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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will come to order. Will the Members be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Chance Newingham, Lifegate International Ministers -- Ministries.

CHANCE NEWINGHAM:

(Prayer by Chance Newingham)

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, December 2nd, 2014.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, 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)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1691, offered by Senator Rose and all

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Members.

It's a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 1692 and 1693, offered by President Cullerton and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 1694, offered by Senator Clayborne.

They are substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Motions to Concur: House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3509 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Motions to Concur: House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1680 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3817, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1009, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2221, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Senate Bill 2758, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2992, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3075, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3366; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendment 2 to Senate

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Bill 1431, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3028; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 4733, Senate Resolutions 1692 and 1693.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purpose of an announcement, if I can have your attention - committee announcements. Executive Committee will meet today at 12 noon in Room 212 and State Government and Veterans Affairs will meet today at 12 noon in Room 409. So that's Exec, Room 212 at noon, 12 noon, and State Government and Veterans Affairs also at 12 noon in Room 409. James R. Carder with Blueroomstream.com 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 immediately? All Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor. We're about to take up Senate business. Ladies and Gentlemen, all Members within the sound of my voice, once again, please, to the Senate Floor immediately. We're going to be going to the Order of Concurrences and also House Bills 3rd Reading. Please come to the Senate Floor. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the regular Calendar on page 3, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we're going to go to House Bill 3834. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is 3rd Reading. Senator Link, do you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3834 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3834. Mr. Secretary, are there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Shh. Senator Link, on your amendment.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I will -- the amendment will become the bill and I will talk on it on 3rd Reading, but I request that the amendment be adopted.

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. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3834. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3834.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, as amended, allows the Secretary of State to collect a hundred percent of the proceedings {sic} from State employees who pay twenty dollars a month to park in the underground lot just south of the Stratton Building and the

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parking garage just west of the Stratton Building, instead of the current twenty-eighty split with the Capital Development Board. It -- also allows the Secretary to charge non-State employees a higher fee, set by rule, to park in those lots. I know of no opposition to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor briefly yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Link, it's good to see you too. Senator Link, it's my recollection, aided greatly by staff, that this same exact language has already passed the Senate unanimously. Am I correct in that statement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yes and no. We added a little bit of language to it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Can you tell me about that little bit that's different, since it seems like everyone else in the Senate has agreed to everything else?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

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SENATOR LINK:

In the earlier version, it had something with Governor Quinn's Executive Order, but we took that out of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill -- excuse me. Ladies and Gentlemen, since this bill has an immediate effective date, it requires a three-fifths vote for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 3834 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 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3834, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your point.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you. I am pleased to be joined today with my Page, Bobby Craig. He's joined by his dad, Rich Craig, up in the -- in the President's Gallery. Bobby is from Arlington Heights and a sixth grader at Quest Academy in Palatine. He's on the drama club, the math club and the running club, and he doesn't yet know what he wants to be when he grows up and, frankly, neither do I. Bobby, we're glad to have you down here in the Senate. If you would all please give Bobby a warm Senate welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)



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Bobby, please rise. Please stand up. Welcome to the Illinois Senate, you and your dad. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

A -- a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your point, Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues here -- here in the Chamber. I'd like you to give your attention here to Miss Kylie Dejaynes. Kylie is my Page today. She is from Milton, in Pike County. She is -- she is joined -- hey. She is joined by her -- her mother, Ruth Ann, and her brother, John, in the gallery. As you can see, Kylie is a very beautiful young lady. She really enjoys participating in Special Olympics, where she has won a Silver Medal in bowling. She -- her favorite -- her favorite sport in the Special Olympics is the tennis ball throw and she goes to State every year. She loves country music. She is Keith Urban's number one fan and she actually got to spend quite a bit of time with him during her Make-A-Wish grant. So, she loves social media. She's a big fan of Facebook, and I bet she would love to get to know each and every one of you on Facebook, and she would also invite each and every one of you to come over and sign her Blue Book at your leisure. So if you can join me in welcoming Miss Kylie Dejaynes to the Illinois Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Kylie, welcome to the Illinois Senate. Great to have you and Ruth Ann and John joining us as well. Thank you very much. So glad to have you here. Senator Steans, for what purpose do you

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rise?

SENATOR STEANS:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Members of the Senate. I just think we should all acknowledge -- he doesn't know I'm about to do this to Senator Biss. He is on the list of Crain's "40 Under 40" this week and I think we should all be very proud that we have somebody that esteemed. Daniel Biss, are you listening? I am acknowledging you on their "40 Under 40" list and I think we all owe it to ourselves to ask him for a lecture on topology when we have a chance. So congratulations, Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Congratulations, Senator Biss. Ladies and Gentlemen, President Cullerton in the Chair.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention, we have a guest who -- who will be making some remarks. Last year, I was honored to welcome Canada's Consul General to Chicago, Ms. Gitane De Silva, to the Senate Chamber. And this year, I'm honored to welcome her successor. This year, in March, Roy B. Norton assumed the role of Consul General of Canada, representing Canada in Illinois, Missouri and Wisconsin. Previously, he served as Consul General to Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio. He was born in Ottawa. He graduated initially from Carleton University with a focus on Canadian History; also holds master's degrees from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, in Public

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Administration, and Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, as well as a Ph.D. from John {sic} Hopkins in International Relations. The Senate is grateful that he could join us today. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Honorable Roy B. Horton, the Consul General of Canada.

CONSUL GENERAL ROY B. HORTON:

(Remarks by Consul General Roy B. Horton)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Yes, today I have a Page here with me from Urban Prep High School. He's a senior. Langston Wren. He's an avid golfer - has been golfing since he was three years old. He's been accepted in a number of universities already. He -- he's pursuing chemical engineering as a career. And he's here today and I would like the Senate to welcome him, with me, today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please rise. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Thanks for joining us today. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. Like many of other -- my colleagues today, I am

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honored to have a Page, a very talented young lady, with me today. Her name is Avery Bolden. She's a eighth grader at Skinner West Elementary School. Among her interests: swimming, track. She's the president of the student council. She loves public speaking. She's an aspiring architect. And she's joined by her mother today in the balcony, Ms. Cecelia Bolden. So I would like you to give her a warm, outstanding ovation and welcome to the Illinois General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Avery. Please rise. Please rise and be recognized. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I am pleased to be joined today by Scott Kaiser's college roommate's son, a proud Palatine Pirate. Mitch Dolen is a senior and he's going to be going to the University of Alabama next year. I -- I guess you gotta start saying "Roll Tide" now. Mitch played football and baseball for Palatine. Lives just in my neighborhood, good kid and good family. I hope you'll all give him a good, warm Senate welcome. Thanks very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guest to the Illinois Senate. Mitch, nice of you to join us. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I have with me today an outstanding young student. Her name is Berklee Asare. She's sixteen years old and she's a junior at Ogden International High School. She plays volleyball and would like to be a dermatologist when she graduates from college. So please join me in welcoming her to the Floor of the Senate and the Illinois General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guest please rise? Welcome to the Senate. Great to have you here today and thank you so much for joining us. Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

A point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I rise to introduce two neighbors and constituents of mine who are visiting Springfield today with Jack and Jill of America, which is a civic organization dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders. I am also proud to say that both these gentlemen are students at my alma mater, Mount Carmel High School. Please welcome Emmanuel Reid and Grant Peebles to Springfield.

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Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Senate. Thanks for joining us today. You're with a great Senator. Senator Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

I, too, have two Pages with me today, Sesheta McNutt. She's -- attends Morgan Park High School. She's a senior and her favorite color is blue. She also will be attending Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the fall of 2015. And to my right, I also have McKenzie Domer. She attends Mother McAuley High School. Her favorite color is light blue and she's a sophomore and she's a cheerleader at Mount Carmel High School. Please join me in giving 'em a warm Senate -- welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests of Senator Jones. Please rise. Please rise and be recognized. Thank you for joining us today. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to the regular Calendar on page 5, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Senate Bills. With leave of the Body, we're going to go to Senate Bill 1740. Senator Muñoz, do you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Senator -- Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 2 and 4 to Senate Bill 1740.

Signed by Senator Muñoz.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz, on your motion.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The amendment -- Floor amendment becomes the bill and makes a number of technical changes to the erroneous homestead statute. The bill establishes a three-year window for the assessor to investigate a property for the erroneous exception {sic} once it has acknowledged the issue. Corrects each use of the word "year", whether it means taxable year, assessment year, or collection year. It also changes property owner to the taxpayer in order to be consistent throughout the statute. Redefines the definition of "erroneous exemption principal amount". It also allows the assessor to receive some of the back taxes if not {sic} collects to offset the cost of the program. And it also clarifies that a taxpayer is responsible for recording fees if the assessor files a lien to collect the back taxes. And I know of no opposition on the concurrence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Muñoz. Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, as this has an effective date prior to June 1st, it requires a three-fifths roll call for passage. The question is, shall the Senate concur in -- in -- excuse me, in Senate Bill 1740, Amendments 2 and 4. 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 roll. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required

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constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 2 and 4 to Senate Bill 1740, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Link in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'm pleased to have two guests with me, two Pages for the Day, who are here as part of the Jack and Jill of America. First, I have Drew Townsel, who's a seventh grader at Andrew Jackson Language Academy, who plays volleyball and is interested in poetry. And to my left, my bodyguard. To my left is William Spence, who's a junior at Kenwood Academy and plays football. Can you give them a warm Senate welcome?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will our guests rise and the Senate give them a Springfield welcome? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Point of inquiry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR ROSE:

For the record, it's not open. Computer's not working. I have nothing to do with it, and I'd just like LIS to come over and fix my computer, please. Thank you.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I think we can find somebody to do that. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have a couple of guests here with me. Standing beside me is Elizabeth Talley. She's an eighth grader. She plays a number of sports, including volleyball, softball and basketball, and she's playing in the championship for the regionals tomorrow night. It's also her birthday. Today is her birthday. She turns fourteen today. And she is also the president of builder -- of the Builders Club and she's on the student council, and when she -- when she gets a little bit older, she'd like to be an orthodontist. So -- she's also joined by her dad, Chris, who's sitting behind me. And, Mr. President, I'd like everybody to welcome Elizabeth and Chris here to the Senate today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will our guests rise and everybody give a -- Springfield welcome? Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Announcing that there'll be a Democratic Caucus for sixty

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minutes upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Democrats seek a caucus for sixty minutes in the President's Office. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

May the Republicans also call for caucus for about sixty minute {sic}, Leader Radogno's Office?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Okay, the... Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 1695 through 1700, offered by Senator Brady and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar. The Senate -- the Chair recognizes the -- the intent to recess. The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committee meetings, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports and further Floor action. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will please come to order. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the

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passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 172.

Together with the following amendments -- are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

Amendments -- House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 172.

Passed the House, as amended, December 3rd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

Senate Bill 2774.

Together with the following amendment which is attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2774.

Passed the House, as amended, December 3rd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution 115.

Offered by Senator Clayborne, and adopted by the House, December 2nd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

It is substantive, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3677, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Committee Reports, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 172, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2774; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 2729; re-refer to Assignments Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 4733; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 1694.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 4733.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

For the purposes of an announcement: Executive Committee will have additional legislation in committee at 2:27. The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committee meetings, the Senate will reconvene to receive committee reports

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and further Floor action. The Senate stands at recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senate will come to -- Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1701, offered by Senator Brady and all Members.

And Senate Resolutions 1702 through 1705, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Motions to Concur: House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1431 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- 3028 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Motion to Concur: House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 172, House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1009, House Amendment 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2221, House Amendment 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Senate Bill 2758, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2774, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2992, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3075, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3366; Senate Amendment 4 to House Bill 4733 Recommend Do Adopt.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ed Cross with WAND-TV requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention for an announcement. Will all Members within the sound of voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? All Members to the Senate Floor immediately. We're ready to go to the Order of Concurrences and House Bills 3rd Reading. Please come to the Floor immediately. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

Senate Bill 1342.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask for the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 3 and 6 to Senate Bill 1342.

Passed the House, as amended, December 3rd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Bill 162.

Passed the House, December 3rd, 2014. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 162, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills. Disregard that last request. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So I have the great honor today to be joined by one of my great friends in the district. Her name is Rachelle Lafayette and she's joined by her mom, Danielle Agee. Danielle, please stand up. I'm just going to brag on your daughter a little bit here, because she's pretty special. She's in the fifth grade. Stand up, hon, so I can show you to everybody. So -- so Rachelle is in the fifth grade. She has straight A's in the fifth grade, which is a huge, huge thing. We're so proud of her. Not only that, but Rachelle is going to be a pediatric dentist when she grows up. But before she grows up and does that, I'm assured that she will be in the Olympics. She does four of the toughest events in gymnastics. She does the floor, the parallel bars, the balance beam - what's the last one? - the vault. She can do a full flip off the vault. She asked me if I could do that - highly unlikely. So I just want to give her a warm Springfield welcome and wish her

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well in all of her future endeavors. Miss Rachelle Lafayette.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Senate. Great to have you and your mother here as well. Thanks for joining us. Senator Jacobs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JACOBS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

I just want to take a moment to introduce my Legislative Assistant {sic} in -- in my district, Dawn Shelton and Patty Rotz, and Emily, who are here with me this afternoon. I just wanted to say -- you to give them a heartfelt welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

You bet. Please rise. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Great to have you -- having -- have you join us here today. Thanks for being here. Thanks for your service. Senator Frerichs, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FRERICHS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Frerichs.

SENATOR FRERICHS:

I have a similar point of privilege to Senator Jacobs. I have my in-district staff visiting here today. We have Laurie Bonnett from my Champaign office, Betty Seidel and Dixie Payne from my Danville office. And just ask everyone to welcome them to Springfield. This may be the last opportunity I get.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to the Senate, Senator Frerichs' guests from his district office. Thanks for joining us. Thank you so much. Ladies and Gentlemen, just momentarily, we're going to start on Supplemental Calendar No. 1. It has been distributed. It's on your desks. We'll be going to that order here momentarily. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, as I mentioned earlier, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. Let's go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills. With leave of the Body, we're going to jump down to Senate Bill 2758. Senator Biss, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Senate Bill 2758.  
Signed by Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, shh, please. This is -- we're on the Order of Concurrences, Senate Bill 2758. Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This is a motion to concur with eight House amendments on Senate Bill 2758, the Secure Choice retirement Savings Program. We discussed this bill at somewhat agonizing length back in April during initial passage out of the Senate, so I'll keep this brief. But this bill deals with the two and a half million Illinois residents who currently have no access to employer-sponsored retirement plans. The data showed this is a population that is overwhelmingly unlikely to be saving for retirement beyond their Social Security

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benefit and therefore is likely to be heading toward poverty in retirement. This creates an automatic enrollment Roth individual retirement account, where if you work for an employer with twenty-five or more employees that offers no plan besides Social Security, you would be automatically enrolled at a three percent payroll deduction. You could opt out or put in more or less than three percent, if you so desired. And then a board will be created, chaired by the State Treasurer, with six other members, to find a private investment manager and invest the funds in a target date fund. The bill was amended, as you can see, many times in the House. The bulk of those amendments were quite technical. I would say the two most substantive components were, first of all, an amendment that changed this from a traditional to a Roth IRA and, second, an amendment that makes this applicable only for workers over the age of eighteen. During the course of amendment in the House, several things happened. First of all, the Illinois Bankers Association removed their opposition to the bill and are now neutral. Second of all, when we brought this bill to the Senate last time, the State Treasurer, Dan Rutherford, was opposed to the bill. I'm not -- I'm not going to lie to you - that was a little bit awkward, because the State Treasurer chairs the board that oversees the program. And so we worked closely, while the bill was in the House, with the Treasurer's Office, and because of four of these amendments, the current Treasurer has also removed his opposition. And as you all know, of course, we have elected one of our colleagues to be the next State Treasurer and he's an enthusiastic supporter who looks forward to enacting this program. So I'm happy to take any questions on these amendments or the underlying bill and I certainly, enthusiastically, but

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respectfully, request your support.

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 he will yield for questions. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Biss, in Executive Committee, you ran through quickly - and I know you were urged to do so - the list of changes that the leadership in the House of Representatives deemed were appropriate to your bill. You've talked about them a little bit here. I don't want to go through all of those, but I would like to touch on one that has to do with the type of IRA that is going to be the centerpiece of this plan. Tell me what the change was in the House and your judgment of the wisdom of that change.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you for the question. To be clear, the -- the House sponsor was kind enough to work with me during that process and I was in support of these amendments. The -- the change was to transition the program from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. In the case of a traditional IRA, the contributions into the fund are pre-tax and the disbursements and investment returns are not -- not tax -- are -- are not exempt from taxation. A Roth IRA is the reverse, where the contributions in are post-tax, but the

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investment returns as well as the disbursements are not taxed. And we had a lot of advice from people in the industry who felt that, for the bulk of the population we're seeking to help, the Roth IRA tends to be a better option for a variety of reasons, but most significantly because, over the course of a lifetime, the investment returns can be significant and therefore the tax benefit that the worker gets by not paying tax on those investment returns can be quite significant.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, if I might, just for a moment. I know we're approaching the holiday season and, for that reason and others, there's lots of good cheer in the Chamber, but I wonder if we could just get it a -- just a little bit quieter, so I can make sure and hear everything that Senator Biss said.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Absolutely. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is serious business here. We're on the Order of Concurrences. We have some questions. I know we're all -- like to visit, but please, please hold the visiting down. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you for your indulgence, Mr. President. Now, Senator Biss, I remember when you presented this bill in the spring, and one of the things that -- that you talked about in the spring was about the low savings rate among the young -- particularly young people and that it was important for the government to require employers to put in front of them another opportunity to save - people who were choosing not to save or did not have the economic

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means to save. Now, am I -- and you're going to add to this, I'm quite certain, but do -- at least for the -- the core of -- of -- of your argument, do I have that right from the spring?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I would have put it extremely differently, Senator, but I -- for now, at least, let's say I suspect that what you're getting at is close to my view and if -- if -- as this line of questioning continues, as I expect it is about to, if we see a divergence, I'll explain that when it comes up.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, as the bill passed the Senate, the investment vehicle allowed the new saver, the new person, to put that money in pre-tax. In other words, they didn't have to pay taxes on it. So if they wanted to put a thousand in, the thousand went in and none came out for taxes. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

The way it's before us now, that same individual is going to pay taxes on that before it goes into the savings vehicle that they so desperately need. So rather than putting in the thousand,

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now they see that they're only putting in seven hundred or they're putting in something less. Is that -- is that accurate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I think that could be right, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, given that, Senator, with all that we're trying to do to try to incentivize these people to save, the amendment provides another disincentive, because now the person says, "Well, if I -- I've got to pay taxes on it anyway, so why would I put it in there?" Why are we, in this bill -- and -- and -- and, obviously, I was not a supporter when it came through the first time, but now it seems like, to the extent that you had stepped up to the plate with ideas or incentives to get these people who are reluctant to save or unable to save or simply saving because they choose not -- not saving because they choose not to, you've provided another disincentive. How is that a good idea?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

I just want to register my very strong disagreement with the point you're -- you're trying to make here. The question in an IRA, when you're deciding how to structure it, is how and when is your tax benefit delivered? Now, if -- if you're suggesting that people will be more enthusiastic about a vehicle where the tax benefit is delivered earlier, that doesn't really jive with the

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research I've seen. The research I've seen actually shows that these tax credits are not very effective at changing behavior. But, broadly speaking, the tax benefit exists one way or the other and the transition made by Amendment 2 was specifically because, though not for every worker, for the majority of workers that this bill contemplates participating in the program, the tax benefit and their overall economic situation would be preferable by moving to this Roth version.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the gentleman's motion, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Biss, thank you for that response. Ladies and Gentlemen, remember the conversation that we had about this bill when it went through. There was a lot of discussion about two issues. The first was, remember people can do this on their own. They can choose to establish the IRA on their own. They do not have to be pulled into the manager's office at their place of work and sat down and say, "Hey, we've got this opportunity for you." That opportunity exists for them right now without requiring an employer to take the time to do that. The people that we are speaking about either cannot save because they do not make enough money or they simply are choosing not to save. Now, there is a body of thought that if somehow the government reaches in and requires the employers to present this opportunity, an opportunity that already exists for

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them, but present it to them in a different context, that that will somehow change their behavior. And if that's the theory you're going to go with - that these people just aren't thinking right; that they're -- don't -- that it's not about money -- they don't have the money, it's that they're just not thinking long term - what you're voting on now is less of an incentive, because that person's going to see that they're putting less money away. They're putting less money away because the change in the required investment vehicle. The second objection still exists and that is this: Are we not already unhappy enough with what we're telling business owners they've got to do? Really? Have the economic statistics not been laid out in clear enough fashion for everyone to see? And in this building right now, we are moving proposals before January 12th to just try to kick 'em around a little bit more, whether that has to do with liabilities and lawsuits or minimum wages or whatever else might be out there. The voters spoke in November and said, you know what, we need a change, particularly as pertains to jobs. This bill does not move us in that direction. I would respectfully urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BISS:

Well, thank you, Members. Just to briefly address the previous speaker's comments. This bill seeks to address a behavior phenomenon that has resulted a few things. Number one, it is much, much, much, much easier to save using a payroll deduction, much easier, and the statistics show this, because people are fifteen



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times likelier to save if they have a payroll deduction they can use to do it. And the second thing that the bill seeks to address is the question of what happens when a low-wage worker seeks on their own to go out and open an account with small dollars? The answer is, typically, high burdensome fees - that this bill seeks to address. These are real problems. They're not psychological problems. They're real problems that are harming real people. The savings gap in America today is estimated to be between six and fourteen - wait for it - trillion dollars. That's a gap between what people say they would like to have saved, based upon the lifestyle they would like to live in retirement, and what they have actually saved. This is a crisis coming at us like a freight train and it will burden individuals and families and government. There has been some talk about how this is something we shouldn't do because, here we are, the first state in the country to try to take action like this. I would say that there is a major problem in this country that we are beginning to feel the effects of and that, if we don't take action soon, will be a major impediment to quality of life and economics across the nation. And we have an opportunity to enact a commonsense, sensible and, frankly, very politically moderate solution for it. Wouldn't it be nice for Illinois to have an opportunity to be leading the nation in a retirement statistic in a way we can be proud of? I appreciate the debate and I respectfully request your Yes votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Senate Bill 2758. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 30 voting Aye, 25 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 to Senate Bill 2758, and the bill is declared passed. Ray Long with the Chicago Tribune requests permission to take photographs. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body -- we're still on the Order of Senate Bills, Concurrence. Senator Rose, before we proceed to that Order, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Purpose of an introduction, if I may, Mr. President. Introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please -- make your point, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, standing next to me is Parker Rodbell. He's my intern. He's a University of Illinois student. He's originally from Connecticut, but he's found the U of I to be a great place to get an education. He's a political science student and he's still kind of figuring out what he wants to do later in life. But if we could welcome him to Springfield, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome -- welcome to Springfield. Thanks for joining us. Great to have you here today. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we're going to go to Senate Bill 3075. Oh! I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Mr. Secretary, make... Mr. Secretary, we have a correction there. Let's go to -- with leave of the Body, let's go

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to Senate Bill 2221. Senator Mulroe. Nope. Excuse me. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul. Indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2221.

Signed by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on your motion.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 2221, as amended, removes the statute of repose for an act or omission in construction when the injury resulted from exposure to asbestos. Accordingly, a person who later develops a disease caused by exposure to asbestos is {sic} automatically barred from bringing a cause of action merely because the disease was not detectable within a ten-year period. What we're trying to do with this bill, because -- what is contracted as a result of exposure to asbestos is mesothelioma and the time in which the -- which passes before the actual disease is detected is often fifteen, twenty years or more, which does not allow, under the statute of repose, an opportunity for -- access to civil justice for the injury caused, which is -- which is an incurable cancer. So I ask for your support for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Before we have any discussion, Senator Link in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Sullivan, for what purpose

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do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senator Raoul, for the purpose of legislative intent, what is the burden of proof that the plaintiff bears under this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

The -- the burden of proof is no less than before under this bill. It's the same negligence burden of proof. The same elements of any case brought today still apply in -- in future cases. There is no new class of defendants under this bill, only a different timeline.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. On this bill, I have a potential conflict of interest, but I intend to vote in the public interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate concur with Senate Bill 2221 on Amendments 1, 2 and 3. 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 38 Ayes, 16 Nays, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 221 -- 2221 -- having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2221, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Sullivan back in the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, still on the Order of Concurrence, Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 3075. Senator Mulroe, do you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3075.

Signed by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe, on your motion.

SENATOR MULROE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Shh, please.

SENATOR MULROE:

This bill is -- what it's going to do is actually reduce the number of jurors that sit on civil cases from twelve to six. At the same time, it's going to increase the pay that jurors get per day to a minimum of twenty-five dollars for the first day and fifty dollars for every day thereafter. Currently, jurors can get anywhere from four dollars a day to seventeen dollars a day in our -- in our State and it's described by county. Some get mileage reimbursements, some don't. The four dollars a day translates to fifty cents an hour. The most that somebody gets from -- in Cook County is seventeen dollars a day and that translates to somewhere -- about two dollars per hour, a little over. We're trying to increase that to be reasonable and to be responsible as a government to -- to pay the people that serve and fulfill their

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obligation to serve as jurors. There are currently -- just to make it clear, this does not affect criminal cases in federal court or State. In criminal cases, there will still be twelve jurors. Currently, there are thirty-eight states that have or allow six jurors to preside over cases in civil matters. Our federal system, right now throughout our country, uses six jurors to preside over jury trials. This is going to save money by reducing the pool of people that we call in for juries because we're only going to need half of those people. And it will save money by only having six people serve on a jury compared to the twelve. I would -- happy to entertain any questions and I'd ask your -- for your Aye votes at the conclusion of the debate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator -- Senator Mulroe, you had made the point that this will save money. The county clerks, I believe, are opposed to this because it will cost them money. You had pointed out that we'll have half of the jurors, but that's only in civil cases. We'll still have all the same number of jurors in criminal cases, but they will get the raise. So how does this, on balance for the entire court system and the county clerks who oppose it because they says -- say it will cost them more money, how, on balance, does this bill save money?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Well, as you stated, Senator Murphy, it's not going to affect criminal cases. There will be twelve jurors. But in civil cases, it should -- it's obvious how it's going to save money, because it's only having half the -- the jurors. It's sort of -- we're out -- we don't know right now the impact, the cost, but I'm committed. I said it in committee - I'm saying it again - that we will address, in a trailer bill in the next General Assembly -- to address the cost. I've talked to Brittan Bolin from the Illinois Municipal -- or Association of (Court) Clerks. They're currently -- when someone asks for a jury in civil cases, they have to pay for it. So it's sort of like a user fee. I'm -- I'm asking all the counties to assemble their numbers, tell me how many criminal cases, how many civil cases, and then we will address that cost and we'll pass that on to the litigants that are using the system and -- to reduce any costs, if there's any cost to the taxpayers. We're going to put it on the litigants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

The fact that we're already talking about a trailer bill in a bill that's just coming up at literally the eleventh hour underscores the fact that the timing on this is rushed and

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political. The voters just spoke in the last election and they want bipartisan government. They do not want substantive bills like this being rammed through in the final hours of the Quinn administration. The twelve-person civil jury has been a part of Illinois law since the 1860s, and we are going to change it in the drop of a hat, right now, in what equates to a lame-duck session. That is not necessary. We're already talking about what we're going to do to fix this bill before we even passed it. So let's show some respect for the voters who just made a change and hold off on this substantive policy until next month. Next, there is a real concern and this further underscores the need to think this through a little more. Juries are supposed to be a jury of your peers. We are an incredibly diverse State and getting -- reflecting our true diversity with six people is mathematically a lot more difficult than doing it with twelve people. I don't think that's been given enough consideration in this bill. Are we going to have less diverse juries because of this bill? I think it's a legitimate concern and one that ought to be looked into a little bit more while this subject is considered in the next General Assembly. And, finally, this is going to raise costs on your county clerks. For anybody who just went and walked and knocked on doors and talked to voters in the last election, I bet they told you they don't like their property tax bill. This is going to put pressure on property tax bills because it's going to drive up the cost of the county clerk's budget. So if you care about lower property tax bills, if you care about diversity in Illinois, and you want to respect the will of the people and make it the law of the land, vote No on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)



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

SENATOR BUSH:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you. So I have a question, because I had some of those same concerns about the counties and costs being passed on to the counties. Obviously, that's not something we want to do. We don't want to see costs passed on to the clerks' offices and, certainly, I wouldn't support something that I felt was going to do that. So I have a question as to legislative intent, if I could. Okay. So is it your intent to file a trailer bill in January that would address the concerns that counties have regarding potential increased costs and, specifically, and have the parties bringing suit -- have the parties bringing suit agreed to additional fees to defray those costs?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for that question. Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Yes, I am committed and I am aware and as -- as sensitive as the previous speaker about passing on increases, if there is any, to the taxpayers. So I am committed to filing a trailer bill to address any increase in the form of an increase to the litigants that choose to demand a jury trial. So it'll be a user fee. You can -- you can do a bench trial; it won't cost you anything. If you want to use a jury and ask the people to come down and serve, then I will -- we are going to pass that cost onto the litigants,

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and this is only in civil cases.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much. I appreciate the answer, and because of that, I'm going to be supportive of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I received a message earlier today from the Champaign County Clerk that quantifies the cost to them, to the taxpayers of Champaign County. It's going to blow a three-hundred-and-ninety-thousand-dollar hole in their General Corporate Fund, this bill. These last minute bills that come out of nowhere, never, ever end well. So I've not heard from the other nine county clerks yet. My guess is, they're just now finding out about this bill. But if that is any indication of what will happen to all of the Members of this Body back home when they go back to report to their taxpayers, I would suggest that this is not the right time to do this, first and foremost. It certainly isn't the time to do this in a sense of spending this kind of money on behalf of the local taxpayers. I mean this is their local county tax dollars, not ours, and yet we're gonna -- about to blow a three-hundred-and-ninety-thousand-dollar hole in the budget of just one of the ten counties that I've been sent here to represent. So I just

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thought everybody in this Body needs to know that. Need to figure that into their calculus about how they're going to go home and explain this. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Good. This is my first time speaking on the Floor, so I'd, first of all, like to say hello to everybody and getting forward to -- looking forward to working with you and getting to know you. But my question: Senator, why is it important that we have twelve jurors in criminal trials, but that, on the civil side, it's okay to only get by with six?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Well, in -- our Sixth Amendment to our U.S. Constitution allows or gives the accused the right to a jury trial in a federal case or a State case. Our Seventh Amendment to our U.S. Constitution allows jury trials in federal civil juries. There's actually no mandate that you are allowed to do it in state, but as a matter of course or right, they've -- states have chosen to allow people to demand juries in civil cases. So that has evolved over time. There's only twelve states in our nation that currently require twelve jurors to unanimously vote and come to a decision

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on a -- on a -- on a -- as a result of a jury case -- or a trial. Thirty-eight states have gone to six juries -- six people on a jury. All federal civil juries have six people on a jury. So it's worked with them. It's reduced the cost. It's actually saved people time. Because, right now, if you're asked to serve on a jury, it could be once every three years. This, by cutting the pool in half, will actually make it once every six years. So it benefits the people and helps the people the most that need it. If you have a minimum wage job and you're getting eight dollars an hour, if you choose to give that up and sacrifice and -- and perform your duty and get fifty cents an hour, that affects your family. It's our responsibility as a government to make sure we're doing right things here. So it's just the right thing to do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Did I hear you say that, in federal civil trials, they require only six jurors?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Yes. Unless -- I believe, in federal, unless you ask for twelve. But you can -- it's six, unless you ask for twelve.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator McCarter, for what purpose do

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you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, how many -- how many trials are civil versus criminal typically?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I imagine it varies by county.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Would you say that there are probably less -- fewer civil than criminal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I don't have the answer to that question, Senator McCarter. I'm not sure. But that's -- actually what I'd like to do, is the counties provide that information, then we'll -- we'll address that in the next General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the -- to the bill then. Well, then, if you don't know, then you can't say that the jury pool is reduced by half. You

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can't say that. If there's only ten percent civil, it's not reduced by half. So you don't really know about that. I -- I just -- I think it's just -- to say something you don't know, I -- I don't think that -- that -- that helps reassure us that this is the right thing to do. The fact that we have to have a trailer bill and we know that already, it doesn't reassure me that everything is complete. If it's complete, I'm -- I'm with you; I -- I don't have a problem with that. But I've heard it said, on one of the few bills that I got an extensive hearing on, and that was, that this isn't soup yet. And I remember that pretty clearly. But this is -- I don't think this is going to -- it's -- it's going to cost counties with a very difficult budget already; it's going to cause them a lot of problems. And in talking to the counties I represent, I mean, they're squeezing everything they can. This -- if they have to increase their costs, they will increase their property taxes. That's the -- that's the direct result of that. So for that reason, I -- I -- I will have to vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Mulroe, to close.

SENATOR MULROE:

This only involves civil cases, if I didn't make that clear. It reduces from twelve to six and gives the jurors a little extra money. And I'm going to -- I'll be happy to address any increase in costs with a trailer bill. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. The question is, shall the Senate concur in -- in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3075. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 33 voting Aye, 24 voting No, 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3075, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, we'll return to the regular Calendar, to the printed Calendar on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. If you'll turn to page 3, we will be going to House Bill 4733. Senator Harmon. I understand that we have paperwork that the sponsorship has been changed from Senator Harmon to Senator Lightford. Do you wish to proceed, Senator Lightford? Indicates she does. Senator Lightford seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4733 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 4733. Mr. Secretary, are there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lightford, on Amendment 4.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I'd like to move on the amendment and discuss it in 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on Amendment 4? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 4733. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4733.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the minimum wage increase bill that has been a long time coming. We've worked on this initiative for the past two years. It has had several different bill numbers. It has had several amendments, so that we can make a good idea a great, great law. Where we are today with this bill, it would allow Illinois' minimum wage to increase from eight twenty-five an hour to eleven dollars by 2019. It would happen through a phase-in timing going first, July 1st, from eight and a quarter to nine dollars. The following year, another fifty cents, and fifty cents thereafter every July 1 until we reach eleven dollars. This bill also includes a preemption for the City of Chicago. You all know as well as I do that the City passed an ordinance on Tuesday increasing their minimum wage to thirteen dollars an hour and including a COLA thereafter. This bill would preempt them from including the COLA thereafter and also provide other guidelines where the City could not enact a different ordinance. The bill further adds to small business. We know how important it is to protect our small



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businesses in Illinois and this has a State tax credit that would provide support for businesses who have fifty or fewer employees. I'd be happy to answer questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I don't judge anyone's intentions here, 'cause I think we all intend to do the best thing for the people we represent. But, you know, there's times that we -- we pass legislation in an effort to tell people that we care for them and it really doesn't end up doing what we think it will do. And I think that's one of the -- this is one of those times, where we want to be compassionate, but what we're going to do is deprive the people that we -- we say we care about and we want to help of the opportunity that they deserve. You know, we all for -- for our own -- our own kids and family, we all say, you know, we want the American dream for you. We all want what's best for them. We want them to get a good education. We want them to get a job. We never tell them that we aspire for them to get minimum wage. It's not the American dream. What we want for our own kids is much more. And what we want for our constituents should be much more. This is not the way to show them that you care. The way to show -- show them that you care is to give them opportunity and to give them an economy that's so robust that, as in North Dakota, the

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minimum wage is \$14.00 an hour - but it's not because they passed a bill; it's not because they passed a referendum. It's because workers are in such demand that that price has risen. Now, we haven't had that environment in Illinois. I hope that we can. I hope in this next year, we -- we do what it takes to make Illinois more business-friendly to where we can drive that demand for higher price for workers. But the reality is, with small businesses, what's going to happen - and I -- and people in my district have come and pled with me to fight against this for this very reason - they're going to go out of business. They're not just -- they're not going to be able to take this. They're not going to be able to absorb this. And then where's the opportunity for entry-level workers then? And if fewer are hired to make up for the cost because of this increased wage, where's the opportunity there? We're not doing what's best for the people we say we care for. I urge you to vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he {sic} will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, Senator Radogno made this point in -- in committee and, frankly, I -- I share it. Your tenacity on this issue is admirable and your push has -- has -- has really been a credit to you on this. I -- I share Senator McCarter's concerns about the -- the issue. I do think we're going to end up hurting people. I -- I think there is collateral damage in this. But we've had that

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discussion before and I didn't convince you and I'm not going to try today. Buy my -- my question goes to something that came into the bill. You know, the City of Chicago just passed their thirteen-dollar ordinance with cost -- future cost-of-living adjustments, and it's my understanding that your bill will eliminate the City of Chicago's future cost-of-living adjustments. And I know you have expressed concern about inflation and the effect on the minimum wage in the past, so I guess my question is, why did you not allow Chicago's minimum wage to continue to go up in your bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. What we're hoping for is to provide our full State with an opportunity to move all families, working families, out of poverty and allow all of them to have a minimum wage increase, not just the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago was just spearheaded by our efforts here in the Legislature to move people out of poverty. They met on Tuesday. They made their adjustments prior to ours. I support their efforts in allowing families in Chicago to have a higher wage. The cost of living is twenty percent higher in the northern part of the State than it is in any other portion. So I support their initiatives; however, I feel it should plateau at a point so that the State minimum wage wouldn't be so far apart and so wide apart. But the bill does a couple of things for the City. Not only does it preempt them from moving higher than the thirteen dollars an hour, it also prohibits the City Council from making further changes to the ordinance. It provides that beginning on July 1 of 2019 that the minimum wage be

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no greater than thirteen, and then it provides that beginning on July 1 of -- 1 of 2019 that the wage for tip workers may be no greater -- tipped workers may be no greater than the wage calculated by the cost of living as well. And so we've done three areas of provisions for the City of Chicago's ordinance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the -- to the bill, Mr. President. And -- and..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, I appreciate your explanation and I -- I -- for my -- my friends on the other side of the aisle from the City of Chicago, I feel compelled to warn them that there is the potential that this will be perceived as reducing the minimum wage available under the ordinance to City workers, and I think that is something for you to -- to -- to -- to be cautioned about. Again, Senator, all respect and credit for your efforts in this regard. Your tenacity is truly admirable. I do think this policy will do more harm than good and that, in the end, is why I do oppose it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. While not -- while this is not a perfect bill, I will strongly stand and defend the bill. Commend the -- Leader

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Lightford for the work that she's done on it. So I would like to speak for my constituents and for the three-fourths of voters that voted on the principle that anyone who works forty hours a week should not live in poverty. So I've heard their message loud and strong, from Champaign to Chicago, from Cairo to the collar counties, from Moline to the Metro East, and what they're saying is that we have an opportunity today to make a choice, to do the right thing, and to vote and take action. So, this living wage legislation, while it's not perfect, I am proud to be a cosponsor of the legislation, which will give our workers more money to spend in their local economies, which really leads to the growth in the economy. So -- and I've also heard the rhetoric that this will drive businesses out of business, but there's no studies that offer any credibility or any credible bearing on that argument that claim that raising the minimum wage is a bad -- is bad for business or it leads to higher unemployment. But for -- what is certain that I do know, that raising the living wage for low-income workers and individuals is more likely to offer them a better quality of life. And let me make this point as well: A living wage for full-time workers will also reduce the need for government assistance. We know that many large corporations who pay subpar wages to their employees have instructed their employees of how to access government assistance. And so I believe that what we are doing here is we will send a message to those corporations, the multi-billionaire corporations, that no longer will we support subpar wages in the knowledge that the government will help their workers afford food, housing, and health care. This is part of being honest about the foundations of our economy and the rising toll of the widening income inequality. So, ultimately, a vote for a

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living wage will allow our constituents to raise their families with dignity and pride, where they can reap the fruits and the harvest of their labor. Let's cut out the silent subsidies to these large corporations and give our workers a livable working income. I ask for an Aye vote on behalf of Leader Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yeah, I want to echo the sentiments of the previous speaker, Senator Collins, about the tremendous work of Leader Lightford and everything that she's put into this bill. She's worked tirelessly to -- to address a lot of the different concerns. I don't think it can be stated any more eloquently or beautifully than what was articulated by our esteemed colleague Senator Collins as to why we would support this bill. It's why we're here in the first place - to create opportunity for people and allow them the chance to grow and succeed and to be able to take care of their families and to be able to work hard and play by the rules and climb up the economic ladder. I thank you for your leadership and I thank you for your words on this. One of the things I've -- I've talked about in this bill and I think it's important that we note moving forward is the concerns of the community-based service providers. And I -- and I indicated this to Leader Lightford - that we need to make sure that as we move forward in the budget year that we

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allow them the opportunity to have the resources and funds necessary to integrate the living wage more effectively into what they're doing and to make sure that we have the resources necessary to achieve that goal. I believe we can address that in an independent budgetary bill, in an appropriation measure, to make sure we address that. But let's not lose sight of the fact that this is something that Governor Quinn pushed for. He campaigned on. You know, unfortunately for him and a lot of people in this State and a lot of people who supported him in his candidacy, he did not prevail. But what did prevail was the concept and the principle of making sure that people achieved and were able to live with a strong wage and they're able to take care of themselves and their family. Seventy-five percent - no - seventy percent of the people in my district supported this bill and I -- I represent what'd be considered a -- very much a -- what you'd call a swing district, a very bipartisan area. So this is something that people, who are Republicans and Democrats, feel very, very strongly about. They care strongly about this bill. They want to see it happen. They want to see it pass. And when people speak as loudly, as resonantly as this, it's important that we follow through on their concerns. Again, I want to congratulate and thank Leader Lightford on this and I want to, again, extend my appreciation to Senator Collins for her well-thought words. I quite simply ask for your support of this legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR DELGADO:

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

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To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

As I rise in strong support of this legislation as a cosponsor, and I really appreciate many of my colleagues on either side of this aisle who continue to worry about our wonderful diversity. As an inner-city young man, we know what minimum wage is. I love innovation and wave-makers, so wait for the future of building Illinois' businesses; however, these families -- as a former DCFS worker, everyone on that side of the aisle and many here, including myself, says, "Let's go to work." We need them to go to work. We need to get our parolees and probationers, their families who help them, keep 'em -- them from going into those prisons. Let's get 'em a job. At what wage? How are we being able to get them to work, and now we're in a Catch-22, saying what? Well, today -- you know, today - you love it - the Dow closed at close to eighteen - unprecedented in the United States. The one percent just became smaller. The billionaires are making more with less people and more profit. Wait, NASDAQ, our technology, and by the way, DOW, all manufacturing, they're full. They're making money, people. We're fighting for what? When we talk about NASDAQ, whoop, I think my broker just told me it's closing almost close to five. It's unprecedented. Won't get there, but look at it. Just checked my stock market. We're fighting for what? Those innovations can't wait, because of the state of my social services agencies where I come from, Humboldt Park. Eighty-eight percent of the 2nd Legislative District said this must happen now. We want to keep 'em in their homes. We want to get 'em off of



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subsidence {sic}. We want to be self-sufficient. So those of you who are so concerned about our diversity, well, I need to see some diversity. But at the end of the day, judge me as you will, but I'm a father and an inner-city Puerto Rican from Newark, New Jersey, who lives in Illinois, for most of my life. My father was a steel worker. I worked at Ace Hardware for minimum wage. Let me also suggest that as much as I love my social service agencies that are community-based organizations, they are subcontracted by the State of Illinois and federal grants. It is my clients and your clients who I'm concerned with, because when I go into my schools that I've been touring - at least fourteen of 'em this year - every classroom has an IEP student. So when we talk about -- and I rise in tremendous support of Senator Kim Lightford, our leader on this issue, because when we talk about all of our families, we're not far removed from this suit and tie. So I would ask you all to be in your hearts; that they cannot wait until those great jobs come, because right now they're not even showing that they'll rehire the ones they laid off before. Just check your stock market. Living wage? Minimum wage? I'm really surprised it's not at twenty-two dollars. I commend the sponsor. I'm glad to be a cosponsor and I look forward to the passage and Illinois moving back to being the hub of America with the morals and the business. And I have three bottom lines: Let's make that profit, let's have a social impact, and let's be environmentally clean. The solution revolution is in innovators and wave-makers, and I would ask you all to be strongly supporting our Act. From Humboldt Park to -- to all the counties, and as a Farm Bureau member way down south, it really surprises me that this is such a political event in an economy that's taking off again. So don't buy the

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headlines, just read the stock market. Mr. President, I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the -- the Senate. There were some comments made by previous speakers applauding the efforts of all of us to raise the minimum wage, so I do want to thank you for acknowledging that. But I also want to acknowledge a previous speaker who talked about downstate Illinois not wanting a minimum wage increase and I wanted to bring him to the notion that even his own district voted in the majority for a minimum wage. So the people have spoken. We had a referendum question on the ballot. There's no doubt in any of our minds whether or not our voters want to see a minimum wage increase. In fact, over two million two hundred and sixty thousand people cast their vote for a minimum wage increase on November 4th. And we're doing the right thing. We're doing the right thing today by acknowledging the question and the answer that we received. It's not a myth any longer. It's not just my opinion in knowing that if you work forty hours a week that you do not deserve to remain living in poverty. The people who work forty hours a week had the opportunity to cast the vote to help lift themselves out of poverty. They get up; they work every day - they're not asking for a handout. And as legislators, that's our job; we're here to legislate to help people increase the quality of life. I'm encouraged by twenty-three other states across the State of -- across this country who have a higher wage than Illinois -- than the federal wage, excuse me, as well. That's twenty-three other

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states that have a higher wage. I'd like for -- in closing, just to read for legislative intent, because there are so many questions and concerns about the City of Chicago, I'd like to establish legislative intent. The City of Chicago's minimum wage ordinance remains enforceable under the bill's preemption language by freezing it in place and capping the wage paid to employees beginning on July 1 of 2019 in two ways. The first way, the minimum wage paid to employees under that ordinance, beginning July 1 of 2019 and each year thereafter, can be no more than thirteen dollars per hour. The second, the minimum wage paid to employees under that ordinance who receives gratuities, beginning July 1 of 2019 and each year thereafter, can be no more than the amount calculated by the Commissioner of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection by June 1 of 2018. Simply put, the preemption language renders the cost-of-living adjustment provisions of the ordinance unenforceable, as specified by the bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we should be proud of taking this step on today to help people, move them out of poverty. We are doing the right thing. We listened to the people and I encourage all of us to vote Aye to raise the minimum wage in Illinois. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 4733 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 39 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. House Bill 4733, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to return to Supplemental Calendar No. 1,

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on the Order of Senate Bills, Concurrence, to Senate Bill 172. Senator Harmon, do you wish to proceed with your motion? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 172.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, on your motion.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 172 has come back to us from the House, as promised, as a comprehensive election law reform bill. It is sweeping in its scope, with all sorts of important elements. I'm going to highlight just a couple, but I would be happy to answer questions about any of the particulars. Most importantly, it modernizes the way we vote and the way we talk about voting. We're moving to a...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Shh.

SENATOR HARMON:

...a forty-day period leading up to Election Day, during which you can register to vote and vote by mail, vote in person, vote at the polls, vote at the clerk's office, in all sorts of places. Will dramatically increase access to the ballot. We are also participating in new programs across the country - the Electronic Registration Information Center through the Pew Research Center and the National Change of Address program - which will allow us to manage our voting rolls much more carefully to ensure that people who have moved are removed from the voting rolls and are

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added where they -- where they arrive. So we should have a much better handle on who is registered to vote and much more access to register to vote..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon, excuse -- excuse me just a minute. Ladies and Gentlemen, please. Please hold the visiting down, Ladies and Gentlemen. Please hold the visiting down. Senator Harmon, excuse me, please continue.

SENATOR HARMON:

I was enjoying the cover. Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Senator, I -- I -- I think I know the answer to this; I just want to make it crystal clear. Nothing in this bill will be effective or be imposed upon any election authority for the spring 2015 election. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Yes, Senator. Thank you for the question. I want to be as clear as you want me to be. There will be no impact on the spring elections of next year. Some of these changes are significant

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enough in their nature that we want all the election authorities to have adequate lead time to prepare and implement these programs for the -- the spring primary in 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. And, Senator, I appreciate the clarification and the answer, yet this is another rather substantive issue that, frankly, looks to be rather partisan on its face and that kind of seems to be the explanation for why this can't wait until we have the new Governor sworn in to be done. The -- the -- the read that we need to give these election authorities those extra six weeks is a little thin and it's the only explanation that I've heard to date as to why this election overhaul couldn't happen in the new General Assembly with the new Governor that the electorate, the people we represent, just put in place. If the only thing is because we want to give an extra six or eight weeks to the election authorities, I -- I -- frankly, I just don't think that passes the smell test. I think this falls into that category of issues that is sufficiently substantive that the appropriate thing to do is hold it over to the next General Assembly with the next Governor and we can tackle the issue at that time. So, given that, I encourage a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I will indulge in a brief response to my colleague, who I'm very fond of and appreciate his dialogues on these issues. I would point out that the new Governor

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has, in fact, publicly come out in support of same-day registration and some of the other election reforms. So I don't think there would be any reservations about moving forward with that. As the House sponsor indicated in committee, we all come in in January with the best of intentions in getting things done quickly and we end up getting them done at the very end of May. So it's not a question of a few weeks, but six or eight months, and I think it's important we give folks lead time. And I know that we could spend no time dealing with these trivialities like the fundamental right to vote and instead do things like make sure we can hunt for bobcats in the last days of the Session, but I would prefer to deal with more important substantive issues. And I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 172. 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 40 voting Aye, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 172, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, still on our Supplemental Calendar, still on the Order of Concurrence with Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 2774. Senator Hutchinson, before we go to that Order, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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

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Please state your point, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

After that historic vote we just took, I think it's a proper time for me to introduce to this Chamber, to all my colleagues on the Floor, a future member of the General Assembly possibly. This is little Miss Jianna Booth, the newest baby for Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth, and she came to say hello to the Senate before we leave for our holiday break. So just wanted you all to welcome Miss Jianna Booth to the Floor of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Representative, welcome, and your beautiful baby as well. So nice of you to join us. Ladies and Gentlemen, up on the board, we have Senate Bill 2774. We're on the Order of Concurrence, House -- Senate Bills. And, Senator Muñoz, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he would. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2774.

Signed by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2774 creates the Transportation Network Providers Act. This legislation requires transportation networks to comply with two - two separate automobile liability insurance requirements. One, from the time before and after a trip, the transportation network company must carry contingent liability insurance in the amount of



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fifty thousand for death and personal injury per person, a hundred thousand for death and personal injury per incident, and twenty-five thousand for property damage. During the ride, the transportation network company driver must carry primary liability insurance in the amount of one million for death, personal injury, and property damage. Legislation also requires a transportation network company to conduct a local and national criminal background check on its drivers and prohibits a driver from operating a vehicle if he or she has been convicted of certain traffic or criminal violations. The bill that we had on the Floor this past spring, we had opposition from the different parties that were involved. Now the only opposition that we have on the bill is from the insurance industry. And for those who were in Exec Committee, they explained why they have opposition. Initially, when we first drafted the bill, they wanted a certain amount of coverage, and since we've changed this bill on this concurrence, it is less. That is the reasoning for it. And the only reason why we're moving this bill tonight in this Chamber on the concurrence is because three of the companies have finally reached an agreement on how we can proceed to move further on a trailer bill, and during that time, we will address the concerns of the insurance industry. I gave my word in committee and I give you my word on the Senate Floor. I look forward to working with all -- with everyone that have had some concerns or objections, as we've been doing for several months. I had -- got approached by the bankers. They might want to come and talk to us about adding some legislation. We're willing to work with everyone. But I think, tonight, the industry themselves have accomplished something, an agreement thus far that they were working together. And once we

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can get the insurance industry to fully come on board -- right now there's someone -- the opposition, but I think we can get there in the trailer bill, and we definitely have to have the trailer bill. So I give you my word and I will attempt to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2774. 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, 2 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2774, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

For the point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll give Senator Martinez your attention, please. Please hold the visiting down. Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you very much. As you -- as many of you know, we lost a very dear member of the -- of the - I think this - of Springfield and the State of Illinois and a friend that people saw many times, you know, on the rail, in the building. He is someone that everybody went to for information, for laws that have passed maybe twenty/thirty years ago, and I'm talking about Mr. Bill Luking. As you know, on June -- June 12th, he passed away. And I --

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sometimes you feel like the Senate and the House here, the Chambers, have never been the same without that wonderful man. Today, we are joined by a family member. One of the sisters is here and -- sister Beth, and the other sister was not feeling well and she's back at the hotel. But Bill Luking was a constituent of mine. He was someone that was so proud of me and he always made sure that he told me that. He would come into my office. He felt that I was a product of what I learned, because I -- when I was a lobbyist for the City of Chicago back in the year 2000 that I came to Springfield for the first time, I -- I was under the mentorship of Bill Luking. He taught me many things and he was someone that was just loved very dearly by his whole family, the City of Chicago. As you know, Bill worked for the City of Chicago. He did lobbying for the City Colleges, for -- you know, for the -- there wasn't one entity that he didn't do lobbying for. But he was a man that -- the wealth of information that that man had in his mind was just unbelievable, and even today, you know, I -- I still look -- I was still looking for him for, you know, for more information about bills that I was working on. The day before he died, he was in my office, speaking to my assistant Rosa, and just -- I -- you know, we feel like it was a goodbye. He actually came in to talk to her about me. You know, he -- he -- he lived close by me. I know that during my campaign, he had a big sign in front of his building, and he would -- as a matter of fact, I think a couple years ago, when -- I think Senator Hendon was still here and we passed a big CTA bill and there was a big picture of Rickey and myself on the picture {sic}. So he blew that up and he had it hanging in his office. So, you know, he is missed very dearly. He's someone that I know we're going to miss because of the -- of

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the amount of information that man had up here, in his heart. He cared for the City of Chicago. He cared for the State. And, know, he will be missed dearly, and I -- I just share with other families in the City of Chicago, his sister Beth, you know, and all the -- all the lobbyists up in the City of Chicago that came under his mentorship. I know that he is going to be sorely missed, you know, but we carry him in his -- in our heart and we're going to miss him dearly. Thank you very much for being here, but more importantly, thank you for having your brother be down here with us so many, so many years. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any motions with regard to vetoes on file?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A motion has been filed with respect to the Governor's action on the following House bill to override total veto: House Bill 3796, filed by Senator Hastings; and override amendatory veto: House Bill 4606, filed by Senator Manar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please print them on the Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to return to Supplemental Calendar No. 1 with -- with regard to Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Senate Bills, and we have Senate Bill 1009. 1009. Senator Hastings, do you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Mr. Secretary, please read that motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment 1 -- Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1009.

Signed by Senator Hastings.

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Senator Hastings, on your motion.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3796 amends the Freedom of Information Act by creating a definition of voluminous request -- I'm sorry, wrong one. I'll read another one here. Senate Bill 1009 acts as a deterrent to the recent phenomenon of revenge porn. The amendment provides that a person commits a Class 4 felony offense when they intentionally disseminate private sexual images of another adult and knew of or should have known that the person did not consent to the dissemination of those images. The amendment also provides several exemptions and allows for the forfeiture of any property used in the commission of the crime. And I know that in the last General Assembly, I had some choice words in regards to the -- the House sponsor, and I just want to let the -- the Assembly know that the House sponsor and myself met over the summer. We've come to an agreement through some -- through some consideration on my part and his part, and I think this bill will protect those victims that are subject to this heinous act. And with that, I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1009. 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. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1009, and the bill is declared passed.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 2 is being distributed -- has been distributed. On the Order of Total Vetoes, House Bills, first up on the Calendar, we have House Bill 3796. Senator Hastings, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that House Bill 3796 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the bill I originally meant to read. But House Bill 3796 amends the Freedom of Information Act by creating a definition of "voluminous request". It allows for public bodies more time and greater flexibility in responding to those requests. It allows a public body to respond to a FOIA request for information accessible through the public body's website by providing the requester with information on how to access this information online. FOIA requests made by news medias or not-for-profit, scientific, or academic organizations for research purposes are exempt from being considered voluminous requesters. I just want to make sure we define "voluminous request". It's which contains five or more individual requests for more than five different categories of documents; it's a combination of individual requests totaling more than five categories of records in a twenty-business day period; and a request that requires a compilation of a letter -- or, five hundred letter- or legal-sized pages. And just to give some background on

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this bill: A lot of public bodies have reported - especially in my community - they're receiving multiple FOIA requests made out of spite and not for a legitimate public interest. And I think this bill will help remedy that situation and I'll answer any questions. But I -- I know this bill is confused with another bill that's going through the other Chamber, Senate Bill 2799. This is totally separate from that. This allows you to reference a website or give a person a USB drive, which makes it more transparent and increases government efficiency. And I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. Senator Hastings, I'm going to give you an example and -- and give me an answer. I'm a regular citizen. I go into a municipality and I say, "I want a copy of the budget." Tell -- tell me how most entities are going to deal with that in today's technology environment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

That's a great question, Senator Althoff, as a former mayor and someone who's worked in village government. Generally speaking, the village would have to dedicate a person to go ahead

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and find the information and print off all the pages. What this bill would do for a municipality in that situation, if it's five hundred pages or more, they would be able to reference that constituent to a website or offer them a USB drive with the information on it instead of having to print it off and dedicate that person maybe to multiple days of work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much. And, again, for clarity, tell me what a voluminous -- definition of what "voluminous" means in this piece of legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

A "voluminous request" is a Freedom of Information Act request which contains more than five individual requests for more than five different categories of documents, or it's a combination of individual requests that total more than five categories of records in a twenty-business period day, or it's a request that requires a compilation of over -- of more than a -- five hundred letter- or legal-sized pages, excluding single documents over five hundred pages in length.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

To the bill: As a former local elected official, both as a city clerk and as a mayor, I think this is a fine piece of legislation. I think the intent is to try and make governments



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work with people to be transparent, so if I, as an outside individual, come to a unit of government and I say, "I want this information", we can work collaboratively - which most city clerks do - and say, "Give me more information so I can provide you what it is you are seeking without you having to come back and ask me six different times, because you didn't get what you wanted the first go-round." This is really a piece of legislation that will allow municipalities, counties, et cetera, to become more efficient. In no way, in no way, should it be defined or assumed that this is a way that governments are not trying to be transparent. It's allowing them to be more efficient and allowing them to use their limited resources for much better purposes and services. I commend the sponsor of the legislation and I would urge people to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Last time when this came up, I was not able to be here and I wasn't able to vote on it. If so, I would have voted No. But, you know, some people may consider voluminous requesters pests, but if they're asking the right questions, they may be considered patriots. So, I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

So, a previous speaker had talked about those that are patriots by requesting information. I just want to -- to reassure this Assembly that in no way, shape or form does this prohibit or prevent people from being able to access information. In some cases, it makes it easier for municipalities to give that information to their constituents, that being through the modern means of -- of communication through technology. I think this will reduce the burden on municipalities and actually allow them to act a little bit more efficiently to let them do what their core functions of government are, instead of having to spend ten days searching down twenty thousand pages of documents. And I want to applaud the municipalities that brought this up to us. I want to applaud the House sponsor. And I urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, as this is -- as this is a veto override, it requires thirty-six votes for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 3796 pass. All those -- not -- excuse me. The question is, shall House Bill 3796 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. 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 39 voting Aye, 13 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3796, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. President Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

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Mr. President, I have a -- I rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention. President Cullerton has a point of personal privilege. Shh.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I wanted to introduce a visitor who is here from Chicago, who happens to be celebrating a birthday. And of course, I'm talking about my wife, Pam Cullerton, who's here. So could you please welcome her to Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Happy birthday, Pam. Ladies and Gentlemen, on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, we have Senate Resolution 1693. President Cullerton indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1693, offered by President Cullerton and all Members.

(Secretary reads SR No. 1693)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Senator Mattie Hunter, for what purpose do you rise? Do you wish to move the previous question? Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. It really saddens me that -- that -- that we're here today. I worked with your father, Denny, as many of us has, and I enjoy working with you as well, Mike. We

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had a lot of fun. Any time I was really, really thirsty for certain kind of beverages, I knew where to find them on the first floor, you know. And whenever there was controversial bills, you can always count on Mike to stand up and speak his mind. Whether you wanted to hear it or not, Mike -- Mike was there and he -- he spoke his mind, you know. And you're going to leave a void, certain void, in this Chamber, Mike, with you not being here. And I just wanted to say it was a pleasure meeting with you. I visited your district several times. I've held a couple of hearings in your district. You and your father took me out to dinner one night and we had -- just had a great time together, you know, not to mention staying at the casino and having a good time up there as well, you know. So, Mike, I am going to miss you. I look forward to working with you. I know that wherever you land, you're going to be a very successful person with it, as you have here in the Chamber, 'cause you've done a wonderful job in bringing resources back to your district and I know improving the quality of life for your constituents. So thank you very much and good luck and God bless you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR STEANS:

To the resolution. I just want to -- I'll be quick. I know it's late, but I really wanted to stand up and say two things about Senator Jacobs. One, I learned really quickly after getting here that when he was going to stand up, I should be really quiet and listen, 'cause you never knew whether it was going to be something that just made you laugh or something that made you really think hard about something differently. Was never quite sure what was

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going to come, but I knew it was going to be interesting and I knew I wanted to listen to it. So I always paid attention when I heard him getting called on. And then the second thing, he was always true to his word. He took some really tough votes on bills of mine and I knew I could count on him. He was always very straight on and easy to interact with in how he was doing that. Means the world, Mike, that you were always doing that. Really appreciate that. We're go to miss you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Rezin, to the resolution.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. To...(microphone cutoff)... Reluctantly, I stand here and say goodbye to my friend, who -- we've been co-chairing Energy for several years, and your door has always been open anytime I've been in or had a question regarding several -- or legislation that we had. You worked very well with me and with our caucus in a bipartisan way on Energy, and I do appreciate that. We've talked many times about how alike our districts are. You have a nuclear power plant that we'll soon be talking about in the next Session as well, and I have three. We have a lot of things going on that are very similar in our districts. I don't know if many of you know, I actually grew up in Senator Jacobs' district. I'm a Maple Leaf from Geneseo. I went to college at Augustana College in your district, was married there as well. So -- and when I go back from -- for holidays to visit my family, I go back to your district. I have seen over the course of many years, not only from what you've done, but your predecessor, your father, as well, and the Jacobs' name is synonymous with politics in the Quad

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City area. Like I say, I went to Augustana about thirty-five years ago, and back then, it was a tough area to live in. High unemployment. I mean, companies were closing. The riverfront was very depressed and very blighted. And over the course of the thirty years, we've seen the -- Western Illinois open their Quad City campus along the river. The Rock Island Arsenal - which is the largest employer in the area and of very good jobs - you helped to save and keep open in that area and it's very valuable to all of us in a regional way. You worked hard for -- to bring Amtrak out to the Quad Cities and you worked very hard to open up the Thomson Prison, which, you know, we all know where that is, on our way up to Galena. So, again, you know, we thank you for what you've done in your service down here and we only wish good things for you and your family in the -- in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion on the resolution? Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

...Mr. President. I rise to thank the Jacobs family for leaving a legacy of public service in the State of Illinois. When I arrived here in the Legislature, I was seated exactly where Mike is seated now and his father, Denny, was seated right behind me, where Senator Link is seated, and we became very good friends, and I met you, Senator, before you arrived here as a Senator. You have a lovely mother, your sisters, just an all-around great family, and you should be proud of the work that your family have done and contributed. I love when you rise and say something off -- off-the-cuff. You always make my day. And from that, I've -- nicknamed you "Jacob man". When I see the "Jacob man", it -- it

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just brings a smile to my face. So job well done. I -- I really, really, really love you, Mike, and will miss you. I love your family and I wish you nothing but blessings as you move forward in whatever else God has for you. I'm sure it'll be well deserved, well worth it, and just keep who you are intact. Say what you want to say, when you want to say it, how you want to say it, and be mindful that your children will follow. Congratulations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? To the resolution, Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. The only reason I did my light is I didn't think anybody else was going to get up - but I guess he buffaloes a few people before me. I got to say, one thing about sitting behind Mike, I've seen how he aged from the back of his head. So... No, I got to say one thing. I won't miss the Jacobs, because every time I've been with them it's cost me money. And we've done a lot of traveling together. Denny and Mike and myself, our families, we've traveled together and I've spent way too much time in Peoria and Rock Island and -- but we've all had fun. But I -- I -- I have to say one thing. I had the privilege of knowing Denny long before I became a Senator and got to know Mike and the whole family through the years and I've -- like I said, we -- we've been together. Our families have been together. We've been in Washington, D.C. We've been in other cities together, on NCSL in different locations. The most expensive was when we spent a week in Las Vegas. If -- if you're seeing a theme here, it's true. But, no, seriously, on Mike, I got to tell you, I have to admit to something now that Mike's leaving. I heard

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from the previous speakers about the erratic things that Mike would say. Well, when I was in the Chair, I would not recognize Mike, because -- I really was looking out for his benefit, because we knew that Mike was going to say something, and most of the time, it was something we really didn't want him to say. But I -- I have to say, he -- he is probably a secret of a lot of things that Mike Jacobs does in life. He's a very interesting man in -- in the types of collections he does, the types of things that he does with his family, the types of things that he does with his son. I -- I know, traveling to Rock Island, that every Friday night the Jacobs family gets together for a -- a dinner at a pizza place. Every Sunday, they meet for dinner. It's a unique, great family and Mike is a strong part of that family. And, you know, Denny and Mary Ellen, you did a great job in raising Mike. I know there's been times that you've all shook your head. But he -- he has done things, but when you listen to the list of things that he did as a Senator, he can realize in the years to come that he changed a lot of lives - not only in Rock Island and in the Quad Cities, but in the State of Illinois. A lot of people will be a lot better off in life because of Mike Jacobs. And it may take a lot of times {sic} for people to realize that, but I'll tell you one thing, you've got to be proud of your legacy in the Senate. You've got to be proud of all the work that you have done. And I'll tell you what, Mary Ellen -- thank you, you know, for -- for doing what you've done to -- with this family and with Mike, because you raised a lot of great kids. It's -- I'm going to sorely miss Mike - and I mean that dearly - 'cause if I ever get my ego up, he guarantees to bring it down real quick. But, Mike -- Mike, you got a lot of future ahead of you, but if you become



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a lobbyist, my door is locked. God bless you and have a great time. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Link. Further discussion on the resolution? Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise? To speak to the resolution?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

To the resolution. I just want to thank you for your friendship, Mike, and I first got to -- to know you, and -- and Denny as well, through my predecessor, George Shadid. And when I came down here, it's -- it's a little scary to come into the Senate as a -- as a new Senator and you were one of the first to welcome me, and I -- I always appreciate that. And I remember, too, when I had this wild idea about running for a different office and I would spend some time in the Quad Cities - and the Quad Cities, I always felt there was kind of a -- a kinship there, because it's very much like Peoria - but I would go there and you would be very gracious in showing me around, introducing me to people. So I -- I wish you well in the future. I know you'll do well. But thank you for your friendship.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Raoul, to the resolution.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mike, we came in together. You know, if I were starting a team, you're the first person in this Chamber - I don't care what the sport would be - that I would choose to be on that team, because I know by the way that you look after your family, and from evidence we've seen in this Chamber, that you're not afraid to get in somebody's chest. And you're not afraid to speak your

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mind. Man, you've -- I've -- I've listened to you speak in opposition of bills and rant in opposition of bills, and -- and then vote for it. That's because you were speaking your mind. But at the end of the day, you were being a team player, where others would not. And I think everybody should learn from your example, because the politics of self-preservation shouldn't dictate everything we do down here. At -- at some point, we got to do things because they're right, not just to keep us here, and you -- you did that better than anybody in this Chamber. I mentioned we came in together. I actually came in just a couple of months ahead of you, and a couple of years ago when we were choosing offices, I -- I messed with you a little bit and pretended like I was going to take the office that your father had been in. That was fun. But I really enjoyed coming into the -- coming in the office. I enjoyed the spirit of that office and the spirits of that office. I enjoyed the ability to be politically incorrect in that office, because what we found when we did that is we learned about each other, because we dropped all the pretenses and all the cautiousness in how we communicated and we really learned about each other, and we ought to do a little bit about -- more -- more of that. So I've already decided, President Cullerton, that I'm going to be moving into the Jacobs' office, but for one purpose and one purpose only, to keep it warm for four years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz, to the resolution.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, and to the resolution. Mike, I just want to rise and say thank you for being a great friend. As your colleagues here have stated, you've done an outstanding job,

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and, yes, it's sad to see you leave, but I know you're going to do well for yourself, my friend. Just remember, you're part of history - your grandfather, your dad, now you. Man, that is truly awesome, so be proud of that. And as I've always known you, what you see is what you get. And you know what? To a lot of people here, you helped out so many people over the years for hard votes, and you know what, you took 'em and you took it like a man, my friend. You know what? You did the best you can and that's all anyone could ever ask. You know, it's -- on the first floor, as our colleagues stated, it was always fun. And I had the privilege of serving with your dad and being part of the "Coal Brothers", and you see those years goes {sic} by, but you know what, you -- you see the friendship is always there and, you know, I still have the fortunate {sic} to see your dad and it's great, but, you know, I'm sure I'll be seeing you quite a bit as well. But, my friend, hold your head up high. You've done an outstanding job, my friend. And I wish you all the best, my friend. Thank you, again, for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Kotowski, to the resolution.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senator Jacobs, I appreciate all of your leadership and everything that you helped to convey to people like me who were elected in 2007. I remember there was a group of us, including Senator Koehler and your father. We'd sit down in the office and you guys would relay to us wisdom and what to be concerned about and what we should focus on, and it was a great experience. It was a great gift, because not a lot of people did that and you guys took the time, and it's something

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that everybody should remember in this Chamber when new people come into this Chamber. It meant a great deal. And one of things I think we take away when we're here is what we learn from other people in how they behave, in how they act in a -- a statesman-like way. You spoke your own truth. In this day of talking points and message points, you spoke from the heart. You said exactly what you meant, and -- and I think about that all the time and I think there were times on the Floor when I'd say, "Gawd, I wish I'd said that", and obviously there were other times I said I wish I didn't say that. But there -- like I said, I -- he said exactly what I wanted to say. And there was a time, I think that we all realized, those of us who were here when Governor Blagojevich was here, and you said during a debate, and you said, you know, if he spoke to that -- to me that way at a tavern, I would have kicked his tail end. Right? And it was something that needed to be said. Right? Nobody else was saying it at that time and you spoke that truth and you spoke the importance of hearing that, because you stood up to it and it was very, very important and you stood up and you spoke truth to power. And there's certain things that I -- I think about. When we came and we had the hearing in your district and we talked to all those human service providers' groups and people were like saying, "You know, government should be just like a business", and you said it and I -- and I sent it out to all these people and I said, what Senator Jacobs said is, like, you know, government can learn from business, but government's not a business. Government's here to help people. Government's not here to -- to reap profits. Right? And -- and -- and you spoke that and it was true and it resonated with everybody, and it's true then and it is right now. But one of the things I also take

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away from this is -- is coming in this Chamber and things you can rely on, and hearing you say the Pledge of Allegiance. Right? Hearing you say the Pledge of Allegiance is -- everybody should have someone who says the Pledge of Allegiance like that. It's how Roy Rogers - right? - would speak to it. And I always said to you, like if you ever had a career in reading books, I would listen to 'em forever, 'cause you made the Pledge of Allegiance special. Right? You made it special and we could rely on it. You know, like -- you come in here like a prayer. Right? And it's something -- it's a gift that you were -- you -- you gave to a lot of us. So thank you for your leadership. You know, thank you for your friendship. Thank you for all you've done for the State of Illinois and hopefully we're going to see you around. And I just echo what was previously said. I know you're going to be successful in whatever you do and you're going to achieve great things. But one other thing I took away from you is just the -- the commitment that you had to your family and to your son, and we would talk about that and the challenges we have as fathers. Lot of times we were talking about business here, but you'd talk about that and what you've done and your commitment to him and your love for him and, you know, I took away a lot from that and appreciate it and thankful for it. And God bless you. Take care.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Murphy, to the resolution.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mike, I guess, my -- my -- my first request would be, if you, in fact, have been the keeper of Senator Link's ego, can I have that job now? Next, I'd like to thank Senator Kotowski for wrapping up before he had the Germans bombing

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Pearl Harbor. That was well done. You know, it's a movie reference. We'll -- we'll cover it later. It's -- you know, this is a place of characters and nobody, nobody, typifies that down here more than you. I personally have enjoyed the time we've spent down here socially together. You're a fun guy. I -- I think it's really telling and noteworthy - you know, a lot of times people leave here and everybody in this speech says, "Senator", "Senator", "Senator" - everybody says, "Mike", 'cause you're a pretty regular guy and I think, from what I know of you, you take some pride in that. Out here on the Floor from our side of the aisle, I know we're going to miss your fighting spirit. I also -- and a couple people have made this reference about the speaking style - and I love the speaking style. And the reason I love the speaking style is because I usually think I know where you're going to land, but I -- sometimes I'm not sure how you're going to get the plane on the runway. I mean, we're going to be over here, but you always got it down on the ground and you always got it -- and you made it interesting. I wish you really well, Mike, going forward. As I said, I -- I enjoy you on a personal basis. We've gotten along well. You're a good man and I wish you well in the future. Thanks for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Noland, to the resolution.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. Of course, to the resolution. Mike, I just didn't want to pass up the opportunity to also throw in here and thank you so much for the leadership that you've provided me and the -- the wisdom that both you and your father - the institutional knowledge that the two of you have had over these

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many years - imparting it to those of us who've been eager to listen. You know you've always been true to yourself. That's been said. You've been an honest broker for your constituents, a very productive Member of this caucus. And for all the reasons that Senator Raoul mentioned too, a real team player, but also, too, standing out when needed to be. Caucuses will never be the same -- many of your comments. And I, you know, remember the day that you stood here and you challenged Governor Blagojevich, but what hasn't also been followed up and mentioned that he took you up on that offer in his office, and the next day we saw you sitting here with boxing gloves on your - yeah - on your lapels that had been donated by somebody, I'm not sure whom. I hope that in your comments, you'll regale us with what actually happened in that office. But I will say, you know, I'm thinking about where he is and where you are right now and how eager we are to mention your names {sic}, but not his - and I think that speaks volumes as to the character and the honesty that you have approached this job. You know, you've never been taken in by the trappings of the job, as Senator Murphy stated. The title hasn't meant that much to you; you know, the attention that we oftentimes get, you've never been consumed by that. And you've always, always, resisted that tendency to become less approachable. You've always become more approachable to each and every one of us and we thank you for that, I have no doubt. So, you're moving on and, you know, until you come back and you take Senator Raoul up on his offer to -- to -- to take that office space again, we know that you're going to be a player down here. Been a player down here; you're just going to have to play another position for a short while, and we look forward to your return. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Delgado, to the resolution.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Michael, wow, they say we're family down here and I've always felt to be a nephew of your father, Denny, as my predecessor, Miguel del Valle. And when I served in the House, I remember back, I think '94, and -- and the things we did, and your dad gave me the shirt off his back actually. And -- and as far as I'm concerned -- and talk about those Blagojevich years, you know, he's made a lot of references to and the relationship between my predecessor and my mentor and my -- my tío, my uncle up there, Denny, and my primo, my cousin, Michael. We have a picture of us in my office. We need to take another, because you're so tall I didn't come out in it. So I need to get in there again so we can get that. But one thing I like about you is you're Middle America. And many time -- most of the time, we talk about folks who we don't know where we're coming from or where we're going to land. It's because you speak from your heart and that's the America I know. And I like to be corny, only because this is real, because you're Middle America, and when I left New Jersey in 1966, they said "Willie Delgado's moving to Middle America", and I got to meet Middle America and he doesn't drink the Kool-Aid. And, you know -- and, Michael, we've always kept a social environment between us and I've always felt a -- a relationship to your family. And for me, it helps me in my diversity and my own biases and understanding how suppressed communities can be. But something that the President or someone pointed out, when your family can -- can stand up and know how vital and important it was to say that your grandma,



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what she did, shows me the love that comes through this family and that Illinois and this country has enjoyed. And now, my eighteen years, I really can understand, it's not about regurgitation; it's about speaking, it's about talking - and that you do well, my friend. So, pa'lante - nothing's happened here, go forward and we'll see you out there on the road, my brother. And so, God bless you and your family. And, Denny, you know how we feel. We'll see you out there. The family...(remarks in Spanish)...God bless you all. Have a good one, brother.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Collins, to the resolution.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President, and to the resolution. And I think Senator Delgado touched on something I wanted to address. I didn't plan on speaking, because I know that I was not always a welcome member of the Energy Committee, based on my positions, but you were always warm and welcoming to me. But what I wanted to address is something I did hear in the reading of the resolution, which I didn't know prior, the role that your grandmother played, and I'm speaking from a representative of an African American race, where your grandmother was so -- showed so much generosity of spirit that she opened her doors for many that looked like me. And so when we stand -- or, when we live in a society that is so divisive and tension-filled around the issue of race, I want to say that you have been consistent, along with your dad, Denny Jacobs, in honoring the dignity and decency of all human beings. And I saw that represented when our former colleague, Senator Barack Obama -- or, President Obama, was deciding to run for office. When I looked around at the room of the people that stood with him, not

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only was it Senator Link, but I saw Denny and I saw Mike Jacobs. To me, that was emblematic of the kind of character, commitment, and courage that you displayed -- that you received that - I see now - because of the legacy and the values that were instilled in your family for generations and generations. So I just wanted to thank you for being the person that you are and I want to wish you Godspeed, and may God continue to bless you and your family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Haine, to the resolution.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Jacobs, Godspeed. And I want to thank you for your service to the people of Illinois, for coming here and recognizing that you hold an office given to you by the people, and you discharged those duties every day you were here. You not only spoke your mind quite freely, somewhat too freely occasionally, but you told the citizens what you thought of a given measure. You were Chair of the Energy Committee during the time when Illinois has become an energy producer, and cheap energy is one of our great assets now, and it wasn't years ago. And that's under your tenure. As Chairman of that committee, you recognized it was the duty of a Chairman to prevent bad bills as much as promoting out of that committee good bills. Many of the bills we vote against or kill in -- in the Senate committees are more important than those that we pass that end up to be law. And that is an -- that's the knowledge many of us learn over time. You knew it the moment you arrived. And as someone said earlier, your word was your bond. You have a keen mind, Mike, and that mind was at work at dinner, in your office, on the Floor. And speaking as Chair of the

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Insurance Committee, you were an integral part of the Insurance Committee, and your discharge of those duties, even more controversial, in many respects, than the Energy Committee, proves once again that you were thinking of the common good, not of a momentary political advantage. So, Charles de Gaulle once said that the graveyards are full of irreplaceable men; however, the Senate will have one less Senator that is good for political theater, and it's important that the people see political officeholders to have a sense of humor and common decency about what they do. Respect for colleagues means respect for citizens, and you exemplify all of those. And I thank you for all that you've done in this great Chamber and what you've done for the people of -- of Illinois. And, again, Godspeed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hutchinson, to the resolution.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Body. I wanted to rise and say thank you for being my friend. Thank you for your service. I can't add very much to what everybody else has said here in the Chamber. I think what is most important to me to acknowledge is the promise I made to myself when I got here. I wanted to make sure that something would be different and better because I was there. And I listened to what they said about all of your accomplishments from before I knew you personally and I think it is time to note that your successes as a Senator weren't just that - it was that they were significant. And it's one thing to be successful - everybody defines that differently - but to be significant in the lives of so many people is a pretty incredible legacy to -- to look back on. So, in light of some of the comments

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that Senator Collins raised too, about where that comes from, where that spirit comes from in your family, I also want to tell you something personally. When I was going through some really difficult times, it was -- I was tired, I was trying to finish school, and you were always so encouraging. You -- every time I saw you, you'd look at me and you'd say, "Hey, kiddo, how much time you got left?" And I can't tell you how much that meant when it was hard. It was really hard. And I remember walking past you in the hallway one time and you were standing with a group of people - and to this day I don't who the group of people were - I had books, I had bills, I had all that stuff I was trying to do at the same time, and you introduced me to the people that you were standing next to and you said, "Do you guys know Senator Hutchinson? She's going to be a lawyer." And matter of fact, you said it in that inimitable southern Illinois way. You said, "a lawyer". "She's going to be a lawyer." And it was in that moment when I was exhausted, and I didn't realize how much I needed a little bit of encouragement that time, that as my colleague and as my friend, you instinctively knew it and you patted me on the back, gave me a big hug, and you did what you do to everybody that you come in contact with, you meet each person where they're at, and none of us can do any better than that. You meet each person where they're at. So, thank you for who you are. Thank you for your service and know this - one setback don't do nothing but set you up for a comeback. So, thank you for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Sandoval, to the resolution.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution: Senator Jacobs,

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listen, you know, you've heard a lot. I just had to get some coffee, 'cause it was getting kind of long in here. And you listen to what they all said, you know, and some of it's kind of cool, some of it's kind of nice, the rest of it is just a bunch of BS, but, you know, I understand. Understand. Your family -- let me tell you, you and your family, Pops Jacobs, are a testament to public service in Illinois. You should be very proud of what you and your -- your pops and your grandpa and your uncle have done, 'cause no -- not many families accomplish and leave that imprimatur that the Jacobs have done here on -- in this great State. You should be very proud. We're proud of you. And we've been beneficiaries of that. Thank you. Gracias. You're a testament to working class families. Look, you are a lunch-pail guys {sic}, like me and Tony on the Southwest Side of Chicago - live simple, keep it real, and you're not taken by the trappings of any of this that's before us. That's real people. You're a testament to that; so is your family. You are a testament to plainspoken, direct politicians. That's what they call us. I'm going to miss you, because there's one less - and there aren't many of us around, Michael. 'Cause there's a lot of them that speak a lot of BS and there's a lot who speak a lot of air, and there's very few that can look you in the eye and talk to you direct, plainspoken, and let the chips fall where they may. Your dad taught you that, I'm sure. It was, of course, part of your personality, and you should be very proud of that. I always think that I'm listening to G.W. Bush when you get up - plainspoken, direct, hold no bars, just kind of -- just at 'em. You know what, stay that way. It's beautiful. You know, what we have today is a lot of backslapping, bullshitting kind of politicians that talk a lot of crap, but

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aren't as sincere and as direct as you are. Stay that way. Stay that way, 'cause that's what's missing today in politics. When you go back home, people appreciate that style. Right? You know, I had the distinction of serving with your old man and with you. You made an impact on my life and we love you -- I love you. You're a great guy and I wish you'd come back. You know, that -- that guy runs against you again, you know, count us in, because, you know, you can't let the bastards get you down. We love you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, to close on the resolution.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, we all have seatmates down here and we all know that seatmates are special relationship with our seatmates, and I had the pleasure of being Mike Jacobs' seatmate and his father before him. I also am one who really, really am very proud of the fact that I come from a family that's been in public service since 1872. My great-grandfather's brother was a State Representative, served in the Old State Capitol, but I don't think we matched the record of the Jacobs family in their service to the State. And I personally find that to be very impressive and I am proud of his family, as I am of my own. I particularly appreciate the comments by Senator Rezin and Senator Murphy, kind comments about Senator Jacobs. I was just thinking, if we could have gotten you to say that before the election, maybe could have been a little less expensive and a better outcome, but... Now, I -- I want to tell you, when we passed our capital bill -- Senator Radogno and I got elected the same day; we -- within ten weeks, we passed a capital bill, and I went to Rock Island and talked to Senator Jacobs' constituents and I told them the truth,

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that he did not get his fair share of projects in that bill for his district. He got a lot more than his fair share of projects for that bill. We called him "Senator Ask". He knew how to ask. But his constituents maybe have no idea what he was able to bring back to that district because of his strong, strong dedication to them and the hard work that he would bring down here in making those -- those things happen. The resolution took a long time to read because they had a lot of accomplishments, in a very relatively short period of time when you think about all the things that he was able to do. Now, there's been references to his speeches. I have worked a lot of roll calls here where I knew there was only going to be thirty votes and there's nobody more reliable than Mike Jacobs and if he said, "Okay, I'm going to be that vote. It's a tough bill; I'm going to be there". The problem I would have was not in that commitment, but in listening to the speech that he gave, 'cause it sounded like -- a lot like he was going the other way. But then at the end, he was there. No one was better. So, as -- I've been here for a long time and there's been a lot of resolutions when people leave and I like to point this out: There's different ways of leaving here. All right? And they range from, perhaps, winning for higher office and becoming the President of the United States and then there was a Governor who left here when we voted to remove him. So Mike's not leaving the best way, but it's not the worst way either. You know, this is not a death resolution - not a death resolution. Because you are a young man, you have a really -- life on the other side, I'm told, is not that bad, and there's a lot of people here that really want to help you in anything you do. So, once again, thank you for your service.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 1693 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

First, I want to tell you, I wanted to call the question after about the first respondent. I was really surprised that many people even knew who I was, let alone were pleased to see me. You know, I'm extremely grateful for the role that everyone in this Chamber has played and for how nice people have been to me. And these have been very happy years for me. You know, it's not every day you get to sit in the Illinois Chamber. I'm going to remember these days fondly. I also would be remiss if I didn't thank my staff, and there's a bunch of 'em, but I'm just going to do the first names - Dawn, Patty, Emily, Julie, Reena, Molly, Tyler, Larry - and I know I'm missing a bunch of 'em - Jake. I'm missing a bunch, but that's 'cause I'm a little nervous, I guess, maybe. And my pop and mama, I want to thank them too. But, you know, one thing I learned from my grandfather, who was the author of the homestead exemption and the circuit breaker, is that you want to be nice to the people on your way up, because on your way down, you're going to see every single one of 'em. And I think that's important for us to remember in this Chamber. And I apologize to any my Republican friends if I ever said anything that wasn't nice or I did something that I -- that I would like to have back. But, you know, legacy in my mind -- makes me think that the best legacy to leave behind is that you were good to people, and I think I've done that. And I'm not going to be political, but I'm going to be



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two -- political on two places. One, I am pleased to death to tell all those people who wrote me all those terrible letters when we raised the income tax that, on January 2nd, I kept my word and that income tax will roll back to 3.75, and I look forward to watching my friends on both sides of the aisle figure out how to move the State forward without that. In closing, you know, it's tough to lose an election, but I really think one of the things that we have to be careful in this Body and in this Chamber is negative attack ads and the money that is being expended. I think it's out of control. As a person who went through four general elections and three primaries in nine and a half years, I can tell you it takes a toll. But I really think we have to be careful about making charges in campaigns that just are not true, because, you know, I have to live in this State. I have to live in my community. Where do I go to get my reputation back? So what I'm going to say is this at the end, is that in the immortal words of Taylor Swift, who, some of you may remember, I named "Taylor Swift Day in Illinois", and she taught me one thing about the campaigns. Right? When my niece said, you know, "Uncle Mike, they're being terrible to you. How do you feel about it?" And I said to her, I said, "In the immortal words of Taylor Swift, 'players gonna play, play, play. Haters gonna hate, hate, hate. I'm gonna shake, shake, shake. Shake it off'".

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Harmon, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Judiciary Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendments 3 and 6 to Senate Bill 1342.

Signed, Senator Don Harmon, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purpose of an announcement. Committee -- committee times for tomorrow: Judiciary will meet in Room 212 at 9:30 a.m. Judiciary, tomorrow morning, Room 212, 9:30 a.m. Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 10 a.m. on the 4th day of December, 2014. The Senate stands adjourned.