase this license because that not only gives me a heads up or gives me a leg up, what it basically does is assures that I'm going to get that

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vote, unless there's any wrongdoing involved. Because in the bill it says "the Board must give favorable consideration". And when we don't know what that is, I'm going to have to assume that means those individuals are going to be a part of that license. I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor indicate he'll yield for a question.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I want to make sure that I'm clear in the way I'm reading the language that you've got in your bill. It's not -- we're not -- we're not identifying people based on their minority status or gender, we're identifying specific individuals, is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Who are those individuals, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

The -- the question's been asked and answered. But, Senator Burzynski has the list. I don't have it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Did -- you've already read a list of all the names for -- on the Floor here in the record?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

No, I said Senator Burzynski has the list. I don't -- I

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don't have the list.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

With all due respect, Senator, I think it's appropriate because what we're doing here is we're saying that if you've got these certain individuals, these specific people as investors, you're going to get a discount. That's what you're saying. I think it's fair that we put on the record the name of the individuals -- the names of the individuals that we're helping out. Would you do that, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator James Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Since Senator Burzynski has the list, he can pass it to you and you can read it and I'll accept what you -- what you read -- what you've read.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

...bill. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the bill, sir.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, thank you. I think the fact that the sponsor doesn't want to read the list of names ought to be instructive to everybody in this Chamber, because now we're not granting a preference based on ethnicity or race or gender, we are now providing a specific discount for certain individuals whose names are not going to now go into the record in the debate. And so if you vote for this, you're voting to give that discount to specific individuals and you don't know who they are. And if you're comfortable with that, and you're talking about millions of dollars, if you're comfortable with that, you should vote for that. If you're not comfortable with that, please vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

President Jones, for what purpose do you rise, sir?  
President Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill. And it's very interesting sitting here listening to the debate on this issue. In the nineties when the Leader on your side of the aisle, Pate Philip, pushed through this legislation, that included that twenty-percent provision for minorities and women. He even twisted arms on that side of the aisle to make sure they had enough votes to vote for that. In doing so, that was favorable consideration given to those individuals who qualified. The directions given to the Gaming Board. All those persons who participated did nothing wrong. They followed the law that we passed, and most of you on that side of the aisle who voted for it. All we're saying now is that since they've done nothing wrong, and since the Attorney General and -- and the Gaming Board did not look at that fact, they should have protected those individuals who came with clean hands in response to the law that we passed and say, hey, you've done nothing wrong. But they were silent on this issue. For those of you who followed your former leader and voted for that, it is your duty to protect them. I don't know who all those individuals are. Some of the names on there I do recognize. But it is your duty to do that, otherwise why are we wasting our time in this Body passing laws and expect the citizens of the State of Illinois to respond? All this bill does is say, since you've done nothing wrong, you will be given favorable consideration. And they should be given favorable consideration. And if they're giving directions to the Gaming Board, you damn right they need directions. And it is our duty, it is our obligation to do that. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any further discussion? Any -- Leader Watson, for what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much. It's not our obligation at all. People take a risk every day. We have some pharmacists up here in the gallery. They have their reception tonight, by the way. I hope you all will go over there to see them at the Illinois Pharmacy Association's -- building from 5 to 7. But anyway, they take a risk. They take a risk every day. They invest in their business, and do you think the State of Illinois has been good to Illinois pharmacists? Do you think they've been good to 'em?

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Absolutely not, but they take a risk. Nowhere did we, Senator Jones, nowhere did we do this under -- under Pate Philip's leadership did it -- was it dictated as to who's going to be -- who's going to benefit. We're going to put the names of people. We're going to put the names of people into the law -- into the Act. They're going to get the first right of refusal. They get the first right of refusal. I mean, this is ludicrous. I mean, this is something that -- and it's unfortunate that nobody from the media here is paying any attention. And, Senator Clayborne, I'm really surprised and I don't think this is you. I don't think this is you at all. But this is -- this is an area that we should not go. This is a direction -- this General Assembly should not go down this path, not at all. So, I urge a No vote and a strong No vote. This is crazy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any -- further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Hendon, what purpose are you seeking recognition, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

Well, Mr. President, I know I spoke already, but I just wanted to remind my esteemed colleague, Senator Watson, that Pate Philip was President of the Senate when Rosemont was chosen. It -- everyone in the -- in this Body, in Chamber, knew that Rosemont was going to get a license. They were chosen under my good friend, Pate Philip, it -- it -- he -- it -- it was clear -- they -- they ended up, Senator, I -- Senator, Senator...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please -- please give the speaker your attention, please.

SENATOR HENDON:

You are -- you are -- you are Minority Leader. I expect better conduct from you being Minority Leader in the House of Lords. This is the Upper Chamber. I have been taught to and -- and when I first got here I might have been a little rowdy like that, but I have learned that this is the House of Lords, the Senate, and -- and I'd appreciate if you'll let me finish. We were all here when Rosemont was ordained, chosen, selected. Everyone knew where it was going, so it is -- it is wrong to say that this has not been done before, that no one has -- has -- has been selected or chosen and -- and -- and remember, we are -- we legislated minority participation because sometimes - guess what?

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- if we don't legislate minority participation, then -- then there will be no minority participation. We are one State. We should all work together. I appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Clayborne, to close, sir.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank -- thank you. To address -- some of the concerns. Senator Lauzen, I, too, am proud of this country. I've had people who've served this country. But, Senator Lauzen, when -- when the founders said everybody was created equal, everybody wasn't treated equal. In fact, they said that an African-American was three-fifths of a man in this country. And as a result, a lot of people in this country have been denied access to property, to the ability to -- to vote, whether it was minority or women. What has happened is, as Senator Hendon said, sometimes, well not sometimes, there are times that you must correct the wrong by trying to make people inclusive. All we're saying in this process is that they will be considered. For whatever reason, you all have taken it that they've gotten a license already, but it's just a factor in consideration. Maybe these people -- maybe these individuals may make a decision they don't want to participate. Maybe they've been soured on the process. There's not a given that they will get this license. There's not a given. We have not specifically made that determination. All we've said is that they should be considered. You know, and -- and I guess it goes to the issue of how we look at things, how we view things, but when you've been constantly denied some rights, sometimes you want a little inclusion, my colleagues. You know, I can only think of what happened -- what's happening in D.C. with a guy by the name -- name of Jack Abrahoff {sic} (Abramoff), where, I guess, you assume there's a pay-to-play because what has happened, and I believe most of 'em, or of your party that have participated in this process. So, maybe that's why you have a jaundice feeling about that. But all this is, is just a consideration. It's not a guarantee. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1991 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will

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vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted a wish? Have all voted a wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 30 Ayes, 23 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1991, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Watson, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR WATSON:

Yes. Thank you very much. I'd like to have a verification, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The gentleman seeks -- asking for a -- verification. That's always in order. Senator Watson has requested a verification. Will all the Members please be in their seat? Madam Secretary, will you please read -- those voting in the affirmative?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

The following Members voted in the affirmative: Clayborne, Collins, Crotty, Cullerton, DeLeo, del Valle, Forby, Geo-Karis, Haine, Halvorson, Harmon, Hendon, Hunter, Jacobs, Lightford, Link, Maloney, Martinez, Meeks, Munoz, Raoul, Sandoval, Schoenberg, Shadid, Silverstein, Sullivan, Trotter, Viverito, Wilhelmi and Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Madam Secretary. Senator Watson, do you question the presence of any Member voting in the affirmative, sir?

SENATOR WATSON:

Senator Hendon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Hendon. Is Senator Hendon in the Chamber? Senator Hendon is right in the aisle, sir.

SENATOR WATSON:

Senator -- yeah, we -- we recognize Rickey. Senator Viverito. No, I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Viverito is in...

SENATOR WATSON:

If everybody sat down, you know, we would have a little better idea who's here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Could we ask all the Members -- we're in a verification. Please be in your seats.

SENATOR WATSON:

Senator Sandoval.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Sandoval is standing in the aisle next to President Jones.

SENATOR WATSON:

Lightford. Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Lightford's got another new outfit on, right there behind Senator Garrett.

SENATOR WATSON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, on a verified roll call, there are 30 voting Aye, 23 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1991, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, Don Harmon, on 2123, sir. Out of the record. Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson, on 2137, ma'am. I believe Senator Halvorson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2137 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Is that correct, ma'am? Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2137. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Halvorson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Halvorson, to explain Floor Amendment No. 5, please.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 5 basically just fixes the effective date of the bill. It adds IEMA to the Board and it also allows, but not -- not require, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to create a lease agreement program permitting ISPAN {sic} (IPSAN) to hire employees for the Authority that are current State employees.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Halvorson. Senator Halvorson moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 5 to Senate Bill 2137. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2137. Senator Halvorson, do you wish to proceed? She indicates she wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2137.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Halvorson, to explain Senate Bill 2137, ma'am.

SENATOR HALVORSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2137 creates the Illinois Public Safety Agency Network Act. It basically creates this IPSAN as a not-for-profit corporation. Basically what we're doing is we're focusing on the relationships of the law enforcement personnel who are working really hard to be able to communicate with each other in case of a terrorism attack. I'll answer any questions there might be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2137 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2137, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link, on Senate Bill 2233, sir. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator -- Link seeks leave

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of the Body to return Senate Bill 2233 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2233. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Syverson, to -- on Floor Amendment No. 2. Senator Syverson will explain Floor Amendment No. 2 on Senate Bill 2233, sir.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This just takes care of a signing matter from the -- behalf of the City of Rockford. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Senator Syverson moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2233. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, is there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Now on 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2233. Senator Link, do you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2233.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Link, to explain the bill.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This -- all this bill does is -- all automotive repairers shall be -- provide proof that they comply with the -- all requirements of the Automotive Collision Repair Act and the amendment that Senator Syverson added. I'll

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be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Link. Is there any discussion? Senator Bomke, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?

SENATOR BOMKE:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the second day in a row, I rise in support of this bill. It came out of committee with no opposition and would appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator Bomke. Senator Geo-Karis, what purpose you seeking recognition, ma'am?

SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

I would like to know what Syverson's amendment was.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Syverson, could you be so kind to explain your amendment one more time? Senator Geo-Karis, because of the noise in the Chamber, she didn't hear you, sir.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Yes, Mr. President. Senator, this amendment is on behalf of the City of Rockford. It addresses a signage issue for apartments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2233 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 55 Yeas, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2233, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2243. Senator John Cullerton. Do you wish to proceed? He indicates he does. Madam Secretary, Senator Cullerton now seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2243 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2243. Madam Secretary, has there been any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Senator Cullerton, to explain your amendment, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill. It reflects an agreement between the Illinois Railroad Association and the United Transportation Union concerning railroad police officers. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2243. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2243. Senator Cullerton, he indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2243.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, on Senate Bill 2243.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The Illinois law has for a long time provided that a railroad operating in Illinois maintain a police force and have police powers conferred on it. There was a recent Illinois Appellate Court ruling that kind of questioned that statutory authority. So, this bill was initiated to correct that, and at the same time, there was some issues raised by the United Transportation Union. So, it does three things. It -- it does make clear that railroad police officers are subject to the same training requirements as all other police officers and restrict the authority to employ railroad police officers to rail carriers that are -- that are registered with the Illinois Commerce Commission. So, it has to be a registered -- with the Commerce

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Commission in order to have a police force. It would allow for railroads to adopt rules and policies defining the role of the railroad police officers in non-criminal employee investigations. And it says that they can exercise their power on their employer's property statewide. And, as I said, it's an agreement between the Railroad Association and United Transportation Union. It's a good bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2243 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2243, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Crotty, on Senate Bill 2257, ma'am. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Crotty seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2257 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2257. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Crotty.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty, to explain the amendment, ma'am.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Amendment No. 2 simply clarifies the class of children covered by the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 2257. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, is there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2257. Senator Crotty. She wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 2257.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator -- Senator Crotty, on the bill.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. Senate Bill 2257 is a bill that has been passed out of this Body last Session. It amends the Children and Disabilities Article of the School Code regarding reimbursement for special education classes for children from orphanages, foster family homes, children's homes or State housing units. It requires that if a child who is eligible to receive services is adopted and that child continues to receive support services from the Department of Children and Family Services, then that child shall continue to be eligible to receive the services. What it basically does, is for many of the school districts that have children that are foster children and when those children are adopted, it would allow our school districts to be -- still remain whole and those children would not be dropped off of the hundred-percent reimbursement that those schools are getting from those children who are needing those services. Many of these children have some severe disabilities and so for -- for us it's a happy time for kids to be adopted, but for our school districts, they still have to provide the same services to that child when -- as he was when he was a foster child. So, this is just to make sure that our school districts are also helped.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Cronin, for what purpose you rise?

SENATOR CRONIN:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in reluctant opposition and -- and here's why. Senator Crotty, my friend, my colleague, who's got the best of intentions here, pointed out

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that this cost three million dollars last year, and that's true. FY'07 costs fourteen million; FY'08, thirty million; FY'09, forty-six million; FY2010, up to sixty-one million; and so on and so forth. Let me make sure you understand what you're doing here. It sounds good, but after you've let the dust settle and, you know, you read the fine print, you're going to hear about this from your school boards. This is a zero sum game that we're engaged in. There's a finite number of dollars for education. If we obligate the State to -- for a hundred-percent reimbursement of this group - and the policy has been that once a foster child moves to an adoptive home, it -- they're -- the adoptive parents have a responsibility - the money to pay for this program is going to come out of another categorical program. It's going to come out of another pot. So, a vote in favor of these adoptive kids - and we all want to support adoption, and do support adoption - the kids that are going to suffer may be the foster kids. The kids that may suffer are going to be another special ed community. So make no mistake about it, when you feel good about voting Yes for this bill, your Yes vote is going to harm another group of people. And so I -- I -- with reluctance, I vote No. The responsible thing to do would be to fund both of the programs to fund special ed as we should, but we know that's not going to happen, so by voting Yes, you're helping one but you're going to be hurting another. So, I reluctantly ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Crotty, to close.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you. I would like to respond to some of the things that my -- my colleague has mentioned. You're right. You will hear from your school board members, especially those members who are serving in school districts that will not receive reimbursement for providing the very same services to that same child only because now that child has been adopted. It will not take anything away from the foster kids that are -- already in the system because they are being -- reimbursed right now at a hundred percent. So, I would ask that all of you who voted for this before, vote for it again, because in the long run when the children are adopted and those school districts - all of our

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school districts - are still serving those kids that have some profound needs, that -- that district should not be penalized because of those children being adopted. So, I just ask that we still keep up the -- the funding on those children that were wards of our State. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2257 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 39 Ayes, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2257, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purposes of an announcement. The Rules Committee will meet immediately. The Rules Committee will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. So, all Members of the Rules Committee, please report to the President's Anteroom immediately. Madam Secretary, Committee Reports, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Commerce and Economic Development - House Bills 4147, 4205 and 4425; refer to Education Committee - House Bills 4832, 4986 and 5370; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - House Bills 4313, 4349, 4419 and 4462; refer to Executive Committee - House Bills 2151, 4127, 4161, 4449, 4752, 4822, 5251 and 5524; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - House Bills 4519 and 4760; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - House Bills 4135, 4195, 4202, 4242, 4302, 4306, 4456, 4676, 5300 and 5375; refer to Housing and Community Affairs Committee - House Bills 4172, 4719 and 5268; refer to Judiciary Committee - House Bills 166, 4121, 4132, 4134, 4141, 4179, 4193, 4222, 4298, 4300, 4357, 4383, 4398, 4438, 4446, 4606, 4788, 5216 and 5249; refer to Labor Committee - House Bill 4904; refer to Local Government Committee - House Bill 4196; refer to Revenue Committee - House Bills 1744 and 4949; refer to State Government Committee - House Bills 1371, 4137, 4315, 4461, 5243, Senate Resolutions 514, 515, 523, 563, 578, 579, 593 -- pardon me, that was 594, 630, 631, 660, Senate Joint Resolutions 53, 55, 66, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78 and 79, House

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Joint Resolutions 15, 61, 66, 74, 75, 77 and 83; and refer to Transportation Committee - House Bills 1463 and 4728.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? All Members, may I have your attention, please, for purposes of an announcement? Ladies and Gentlemen, for purpose of announcement. All Members, may I have your attention, please? The 2:30 committees will all meet today at the hour of 5 p.m. Let me tell you who they are. Appropriations II in Room 212. Appropriations II in 212 will be at the hour of 5 p.m. Labor will meet in Room 400 at the hour of 5 p.m. Labor in Room 400. Licensed Activities will be in A-1. Licensed Activities in A-1 at the hour of 5 p.m. Ladies and Gentlemen, the 4 o'clock committees that were originally scheduled for 4 o'clock today will meet at 6:30. The 4 o'clock committees will meet at 6:30. That will be Appropriations III. Appropriations III will be in Room 212 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. And Higher Education that was supposed to meet at 4:00 will now be at 6:30. Higher Education in Room 400. Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 9 a.m. tomorrow, March 2nd, the year 2006. The Senate stands adjourned.