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...(microphone disengaged)...Athens, Illinois.

PASTOR PAULA GENTRY:

(Prayer by Pastor Paula Gentry)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Jacobs, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JACOBS:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Jacobs)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, April 23rd, 2013.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. James R. Carder, Blueroomstream.com, requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 244, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 245, offered by Senator Link and all

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Members.

Senate Resolution 246, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 252, offered by Senator LaHood and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 253, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Senator -- or, Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 35, offered by Senator Althoff. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Mulroe, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2187 Recommend

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Do Adopt.

Senator Haine, Chairperson of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1194, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1194, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2178 and Senate -- Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2178 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Forby, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Commerce, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1190 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1572 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 338, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2194 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2345 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1004, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1005 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1006 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Hutchinson, (Vice) Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1346 and Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1479 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Steans, Chairperson of the Committee on Appropriations I, reports House Bills 207 and 2275 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

For a point of announcement, Mr. President.

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Please state your announcement, Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

We're announcing a Democratic Caucus immediately in the President's Office, for approximately one hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Also a point of an announcement. The Republicans...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I'm sorry. The Republicans would also like to caucus for about one hour immediately upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I'd like to introduce to the Senate, Trustee Veloid Cotton, from the Village of Matteson, one of the largest municipalities in the 19th Senate District. Trustee Cotton was just reelected to a four-year term and we're extremely proud to have him, and we'd like to give him a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will the Senate recognize our guest? Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose

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do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I have here today my very own mother, who was a Civil Rights activist in the sixties and also had seven children. Went back to school, got her elementary school diploma, her high school diploma, her college degree, and ended up being the Director of Respiratory Care at -- at Provident Hospital, and raised all seven of us. Bought her own home, first home, and brought us all out of the Cabrini-Green Projects. And she has been my inspiration over these years. And she's here today. Delores Van Pelt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mrs. Van Pelt, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. We're certainly pleased to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Thank you very much. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I also have my auntie here, Minister Linda Murphy-Smith, who has been a tremendous spiritual blessing to me over the years. Linda -- Linda Murphy-Smith.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Linda, welcome to the Illinois Senate. Pleased to have you join us here today. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. Point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Today I have with me -- people from my own district and across the State from the organization called M.H.O.A.I., Manufactured {sic} (Mobile) Home Owners Association of Illinois. They are up above the President's Gallery right here. If you could just say hello and give them a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. We're certainly pleased to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to welcome today to the Senate gallery, Kayleigh Smith. She's a fourth grader at Mt. Zion Intermediate and lives in Decatur, Illinois. And if we could just give her a big welcome to -- to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Kayleigh, thanks for coming to Springfield. Thanks for joining us. Great to have you here today. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator McCann.

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SENATOR McCANN:

I have a constituent visiting from Jersey County, Bob Myers, who many of you may know, with ABATE; his friend, Kathleen, and her cousin is visiting us from Denmark. If you'll join me in welcoming them to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Pleased to have you here -- joining us here today. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 962, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 996, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1047, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1446, offered by Senator Cunningham.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2322, offered by Senator Mulroe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2659, offered by Senator Harris.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 21 -- 2716, offered by Senator Morris -- Morrison.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2993, offered by Senator Biss.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 3049, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senators Silverstein and Althoff move that the Senate recess for the purpose of Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, lasting approximately one hour. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, the Senate will reconvene for the purposes of Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1650, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1709, offered by Senator Bivins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1816, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2423, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Chris Brooks with WICS-TV requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor? We're ready to go to the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bills

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3rd Reading. Also, Ladies and Gentlemen, for an announcement: We are also -- before we go -- or -- before we go to 3rd Readings, we're going to go through the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Today will be the last day to go to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. So if you have a bill on 2nd and you want to move it to 3rd, this will be your last opportunity. So, please be in -- please be prepared to advance your bills on the Floor today, if you want to move them from 2nd to 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will turn to page 2 of the printed Calendar. On the -- on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, page 2, we have Senate Bill 31. Once again today, today is the last opportunity that you will be -- that you will have to move Senate bills from 2nd to 3rd Reading. We're going to go through the Order. This will be your last opportunity. If you're ready -- if you want to move your bill, today will be your last opportunity to do that. Once again, all Members within the sound of my voice, if you're not on the Senate Floor, please come to the Floor immediately. At the top of page 2 of the printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 31. Senator Noland. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 31.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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3rd Reading. Senate Bill 41. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz, on Senate Bill 41. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. With leave of the Body, we will skip over 52 and come back to it later. We have Senate Bill 103. Senator Frerichs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 105. Senator Frerichs, on Senate Bill 105. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 272. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski. Mr. -- out of the record. Thank you. Senate Bill 338. Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson, on Senate Bill 338. Out of the record. Senate Bill 494. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senator Cullerton, on 494. Do you wish to move this bill to 3rd? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 494.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cullerton, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

We'd like to withdraw Floor Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, please withdraw Floor Amendment No. 2. Are there any further Floor amendments, Mr. Secretary, approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 572. Senator Kotowski, on 572. Out of the record. With leave - - leave of the Body, we will come back to 576. Let's go to Senate Bill 822. Senator Hastings. Out of the record. Senate Bill 847. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1003. Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz, on Senate Bill 1003. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1004. Senator Trotter. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 1042. Leader Harmon. Senator Harmon, on 1042. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1190. Senator Hutchinson, on 1190. You wish to move it to 3rd? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1190.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, to explain Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. Senate Bill 1190 creates the Illinois Family Care Provider Act. This is Floor Amendment No. 2. Deletes everything and becomes the

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bill. As amended, 1190 creates the Illinois Family Care Provider Act. The bill provides that an employee's entitled to receive up to twelve weeks of unpaid family medical leave within a twelve-month period. I'll discuss the substantive stuff on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1245. Leader Radogno, on 1245. Do you wish to proceed? Out of the record. At the bottom of the page, we have Senate Bill 1290. Senator Manar, on 1290. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Secretary, with leave of the Body, let's go back up to Senate Bill 338. Again, we're on the middle of page 2. Senator Hutchinson, on 338. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 338.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, to explain Floor Amendment 1.

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SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 replaces all and becomes the bill. It amends the Cigarette Tax Act, Cigarette Use Tax Act, and the Tobacco Products Tax Act. Happy to discuss the substantive parts of the bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, to explain -- Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson, to explain Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you. The only difference between Senate Amendment No. 1 and -- and No. 2 is it removes the modified tax distribution language. This amendment will -- will tax little cigars the same as cigarettes and the distribution of those taxes will be consistent with the Cigarette Tax Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment No. 2? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, with leave of the Body, let's skip down to Senate Bill 1042. Leader Harmon. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1042.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Senator Mulroe, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I have today with me two special guests, Jennifer and Ellie Oberth. They were originally from my district, recently moved into Senator Kotowski's district. Jennifer is a mystery writer. Ellie is -- is recently retired and traveling the country and thought Springfield would be a good place to visit and I -- they've -- they're enjoying their time here today. And I'd ask that everyone give 'em a warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests to the Illinois Senate. Pleased to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's turn to the top of page 3 of your

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printed Calendar. We are on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. At the top of the page, we have Senate Bill 1341. Senator Lightford. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1346. Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval, on 1346. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1352. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1353. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bill 1361. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski, on 1361. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1403. Senator Noland. Senator Noland, on Senate Bill 1403. There he is. Out of the record. Thank you. Senate Bill 1432. Senator Collins, on 1342. Thank you. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1448. Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, on 1448. It's up on the board there. Senator Muñoz, did you wish -- did you want to proceed on 1448? We're on the Order of 2nd -- 2nd Readings. Do you wish to move it to 3rd? Yes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1448.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to 1469. Let's go to 1479. Senate Bill 1479. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1479.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Morrison, to explain Floor Amendment 3.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman {sic}. This amendment simply more narrowly defines watercraft. I'm happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're in the middle of page 3 on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. We have Senate Bill 1514. Senator Biss. Thank you. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1571. Senator Delgado. Senator Delgado, on 1571. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1572. Senator Delgado.

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Out of the record. Senate Bill 1610. Senator Silverstein. Senator Silverstein, on 1610. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1615. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1630. Senator Haine, on 1630. Out of the record. On the bottom of page 3, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bill 1711. Senator Hastings. Thank you. Out of the record. Mr. Secretary, with leave of the Body, if you'll return to -- go back to Senate Bill 105. It's on page 2 of your Calendar. Senate Bill 105. Senator Frerichs, on 105. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 105.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, now I think we're ready to turn to the top of page 4, where we left off. Should be Senate Bill 1724. There it is on the board. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 1740. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1853. Senator Bivins, on 1853. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1853.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1855. Leader Muñoz, on 1855. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1868. Senator Rose. Senator Rose, on 1868. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1873. Senator Mulroe, on 1873. Mr. Secretary, out of the record. Senate Bill 1874. Senator Rose, on 1874. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1898. Senator Biss, on 1898. Do you wish to proceed? Thank you. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1909. Senator McCann. Senator McCann. Thank you. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1912. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul, on 1912. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1934. Leader Muñoz, on 1934. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1934.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1945. Leader Silverstein. Senator Silverstein, on 1945. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2141. Senator Rezin. Senator Rezin. There you are. Out of the record.

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Senate Bill 2224. Senator Sandoval. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to 2232. And let's go to -- at the bottom of page 4, Senate Bill 2251. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Purpose of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your announcement, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have some special guests with me today. Most importantly, my wife, Victoria, is in the gallery up here on the Republican side. But she has with her thirty -- over thirty young ladies from Mercy Ministries International, out of Nashville, Tennessee. They -- Mercy has four homes in the United States, one in Fenton, which is the St. Louis metro area. It's a -- a completely free program for young girls dealing with life-controlling issues that -- and -- and I say that to say that these -- these young ladies here are overcomers and we should be very proud of 'em and how courageous they are to deal with -- you know, life as tough as it is today, but to get through that and succeed. Mercy Ministries has a -- a -- a -- a ninety-three percent success ratio in this program. My wife and I are on their community board. We have contributed a lot and a lot of time with these young ladies and they have changed our life. And I'd like you to welcome the young ladies from Mercy Ministries today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome them to the Illinois Senate. Pleased to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Welcome to the Capitol. Ladies

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and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, Mr. Secretary, we will return to... Mr. Secretary, we're going to go to -- back to Senate Bill 41. It's on page 2 of the printed Calendar. But before we do that, Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much. I'm joined today by William Harper, who is a freshman at Lane Tech High School. He plays basketball. Is a jazz pianist - very accomplished at that. He wants to go into the Coast Guard when he grows up. So we're honored to have him today. And we're joined by his mom, Molly Burns. Please stand up. They're from the old neighborhood, Rogers Park, where I grew up. And they're in Senator Silverstein's district. So we're honored to have 'em in Springfield. Give 'em a great Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

William and Molly, welcome to the Illinois State Senate. We're sure pleased to have you join us today. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're back to Senate Bill 41. It's up on the board. Senator Muñoz, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 41.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Are there any Floor amendments, Mr. Secretary, approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, I think we're ready to go to the top of page 5. Should be Senate Bill 2253. We'll let it come up on the board. There it is. Senator Trotter. Leader Trotter, on 2253. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2319. Senator Hunter, on 2319. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2337. Senator McGuire. Senator McGuire. Out of the record. And Senate Bill 2362. Leader Clayborne, on 2362. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2362.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Agriculture and Conservation adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne, to explain Floor Amendment 3. Leader Clayborne, take your time if you need to find that paperwork. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, just one second. Leader

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Clayborne, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

It's just a technical amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, Mr. Secretary, let's return to page 2 of the printed Calendar. We have -- on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 572. We'll let it come up on the board. Senate Bill 572. Senator Kotowski. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 572.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, please turn back to page 4 of your printed Calendar. Again, on

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the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading, we have Senate Bill 1912. Senator Raoul. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1912.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Secretary, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. It is on the Members' desks. House Bills 2nd Reading. We have House Bill 207. Senator Steans, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 207.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Also on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, still on the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 2275. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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House Bill 2275.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention? Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? All members of the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1762; refer to Environment Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1961; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1680; refer to Judiciary Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1210; re-refer from Executive Committee to Assignments Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1708; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2187, Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2194 and Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2365.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1708.

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Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go back to the Order of Senate Bills 2nd -- 2nd Reading. On page 5 of the printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2337. Senator McGuire. Senator McGuire, on 2337. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2337.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary and Members of the Senate, still on the Order of Senate Bills 2nd Reading. On page 3 of the printed Calendar, Mr. Secretary, we have Senate Bill 1572 - I believe is the one we want - 1572. Senator Delgado, on 1572. Do you wish to move that to 3rd? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1572.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado, to explain Floor Amendment 3.

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SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1572 deletes provisions requiring CPS to sell properties at market rate when school properties are deemed unusable and slated for sale, requiring ISBE to create standards to restrict -- or, to {sic} (for) district real estate transactions and approve all real estate arrangements. And we had some good testimony yesterday and we look forward to just removing this from the legislation. I would ask for your indulgence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are now going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. On page 5 of the printed Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, this is final action. William Crook, Jr., seeks permission to photograph. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is final action - Senate Bills 3rd Reading on page 5 of the printed Calendar. We have Senate Bill 45. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 45.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. So, the -- as amended, this is now just a shell bill. What it's for is, and will be used for - we're very -- we're working diligently to try to get to an agreement on this - is for a new Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or SMHRFs. This is something that was sort of set up in the SMART Act and now we're trying to flesh it out. It will only come back here if we get an agreement over in the House and they move it back. I will not -- I will commit to not calling it when it comes back here if it's not related to the SMHRF Act that we've assigned it for. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Steans, first, can you please, again, clearly enunciate the acronym that you're using for these kinds of facilities, really loud, so everyone in the Chamber can hear it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

It does, in fact, sound like a cartoon character. It's SMHRF.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And, as I understand it, these are Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Facilities and there is an effort underway to pull these facilities out, if you will, and provide them with their own regulatory structure. The -- and that general concept has broad agreement, but, obviously, the details have to be worked out. And this shell will be moved over to the House where that language, final language, will be put on there, passed back over here to the Senate. That's your plan?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, that is exactly correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And one last question, Senator. Then, if it comes back, if -- if we encounter shock of shocks and the House actually sends us now something back that the Senate didn't expect, you're committing to not calling that bill for any action here in the Senate. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Correct. My only intent for this is to use it to clarify and -- enunciate exactly what these SMHRFs will do. For folks who may be aware, these are the institutes of mental disease who had been pulled out as these new Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation

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Facilities. We're trying to see if we can create a new structure for how those work, particularly in light of many changes in our mental health system, including things like the William {sic} (Williams) Consent Decree.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Considering the sponsor's commitment to make sure that anything that moves in the Senate here after the bill comes back from the House will only be this regulatory structure, I'm going to rise in support of Senate Bill 45, even though it is a shell bill. I have been involved in some of these meetings. It is an enormously complicated issue and will take probably through the end of Session in order to get an agreement. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 45 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Aye, 6 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 45, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

For purposes of an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your introduction, Leader Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

I am very fortunate to be joined here on the Senate Floor by my Page for a Day. Leo Formigoni is a -- an eighth grader at Walther Lutheran Academy in Forest Park, Illinois. He actually lives in Senator Lightford's district, but since she's not here, I've been honored to -- to be his host. His father, Marco, is up in the gallery, right behind the President. He's also a part of the -- the Senate family. His -- his aunt is -- well, I'm -- I'm not sure exactly how the relationships are structured, but we're -- we are -- we are going to go ahead and call Staci -- Staci Wilson his aunt for the day. So we're delighted to have him as -- as a part of our family and I'd ask you to -- to join me in welcoming them both to the -- to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois State Senate. We're pleased to have you join us today. Thank you so much. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 46. Senator Frerichs. Senate Bill 46. Out of the record. Senate Bill 112. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 112. Out of the record. Senate Bill 115. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, 115 out of the record. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 202. Senator Haine. Senator Bill Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 336. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 336.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 336, with the amendment, establishes the Illinois Rehabilitation and Revitalization Tax Credit Act, more commonly known as historic preservation tax credits. The credit allows up to three million dollars per project on State income taxes equal to twenty percent of the qualified cost of a historic rehabilitation on properties registered on the National Registry. The return on investment is significant. It's seven dollars for every one dollar invested. And over the life of the program, it's expected to create twelve thousand jobs. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, I -- I think jobs is obviously the -- the magic word for a lot of us, because we know in our -- in our districts that people need to go back to work. So, it's -- it's always of interest, you know, when the -- when the word comes up. We all care about it. But, we are somewhat cash-strapped. Why do you think we are in a position to forfeit revenue in the short term for a long-term game at this point?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you for the question. I would point to a couple of things that we discussed in committee. The first is, but for the investment on a piece of property that -- that is sitting dormant in most cases, there would be no return in terms of -- of the credit, number one. I wouldn't disagree with your statement that we are cash-strapped. The State certainly is. But I would make the argument, as I did in committee, that -- that without this credit - and it's proven to work on the federal level and both on the State level to a smaller degree when we tested this in years past - that the investment would not come back exponentially.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Could -- could people in the same area as this, however, say that but for that infusion of capital or advantage -- tax advantage, say that they would invest in all kinds of things in the same community, whether that be something that's not of historic value, like a car wash or like a -- a new small business? Could they not say the same thing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Yeah, I think they could. I think could. And -- but this bill is specific to properties that are in need of investment, that are not being utilized, that are on the National Registry only. So, what we've seen in Rockford, for example, is that where the -- the credit was -- was applied to a piece of property, that

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there was investment around the building or the property where the credit was applied.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the -- I'd just like to speak to the bill. Thank you, Senator, for answering those questions. I think there are some things we're all in agreement on and that is that we are cash-strapped, that is that we do have budget issues, that is that our -- our communities are looking for capital to invest to create jobs. I think we have to make the decision at this point, are we going to spend those resources on historic properties - which, yes, they will look beautiful; yes, they could produce jobs - or are we going to invest that money and leave that money in the hands of the citizens to invest in private concerns outside of this historic nature. I -- I would suggest that that's what we should do instead. You know, when you're poor, you miss all kinds of opportunities, and we are a poor State at this point and we just may not be able to invest in this now. Maybe it's something -- we can perhaps invest in, in the future. I would encourage a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Manar, to close.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. In closing, I would just like to remind my colleagues that the twelve thousand people that would be hired through this program when it's fully utilized will be paying income taxes to the State. Many of these properties, not unlike my district, are located in everybody's district in the Chamber

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and most of them are dormant, and this has proven to work in other states surrounding Illinois and I think it's time that this State take this step. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 336 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Aye, 8 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 336, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 337. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 448. Senator Martinez, on Senate Bill 448. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 448.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 448 streamlines and clarifies the composition and election of members of the Chicago Teachers' Pension Board. Current law requires a principal to be a member of the Board. The bill broadens the scope to include all administrators. It establishes a clear and uniform election date and provides for use of electronic voting. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Secretary, the question is, shall Senate Bill 448 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 448, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, on the board, we have Senate Bill 579. Senator Steans, on 579. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 579.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a -- sort of a technical cleanup bill. It allows teacher education fees that are deposited into the fund to be used not just for -- renewals of the -- excuse me, for processing original applications, but also allows the fees to be used for the renewal of licenses.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 579 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are

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55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 579, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 850. Senator Noland, on Senate Bill 850. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Noland, Mr. Secretary, seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 850 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 850. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Noland, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 850 amends the Environmental Protection Act to issue a pilot permit to waste transfer stations in both Elgin and in Stickney for the acceptance for commingled waste and food scrap. Senate Bill 850 also allows the companies in these areas to keep commingled landscape waste and food scrap at the transfer station for a period of no more than twenty-four hours prior to being brought to a compost facility. Time length for the program permit is approximately eighteen months. As amended, the -- the bill sunsets the exemption under the bill on July 1st, 2017. I just want to point out to the membership that there are a couple of scrivener's errors, I understand, in the drafting of this phase of the legislation. Like to correct that over in the House. But my understanding is they're very minor and technical in detail. I ask to vote out of here and to send it over to the House. Any changes can be made over there and brought over here for concurrence. I ask for an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 850. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 850.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Just, again, ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 850 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 850, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 923. Leader Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 923.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The bill allows a municipality or a county to attach automated traffic law enforcement system to school buses. The automated cameras would record violators who are illegally passing buses receiving or discharging students. This was an initiative of two school districts and I will answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Senator, thank you very much for bringing up issues like this. I -- I sincerely appreciate it. I'm definitely interested in safety for the children and safety measures. I have five kids. I have forty-five nieces and nephews. So safety is a big concern for me. But I want to make sure that we're honest with the public and we don't disguise blatant revenue grabs and call them safety measures. So I guess my first question for you is, why are you proposing this bill? Whose -- whose idea was this and are there some studies of accidents that have been happening that you're

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trying to stop?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Senator, first of all, the two school districts were 163 and 170. Second of all, on your other question, there was a study done by IDOT. Approximately a hundred and thirty-five drivers were asked to report instances that occurred and over three thousand violations were reported back of drivers going around a bus that literally had the arm out and going right in front of it. This bill would just give the opportunity to school districts and the municipalities that work together, if they want to go ahead and take this into law, for the safety of children, as you stated that that's what you want to do. Nationally, thirty-one die annually, and half of the thirty-one that died, fifty percent are children between the ages of five and seven.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

So, Senator, how would this bill work? For instance, how are the cameras going to be set up? Who's going to be in charge of paying for the cameras? How much money are the tickets going to be? Who gets the money from the tickets, et cetera?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Senator, the process: School districts who want the automated enforcement would engage in a camera vendor of their choice - of their choice. Some vendors will sell the equipment, while others

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lease the district cameras, but with -- this would totally be up to the school districts. Obviously, if school districts utilize a bus service, the service must agree to the program for the installation of the camera equipment to occur. Municipalities will also have to agree to the process, because a licensed police officer or a trained official would have to review the violation to determine if the offense occurred and issue the citation. And the adjudication of the ticket would be administered totally by the municipality. So they would have to work out some type of agreement between the school district. The school district normally receives a bulk of the fine -- bulk of the money from the fines, but some revenue might have to be shared, because of the issue of the violations and the handle of the adjudication process. The first ticket is a hundred and fifty dollars, first offense. Second offense is five hundred dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

So, thank you, Senator. I appreciate that. I don't know if I was quite clear, though, or maybe I missed it. So the money -- so, a hundred and fifty dollars. So, the majority of the money -- does -- does the camera company receive some of the money, the school district receive some of the money? How -- how does that work? Who gets -- how -- how is the money cut up, or split?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

A contract that is an agreement between the school district and the municipality. The cameras can be leased. The cameras can

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be bought. That is entirely up to the school district if they, in fact, want to take on the camera -- the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

I'm still a little confused on that, but I'll move to my next question. So, now -- now, like -- this is very similar -- this is the next generation of red light cameras. I mean, it's the same companies and now this is another revenue stream for them. So I'm curious, because with the red light cameras, those are not considered a moving violation. Is this considered a moving violation when you receive one of these tickets?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

No, it is not. It is a fine violation that you'll pay if you go around the school bus while the school bus has the extended arm, flashing lights, and clearly is either picking up or dropping off. That's when the camera will go off, because a vehicle totally disregards the safety for a school bus picking up or dropping off students.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you for your patience, Mr. President. Just a little bit -- couple more questions. So -- so, Senator, it's not a moving violation, but is the car when it's traveling around the bus, is the car moving?

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Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

That's correct. The car will be reported going around the vehicle and there is another camera that clearly will show if there is, in fact, students were inside the bus. There's cameras that show everything. And a person who is ticketed with this gets to go online and look at it, and then they -- before they go and pay the ticket or they can appeal it. But it clearly will show the -- the vehicle that just committed the offense.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Now from a constitutional standpoint, why is it not a moving violation? If the car is moving and you're driving around the car and -- the bus and the automobile that's making the infraction is obviously moving down the road, why is not that considered a moving violation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

If a law enforcement personnel witnesses it, they can go ahead and do that while on patrol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further -- Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

So, do the -- once you receive a ticket in -- in the mail, do you have to go to an administrative hearing or can you go in front of a judge and state your case? How does that work?

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Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

When you receive the ticket, if you don't want to pay it by mail, you can go to that municipality who issued that and request a hearing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Okay, and this is an important point based on the Constitution. Is this a hearing in front of a judge or is this an administrative hearing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Administrative hearing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank -- thank you very much. You know, I -- I appreciate it. Senator, I guess just one more question. Have you heard about the scandal that's going on in Chicago with the red light camera scandal? The scandal that's -- that's been in the Chicago papers; the largest scandal in Illinois history, they're calling it, which is a big scandal in the State of Illinois when this is the largest scandal going.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Duffy, I don't believe that's germane to the subject. Do you want to close? Do you have any other comments or questions?
Senator Duffy.

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SENATOR DUFFY:

I'll close, but that has everything to do with what we're talking about now, because it's the same camera companies and it's the same camera lobbyists that's associated with Governor Blagojevich in all the other scandals that's promoting this bill. So I think it has everything to do with this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz, do you wish to respond? Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

You know what, Senator? When you stood up here and started speaking about, I have five children and I care about their safety, and I was like, wow, okay, you know, maybe that's why he did a fiscal note on my bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is my fifteenth year here in this Chamber and I've never done that to any one of my colleagues. But you know what? I didn't even make it an issue. I called the director and asked him, can I have that, if there's not a problem, so I can move this bill along? But here he stands here, now, saying there's corruption about cameras, the worst that it's ever been, and bringing up Blagojevich. Well, we took that matter up and we all know where he's at, so we didn't even need to bring that up. But you know what? You like to go around cameras. You drive right through 'em. You, in your fancy car, fancy shoes, going through...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Hey, you're the one that does it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

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SENATOR MUÑOZ:

You want to bring it up? I can do it too. Now, if you...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz, let's -- let's keep -- let's keep the matters at hand here. Absolutely. Senator Duffy, do you want to conclude your comments? Senator Duffy.

SENATOR DUFFY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I appreciate that. I guess this Senator doesn't recall last year when he put a fiscal note on my one second for safety bill. You have a very short memory. But that's okay and I don't want to sit here and bandy back and forth. Obviously, we disagree on this. I've done a lot of research about red light cameras, the red light camera companies, the lobbyists connected with them. You know, basically, if it looks like a duck, smells like a duck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck. There is a long history with these red light camera companies and this is just the next generation of bills. States across the United States right now are eliminating these cameras. They're not adding these cameras to it. This bill does not prevent accidents. It doesn't throw out an air bag and stop the car from going -- or protect the child with an air bag. What it does is it sends a ticket in the mail after the fact, after the incident has already occurred, and it's just another way for the camera companies, the lobbyists and the legislators who vote for it to make some cold, hard cash on the backs of the citizens of Illinois. So I appreciate the Senator answering my questions; however, this bill is blatantly unconstitutional. It doesn't allow for due process. People in the State of Illinois are not guilty until proven innocent, even though that's what this bill does. This bill does not let people

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-- does not give them the opportunity to defend themselves or state their case in front of a judge. These are automatic fines that happen. We do not have a -- a major problem in the State of Illinois. The laws that we have in place right now, as far as these school buses go and the incidents that happen, the laws that we have in place right now are working well and are effective. So because of these reasons, I encourage a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Question of the Leader, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Leader Muñoz, on your bill here, will these be affixed to the buses themselves?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Yes, Senator, they would. Once the -- they will be on the outside and on the inside. They have to clearly -- when the arm is extended and the lights are flashing, that's when the camera goes on; otherwise, if they didn't, they wouldn't be able to see the vehicle going through. And in all fairness to the person driving the vehicle, you have to have children and -- to show that you're letting someone off or picking someone up.

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Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well -- so that in -- in -- I respect the fact that you're in law enforcement. I started my career as a prosecutor in traffic court, like many people do, over a decade ago. You could already do this. And, in fact, in Champaign County, Illinois, in 1998, we were prosecuting stopped school bus tickets via camera attached to the bus locally. I, myself, prosecuted several of them. The difference, though, is that that's an Illinois Vehicle Code violation, where the defendant has the right to go to court and prove their case in court. And this would extend essentially to a civil penalty, where you mitigate and downgrade the rights of the defendant to defend that position. I guess my comment to this point be -- would be better referenced to the bill, if I may, Mr. President. I apologize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

For those in attendance, you can do this already. We don't need to change the law to attach a camera to an existing school bus. That's been -- that's been done, but that's being done under the Illinois Vehicle Code, which you then are afforded the full rights of any defendant to challenge it in court. Many will remember in this Body, a few years ago when the Illinois Tollway Authority forgot - forgot - to send out hundreds of thousands of tollway tickets to people over the period of about three and a half to four years, and suddenly people got a ticket in the mail that said, four years ago on December 12th at 8:22 p.m....

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Rose, once again, let's keep to the issue at hand, the legislation at hand.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senate...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator...

SENATOR ROSE:

Mr. President, this is very...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

...particular to the legislation at hand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Let's keep it to the legislation in front of us. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, this is the problem with the legislation in front of us, Mr. President, because if you're not going to follow-up on the tickets being mailed in a -- in an expeditious manner, people are not allowed to defend themselves, in a way. I mean, when you get a ticket from four years ago and it said, hey, you were here at this tollbooth at this time, how are you supposed to defend yourself? I don't remember where I was yesterday, let alone four years ago. So, my point is this, if you want to enhance the safety of the students of -- of Illinois, you can already do this under the Illinois Vehicle Code, an existing provision. Champaign County did it. I prosecuted 'em myself. I do not think -- and, again, with no disrespect to the sponsor, who I know is in law enforcement, I do not believe, based on past action on how these

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things are enforced in a civil nature, that these things are done right. If you want to do it, go through the Illinois Vehicle Code, like you already can. Don't extend this and diminish the ability of people to defend themselves and take away their right to go to court. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Leader, you know that I'm a -- a opponent of red light cameras. I just -- I just think they're bad. I don't think they're good. But, you know, after the recent bombing, I've sort of, maybe, taken a second look. And the other thing I know is that if you don't want to get picked up for running past a school bus, then stop your car. It's not that difficult. These people don't have to drive through -- by these kids going so fast. So I'm going to support your bill today, because it's the right thing to do. And, you know, it's cheesy and people say it, but if you save one life of one kid, that seems like a much more important deal to me today than it did a couple of days ago. So I strongly support your bill, Senator. And I know that my friends on the other side are nervous about red lights. I get nervous about 'em, too. They tend to be stuck in minority areas. But in this case, I think there is nothing better than having a -- a camera to make sure that these people that violate the law and put our kids in

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harm pay a high price.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Senator, in committee, I voted against this bill and I've had a lot of second thoughts about that. But something was mentioned here by Senator Rose, that we can -- we can do this already. And, again, I guess I would like to -- if we can, then I -- I wonder why we need this bill. And -- and -- and it -- it does make a difference to me as far as -- as how I would vote. How would -- how do you answer that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Senator, I'm glad you brought that up. To Senator Rose's statement: Senator Rose, in your county or your municipality, I'm sure -- you were a prosecutor; you know your municipality better than anyone and you know your area. I, personally, don't know of that happening in other municipalities. So, you know, you're -- you're correct in saying that. But, this bill, Senator, right now, that we have, this will enable school districts to work with the municipalities if they so desire to choose to do this. I don't know of anything outside of Senator Rose's municipality that does

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it, none that I know of whatsoever.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Senator, are -- if it -- if that is the case, is it possible that you hold this and take a look at that to -- and -- and run this later? It does -- does make some sense to me that, you know, if it is something that just simply gives you the permission to do it, that if we can do that already, that we would not necessarily need to pass another law.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

What I can tell you we can do, Senator, what if we did -- if there's municipalities that are -- currently do it now, which I only know of one, what if we did a trailer bill to try to work with them on that? Again, this is allowing school districts, for them. This is the only thing that it's doing, school districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Luechtefeld.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

But if what he says is true, school districts could do that already and go to their municipal government and -- or State -- county -- county government and get that done. And -- and that just seems to me -- we -- we really don't need another law. We got too many laws already. And I -- and I guess I would like you to look at that, if you would. I don't know whether it's possible to hold it and -- and -- I think it makes some sense to me, at least, to hold it.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Senator, you are a very fair man. I -- I appreciate your comments on that. The only thing, I can tell you this, in 2012, a resolution was enacted by mayors across the United States to enact this. So I know, even though it could have happened - it happened in Senator Rose's area - it is clearly not in the major counties in our State. I want to be able to do this bill for school districts, letting them have the option if they want to do this with their municipalities. If school districts don't want to do this, Senator, we're not forcing anyone to do this, Senator. So I -- I would like to move the bill forward, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. To echo some of the comments made by Senator Jacobs, you know, I couldn't agree more. If there is a lesson that we learned over the last week from -- from what happened in Boston, it is that -- is the value of having video coverage of events that occur in public places. And what that -- enables us to do - now I chair the Criminal Law Committee - but what it enables law enforcement and the State to do is to really expedite the whole process of getting at the truth. And we all,

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I think, would agree that when we know there is a camera upon us, especially in public places, when we know the whole world is watching, we all tend to behave better. So -- and I think one of the important statistics that has come from this debate that I've become aware of, that here in the State of Illinois, over two hundred and fifty bus drivers were given the opportunity to report these incidences over about a forty-day period -- over two hundred and fifty bus drivers were given the opportunity to report these incidences over about a forty-day period, a hundred and thirty-five of those drivers returned reports, reporting over thirty-four hundred incidences that occurred. So, I think that speaks of the value and the opportunity that we have to dampen the incidences of these offenses that are occurring. Now, to the question of administrative law review over these, when you have this compelling evidence and testimony is oftentimes important and impressionable, creates a great impression on us, video evidence is compelling and that's what makes the administrative law process in processing the significant number of offenses that will occur, that we know are occurring, much more efficient in the use of judicial resources. So I -- I stand firmly in favor of the -- of the Senator's bill. It will make our school bus stops a much safer place and it will protect our children and that is what we are charged to do, is to maintain the best interest of children. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Indicates he will yield, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Senator, when a -- ticket is issued, who is it issued to, the driver or the owner of the vehicle?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

To the owner of the vehicle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

How does the owner of the vehicle prove that he was not driving the car if, say, they loaned a car out to someone?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

When they receive a ticket in the mail, they have the right to go, requesting a hearing for adjudification {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Is a photo taken of the actual driver?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

No, it's not. It's only the vehicle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR MARTINEZ:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

You know, I heard this discussion, and -- and for someone who lives in the City of Chicago, where we have one of the largest school districts, 299, let me say that I think that this is a fantastic idea. I think it's great that we actually have these buses equipped with these types of cameras. And I say it because I drive in the City of Chicago and I've seen numerous and numerous of times when I see a bus stop with the light -- with the -- with the hand out, the stop sign, how many cars have gone around these buses, where I've practically seen kids, you know, almost run over by cars. So, you know what, for a school district like Chicago, I hope that they take advantage of this bill and this law, because I think that if we can save children's life, if we can reeducate those drivers that when a stop sign - no matter where it is, on a bus, on a corner, wherever - it means to stop. It means to stop. And somewhere, somehow, we have forgotten the rules of the road. I think that was one of the rules, is that you need to stop when you see a bus. And right now, I've seen too many times, numerous times, in Chicago where we have our -- our school buses stopped and people going around those buses. And for that, I think that we all need to vote on this bill, because it is a matter of life or death for a child trying to cross a street and irresponsible people who are driving not observing that stop sign.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Righter, for what

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purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Muñoz, I've been listening to the debate and honestly I voted against it in committee, but I've been trying to listen to the discussion out here and some of the arguments, like the argument that Senator Martinez just made and some others have made, about the notion that this -- this is about promoting safety and this is about a -- a more efficient way to track or catch the drivers who would pass a school bus when the stop arm is out. The question I have to ask is, is that you're treating the -- under your bill, the drivers who pass a school bus when the stop arm is out and endanger children, who are caught by the camera, are treated dramatically differently than the drivers who pass the school bus that have the stop arm out that endanger children if they're seen by the police officer a half a block away. Why are you differentiating to such a great degree people who engaged in exactly the same conduct based upon one had a picture taken of 'em and one had a police officer half a block away see 'em?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Under the bill, they're doing the fines similar to what's going on now, only this would apply to the school districts. True, when a police officer or any law enforcement, Cook County police, whatever the case, county police, whatever law enforcement for

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whatever municipality sees that action occur, that's totally different than from a picture that was taken.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Why? Why is it different? If you have evidence before you that the driver clearly passed the school bus when the arm was clearly out, why -- why are those two situations totally different?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Again, for law enforcement, you're there on patrol. They're going to issue the ticket, request to see the driver's license. This is a safety mechanism that's in place, if, in fact, the school district wanted to utilize this. This would hopefully be a deterrent from someone going around a school bus. I can't imagine somebody cannot -- taking the time out of waiting a couple minutes for letting the bus move away.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

It's my understanding, Senator, that for someone who passes a school bus when the stop arm is out and they are ticketed by a law enforcement officer, that that ticket goes to the driver of the automobile and that person will have their license suspended for one year if they're convicted. The person who engages in exactly the same conduct, the ticket will be issued to the owner of the car, who may or may not have been driving, and that person will be fined and, in fact, won't have their license subject to

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suspension unless they commit at least five - five - of these violations. Now, even if we deem the -- the picture to be at least somewhat less credible than the police officer, that is a huge disparity in treatment for these people. And I appreciate the comment you're making about a prevention measure and a safety measure, but unless we expect motorists to understand that there's a huge camera mounted on the outside of that school bus, that's not going to prevent that person from doing that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Was -- was that a question, Senator Righter?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

It didn't really sound like I ended it with a question mark, did it, Mr. President? Let me try -- let me try again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

You might want to state that question a little more clearly. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Muñoz, other than one is taken with a -- a -- a camera and another one is seen by a peace officer, what's the difference in the conduct for these drivers who are committing this offense?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Senator Righter, in your statements, they were absolutely correct - totally, big difference. One with the policeman doing his job, well, that one is criminal, Senator. You being an attorney, you know all that. And the other one is civil. The person driving that vehicle, the vehicle is going to get that ticket to the vehicle's owner. So you're absolutely right. And

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the person who's caught by the police will be given that citation and asked for their license immediately. If convicted, yeah, they can be suspended for up to the year. That's up to the judge. But that's a criminal matter and a civil matter. The civil matter is in the bill that I have before us and I'm just hoping to give the opportunity, again, to the school districts to let them decide. That's all we're saying. And to Senator Luechtefeld: I wanted to respond this to you, Senator. I -- I think the world of you. You're such a good man and -- and you're very smart, a lot of experience. I have staff working on that. Because of time is one reason were moving it out of the Chamber. But I agree with you. I just can't imagine having a bunch of municipalities already on board, not that I'm saying anything against Senator Rose, 'cause I truly believe in his part, they -- they did that. I will definitely address that situation when it goes -- and I don't even know who the sponsor is going to be of this bill in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Rose, your name was used in debate. For the second time, Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to clarify. As Senator Muñoz just pointed out, this is...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the -- to the bill, Senator Rose?

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill. Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

The existing law allows any jurisdiction under the Illinois Vehicle Code to do this already. Okay? But it's charged as an Illinois Vehicle Code violation. A police officer would have to forward the ticket to you -- they'd have to send it to you. You could go to a judge if you wish to protest the ticket. If you said that -- you know, there's three elements - the bus had to be stopped, the window -- the door had to be open, the lights had to be flashing, and - four elements - and there had to be kids in -- in close enough proximity to get hurt. So, if -- if one of those four was missing, you could go defend yourself in front of a judge. The difference here is this would be civil. This would be a civil matter, not -- and you -- you would have to go to this administrative hearing to defend yourself. Also, though, and I do think that this is significant, the fee, the ticket money, the fine, if you will, in the preceding goes to law enforcement, goes to the courthouse, et cetera. In this instance, the fee, fine money, would go to the -- go to the school district. But also - and this is the key for safety - and people are going to make up their mind however they want to make up their mind, but you need to know this, in the Illinois Vehicle Code ticket citation, you're automatically suspended. It's not up to the judge, and no disrespect, Senator Muñoz, it's not -- it's not permissive. It's not up to the judge. Upon being found guilty, the Secretary of State shall suspend your license. So, quite frankly, and with all due respect to everybody on all -- all sides, I think there's a safety argument on both sides of this. For me, I would rather have you do this right, get the conviction and then suspend their license. And I appreciate the indulgence of the Body.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Muñoz, to close.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. First of all, I'd like to apologize for getting a little excited. That was not my intent. And to my colleagues that brought up some good questions, you know, we could always have disagreements, but what makes it so unique in this Body, there's fifty-nine of us and we all have our own, what we think is a good bill or a bad bill, so I understand that. And to my colleague on the other side who said that I did put a fiscal note: I checked with staff and they said there was a fiscal, but it was taken off immediately and it was done by error. So, just to clarify that. Ladies and Gentlemen, the only thing I can tell you, we've had some great arguments, great debate. At the end of the day, it's up to the school districts. And I appreciate my colleague on the other side, about where the judge -- the judge doesn't get to make that; it's automatically law. Unfortunately, this day and age, right now in our counties, in our municipalities, we don't have enough policemen out there, county personnel, law enforcement out there. Right now, people are laying off. We can't hire police personnel and - and I think all of us know that. This bill, again, just gives them the opportunity to go ahead and let a school district decide if they want to go ahead and do this. The only thing I can tell you, from my law enforcement background, people are going to do it. One of our colleagues stated, they're going to do it no matter what. Well, you know what, they probably will, but I'll tell you what, there is probably seven out of ten that won't do it - that won't do it, because they're going to know that this bill is out

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there, especially, that they know that the camera is right out looking at them when that arm is extended and the lights are flashing. I think we owe it to the school districts to let them decide if they want to do it and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 923 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 12 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 923, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn the Calendar to page 8, to the top of page 8, next up, we have Senate Bill 1005. Senator Raoul. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1005 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1005. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Floor Amendment 2 removes the duty to -- duty to report provision of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the Ayes have it,

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and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1005. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1005.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1005, as amendment -- as amended, seeks to address a problem that has been prevalent in the City of Chicago with regards to the use of social media to incite and encourage flash mobs to get together and commit criminal offenses. Senate Bill 1005 allows a court to impose an extended term sentence when a person is convicted of an attempted mob action, solicitation to commit mob action, or conspiracy to commit mob action, and an electric -- electronic communication is used in the commission of the offense.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR DILLARD:

Thank you. I join in my sponsor - I'm the cosponsor - of this bill's desire to see this bill passed. This is a serious

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problem and I met with a business leader, a major business leader, the other day, who said, "Look, we can solve all of Illinois' economic problems, but if we have a perception that it is unsafe to walk on the Magnificent Mile or anywhere else in the State of Illinois without being accosted by teenagers who know how to use the social media to gather groups of people together on a Saturday night or a Friday night or a Sunday afternoon just to have fun, we have a problem." And I think it's important that we send a message that you cannot use social media to incite, for lack of a better term, and it's actually a term in the Criminal Code of mob action. This has got to end and it is -- it is a black eye on us. I know that Mayor Emanuel and the Chicago City Council especially, in the City where this has happened, are trying to curtail this, but I think the sponsor has a good idea. He came to me and said, you know, this is something we need to send a message to young people that you can't use your knowledge of -- of -- of social media to terrorize visitors and others to -- to any place in Illinois. So, I commend the -- the sponsor for his idea on this. I thank him for asking me to cosponsor it. But I'm just telling you, from a standpoint of tourism, as well as just the quality of life and our reputation as a State, we have got to send the message and this bill helps us send a message. I'd urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, do you wish to close, Senator Raoul? Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I -- I appreciate Senator Dillard's cosponsorship. And -- and I just want to clarify and -- that and reiterate that while -- and I represent North Michigan Avenue and lot of the tourist

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areas that have been heavily impacted by this, but I also represent other parts of the City that are also impacted by this. In fact, blocks away from my home, there was an incident where a young lady was shot as a result of the use of social media to convene a -- gang members to -- to perpetrate this crime. So it's not just with regards to occurrences on the Magnificent Mile, but throughout -- throughout our State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1005 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill, 1005, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1006. President Cullerton, on 1006. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1007. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1043. Senator Hutchinson, on 1043. Out of the record. Senate Bill -- with leave of the Body, Mr. Secretary, we're going to go down to Senate Bill 1162. We're towards the bottom of page 8 on the printed Calendar. Senate Bill 1162. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1162.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I'm wondering whether we need to adopt an amendment, Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments to be approved? Senator, there are no further Floor amendments waiting to be adopted. Amendment 2 has already been adopted. Ready to continue..

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

...Senator? Mr. Secretary, have you read the bill? Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, for the clarification. Senate -- Senate Bill 1162 deals with the Hotel Operators' Occupation Tax Act. The bill clarifies the current tax-exempt status of the American Red Cross and provides that no tax is imposed under the Acts on the renting, leasing, or letting of hotel rooms to the American Red Cross for the provision or coordination of disaster relief services. The bill also states that this exemption will only apply during the provision or coordination of a disaster relief service. Happy to answer any questions and I would urge your Ayes -- support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you very much. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will. Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator, I wonder -- and I -- I think this is a great idea. My question is, is -- are there other groups that are organized, as the American Red Cross, as a nonprofit, who do work like this, who we should all look at and say -- look at and say, well, they deserve this exemption as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I've not been approached by any. The American Red Cross is known internationally for doing this work all over the country. So I've not been approached by any other organizations that do this same work. But this is easily recognizable and most communities know who they are, so we just wanted to clarify what already happens in practice.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, in practice, hotels choose to give them a break on their hotels? How is it done in -- in practice? 'Cause that -- since it's a tax and it's imposed by Springfield, how is that carried out in practice now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

The way we understand it is that their tax-exempt status is federal. It's supposed to trickle down, and when they rent these hotel rooms, they don't typically charge the tax.

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I don't think that applies to State sales taxes. And if it -- if it did, then I'm not sure why you'd have the bill, because it would apply to a State sales tax, such as the hotel tax.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

This bill is to clarify, which is exactly why we have the bill. We clarify that this tax-exempt organization known around the world for providing disaster relief services, when they are in the commission of renting or leasing hotel space for that said purpose, that it is appropriate that we not charge the tax and have that passed on to the people that we're actually trying to help. This bill is a clarifying bill, which is why we introduced it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

No thank you, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hutchinson, do you wish to close? Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you. I would just urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1162 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1162, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're on the bottom of page 8 of the printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Next up is Senate Bill 1164. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1164.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, please take Senate Bill 1164 out of the record. Senate Bill 1194. Senator Haine. Is that the one you'd like to proceed with? Mr. Secretary, Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1194 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1194. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 2 deletes all and becomes the bill. And this is the Navigator Certification Act. A navigator is a person -- it could be an -- a certified application counselor, a number of other terms. It's authorized by -- by the Affordable

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Care Act, the national federal health plan, that -- and these individuals go out into the highways and byways and assist people in accessing insurance and insurance exchange, et cetera. The federal ACA did not accurately or clearly define their duties. It -- it left it up to the states. So this is Illinois' attempt to bring order into the field of navigators. It clearly delineates what a navigator shall be about and what they shall not do. It is a positive, mainly. It is a -- it was negotiated extensively over the past several months and -- with most of the negotiations led by the Illinois Insurance Agents and the Illinois Association of Health Underwriters, assisted greatly by the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty (Law), the Chamber of Commerce, the Heartland Alliance, the AIDS Foundation, the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Care {sic} (Coalition). This is a wide and diverse group. We have a bill which is not opposed by anyone and is supported by most. And I would ask for an Aye vote so we can navigate this bill to the House. Now I want to add, Mr. President, for purposes of legislative intent regarding Section 15...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Haine, this is the amendment. We're going to -- we can maybe do that on 3rd. Okay? Is there any -- any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, on Amendment 3.

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SENATOR HAINE:

I repeat and re-allege what I said a few moments ago. And I want to add..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on Amendment 3? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1194. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1194.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President. I want to add the -- a key institution that helped navigate this bill is the Department of Insurance, the Director Boron and his excellent staff. For purposes of legislative intent regarding Section 15(e): Nothing in this Act shall require an entity or individual serving as a navigator to obtain a surety bond. And the bill -- to just enlighten the Members of the Chamber, there -- there has to be a minor tweak that the Illinois hospitals wanted and that has to be done in the House. There's no opposition to it. We just ran out

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of time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

A question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Senator Haine, these navigators, who's going to be regulating them?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank -- thank you. Senator Silverstein, the Department of Insurance will certify them and they will be responsible to -- to the Department of Insurance for following the rules of that certification.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

One further question: Are the feds going to be regulating them or is the State going to have sole jurisdiction?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Under this scenario, the State is the regulator. The ACA reserved to the states the primary regulatory authority over navigators.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1194 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1194, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's turn to the top of page 9 of the printed Calendar. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 1204. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1210. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1244. Leader Link. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1244.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This authorizes Lake County only to establish -- establish an affordable housing trust fund. Lake County can add a new three-dollar surcharge for filing of any real -- real estate-related document to fund this affordable housing trust. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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SENATOR McCARTER:

A few questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, can you explain how much this -- this new fee is and how much each transaction -- real estate transaction would typically cost?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Well, it's three hundred -- three dollars, excuse me - I almost said three hundred - three dollars a transaction and there -- you know, I have found out - I'm not in the real estate business - but there could be up to three -- three different transactions. But - I am checking - the intent has never been more than just to ask three dollars, period, for a transaction. If we have to rectify that, we will rectify it in the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, the fund that this is going into, does it collect - does it have money in the fund and does it -- does it collect moneys from other fees or designations from the budget currently?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

They are right now collaboratively working with Lake County, the government of Lake County, and they are putting money into it,

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but that is the only other source that they have right now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

And what -- and what are the moneys used -- what is -- what is this money used for and why is it important that we assess a fee on -- are we assessing a fee on all the people that benefit from the fund or just every -- everyone that has a transaction within the county?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Answer the second part, it's everybody within the county limits that the fee would be related to, but this can help any -- any municipality or unincorporated area in the county and it's trying to get a lot of these houses that either have been foreclosed, run-down, and to get 'em back on the tax rolls so they can -- and people can utilize them to buy 'em at an affordable price.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Yes, just one last question. Senator, since you're not clear on whether this is a three-dollar tax or a twelve- to fifteen-dollar tax, because every real estate transaction typically has three to five documents, which is the way I read it, as per document, since it's possibly three and possibly twelve or fifteen, wouldn't you rather just pull this from the record and make that clear so everyone could know what kind of an increased fee or tax

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they're voting on today?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I would like to, if it wasn't time prohibitive. But the point is, is I have been meeting with the -- the people. They're looking at raising approximately three hundred thousand dollars throughout for this. If that is attainable by just the one three-dollar fee per transaction, what we will do is, we - and you have my word - we will guarantee that we will amend it in the House and, obviously, it will be coming back here for concurrence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Speak to the bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's not clear, but the -- on the Floor right now, but the language in the bill is clear. This is a -- this is a twelve- to fifteen-dollar fee, because -- and we talked about this in committee. We had a lot of time to determine whether we really wanted to charge three or fifteen. You know, at the last moment here, we -- we say, well, we'll take care of it in the House. No one here can be -- guarantee that this will be taken care of in the House. As well, the money is being put into a pool to -- to -- to help with delinquent -- or -- or abandoned properties, foreclosed properties. We -- we all want that to happen, but, you know, we're doing this, again, with other people's money. When -- you know, there are -- there are people in these communities that would -- would like you just to simply lower their tax burden so they could invest in these properties and get 'em back on the tax rolls. We all want them

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back on the tax rolls, but, here again, we're taxing everybody and then putting it into a government fund and hoping that they do the right thing with it, and it's just more government. If -- if you want more government and you want more taxes and fees and you want to take more money out of the -- the -- the -- the private sector and more money out of the pockets of the people, vote for this bill. I encourage a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

I'd just like to say thank you to Senator Link for bringing this bill forward, for working it through. This is something that I -- my district is in Lake County. This is something that Lake County has been interested in for a very long time. We affordable -- we have affordable housing issues there. It is very difficult to keep affordable housing in Lake County. And we're also in a very interesting position, where we are the fourth-highest county in the State of Illinois with foreclosures. We really need help there. And I would urge a Yes vote. And thank you so much, Senator Link, for bringing the bill through.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Link, to close.

SENATOR LINK:

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I -- I just want to reiterate one thing. This affects one county in this State - that's Lake County. It's got the blessing of the Lake County government, who is working in collaboration with the affordable housing group. It's to help -- as Senator Bush indicated, we have a severe problem up in Lake County with affordable homes. This would help alleviate that, help to get people back on the tax roll and back to work where they want to. I would ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1244 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 35 voting Aye, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1244, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1269. Senator Haine, on 1269. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1307. Leader Lightford. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1330. Senator Raoul, on 1330. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1330.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on Senate Bill 1330.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1330 amends the Public Aid Code to establish civil

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monetary penalties for Medicaid providers and alternate payees who knowingly violate Medicaid program requirements. This initiative is modeled after the federal CMP law and allows the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to seek civil monetary penalties up to fifty thousand dollars for each fraudulent act or order to bar provider -- the provider from participating in the medical assistance program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1330 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1330, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on the board, we have Senate Bill 1332. Senator Raoul, on 1332. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1399. Senator Link, on 1399. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1407. Leader Clayborne, on 1407. Out of the record. Senator Clayborne, 1408. Out of the record, Mr. Secretary. Senate Bill 1410. Senator Tom Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1415. Senator Dillard. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1415.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Dillard.

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SENATOR DILLARD:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a bill that Senator Sandack and myself had last Session, that we create something modeled after Kansas and some other states called the Board of (Legislative) Repealers. And we've worked with our staff. Staci Wilson has worked with the legislative support services' folks to come up with a -- a good bill. It's to get rid of duplicative statutes and to look for statutes that might be in conflict and to remove unconstitutional laws declared by the State Supreme Court or the U.S. Supreme Court from our statute books. When I started around here as a staff member, there were about three statute books and now we have about nine of 'em that are about this high. And every now and then, we need to go through and clean up the statutory books - not looking to get rid of anything controversial, but just cleaning up our statutes, making sure that we don't have duplicative laws out there. And the other thing it would do is create a site where members of the public could say, "We think you have five statutes dealing with the same thing and why don't you merge 'em all into one?" So it's passed here before. I'd appreciate a favorable roll call. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

So -- Senator Dillard, so we're each going to get a bill to

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repeal and we're going to pass that bill too?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Dillard.

SENATOR DILLARD:

I think that was a -- a kidding question, à la Bill Haine style. Although I would still love a story about, you know, how the -- the canons of -- of -- of the Vatican. Every now and then, down in the basement of the Vatican, they go through and make sure they get rid of things. I'd love one of those stories too. But thank you, Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1415 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1415, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 1454. Senator Delgado. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1471. Senator Holmes. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1528. Senator Rose. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1528.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1528 is intended to empower victims of -- of criminal violence and -- and -- victims. It also would empower first degree relatives of those victims to have a statement about how they perceive the crime, what's happened to their loved one, included in the presentence report to the court. The first degree relatives will not be addressing the court, but it would be included in the presentence investigation. We've worked with a number of individuals to do this and I think it's an agreed bill now. So I'd appreciate the -- the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1528 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1528, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 1532. Senator Rose. Out of the record. At the bottom of page 9, we have Senate Bill 1544. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Let's turn the page, folks, to the top of page 10. We have Senate Bill 1551. Leader Radogno, on 1551. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1567. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1588. Senator Mulroe. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1594. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1598. Leader Hunter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1598.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill, 1598, requires the use of specific race categories and adds the requirements of ethnicity variable. It does this to bring standardization to the best practices in the way race and ethnicity information is collected, to make information more valid and, therefore, more useful. Last year, I chaired the Illinois Racial and Ethnic Impact Research Task Force, which was charged with determining a practical method for standardizing the collection of this kind of information. So, what we're really trying to do is to improve the situation around data collection of race and ethnicity around people who are arrested and involved in the criminal justice system. Right now, the manner in which the information is collected is not standardized. The way law enforcement, the courts, jails, the criminal justice system and the prison system, they all collect data and they record it differently. So we're basically trying to standardize the information. Many factions of the law enforcement, State Police, Corrections, and Juvenile Justice expressed a concern about the -- the bill's language, and so what I'm asking this Body to do is to pass this bill out of the -- out of the Senate Chambers and next week we are scheduled to have a joint meeting to craft legislation -- or, craft language to their liking. So I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise? No. Okay, is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1598 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1598, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator McGuire, for what purpose -- Ladies and Gentlemen, next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1633. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1640. President Cullerton. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1657. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1657.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This provides that two members of the Property Tax Review Board shall be members of the same political party as the county official receiving the highest vote total for any county office. The third member shall not be affiliated with that same party. It also makes further changes to the process of filing property tax assessment complaints in counties with under three million or less people.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator -- and seeing no discussion,

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Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1657 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1657, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up is Senate Bill 1680. Senator Link. Out of the record. 1681. Senator Link. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1686. Senator LaHood. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1686.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator LaHood.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative brought forth by Senator Koehler and myself, and Senate Bill 1686 adds some minor flexibility in the Adoption Act. And this amends the Adoption Act to allow the use of any nine-month period after adjudication of neglect or abuse to show that the parent is not making progress towards reasonable efforts to correct the problem or reasonable progress toward returning the child home. This legislation is a -- this is a bill that was put together with DCFS, the Cook County Public Guardian's Office, along with the Peoria County State's Attorney's Office. I know of no opposition. Be happy to answer any questions.

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1686 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1686, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have Senate Bill 1689. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1689.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This bill concerns local electoral boards. The way they work right now is that if a candidate for municipal or township office or for school board or community college board has their petitions challenged, that petition is heard by the local electoral board, which is made up of three entities essentially from the local district in question, which gives rise to a very substantial number of conflicts of interest and -- and other uncomfortable situations. What this bill does is it moves the jurisdiction of these petition challenges to the county officers' election board, which, I believe, in nearly all instances, is one that's presented with fewer conflicts of interest and a -- a fairer process. Happy to take any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1689 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Aye, 10 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1689, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1708. Senator Silverstein. Senator Silverstein. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1738. Senator Link. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1738.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is a Video Gaming Act cleanup bill. As amended by Amendment No. 3, it is -- amends the definition of video gaming terminals, VGTs, to include machines that accept vouchers or electronic cards. It also removes the restriction from the Act to prohibit VGTs from being located within a thousand feet of an OTB facility and clarifies that license fees for VGTs shall be split equally between the license location and the terminal operator. It amends the Criminal Code to ensure that VGTs are not considered illegal gambling devices subject to seizure and {sic} (when) properly licensed and used. It also deletes the

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provision from VGA that prohibits central communications system vendors from holding a license issued by the Board and requires the Board to adopt administrative rules to implement this procedure. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Link, I think you're exactly right, that there are provisions in this bill that could be fairly characterized as cleanup. There is one provision that goes a little bit beyond that and that's what I'd like to talk about. There is in law right now, with regards to video gaming, a prohibition against an entity being either a manufacturer or distributor of these video games and being the central communications system -- system operator, I think. And you're going to correct me if that's not the right term. And that -- that wall, if you will, that prohibition wall was put in law at least a couple years ago. This bill would remove that prohibition. Tell me why it is that you want to remove that prohibition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

The original intent of it, Senator, was to increase competition in the State of Illinois and the reason it's being

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removed today is because an Illinois company, which -- is merging with a -- a communications provider and we would be putting that Illinois company out of business without this prohibition being lifted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

In the Executive Committee, there was a concern expressed that the central communications system vendor, which is an entity that kind of has wires plugged into all the video gaming machines all across the State, would be collecting information from machines that belong to its competitors as well, which might include some proprietary information. What's your response to the -- the fact that some proprietary information might be forced to be shared by a competitor of that company?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

What you have, and I think it was clearly stated in committee, as I was there with you, is that the fact is, is that the company that was vetted and hired by the -- the Gaming Board to oversee these machines has -- is governed by the Gaming Board on what they can and cannot do. If any of this proprietary information was shared or used, they would not only lose their contract in the State of Illinois, likelihood, they'd probably be losing their -- contracts nationally with a number of other companies or states. This -- this practice is in effect in a number of different governing bodies throughout the State already, with the same company being involved in a communications side, and there has

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been no sign of any irregularities on their part throughout the nation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, let's -- let's clarify first: Of the fourteen you just listed, all but one of those are Lottery issues, not video gaming. So we have one example elsewhere in the country with regards to that. But, Senator, the -- the testimony in committee was certainly that the Gaming Board would take action if the proprietary information - which will have to be shared under this arrangement that you're proposing - the proprietary information from one distributor or manufacturer absolutely has to go its competitor, because before they can do a system upgrade on their machines, Senator, they've got to submit that information, including the proprietary information, to the laboratory and then to the central system vendor. They have got to give that information over. Yeah, I hope that the Gaming Board, if that company uses it inappropriately, would catch them. But the way the system, the video gaming system, is set up now, any time a manufacturer of these machines wants to upgrade their machines with some kind of update on their software, and if that includes proprietary information, that has to be given to the central communications system vendor, which means they are going to be -- have -- be forced to share that proprietary information with their competitor. Now, do you really -- do you disagree with that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

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Yes, because the fact is, is that, first of all, they already - and the same witness you're taking about, who happens to just be a competitor of this Illinois company, an out-of-state company that they are - already admitted in committee the fact is they do already share that proprietary information now. The point is you go through different steps. They have to bring all this to the Gaming Board. They have to -- that's going to be the first person if there is upgrades done. The Gaming Board then gives authorization. Then the Gaming Board gives it to communications, which is the same. And then all they're doing is to show that it's compatible. They are not sharing information. And let me quote on something on page 9 of the bill: The Board shall not permit development of information or the use of any license {sic} of gaming devices or individual games performance data. {sic} Nothing in this Act shall inhibit or prohibit the Board from using the gaming devices or individual games performance data in its regulatory duties. {sic} The Board shall not adopt rules -- the Board shall adopt rules to ensure that all licensees are treated and all licensees are acted in a non-discriminatory manner and develop process and penalties to enforce those rules. {sic} That is in the legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Link, you're absolutely correct that proprietary information is being -- is -- is being conveyed from the manufacturers of the machines to the central communications system vendor. You're absolutely right about that, but that's not an issue now, because the law doesn't allow the person who is the

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central communications system vendor to also own a manufacturing company that's a competitor. That's the whole point of the debate here, Senator. Once you -- this -- this bill, if it becomes law, will require the video machine manufacturers to share proprietary information with an entity that will now be a -- the competitor of theirs. One of the biggest concerns out there among people who are trying to structure these gaming laws is to avoid conflicts of interest and this -- this bill will knock down a very important barrier to a conflict of interest. But let's move on. What testimony was presented in Executive Committee, Senator Link, that if this merger doesn't take place, that those eleven hundred jobs are going to disappear?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

The merger -- if this doesn't take place, this piece of legislation, the company would have to -- not only not be able to sell in the State of Illinois the machines that -- which they have in the State of Illinois, manufacture in the State of Illinois, but the local establishments today that have these machines in their facilities, the machines would have to be taken out, and then they would have to buy new machines from another competitor outside of the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, these issues that we deal with, with regards to video gaming and the Lottery, are ripe for abuse and

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corrupt conduct if they're not written carefully and if we do not have proper walls with regards to conflicts of interest. We have a wall right now that avoids that conflict of interest with regards to video gaming, and Senate Bill 1738, while it -- may have some other good stuff in there that we can talk about being cleanup, is a real problem in this regard. Right now, the law does not allow an entity who is the central communications system vendor, which oversees all the machines in the State, to also be a manufacturer of those machines. This bill would change that. And so now a company that is the central communications vendor, the overseer of all the machines, would now also be allowed to be a competitor with the other manufacturers, and there will be the sharing of proprietary information and those manufacturers will be required to put that information in the hands of a competitor. Maybe nothing bad will come of it. Maybe Senator Link is right. But why would we take that chance? Why would we take that chance? Why would we want to take a chance to look back three years and say, oh, my goodness, we could have avoided this if we'd have simply kept that barrier from a conflict of interest in place. Please vote No on Senate Bill 1738. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

A question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

In regards to your location restriction, this would eliminate

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the thousand-foot provision from a sports bar to an OTB? Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Link, I'd like to commend you for your work on this bill. This directly impacts the 19th Senate District. It'll -- it'll positively impact two major businesses that are struggling financially because of this restriction. I want to say thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Would the sponsor yield, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will. Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator Link, does this address what we have already taken care of this administratively? The Gaming Commission had developed a rule that some fraternal groups, such as the KCs -- that's not in this bill? Okay. I'm...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

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Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Link, to close.

SENATOR LINK:

Yeah, I just want to clarify one misconception that was stated in this debate. The company -- the communication company does not oversee these machines. Basically, what they do is they test it, they plug it in and said, see you later. The point is, if we don't do this bill, it not only will cause us to basically put an Illinois company out of Illinois doing business, we will already cause these establishments that have these games in there approximately six million dollars to bring in other machines and get rid of these machines out of their establishment. I think this is a bill that if we trust the Gaming Board -- which even though I dispute with 'em now and then, I trust the Gaming Board to put in the strongest regulations possible to make sure nothing of infractions can happen in this State pertaining to this matter. And I ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1738 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 35 voting Aye, 15 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1738, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1743. Senator Rose. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1743.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill deals with the State Department of Revenue, who has been inappropriately auditing cell phone vendors and taxing their contracts for services, not for the -- the cost of phone. We are in negotiations with them at this time. I would actually say that, in the last twenty-four hours, we've had some pretty productive conversations and have changed quite a bit since even yesterday morning. We want to continue that discussion obviously. This being deadline week, we'd like to continue that in the House. I want to thank Committee Chairwoman Hutchinson for her help and support on this. I -- I can -- I -- I don't believe this bill will pass at all in current form in the House. Leader Currie has got a -- a brick on it. But I do think we may get something to bring back to you later that may represent the fruit of those negotiations. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1743 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1743, having received the required

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constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1764. Senator Kotowski. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1764.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. You're doing a wonderful job today, by the way. This bill's an initiative of the Secretary of State to clarify when enhanced penalties apply for driving while license suspended and driving while license revoked.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion after that thorough description? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1764 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1764, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, Senate Bill 1779. Leader Trotter. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1788. Senator Jacobs. 1788. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's turn to the top of page 11 of the printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 1790. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1790.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1790 extends flexibility to the State Housing Appeals Board to render a decision on an appeal from a housing developer within a hundred and twenty days whenever possible. The Board may extend the timeline for decision when circumstances outside the Board's control make it possible {sic} within the current -- currently allotted a hundred and twenty days. In addition, the amendment -- this amendment to the bill also determines a thirty-five-day timeline for appeal of Board decisions and provides that members of the Board, appointed by the Governor, shall remain active until their successor is appointed. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1790 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1790, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1795. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1801. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1801.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1801 is a follow-up to what we've previously done in the last few years. It amends the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the -- Retailers' Occupation Tax Act by stating that the exemption for materials, parts, equipment, components, furnishings incorporated into an aircraft applies only to the sale of qualifying tangible personal property to persons who modify, refurbish, complete, replace, or maintain an aircraft. Apparently, what was happening, we had some of the big airlines trying to use this and this was used for limited purposes of those companies that are in the business of refurbishing aircraft. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1801 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1801, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1847. Leader Radogno. Out of the

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record. Senate Bill 1852. Senator Connelly. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1852.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1852 amends the Code of Civil -- Criminal Procedure to allow police officers to rely on information received from officers in another jurisdiction in order to make an arrest in his or her own jurisdiction. This legislation is in response to a Second District Appellate Court case, People versus Contreras. I am not aware of any opposition and I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1852 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1852, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1867. Senator Rose. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1867.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is intended to allow those who have administrative determinations of paternity to receive the same rights to challenge as you would in a voluntary acknowledgement of paternity. It's very limited to just that small group of people. It is estimated at a couple hundred per year. But it'd extend the same rights that everyone else does on a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1867 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1867, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, Senate Bill 1877. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1880. Senator Manar. Out of the record. How about 1896, Senator Manar? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1900. Senator Biss. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1961. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill... We'll get to 2153 in just a second. Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, inquiry -- inquiry of the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your inquiry, Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Is there a procedure in place to replace a current Senator with a Page for the Day?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

We'll have to look through the rules on that. I'm not sure, Senator Kotowski. Why might you ask?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

There's a couple Senators here that are not here and I have a great Page for the Day and I think he could ably fill the shoes of the two people who are not here. But I'd like to -- could we place it for a vote? I don't know if that's unusual. If not, all those in favor, say Aye. All those opposed. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

I'm sure he's very qualified and would do a good job, but not sure that's going to meet the constitutional question. Senator - - let's see, Senate Bill 2153. Senator Cunningham. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are on page 12. Senate Bill 2169. Senator Noland, on 2169. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2169.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Noland.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2169 is an initiative

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of the Department of Revenue. It's basically a cleanup bill that allows them -- gives the power -- or the Department power to revoke or refuse to issue a permit or a license if the applicant fails to file -- file, rather, a return or pay a fee or tax administered by the Department. Amongst other things, it -- it allows the Department to revoke or refuse to issue a license or permit if an owner, partner, corporate officer, manager of -- or member of the entity has been an owner, partner, corporate officer, or manager or member of another entity which is in default with the Department. The Department will be allowed to maintain a petty cash fund of two thousand dollars per facility in which it can make change for taxes for people who pay in cash, opposed to the current one hundred dollars. And, additionally, the bill clarifies that if a person assigns winnings from the lottery to another person or entity, that the profits of the assignment of the winnings are subject to Illinois income tax. So it is an omnibus bill, as opposed to an ombudsman bill. Like I say, just cleanup for the Department. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2169 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2169, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, Senate Bill 2178. Senator Harris. Excuse me, Senator Harris seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2178 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no

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objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2178. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harris.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harris, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Floor Amendment 2 deletes all and becomes the bill. And I'll be happy to explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Harris.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Floor Amendment No. 3. Senator Harris, to explain.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Floor Amendment No. -- No. 3 makes a technical correction. I'll be explaining it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on Amendment 3? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2178. Senator -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2178.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Senate Bill 2178 requires all public and private high schools to maintain catastrophic accident insurance for all student athletes injured while participating in school-sponsored or school-supervised athletic events sanctioned by the Illinois High School Association. The catastrophic accident insurance policy must cover whichever comes first: Three million in aggregate benefits or five years of coverage for injuries that result in medical expenses in excess of fifty thousand dollars. It exempts school districts that require student athletes to -- to have health insurance coverage in order to participate in athletic events. It also requires the IHSA to provide a group policy to public school districts and private schools that provide the necessary coverage levels. Public school districts and private school districts may choose to participate in the IHSA group policy or obtain their own coverages. And I'd also like to thank Senator Brady and Senator Syverson for their support of this bill and working together to come up and meet with everyone to make sure that everyone was on the same page. And this bill is going to affect others going forward that -- that happened with Rocky Clark at Eisenhower High

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School. And I'm looking for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BRADY:

As Senator indicated, I -- I stand in support of this legislation and I want to thank him for working with all parties involved to remove all opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Any further discussion? Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I rise in strong support of this bill and also want to thank Senator Syverson and -- and Brady, and Senator Harris himself, for his -- his patience and his willingness to work with the -- the various entities that appear in front of the Insurance Committee. This is an excellent bill. He's seen the effect of this. The witness that he brought to us, the lady who lost her son, certainly personalized the need for this bill. I also want to just note to the Chamber, especially to Senator Kotowski, that Senator Harris is another example of a Senator who's been before the Insurance Committee and found the process to be edifying and pleasurable and it -- it just proves that we are a kinder, gentler Insurance Committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

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Seeing no further discussion, Senator Harris, do you wish to close? Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I encourage you for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2178 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 7 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. 2178, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar is Senate Bill 2182. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2182.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2182 is an initiative of our Comptroller, Judy Baar Topinka. It requires taxing bodies, including school districts, to file the Fiscal Responsibility Report Card with the Comptroller, as well as Tax Increment Financing Reports. I'm not aware of any opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2182 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 54 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2182, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Top of page 13 of the printed Calendar. Next up is Senate Bill 2187. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2191. Senator Jacobs, on 2191. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to 2194 and go to 2202. Senator Link. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2202.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill creates the Smoke-Free Campus Act. Beginning July 1, 2014, smoking will be prohibited on each State-supported universities and community college campuses. Each campus will have a task force -- task force composed -- composed of campus and community officials who will coordinate the implementation and notice provision of the Act. The governing board shall -- each institute will be charged with implementing the Act, including disciplinary actions. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do

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you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Just to -- again, and I -- I appreciate the passion the sponsor has for this bill, but I want to make perfectly clear here that if you go to a football game, a basketball -- or if you go to tailgate at a football game, you will not be able to smoke at your car standing next to your cookout griller. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

That -- that part is correct, but you could sit in your car and smoke all you want.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

That's kind of my point. I mean, why -- I mean why -- if you're going to have a stogie with your brat and, you know, beer while you're standing there waiting to go the Illini game, why on earth couldn't you have a smoke standing outside at your car? But you can get in your car. That -- I mean, that's kind of crazy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

As a devout Illini fan, as you and I are, I got to tell you,

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if their football team doesn't improve, we won't have to worry about tailgating pretty soon. But the reflection is, is that you're inside your own vehicle; you're not on campus property technically - you're in your own vehicle. This is one of the amendments that we clarified at your request, that if somebody's driving through campus in their own vehicle, they're not prohibited from smoking. If someone -- a custodian, or whoever, a teacher, professor wants to smoke and they walk out and they go inside their own car, they can smoke. But it's on their own personal property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

First of all, after the answer you just gave, it almost makes me want to vote for the bill out of respect for the answer you gave. That was pretty good. The -- so -- so putting aside for a minute the fact that I can't have a cigar while I'm grilling out, notwithstanding the fact I'm inhaling all kinds of carcinogens off of my -- off my grill, but if I'm at -- I don't know, pick -- pick one, I'm at the -- the Six-Pack - I don't know, where did -- where -- maybe wherever Senator Kotowski lived when he was at the U of I - if -- if I'm at the Six-Pack, I can't step right outside onto the main ground owned by the U of I and have a cigarette, but I can walk two more feet to the City of Champaign sidewalk and have a cigarette. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Well, I did not go to the U of I, so I didn't have the bad habits that Senator Kotowski has, but -- but the point I ask, if

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-- if they -- is that campus grounds or is that municipal grounds where they would be stepping out? If it's municipal grounds, yes, they have all the right to do it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Now, in -- actually, this is the most enjoyable Floor debate that I've had in some time. So, with that, I'll -- I'll call it quits. But I -- I would point out that I don't think it makes any sense to limit people from doing something that is legal in this country and enjoyable on a -- on a Saturday game day, nor does, I think, it make any sense to make somebody walk onto a sidewalk to have a cigarette when they can't have it while they're standing next to the sidewalk on -- on University property. But, thank you very much for your witty answers, Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Senator, are cigarettes a legal product?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Unfortunately.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Given that they are a legal product, are you sure that the State has the right to say you can't use 'em in certain places? I mean, it seems to me that what you ought to do is -- is come with a bill to ban smoking. I don't smoke. I don't like people that do. I wish they -- nobody would smoke, but I think these young kids on the college campuses that are -- can go -- be called to Afghanistan or Iraq on any given Sunday afternoon, have the right to have a cigarette if they so choose - in their apartments, in their cars, and certainly outside. People do a lot of stuff that bothers me, but I don't say they can't do it. I just -- remove myself from the situation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Kotowski, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I believe my name was used in debate, quite liberally. Just want to clarify something for the record: I did not inhale any carcinogens from any grills at any time during my collegiate years. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

A question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

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So, right now, I know that we have smoke-free just about everything in Illinois. So, right now, this bill -- are we just talking about the grounds outside at a football game or are we talking about -- I mean, I -- I believe that the college campuses right now have smoke-free dorms. Correct? They have...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

The -- the dorms are smoke-free right now. The only thing we're adding is the grounds that are owned by the particular campuses, if that which -- should be the football stadium, basketball arena or just a plain campus that they walk through.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

So -- so, right now, even the fact that they're going -- they're smoking right now outside the -- outside their dorms on the campus, that means that now they're not going to be able to smoke on -- outside the dorms. They will have to go off the campus?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Correct, and a number of universities already are enacting this on their own.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

What is the penalty for this?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

As -- as I stated, there would be a commission put together. That's why the implementation of this bill would not be until July of 2014. It would give them a year to implement these bills {sic} and it would be people -- let me make sure I say it correctly, the task force would -- comprised of campus and community officials who would coordinate implementation and notice of the provisions Act {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

To the bill: I -- you know, I am -- I'm -- I'm a very strong supporter of smoke-free, you know, smoke-free Chicago, smoke-free hotels, smoke-free -- you know, I -- I think anywhere there's a public building. I understand that and I -- and I really support that. But I think we're just -- we just keep going too far here. I think we are at the point right now where we're saying to, you know, people that smoke, okay, you can't smoke over five hundred feet from the front door. Now we're telling our college students that -- who have -- who have to smoke outside their dorms, now have to actually leave the campus to smoke. I don't think that that is a fair thing. I think that we're just going a little bit too far on where we are actually, you know, making laws that prohibit people from smoking. You know, I think that the campuses, if they want to enact it, they should enact it. You know, but as far as doing a law and then -- then realizing that at the end, we're going to have some penalties here that are going to be --

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you know, they're going to have to be enforced on the campuses, outside the university where people are grilling and having a good time and want to smoke and drink. You now, I think we are just going a little bit too far with, you know, where we're going with the smoke-free.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Senator, as I just shared with you, I'm -- I -- I'm likely to be supportive of -- of this bill, but there's a line of questioning that the previous speaker touched on and I've been doing a lot of discussion with regards to prohibited places, so I won't -- and -- and -- and the college and universities have been an intense topic with regards to that and I notice Northern Illinois is an opponent of this bill, but I have a serious question about the -- the -- sort of definition of campus. Close to me is -- is the University of Chicago, which is an urban campus and it kind of mixes in with the City of Chicago at large and has sidewalks that are -- I don't know if you define that as campus or -- or City -- City of Chicago property. I think it's City of Chicago property and I imagine that circumstance exists throughout the State. How do we define campus and how do we -- we define where is just a -- a public way that one would otherwise be able to smoke on and what is not?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Well, just for you, Senator Raoul, University of Chicago would not be in the bill, because it's not a State university -- or a State-owned university and the -- it would compose of the property that's owned by the university. So, like I think that I said, they're -- one of the previous speakers, if they were in a -- in a bar and they came outside of the bar, if that's not campus property, which I presume it would not be, because I don't think, other than the University of Wisconsin, there's too many bars on campus, but it's right outside so they would be able to still smoke there. But it's on the campus property that they would not be able to smoke.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

And -- and I -- I appreciate that the University of Chicago is a -- private. I just used it as an example, you know. There's, of course, the University of Illinois-Chicago, which is a -- a public institution, and City Colleges of Chicago, which are public. I'm going to support this, but I really think that -- that -- that more thought has to be given to how is this enforced, 'cause, you know, feet away from what would be -- I mean, literally, you can be on a sidewalk and step one foot over and be on the grass and you're on the campus if you're on the grass, but on the sidewalk you're not on -- on -- on campus. And I think, you know, that -- so it can get a bit confusing as to where you can and can't smoke.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Holmes, for what purpose -- excuse me, just one second, Senator Link, I believe wanted to respond. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Just to clarify something for you, Senator Raoul: That's why we have the community task force, is to put all these rules and regulations in just to -- you know, for a statement that you made. I don't think we're out here to, okay, you stepped over the magic yellow line, you're a goner. The point is, we want to make it so that on the campus they're not smoking. This community and college board would work together to make sure this happens and they wouldn't be -- you know, you're not sent to jail for twenty years if you're caught doing it either.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, Senator, I want -- I just want to clarify something I think you started to say or you responded to Senator Martinez, when you mentioned something that the universities can already do this without this piece of legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

You're correct, but, as the person who was the chief sponsor,

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along with President Cullerton, when we did Smoke Free Illinois, all municipalities and all counties in the State could do it on their own. But you know what they told me - the same thing that universities are telling us - we really don't want to do it on our own because we will get slapped. The same thing municipalities said - we didn't want to do it because we'd get slapped; we would hope that you would do it in a statewide standard. So this is basically what we're doing. We're doing the heavy lifting, but we're doing it for 'em and then none of these university boards or anything will be affected in it. I -- I know the University of Illinois has taken a step forward to do this on their own, but I think they would be much happier if we did it for 'em.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, to the bill, please. I just don't think this is something we need to be doing here legislatively. I certainly think if the individual campuses want to do this, they have the right and the ability to do it. And I just don't think this is - we're -- we're sort of overreaching here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to follow up on what

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a couple others had -- had mentioned, and including Senator Holmes, just following up with hers. Under this legislation, if I'm reading this right then, even if a university or a public institution opposes this, this will be mandated on them. Is that -- is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

This does not apply to private universities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Why doesn't it apply to private universities then if this is a public health problem? We certainly had no problem passing legislation dealing with public restaurants and dealing with public business. Why would we now only do public universities and not include private universities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Well, it was felt that we, as the General Assembly and the

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State of Illinois, fund these universities, we may not have been paying 'em promptly, but we do fund 'em and that's why this is way -- the way the bill is written.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, Senator, if I'm not mistaken, I think we also fund private universities as well. So, based on that argument then, this should be taken out of the record and then amended to include private universities. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I'd be more than happy to amend it in the House. If we could get the votes to pass this, I'd be very happy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well, I just want to follow up with the others. And, you know, I think the frustration is, is, at some point, we have to say enough is enough. This is a -- the State has determined this is a legal product and we've said before, we don't want people smoking inside of buildings. We want them to smoke outside and now we're telling them that they can't smoke outside, and this is going to be tough to police and it is -- I think goes far beyond what the initial intent was of legislation. And then to pick winners and losers, to say we're going to do it for only certain colleges and not for others, I think doesn't set well as well. So I would join in with others and -- and think this is before its

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time and -- and hopefully we'll just keep this bill here today.
Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Van Pelt, for what
purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Do you know if -- if -- if people can smoke in prison -- in
Illinois prisons?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I -- I'm not exactly sure. I know we did some -- when we did
Smoke Free Illinois, we did something with the prisons and I don't
know if we defined an area. Obviously, they don't get the
opportunity to walk outside too often. So I think we defined an
area for them or something in that, but I -- but I could check on
that for you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Okay, to the bill: I'm -- I'm in support of this bill. And
the reason why is because I love to go to Starbucks and drink
coffee and I like to sit outside, but outside you can smoke. So
every time I go outside of the restaurant to sit down and get some
fresh air, I have to smell smoke. So other -- so I'm forced to

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stay inside of the restaurant. And I believe that if this is a public university - just like I believe prison should be smoke-free as well - that they have the choice; they can go to any university they would like. And I would -- I would support a -- a smoke-free environment at the schools, because I believe that anywhere a person goes, they should be able to go and walk freely and be able to breathe fresh air and not have to breathe second-hand smoke, which has been proven to also cause all kinds of health complications. So, I'm in support of the bill and I urge my -- my peers to vote Yes on this bill and let's get us some clean air to breathe no matter where -- where we are. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The last speaker seeking recognition, Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Link, I -- as I understand it, listening to the debate and your answers, there are no restrictions on the ban in the bill, as I understand it. In other words, as long as the person's on the campus, unless they're in their car, regardless of how large a wide open space they may be, they would be prohibited from smoking under your bill. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Any -- any property that's owned and operated by the

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university, you're correct on, and they also can't smoke in university vehicles.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, the university employee, who is riding on a tractor out in the middle of the university farm at the University of Illinois or at Illinois State University and who is -- is literally so far away from anyone else that someone would have to use a telescope to see that they're smoking a cigarette, that person would be, under your bill, banned from smoking a cigarette. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

I would hope in these tight budget times that any of these universities don't own property that far away from the main campus that you need a telescope to find it, but the answer is, correct, if they're out cutting the grass or whatever they're doing, then they would be prohibited from smoking.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Now I heard you say a moment ago, Senator, I think, and I was in -- it was in exchange with either Senator Holmes or Senator Raoul, had something to do with the boards of trustees at the universities and you alluded to the notion that a board or a member of a board or members of a board had asked -- had actually said to you that they didn't want to make this decision and that's why they wanted you to do it. Am I -- did I understand that correctly?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes, that's correct. I -- and I used the analogy the same time when we did Smoke Free Illinois. Municipalities, county governments, and all that were requesting that we would do it and get it a standard situation throughout the State. They like what we did, but they didn't want to do it on their own.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. First, I hope, Senator Link, whether this bill passes or fails, that we are given the names of the board or boards' members who absolutely refused or urged you to take this responsibility out of their hands, because they should be replaced. I mean, I appreciate that all of us in this Chamber -- we come from different areas of the State. We have our own philosophies and ideology when it comes to governance and the reach of State government and what we should or shouldn't be doing. But surely, surely, all of us can get on board with the notion that the duly appointed members of the boards of trustees should be able to make some decisions and that the person who is literally a football field away from anyone else, anyone else, working on a construction project, and wants to have a cigarette poses exactly no health risk to anyone else. There is a -- there is a point, even for those who believe in the most active of governments, to which you say, you know what, even Springfield's arm isn't that long. This is a moment of opportunity. We love moments of opportunity in life generally and

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certainly in legislating and this is a moment of opportunity for everyone to stand up and tell their constituents, yes, even I think this is too much of a reach. Let's help Senator Link grab onto this moment of opportunity and oppose Senate Bill 2202. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Link, to close.

SENATOR LINK:

I would like to have a different type of opportunity. I would like to have the opportunity -- two very liberal states, called Arkansas and Iowa, have -- their public schools are completely smoke-free by state law - in Arkansas and Iowa. We already have precedent of those two states. You know, we can -- sit here and talk why we want to do this. Here's why you're doing it, it costs universities like Western Illinois and other universities at their size over a hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year just to clean up the cigarette butts on the campus. So we know it's going on there. We also know, by statistics that are showing us, that kids that are going to college today, they're increasing the amount of smoking today; that there's more new smokers coming out of these universities. Today, you have an opportunity -- Mr. President. Mr. President. Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have a little quiet in the Chamber, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, a little quiet. Give the speaker your attention, please. Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

We have an opportunity to be a state which we want to have a -- healthy children for the next generation. We also want to have

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the workers be healthy. We want to set a standard in this State that if you want to smoke, you can smoke privately. You don't have to, as Senator Van Pelt said, you don't have to smoke in their face. This is an opportunity that you have. I think we could talk to generations to generations the importance of what this piece of legislation is doing. You have an opportunity to send a strong message. I hope there's a lot of green lights. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2202 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the question {sic}. On that question, there are 25 voting Aye, 23 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2202, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Senator Link, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LINK:

Put this on Postponed Consideration.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link would like to place the bill on Postponed Consideration. The call -- the bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Continuing on the Calendar, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have -- next up is Senate Bill 2226. Senator Steans. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we'll come back to 2240 and go to 2243. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2243.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. This bill states that only publicly traded corporations will not need to provide the social security number of each corporate officer when applying for a certificate of registration. They will still need to submit the name and title of each corporate officer, along with a copy of their most recently filed form 10-K required by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. All other corporations are still going to have to submit the name, title, social security number, and federal identification number of each manager and member. I'll be happy to answer any questions. This is an initiative of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- 2243 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2243, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Link in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 2255. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 2255.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This bill just allows the coal mining -- amends the Coal Mining Act to allow the Office of Mine {sic} (Mines) and Minerals to administer a mine electrician certification program. That office already certifies other -- mine managers, mine examiners, hoisting engineers, State -- State mine inspectors, surface mine supervisors, and so forth. So we're just making it consistent and making sure that those electricians have proper certification. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2255 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2255, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2258. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. We'll skip over Senate Bill 2305. Senate Bill 2312. Senator Luechtefeld. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2321. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2340. Senator Steans. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2345. Senator Jacobs. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2350. Senator Collins. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2363. Senator Martinez. Out of

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the record. Senate Bill 2365. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2366. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2375. Senator Haine. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2389. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2389.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, on your bill.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill is an initiative of the Illinois State Board of Education, just to delete one of its mandates. Well, for the districts, it eliminates the requirement for districts to submit an annual report to ISBE on the supplemental general State aid reports. This has been passed once before through the Senate, but it just didn't get done in the House. I would urge an Aye vote. I don't know of any opposition. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2389 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2389, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2393. Senator Manar. Out of the record. Ladies and Gentlemen, the following committees will be meeting to take up committee or Floor amendments. Judiciary will

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meet in Room 212 at 6:30 p.m. Higher Education will be meeting in Room 400 at 6:30 p.m. Executive will meet in Room 212 at 5:45 p.m. Licensed Activities and Pensions will meet in Room 400 at 5:45. State Government and Veterans Affairs will meet in Room 409 at 5:45. Tomorrow, Energy will meet in Room 212 at 9 a.m. and Environment will meet in Room 409 at 9 a.m. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to Senate Bill 2365. Mr. Secretary... Senator Harmon wishes to leave -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2365 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave granted. Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2365. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill. I'd move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to withdraw Floor

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Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Amendment 3 is withdrawn. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on Amendment 4.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Amendment 4 is a technical amendment that corrects a drafting error. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2365. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2365.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on Senate Bill 2365.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of

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the Senate. Senate Bill 2365, as amended, amends the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard to permit investment in geothermal heating and cooling systems. It also permits the projects to be -- to come to fruition over a three-year period, rather than one year, to allow for the larger sorts of installations. I'm not aware of any opposition with the -- with the amendments and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2365 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2365, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to page 7, in the middle of page, Senate Bill 625. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 625.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. 625 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Public Health. It would amend the Emergency Medical Services ((EMS) Systems) Act to create a Level III Trauma Center. There's currently Levels {sic} I and Level II that would -- this would create a Level III. Establishes

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an Acute Injury Stabilization category for hospitals in the trauma center and changes on-site inspection schedules for these centers from two to four years. This really comes as an initiative of a -- a cottage hospital. Senator -- it's actually in Senator LaHood's district, but they have a situation where they have some emergency room doctors that do not need -- meet certain specifications with regard to designations as an emergency room doctor. They've been -- the Department of Public Health has made a waiver for 'em for the last several years. This would actually create a Tier III, where those doctors could go ahead and work in an emergency room. I know of no opposition. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 625 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 625, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will go back to page 13, Senate Bill 2194. Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2194 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2194. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Sullivan. I apologize. Floor Amendment 3, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Leader Sullivan, on your amendment.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. The amendment becomes the bill. I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan, on your Amendment 4.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Amendment 4 is a technical change, very minor, asked by the Department.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 2194. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2194.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Leader Sullivan, on your bill.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. 2194 gives the Department of Revenue the ability to adopt rules to require electronic filing of -- of any tax return or document that is required to be filed, starting January 1st of 2014. It would not require electronic filing for individual tax returns. An individual could also apply for a two-year waiver from this requirement if they demonstrate that they do not have access to the Internet. The waiver could be renewed every two years. The amendment also creates penalties for failing to file an electronic return in various amounts. This is an initiative of the Department of Revenue. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Question of the -- of Leader Sullivan, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Leader, if I may, a second ago, you said -- you -- you said that it would allow them to come up with rules to require people to do this, but then it said that they would not be required to do it. Would -- resolve that for me, if you will.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

It -- thank you. It does indeed -- allow the Department to adopt rules to authorize electronic filing of tax returns -- of

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tax returns, but the Department can require electronic filing of income and replacement tax returns only if the IRS requires electronic filing of the same form.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, we just -- I just filed electronically two weeks ago. How -- what's the difference?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

And I'm sorry, I didn't answer your question the first time. This would not allow -- or, would -- excuse me, this would not apply to an individual taxpayer with reference to any return or document required under the Illinois Income Tax Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, this would be non -- so the individuals can already do this. This would bring everybody else into it - corporate returns - partnership returns, things of that nature.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

So, just to be clear on the individual, that's -- they -- they can -- yes, right, exactly. They are not required to do it, so it -- it simply allows the -- if the IRS requires electronic filing, then the Department would also require it as well and that's what this legislation does.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Just thank you very much, Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, we had this in the Revenue Committee and I think you were good enough to hold it the one time, 'cause it was on somewhat of a short posting and, being that this involves businesses, we - - we felt like we wanted to have a better sense of knowing that they knew this was coming to try and get some feedback. And forgive me if I missed this in your -- in your initial remarks, but have you had a chance to hear from any of the -- the business groups about this proposal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

I have and whatever opposition that they have, they have removed it. They've -- basically neutral on the legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Leader Sullivan, to close. No. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2194 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 44 Ayes, 8 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 2194, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will now go to the -- page 15, on the bottom of the page, House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 61. Senator Martinez. Out of the record. House Bill 64. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 64.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate {sic} Bill 99. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill -- House Bill 99.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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3rd Reading. House Bill 104. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 104.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to House Bill 61. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 61.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 194. Leader Clayborne. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 958. Senator McGuire. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 958.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 982. Senator Haine. House Bill, excuse me. House Bill 982. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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House Bill 982.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. We have one announcement. Licensed Activities and Pensions will not be meeting this evening. That's the happiest I've heard a lot of people so far. House Bill 984. Senator Martinez. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 984.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill -- or, House Bill 986. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. House Bill 991. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 991.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1005. Senator Syverson. Out of the record. House Bill 1009. Out of the record. House Bill 1013. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. House Bill 1048. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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House Bill 1048.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1201. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 1203. Senator Althoff. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 1272. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1272.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1292. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1311. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1311.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1346. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 1370. Leader Muñoz. Out of the record. House Bill 1405. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. House Bill 1453. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. House Bill 1462. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. House Bill 1534. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1534.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1538. Senator Delgado. Out of the record. House Bill 2009. Senator LaHood. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2009.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2267. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2267.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2273. Leader Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2273.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2353. Senator Hastings. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 2369. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2369.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2393. Senator Syverson. Out of the record. Senate {sic} Bill 2427. Leader Harmon. Out of the record. House Bill 2452. Senator Bertino-Tarrant. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2452.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Before you get to your point, 3rd Reading on the last bill. Senator Brady, to state your announcement.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber, I would like to make an introduction of someone who's with us today. He is the son of Jay Barnard, who is our photographer. He -- he has actually graced us on this Floor as a Page, a graduate of Springfield High School with a background in engineering. He is with the United States Air Force and tomorrow -- or, excuse me, Saturday, he will be deployed to Afghanistan to represent us in a better way. I ask the Chamber to join me in welcoming Sam McCann's constituent, but a friend of all of ours, Brian Barnard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Thank you for what you do for us and God be with you. House Bill 2639. Senator Kotowski. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2639.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2771. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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House Bill 2771.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Senate {sic} Bill 2820. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2820.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. We'll skip over House Bill 2822. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet immediately in the President's Anteroom? Committee on Assignments, please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. (at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Let me start this over again. The -- the Senate will come back to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Agriculture and Conservation Committee - House Bill 3120; refer to Criminal Law Committee - House Bills 804, 806, 821, 827,

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1139, 1199, 1548, 1652, 2404, 2585, 2893, 2905, 3021, 3023, 3043, 3061, 3172 and 3357; refer to Education Committee - House Bills 490, 494, 946, 2420, 2631, 3063, 3070, 3112, 3133, 3232, 3236; refer to Energy Committee - House Bills 576 and 1379; refer to Environment Committee - House Bills 2335 and 3319; refer to Executive Committee - House Bills 226, 630, 973, 1140, 1277, 1573, 2606, 2620, 2656, 2675, 3152, 3267, and Senate Resolution 232; refer to Financial Institutions Committee - House Bills 1323 and 2432; refer to Higher Education Committee - House Bill 513; refer to Human Services Committee - House Bills 1683, 2262, 2802 and 2977; refer to Insurance Committee - House Bills 981, 1552, 2962, 3227; refer to Judiciary Committee - House Bills 948, 1694, 1711, 1773, 2470, 2527, 2809, 2832, 3006, 3038, 3111, 3147 and 3380; refer to Labor and Commerce Committee - House Bills 923, 924, 2508, 2590, 2649, 3125 and 3223; refer to Licensed Activities and Pensions Committee - House Bills -- 595, 1217, 1338, 2583, 2616, 2720, 2723, 2783, 3088 and 3186; refer to Local Government Committee - House Bills 963, 1200, 1562, 2482, 2530 and 2925; refer to Public Health Committee - House Bills 1584, 2661, 3175, 3190, 3191 and 3272; refer to Revenue Committee - House Bills 1604, 2499 and 3157; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs (sic) (Affairs) Committee - House Bills 479, 1040, 1533, 1555, 1680, 1682, 1854, 2624, 2748, 2764, 2812, 2856, 2879, 3047, 3092, 3260, 3270, 3346, 3359 and 3388; refer to Transportation Committee - House Bills 1815, 2453, 3255 and 3367; Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills 496, 1571, 2535, 2843, 3067 and 3370. Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I'd like to make an announcement. Tomorrow at 8 a.m., on

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April 25th, Appropriations II will meet at -- in Room 400. Appropriations II, 8 a.m., Room 400, tomorrow. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on the 25th of April at -- 2013. The Senate Stands adjourned.