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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Shaun Lewis, Civil Servant Ministries, Springfield, Illinois.

PASTOR SHAUN LEWIS:

(Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

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

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, October 20th, and Tuesday, November 3rd, 2015.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Lisa Yuscus, Blueroomstream.com, requests permission to videotape. Hearing no objection, the

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request is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 1155 through 1157, offered by Senator Althoff and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1158 and 1159, offered by Senator Morrison and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1160 and 1161, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1162 and 1163, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1164, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1165, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1166, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1167, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1168 and 1169, offered by Senator McGuire and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1170 through 1173, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1175 through 1177, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1178 through 1181, offered by Senator McGuire and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1182, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1183 through 1185, offered by Senator

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McCann and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1186, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1187, offered by Senator McCann and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1188 through 1193, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1194, offered by Senator McGuire and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1196 and 1197, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 1198, offered by Senator Righter, McCann and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1154, offered by Senator Althoff.

Senate Resolution 1174, offered by President Cullerton.

And Senate Resolution 1195, offered by Senator Lightford.

They are all substantive.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2195, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports -- reports Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1596 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions, reports Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 500 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 990356

Governor's salaried appointment

Michael Bigger

Member, Illinois Human Rights Commission

Appointment Message 990357

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Timothy P. O'Neill

Alternate Member, Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission

Appointment Message 990358

Governor's non-salaried appointment

David Silverman

Member, Joliet Regional Port District Board

Appointment Message 990359

Governor's salaried appointment

Kris Smith

Director, Illinois Department on Aging

Appointment Message 990360

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Pamela McDonough

Member, Capital Development Board

Appointment Message 990361

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Kevin Daugherty

Member, Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education

Appointment Message 990362

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Thomas Hacker

Member, Illinois Workforce Investment Board

Appointment Message 990363

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Tom Marantz

Member, Illinois State -- Illinois {sic} (State) Banking
Board of Illinois

Appointment Message 990364

Governor's salaried appointment

Peter Karahalios

Judge, Illinois Court of Claims

Appointment Message 990365

Governor's salaried appointment

Robert Steffen

Member, Property Tax Appeal Board

Appointment Message 990366

Governor's salaried appointment

Theodor Hengesbach

Inspector General, Illinois State Toll Highway Authority

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The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. So the Members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately and the Senate will stand at ease. Senator Brady, while we're asking the Committee on Assignment {sic} to -- Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I -- I stand here proudly {sic} in recognition of one of my constituents the day before Veterans Day. This particular constituent happens to be a veteran, a member of the United States Army. He used those skills in an act of heroism to save the lives of a number of young children and students at the Morton Public Library, when a knife-wielding assailant came into the library, the chess class, which he has taught voluntarily to help enhance the lives of those children. He used his skills and put his life in danger because he knew it was the right thing to do to save the lives of those children. But for his actions, those children may not be as safe as they are today. So it's a great honor that I ask you to join me in recognizing this gentleman's act of heroism. His name is James Vernon. He's a member of the community of Morton and it's my privilege to introduce him to you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Mr. President, I'd like to ask the Senate to welcome a couple groups from my district that are in the gallery today. First, behind me here on the Democratic side, we have students from St. Xavier University, a great institution of higher learning on the southwest side of Chicago. They're here to lobby Members on behalf -- behalf of the MAP grant program. And then in the President's gallery, I just see -- I want to welcome -- Adonna -- Reverend Adonna Reid and her daughter Rebecca. Rebecca, can you stand? Rebecca is a freshman at Whitney Young. She also had the misfortune of having me coach her seventh and eighth grade basketball. And I just wanted to -- ask everyone to welcome both groups to the Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Welcome to the Senate. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. If I can have the Body's attention. Tomorrow is Veterans Day and I have a few friends from back home who are veterans and I'd like to introduce them before making a special presentation. First of all, Dan Ferrel is here. Dan is an Airman 2nd Class. He fought in the Vietnam War and was stationed out of Okinawa. Dan Cothorn was a 3rd Class Petty Officer, also in the Vietnam War, and was stationed in Washington, D.C., as part of our U.S. Navy Intelligence. However we appreciate

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their service, I want to thank Jim Gunther, behind me, a friend of mine from Mahomet who brought Ray Campo here today. And Ray didn't know this was going to happen. But Ray got out of the hospital yesterday - I probably talked out of turn there. But Ray is one of our World War II veterans and Ray Campo served in the United States Army. He was inducted at eighteen in a European Theater. He drove what he considers to be mini -- what he calls mini-tanks that would pull howitzers behind them as part of our artillery. He -- he crossed the Rhine River with part of the U.S. Army in World War II and he was part of the Battle of the Bulge. We're very honored today, and please join me as we thank all of these individuals for their service to our country in preparation of Veterans Day tomorrow by welcoming them to the Senate, thanking them for our {sic} service. And I have a special State Senate Recognition here for Ray as a World War II veteran and part of the Battle of the Bulge. Please join me in thanking them for our service -- their service.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

As everybody is talking about Veterans Day tomorrow and -- and I hope everybody takes the time tomorrow to -- to go out, meet some veterans, and especially if you have kids, to -- to introduce them to some veterans and explain to them the importance of our veterans in our community. But today I -- I would like this Body

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to recognize the 240th birthday of the United States Marine Corps. United States Marine Corps is actually older than the United States itself. It was founded in Tun's Tavern in Philadelphia, and if not for the United States Marine Corps and other bodies of our military, we would not be able to sleep soundly at night. So I want to say Happy Birthday, Happy 240th Birthday to all the Devil Dogs out there. Happy Birthday and Semper Fi.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

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

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I have some guests here today as well, from Mason County. It's the Illini Central Government class of juniors and seniors. They're up behind the President. They were here earlier this morning. I brought 'em down on the Floor and we had a nice discussion. A -- just a -- really a bright, energetic, enthusiastic group of young people. If you folks would rise. And, Ladies and Gentlemen, if we'd welcome the Illini Central Government class here to the Senate, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you rise? Is it Stan Weaver?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Chuck Weaver.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

No. Chuck Weaver.

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SENATOR WEAVER:

Yes. Thank you. Mr. President, matter of personal privilege. And I'm pleased to introduce - if you want to stand with me, young man - Gabe Sowards, who is more happy to be here now that he just saw this group of young ladies up here, but he's here as a -- a honorary Page for the Day. He's son of Nancy and Jim Sowards. He's a senior at Dunlap High School. And we can all remember the day when we would enjoy golfing, snowboarding, scuba diving, and swimming - it was great to be eighteen years old. He's planning on going to Wake Forest to study biochemistry and he's going to be part of the ROTC program. I'd like you to welcome this young man to the Senate Floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

State your point.

SENATOR ROSE:

In the gallery behind me, I would like to also welcome our friends from the Decatur Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute. On behalf of Senator Manar and myself that jointly represent the County of Macon and -- and the Decatur area, welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Welcome to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention. Will

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all the Members within the sound of my voice that are not on the Senate Floor, please come to the Floor immediately. We're ready to go to final action. All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Appointments Committee - Appointment Message 990209, Appointment Message 990210, Appointment Message 990212 through 990219, Appointment Message 990221 through 990251, Appointment Message 990253 through 990278, Appointment Message 990280 through Appointment Message 990355; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Senate Bill 2192; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 32, Senate Bills 3 -- 458 through 460, Senate Bills 571 through 575, Senate Bill 2047, Senate Bill 2048, House Bill 200, Floor Amendment 5 to House Bill 500, House Bill 1285, House Bill 1365, House Bill 3213, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3434, Senate Resolution 838, Senate Resolution 1153, Senate Resolution 1154, Senate Resolution 1174, and House Joint Resolution 101.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3213 and Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 32.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MANAR:

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Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to -- to rise to introduce two constituents from the 48th District that are here today. This young man to my right, his name is Robert Wiggins. I've known him since he was probably two feet shorter than what he is. Just a fine, upstanding young man. He is a sophomore at Carlinville High School and he's here with us today in the Senate. Also his father, Tony Wiggins, is a member of the Macoupin County Board, who's up in the President's Gallery. I would just like to welcome them to Springfield and to the State Senate. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give a -- the Wigginses a round of applause. Great to have you here today. Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 -- Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention? Shhh. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. It is on your desk. We are going to go to Senate Resolution 1174. President Cullerton, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1174, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Members -- thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. We have a -- Senate Resolution 1174 that I'm the

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sponsor of and I don't think -- since I've been the President, I may have had some bills that didn't pass originally, but we put 'em on Postponed and I -- we came back to 'em and I passed them, so I don't think that I've lost any bills or any resolutions - and I really don't want to lose this one. So I urge you to please consider voting for this resolution. It's a congratulatory resolution for Dan Kotowski, who's a former State Senator. You may recall that when we introduced Senator Murphy that we made some joking comments about what a big improvement she would be, but that was then and now we are here and we have a resolution that talks about the service that Senator Kotowski provided. And I know that many people here have been here for other resolutions of people who have retired and it really is true that there's different ways of leaving this place. And I don't know if -- I remember Senator Dillard used to talk about it, you know, people die, people run for other office and get elected, people run for other office and lose, but someone who retires at the top of their game, that's the best way probably to do it, and Dan had provided great service since his run for the Senate in 2006, but he had a great opportunity for his family, his wife Anne and his sons, Cooper and Nate, who are here, and I certainly understand his decision, even though it was a really, really tough one. I think we all know that he's done a tremendous job, rising up the ladder and then running our Appropriations Committee, I think in a very fair and spirited way, and so we already have -- have missed him. I'm so happy he was able to come back today. And so I really know some people here -- we know some people want to vote No on this resolution, I just don't want to lose it. Okay? So I really, really, am going to need an Aye vote, maybe a voice vote would be

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even better. So, once again, I want to thank Senator Kotowski for his great service and welcome him back to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Perhaps we should have held the applause until the questions have been answered. Is there any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

To the -- to the resolution. To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Matt Murphy. I'm told I have to clarify now which Murphy. Senator Matt Murphy, please proceed.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

Yeah, we're in a -- based on the content of the resolution, we are in a much better place. Unfortunately, there is one slight downside - it's going to require that specification which Murphy we're talking about. I think we should start though, Joe, I don't -- I don't think he's got privileges out here. You know, it was nice we all gave him the applause, but I -- you know, he's really -- he's not a Senator anymore and I think maybe we could, you know, keep some decorum out here. I -- you know, when I first heard that -- that Dan was leaving, I -- I -- I don't know if it was the Catholic guilt or what, but, you know, I -- I said, you know, is this something that I did? I mean, because as he knows, I was behind him every step of the way. And I thought, you know, was it the time I blamed him for blowing out my knee 'cause I wanted to come out of the game and he wouldn't let me before it happened? Was it -- was it the time I referred to him as the -- the third-string quarterback of the Senate Democrat budget team? I mean,

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was it -- was that just a bridge too far? Was it the time I blamed his -- blamed, to his Jesuit father, that I -- I blamed his wealth redistributionist tendencies on his Jesuit upbringing, not knowing that he almost became a Jesuit priest? I think he got over that one over time - I hope, I'm not sure. You know, when I -- the one thing I will say, though, I did -- I always loved -- and -- and Senator Harmon did this one beautifully. One thing Dan was really, really expert at was pretending completely that he had no idea what you were talking about in your question on the Floor, when he absolutely knew what I was talking about and what I was getting at. And Senator Harmon did it perfectly. He did -- it was like, you know, "Was that a dog?" That would be the answer to the question - any sort of distraction, any sort of diversion, and all in the interest of his cause. Dan and I got elected at the same time from neighboring districts. Philosophically, politically, didn't agree on a whole lot of things over the years, but we came from very similar backgrounds, had a -- a very similar passion for this job and the people that we served and what we believed in and similar family -- similar experiences, so I always felt like we had a lot in common. And I -- I really enjoyed serving with you and I'm going to miss having you around down here with me. That's not to say that we didn't get a tremendous upgrade with adding another Murphy to the Senate, and don't think it was lost on me that you played a significant hand in having somebody replace -- replacing you with my name. It's been a lot of fun, Dan. I wish you the best. The one -- the one thing that I did think of immediately when I heard you were leaving was I hope you're in a better position to take care of your family, I hope you're in a better position to spend more time with them, and I -- I believe

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that's the case, although I know -- what have you been there, a month, and you're taking days off? I mean, as if -- are -- they're not paying you for today, I assume? You got a heck of a deal. No, really, he's a hard worker, really. Anyway, I'm sure there are other people who want to roast you a little bit, but I -- I -- I would be remiss if I didn't make some farewell comments. It feels like that ended a little bit too soon for the two of us, but I wish you well in your future endeavors and I'm sure we'll see you soon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR JONES:

...resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Dan, I just want to wish you the best. It truly was an honor serving with you. I had the opportunity of sitting down with you before I became a Senator. I came out to your district as I was an administrator with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, so I got a chance to see how you do business. And I must thank you. Your -- your predecessor {sic} is a lot better looking and has a whole lot more hair. So, thank you. So I just got to work on the left side right now. But, Mr. President, I want to request a roll call vote on this resolution and a verification.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

So noted. Further discussion? Senator -- Leader Don Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR HARMON:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the -- to the resolution, Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

For as long as any one of us is privileged to serve in this Senate, we are Members of a rare club and we develop friendships and relationships, but, Dan, I don't think there's anyone I serve with in this Body who is more concerned with all of us as people, our families, what -- what really matters to us. You have been an exemplary friend in that regard and you will be missed by all of your colleagues. I'd offer a friendly amendment, Mr. President. I don't think this is a retirement resolution. I hope that it is a sabbatical resolution. Anne may not want to hear that. But I don't think that this is the last time you will answer the call of public service and Illinois will be better served upon your return. But in the interim Godspeed, take care of your family, make some money, do good for the kids that you're serving, and come back and help us solve the political problems as soon as you can. God bless you all.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MULROE:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Danny, you're one of the reasons that I'm here and I want to

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thank you for that. It's -- it's been a great experience and I'm going to truly miss you when -- when you're gone. But I do want to tell you that I'm going to miss a few other things. The softball games are going to be -- dearly missed -- you're the -- you're captain of the team. Your spirited speeches and all the -- the fun times that we had, I'm going to really miss that. I'm going to also miss those spirited debates that you and Senator Murphy had at Lutheran General Hospital, the legislative forums that we had. It was always very entertaining and I'll never forget that. But most of all, Danny, I'm -- I'm going to miss your friendship and your camaraderie and all the good things that you -- you brought to the Senate. And while you -- you are a great politician and anybody that's ever had the opportunity to have Dan with you campaigning, he's a walking machine, he's -- could be described as the Energizer Bunny. Now while I say that, you know, that you're a great politician, you're an even better public servant because you -- your heart is -- is there, you have the compassion for the people, and you -- you do all the right things. When I first got the call that you were going to be leaving, you know, I -- I felt congratulations to you, but then I also said, hey, now call me you SOB, because I knew you would be leaving. But I am very happy for you and your family, Anne and Coop and Nate. I know they mean the world to you. They always have. You've always talked about them fondly and they were always in your heart. So I -- I just want to tell you, I'm truly going to miss you, buddy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. When Dan arrived here, just a couple years ago, he had these big blue bright eyes and he was singing Luther Vandross. And I thought, what guy -- White guy knows all of Luther Vandross? And so we started singing a little bit and then he started singing Teddy Pendergrass and he started singing Barry White and he started singing the Temptations and, before I knew it, I go, "Are you a brother from another mother, Dan?" And so we actually connected, and then one day I teed him off over the budget. He was so passionate about the budget and fighting for what's right and for what he believed in, not only personally, but what he believed in collectively as a Body. And so I want to commend you for all your hard work. I don't know if you remember, I taught you your first dance move. Him and Senator Hutchinson did a dance at the COWL and I -- I was their choreographer - for Michael Jackson, right? So he even dances to Michael Jackson. So just meeting his wife, I asked her, "My gosh, how long have you been married to this guy?" And "Lucky you". He has a beautiful family. His sons are adorable. And I just wish you Godspeed. Thank you for coming to the Legislature and putting your stamp on what you believe is right and proceeding in the right direction. We'll miss you immensely in conversations around the budget of course, but just in your overall appearance and the way you carry yourself and how giving of -- of yourself that you've been. So I'm happy for you. I'm glad that you're going on to an agency that still needs more passion, more support, and a person to

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deliver what it is that you do. So I'm sure you'll be very successful at what you're doing, but what's most important is raising those two boys that's sitting next to you. It's important to be there for them and I'm glad you've taken the time out now to contribute to your sons. So God bless you, have a happy retirement, and I'll roast you at another time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RAOUL:

Well, I -- I actually had a question for the sponsor, but I'm -- I -- I won't ask it. And I won't say anything nice because everybody else has said nice stuff. But my question for the sponsor was going to be, why does the resolution only thank him for his service? I think we should also thank him for leaving, because it's going to really, drastically shorten the length of our caucuses 'cause he won't be speaking so much during the caucuses. And, you know, we used to call him Rahm Kotowski because he was always the strategizer. But -- but I do have a lot to thank Dan about. Dan and I are similar in -- in -- in certain ways, meaning we're both follicly challenged. But we both are pretty passionate and can, at times, can let our temper rise, and Dan's taught me breathing exercises to kind of avoid punching out some of my colleagues down here. And we've -- he's been my office mate for the last couple of years and, you know -- Senator Noland, I got to tell you, he's saved your butt more than once, man. But -- but we -- we've spoken a lot about family with one another and -- and, boys, he talks about you guys so much. He talks about your experiences. He really loves you guys and he shares his

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experience with you guys, at least with me and I imagine with the other Members here. And as Senator Lightford pointed out, he's got some brother in him, because he -- when he hits the dance floor, he really puts the moves on. And I'm going to miss you, man. Gonna really miss you, but, you know, I know you'll -- you'll be there, and not just your two sons, but the children of the State of Illinois will be well served by your new endeavor and -- and we all will be well served and -- but we'll still -- I'll still call upon you when Senator Noland gets under my skin and I need you to calm me down in Criminal Law Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. We have further discussion, but first, Matt Porter with WCIA requests permission to shoot video and Lee Milner with the Illinois Times requests permission to take photographs. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Steans, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, to the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

So, you know, I -- it's with a real mixed and heavy heart that I stand up to wish him a happy farewell onto his next endeavor. It's been a real joy and pleasure to be able to work with Senator Kotowski. He's really one of those folks who just so combines his ability and passion for public policy and doing the right things with his sense of politics. He has taken, over the course of his time here -- I've just seen him take numerous really tough votes for his district and he does it, though, because he knows it's the

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right thing, and he does it so passionately, he can sell it back in the district so well because he's so genuine and everyone knows where it's coming from as he goes and explains it. That's -- that's a real gift and he's been a real joy to watch and learn from here in Springfield. I got to at least say, he's going to leave his mark, so we can't get through some of these comments without at least somebody Budgeting for Results. I may not go into a whole lot more than that, but we know he's going to leave that legacy here. I've always felt like he has my back here too, as we go through the budgeting process together. So I'm a little sad that as the going gets tough here on the budget, he's out the door. I know -- but I'm glad he's doing it for his family reasons. I thought one nice thing that we might get out of this is that the nice gentleman from Palatine might keep following in his footsteps, so I -- I gather today -- we're hearing that that may not be the case, so we'll continue to get to have some ribbing from the Senator from Palatine, I'm sure in other ways, shapes and forms, which has been a real joy. I don't want to say I'm going to miss his friendship though because he's going to stay in touch, at least he better. He's been a real, real joy. I do feel like in terms of somebody to really sit down and be able to talk to in thinking about what's the right thing to do and the right way to do it, I always have faith that Dan's going to give me a really good sense of place on how to do that. His judgement and his passion and his concern for doing what's right for the State of Illinois is always there top and foremost and it's been a real joy. Thank you, Dan, and good luck.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Biss, to the resolution.

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SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, I'm finding myself thinking about two different episodes in my relationship with you, Dan. The first is one that all of you will likely hold against him, which is that Dan had a lot to do with me getting to the Legislature in the first place. He came to my district and walked with me. And I remember one day in particular when we were walking door to door, starting in the early afternoon, and as we would get to a door, he would be more articulate and charismatic and persuasive than I was and so the voters would be drawn to him and he would start trying to explain they should be voting for me and -- and eventually he just gave up and would go to the door and explain that he was Daniel Biss and explain why they should vote for him, and that was by far the most effective door knocking that I ever performed in the district. But then as the day went on, as you may know, Dan doesn't believe in stopping knocking on doors and so the -- you know, the sun set and night fell and eventually it was pitch black and we -- we -- we seemed like intruders rather than good public servants exercising their First Amendment rights, and at that point, people would open the door and be frightened and then Dan would say, "Don't worry, I'm not Daniel Biss; I'm Dan Kotowski", and it was that willingness to do whatever it took, but also to be very, very generous with your time and with your insight, an incredible teacher, that I really keep as my first memory of you. And the other moment that I think of is sitting in your office late one afternoon here in the Capitol and - maybe not all of you know this, but Dan's attention span can be -- can be a little variable - and so we were talking and you had your phone in front of you and I felt like you weren't totally all there. You

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were looking at the phone a lot and finally you explained that it was Cooper's baseball game. You were following the play-by-play of Cooper's baseball game and you were living and dying with every play on this app on your phone. And it was so real and so moving, and my guess is that has a lot to do with why you're making this move. I'm heartbroken about it, but I'm happy for you. I'm proud to know you. Happy for your family. I wish you all success in the world and you better not be a stranger. Thank you, Dan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'm not going to talk very long because you know if I do I'm going to get emotional and I'm going to cry and I'm going to do all those things that I'm known for, so I'm not going to do that. But you and I have worked on several pieces of legislation together. You have been a wonderful partner, as a Republican speaking to a Democrat, but we have something that is ours. And I want you to remember this from now until forever. It is ours, yours and mine, and maybe Susana Mendoza - the summer of 2009 where I got to listen to him sing all of those little rap songs, dance in my car, driving to and from Chicago to Springfield to meet on the ever endless Puppy Mill Task Force. So remember that every time you hear a little puppy, you see a little kitty cat, know that I have got to be first and foremost in your mind. Good luck in whatever you undertake. I think this is a phenomenal endeavor for you. We will miss you terribly here, but I really do think you're moving on to bigger and better pastures. Congratulations.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, to the resolution.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution. Dan, it has been an honor to serve with someone I respect and admire. I respect and admire you for your character, your compassion, and your courage to fight for the policies that you seek to protect the least, the last, and the lost. Your family, your father, who studied to be a Jesuit priest, and your mother and children -- your wife and your children should be proud to call you son, husband, and father. You are a true witness to the best in Catholic social teaching and I am grateful for your commitment and calling to public service, whether in this Chamber or in the community, working with our children. I am grateful and thankful for your friendship and may God continue to lead you, bless you, and bless your family. Godspeed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Muñoz, to the resolution.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Kotowski, it's been an honor and a pleasure to serve with you, my friend. Your passion, your drive when you take on tasks, when you do your bills, when we talk in caucus, and everything that you do - you know, be proud of what you've accomplished. You did a great job as a good Senator for your district and you were a great colleague. Hate to see you go, but I wish you all the best and to your family. I know you're going to be a great man doing a good job and doing what you love. God bless you. Take care.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Leader Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

You know, I'm just listening to everyone and -- talking about Dan and, Dan, they're absolutely correct. Everyone here has said the right things, no question about it. I heard Leader Harmon talk about that -- that we're a family, and -- and you are family to me. You're -- you're like a brother. You're like that foster child that comes on Friday and -- and then, next thing you know, here it is Tuesday, you're leaving us, you know, and why did you come in the first place? Well, you know -- you know -- but you needed someplace to come to -- to whereas you can do what you do, and that is fight for the downtrodden, to fight for those individuals who are truly voiceless, and -- and that's what you did when you were with the other non-for-profit. What is it? The handgun group and so on. And I know you're going on to do -- do further work working for the community. So there's no doubt there that's -- that's going to be reality. I'm -- I'm not going to get biblical like my other colleague over here. One is because we don't want lightning to strike us, but -- but the thing is, is, you know, you're being so articulate and knowing so much about the budget. I remember when you did first come and I tried to give you some advice, and to this day, you haven't followed anything that -- that -- that I told you to do. I said don't -- you don't

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have to argue with them, you know, and -- and you argued. I said, you know, you don't -- you don't have to go down that street man, you know just -- it's -- it's -- and as we've talked about before, sometimes a -- a question only deserves a "yes" or a "no", you know. But you have -- you have basically exemplified the technique of, one, you know, if you -- if you can't convince them with your intelligence, just dazzle 'em with a whole bunch of BS, and believe me, you have done that, because we've all been dazzled by -- by -- by your compassion. You know, we -- we've been dazzled, one, of how you can get into the -- the inside of a -- of a -- of a situation and -- and really the -- the nuance and -- and the minutia of -- of the issue, and -- and we appreciated it, we just wish it would be something that we were talking about in general. It just happens to be something that you got into and.. But -- but you got stuff done and that -- and that's important. And then I want to personally thank you for -- for quitting on us in the middle of this crisis and -- and then telling the President, you know, "Trotter can take my place", you know. You know, that certainly wasn't your attitude when you took my place, so.. But -- right, you know. Yeah, nothing like leaving when we don't have any money. You know, it's -- you know, it's really fun when we have dough, isn't it? You know, when there's -- when you have something you can give away. But, Dan, on -- on -- on the real side, as they say, it's -- it has been a pleasure working with you, and as mentioned before as -- from our colleagues, we know you're not going anywhere; you're at that place, a short place away. Thank you, Senator Steans, for giving me his new number, because the other four numbers that I had for him didn't work, when I was asking what the heck was going on. So I'm -- I'm glad

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someone knows how to catch up with you, because we are going to need your advice. We, right here in the State of Illinois, we're in a crisis, but the thing is, is we all have -- don't have to be on the same battlefield. We know that you're going to be on another battlefield, ensuring that we do deliver the best that we can deliver to the people of the State of Illinois. I appreciate all that you've done, appreciate the work that you're going to do, and I look forward to continually working with you. Love you, Dan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Trotter. Before we go to Senator Rezin, News 3 requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Rezin, to the resolution.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I, too, would like to say thank you and farewell to a friend who, as we all know, when he stood up to speak about whatever it was, we knew that we were in for a good discussion, a couple of jokes here and there, but more importantly, as you all know, he's very passionate. Senator -- Kotowski is very passionate about what he does believe. I enjoy sitting on Appropriations with you, even though oftentimes you spoke so much I could never get a word in edgewise, so -- but I did learn a lot. Was fun to watch you on the softball field -- somebody that, you know, always pulled us through in every game. And many people alluded to your dance moves, which -- here today, which we all know are legendary, but one trait that I do enjoy about Senator -- Senator Kotowski is his ability to laugh at his joke before he tells it. The only other person on this Floor that does it just as good as Senator Kotowski is Senator Murphy. And

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what many of you may not know is, before they come in to this big debate on the Floor, I caught them texting back and forth jokes that they may be using in that debate. So it's always good to see the camaraderie. Senator Murphy, you have big shoes to fill as well, but we are glad that we have another Murphy on the Senate Floor, so two Murphys are better than -- than one. To Dan, we do wish you the best. And to you and your family, I had the chance to meet your wife a couple of weeks ago and it's such a joy. And one thing that we all agree on is your passion for good policy and your compassion for the truly vulnerable. So, very good luck to you and we hope that our paths will cross again soon. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Holmes, to the resolution.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a question of the sponsor. I -- I -- I would like to know what you're...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates -- I think he indicates he will yield. Yes. Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, what are you going to do with all the free time you now have not taking Senator Kotowski's calls?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, there were many times when I wished that Senator Kotowski actually drank alcohol, but unfortunately he didn't and he had a lot of free time. And the only time I got even with him is when I got in my car to drive to the DuQuoin State Fair and I told him

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I had plenty of time to talk to him.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. To the resolution. I -- I've listened to everybody speak and, I have to say, I was also in the same freshman class. I was elected at the same time as Dan was, as was our Senator from Palatine here. Like the Senator from Palatine, I do have to say that very often Dan and I disagree on the issues. We've -- we've learned to work through some of those, though, which has always been amusing. Dan, to me, is -- you know what, he's that annoying little brother. You love him because he's family, but it doesn't stop you from wanting him -- to bop him upside the head now and then. And I've actually been warned, when our new Senator Murphy came in, that I had to make sure to restrain myself and not to punch her all the time, because I'm so used to just that backhand across the seat here. So, I promise I -- I -- I will not be punching you as we sit on the Floor. It has been such a wonderful amount of time that I have spent with Dan. As a matter of fact, I -- as many of you know, we have never been parted on the Floor. When we were first elected, we sat next to each other. We were seatmates. We have been seatmates ever since. As I am one above him in seniority, I always had to make sure when we were changing seats that I would have another seat next to me so Dan would have his place to sit. I think that was probably a service to the rest of you, because you knew that I was going to be the one that would have to sit and put up with Dan, and I've done that and, to be honest, I've done that willingly. I don't know how I would get through spring Session without Dan to keep me -- to keep

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me sane. When things get crazy here, he is the person who can always make me laugh - usually it's because he's making fun of me and I have no choice but to laugh and also because, as -- as Senator Rezin alluded to, he's so amused by himself you can't help but laugh along with him. But what I have to say is, this is a man who genuinely cares about people. I don't know that you will ever find a public servant who cares more about the people of Illinois that he was fortunate enough and felt blessed enough to represent. I look up to him. I respect him for his passion, his dedication. I also, from sitting next to him in those spring Sessions, listening to him going absolutely crazy because he was missing a sporting event or -- or something that Nate and Cooper were doing and he was just begrudging that he could not be spending that time with his family, and I want to say this is such the right move for him to spend with his boys and his lovely wife Anne and I'm very happy for him. But I agree with so many of the other speakers, I think we will see him back in public service because this is a man who we actually are fortunate to have in that role. So, thank you and good luck in all of your future endeavors, Dan. I expect to see you back.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Righter, to the resolution.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Kotowski, you know, wow! I've been listening to everything that's been said here. There's some heavy stuff out there - about how conscientious you've been and how dedicated you've been and how filled with -- and you know what, it's all good stuff. That's all good stuff. Dan, you've earned every bit

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of it. I'm not going to get up and talk about that. You know, I remember -- I remember when you showed up here in the Senate, and I was already serving here, and I began to listen to you and become more and more familiar with your style, your style in presenting issues on the Floor, your style in answering questions or not answering questions on the Floor, and one of the things I've learned about this place is that if you pay attention closely enough, every single Member has kind of their own thing. They have their own trait when it comes to when they're on the Floor and you can -- you can name 'em all by that trait. And the one that I can name for you - and I tell you what, not only in my time in the Senate, but even in the House, the whole time I've been here, I've never seen anyone like you on this - and that is anyone who, as consistently as you, regardless of the tone of the question, whether it was kind, whether it was mean, whether the person was whispering or they were loud, whether the person was doing everything they could to avoid profanity, you always came back with "Well, Senator, thank you for the question" and then either answered the question or didn't answer the question. And I mean, after a while, I mean, it was interesting to me, but then it just -- it did impress me, because what -- I don't know if you were intending to do this, but what you did do in some of those warmer debates was that you kind of injected a regular dose of civility into the conversation because it slows things down, and you did that. I join my colleagues in all of the very complimentary things they have said about you and your service and yourself as a person here, but I'm going to add one that hasn't been talked about that... You know what, you're fun. You were fun to have around here. You were fun. And in -- in a business where it gets

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hard and we just -- everything gets gray and everything gets dark because you're just getting dumped on all the time about how bad things are, you know, the people on this side of the aisle could always, always, always count on Senator Kotowski to come over and sit down and have a few laughs, and I will miss you for that. Thank you for your service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez, to the resolution.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to say -- share something that maybe many of you -- I'm pretty sure I've heard a lot of text messaging has -- goes -- goes on back and forth. I -- I -- but I got to really honor a man who actually has a passion and he taught me a lot about epilepsy. As you know, Dan suffers from epilepsy, but I know that when the bills on epilepsy were brought up to the -- to the Senate Floor, there was -- you know, there's debate. There was -- you know, the compassion about the disease, but more important is his passion out there to make sure that we're doing the right thing in -- in here in the Chamber when it comes to the health and the well-being of individuals with epilepsy. During the time that the bill on the children -- epilepsy for children with the CBD oil, I -- I got to learn a lot from Dan. He taught me about, you know, what it is that we needed to make sure happened within a bill that was very sensitive, but it was the right thing to do. However, there's one thing that I will not miss about Dan Kotowski, is those midnight text messages that I used to get regarding the bill. So that part I will not miss. But I want to just thank you - thank you for your service, thank you for your passion around the subject - but more important

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is the friend that you were -- that you've always been here to all of us in this Chamber. We're going to definitely miss you as the coach of our team, where you allowed the women to play. Thank you for that. The little bit of the women that really played. But -- but thank you, Dan. Thank you for your service. I know that your boys are going to really enjoy having you home more often. I don't know about Anne and -- if Anne's going to, you know, have you around all the time. Around here we were lucky to only have him for six months. You have to have him year round now. Now you're going to have him those six months. So, I know that it is the right time, the right move to make, because, you know what, the children need to be enjoyed while they're young. So, congratulations on a move -- on this brave move, but it was the right time and the right thing to do. But we're going to miss you here, but I know that when it comes to staying connected to us, to what we're doing here, I know you're going to be around. Like they always say "Once a Senator, always a Senator." So thank you for your service and God bless and we will be seeing each other real soon. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Manar, to the resolution.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the first time I've done this so I just -- I got to get a couple of things off my chest since Senator Kotowski's in the Chamber with us. My Kotowski baptism happened in 2007, think it was about this time of year in 2007, when President Jones said to his budget director, "I need you to go deal with Kotowski", and so I -- I called you and you set up a series of meetings with mayors in your district. We went

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to Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove and Park Ridge and Des Plaines in about three hours' time. That was my baptism in Dan Kotowski's world. Now I've spent a lot of time in cars with Members over the years, going back to when I drove Vince Demuzio in parades, and many of my colleagues, I've been in cars when they were driving, but I can say without question that Dan is the worst driver that I've ever been in a car with of any Member in the State Senate. I feared for my life that day. So as -- as Chief of Staff -- as Chief of Staff, you drove me absolutely crazy, absolutely crazy, but then after I became a Member with your help, because you got me through that 2012 race. You called me in the wee hours of the morning, late at night to check on me to see how I was doing, to push me harder. I remember you told me at one point in time, you're not doing enough until somebody says you're a little crazy, especially when it comes to knocking on doors. I learned that your advocacy here was something that you put highest on the pedestal, which is the most that we could hope for in a Member of the Senate. To Cooper and Nate, real quick, let me just say this, you should be -- you should be proud of your father -- be proud of your father. The -- the time that he spent here away from you, he did good things - not just for his district, but for the people of the State - and that's tough to do, that's tough to do from your perspective as his sons and it's tough to do from his perspective as your father. But he did good things when he was here away from you. And I just met you both, but I feel like I've known you forever because your dad talked about you all the time to all of us. He gave us updates on what you were doing and how you were growing up, and just understand that he did good things here. And, Dan, finally, I just want to thank you for your friendship over

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the years through my roles here at the Senate, ultimately serving together as -- as colleagues, as State Senators, was a true privilege. I know you have more in you and I look forward to seeing that too. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Leader Hunter, to the resolution.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Dan, since you've been here, we've worked on a few projects together and I look -- I was -- I really looked forward to working with you all the time. But I'm -- I am going to really miss you, because I know that before you arrived in the Senate, you worked for a non-for-profit, and normally, normally, when a person -- when one of the legislators leave, they go and lobby, but you chose not to do that, you went back to the non-for-profit arena, and so, to me, that means that -- and it also tells me how loyal and sincere you always have been, because you've always been for the people. You've always advocated for their rights and improving their quality of life, and that means so much to me because I feel the same way. So, I don't know what we are going to do next year when it's time to play our annual softball game, because you were our coordinator, and so someone is going to have to step up to the plate, Napoleon or somebody, so that you can coordinate all of us and get us all ready for the upcoming game. But I know that we'll see you more than what we had been seeing you in the past because we have so many financial challenges down here in Springfield. But maybe you know that the non-for-profit community's funding are -- is going to improve, because that's probably why you decided to return, that's the only

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reason why. But whatever I can do to -- to assist you and -- helping to move that organization forward, please feel free to let me know. Thank you very much for everything that you've done, Dan. Bye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Harris, to the resolution.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Dan, it's been great. You were one of the first guys to greet me when I took office here in Springfield, was my, quote, unquote, "roommate", because you stayed across the hall from me on the -- on 1M. But more importantly, we have a lot of things in common - I mean, you like sports, you like basketball, you like softball, you like baseball - but athletics is not one of 'em. It's your passion, the passion that you've demonstrated, and your leadership, to see you debate on this Floor about issues that resulted in our families and your families and families around this State -- you were very passionate about what you believed in and what you stood for. You're also - the passion as a friend - to take me and to give me the advice and mentorship that you've provided is second to none. But more importantly, to Nate and Cooper, as a father myself and to hear you in the conversations that we've shared about fatherhood and what it means to be a good dad, you guys just don't know how much your father loves you. From staying up to hear him, late night talks about baseball games, and when Coop strikes out he's telling me about "I don't know what to say to him, because he's upset, he just struck out", and I'm -- I'm going through the same thing because I have a young boy who's playing baseball and we talk and sharing stories - to know that he loves you the way that he does

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is special. So, to me, although you were a great elected official for your district, a good motivator, a good softball player, and a good guy overall, I think one of the largest contributions you could ever have is being a great father. I'm going to miss those conversations that we've had. And as previous speakers have mentioned about your diversity in music, I also can talk about your diversity in movies, the conversations that we've had about many different movies that we talked about and different topics that affect all communities. Man, your friendship has been real and it's not just a Senate friendship, it's a real friendship, and ever since I've been here you not have just been a Senator, but you've just been a guy from the neighborhood. So I'm going to miss you, your camaraderie, your friendship here in the Senate, but the friendship is going to always remain. Take care, God bless, and take care of the family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hutchinson, to the resolution.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm going to be really, really brief. My name was used in the debate a couple of times. I just wanted to tell a quick story about my first COWL show since we've talked about your dancing abilities and the -- the choreographing skills of Senator Lightford and how myself and Senator Kotowski listened to everything she said. So you had three Senators in a hallway making up a dance to do to Stevie Wonder's "Ebony and Ivory" and then Michael Jackson's "Wanna be Startin' Somethin'". So Dan shows up on the night of the -- of the performance in a fedora and flooded black pants and the white socks and penny loafers just like Michael Jackson and the song comes on

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and it's "Ebony and Ivory" and I come in from one side and Dan comes in from the other side and Kim's telling me "Walk in slow, Senator Hutchinson. Walk in real slow, Toi. You got this." And then Dan comes in from the other side and he's, you know, whipping his fedora like he's Michael Jackson, but the song "Ebony and Ivory" is playing, and people are like, what are they about to do, like a waltz? What -- what is about to happen? And then as soon as Michael Jackson comes on, we bust into this amazingly choreographed and fast thing. And first it was only supposed to be one dip and there ended up being three dips, like I turned around and I was dipped again and then dipped again, and then -- President Cullerton said, "Man, Senator Hutchinson, you make Kotowski look like he can really dance." It was so much fun and everybody knows how much I love COWL and the performances at the end of the year. It was so much fun and that was when I started calling him "blue-eyed soul", because he was like another little brother to me and he knew way more songs like R&B and neo-soul than a whole lot of folks that I really know. The best moments I've had with Senator Kotowski is when he's had those "drop the mike" moments, like "I'm doing it because it's the right thing to do, because it's the right thing to do, because it's the right thing to do" and it's like drop the mike. I'm like that's how you do it. And whenever any of us leave, we want people to remember what it is we did here, and you left a mark and I'm proud to have served with you. You want to dance to "Ebony and Ivory" any time soon for ChildServ, you know fundraisers coming up, I'll do that. Thank you for being my friend. Thank you for being my colleague and good luck to everything else you do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Van Pelt, to the resolution.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Yes, thank you. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I just want to just acknowledge Senator Kotowski's service to this Body. He has been a dynamic speaker. He has been very clear about his intentions. And all the time that I've been here in these few years and I'm going -- going into my fourth year now, he has continued to speak the same language, regardless to what was going on in his life and regardless what -- to what was going on in this State. He always spoke up for the ordinary people who didn't have a voice in this room. He constantly led the way and never wavered. And for that, I want to thank you so much and -- and just congratulate you on the service that you provided to this State in this Chamber and I know that you will continue to provide service to the State even as you leave here and go other places. So, thank you for your offering.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Haine, to the resolution.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Jeez, it's been what? Two hours. It's like one of these budget meetings that Senator Kotowski used to run - goes on forever with no result. When I first had my professional dealings as a Member of the Senate with my distinguished former colleague and friend, he referred to me as "The Grim Reaper". He had some bills in the Insurance Committee which were - how shall I put it? - less than adequately drafted for the support of the committee, so they went to subcommittee, and Senator Kotowski was not happy - hence, the nickname "The Grim Reaper". And I -- I concluded from that - I was a bit shocked -

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that he is truly a passionate young man. He believes in what he says and he wants to help people, and he wants to help people so much that he's willing to bring in a poorly drafted bill which would not accomplish what he wanted to do in the long run. So I offered to help him and to help him negotiate. And, Ladies and Gentlemen, he has been a valued and frequent and satisfied visitor to the Insurance Committee over the years since that time and I believe he would tell you that he would not refer to me in those terms currently. So, part of that maturation process I believe took place when he became Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, as Senator Trotter put it, in an era where the money dried up. He himself learned the role of the Grim Reaper, learned how to say no. He never lost his passion, but his passion was always accompanied by intelligence, confidence, unfailing courtesy, honesty, and his willingness to work longer than anyone else. Dan Kotowski, you are a credit to the history of the Illinois Senate. You have served the people with distinction. Godspeed on your future. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Laura Murphy, to the resolution.

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

Thank you. I rise 'cause I'm probably the only one in the room that's kind of glad Dan's leaving. But in -- I -- you've all known him as a Senator; I've known him as a constituent for the last nine years and we have never had a better representative from the district. And for someone -- you think he has passion and excitement and energy, you should see him in campaign mode -- nothing can hold a candle to what he has done and what he's done for the district. And I know I'm very honored to be here in his

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shoes, which I will never be able to fill. But I'm going to follow his advice and, believe it or not, his advice was "Listen, don't talk, and sit down". So, Dan, thank you so much for all you've done and I'm going to heed that advice now, because he's going to continue to contribute great things and I'm going to continue to have his advice throughout my tenure here. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Our last speaker seeking recognition is Leader -
- Leader Radogno. To the resolution.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, you know, when anybody leaves this Chamber, it changes the dynamic just a little bit and I think many of the qualities that Dan contributed to the dynamic in this Chamber have been mentioned and that's his passion, his goodwill, his unfailing good mood. Even when I mixed him up with Senator Tom Cullerton, it was a big joke. So he's done a lot to make this place a better place. When we disagree on issues, it's always good to have the framework of good relationships, and he tried hard to cultivate that and, for that, he will truly be missed. We're counting on Senator Murphy to carry on that tradition - that will be a good thing. I can't believe that you're going already. I know you've been here eight years. I knew you when you were lobbying before you came into the Senate and I'm quite sure that I'll continue to get to visit with you in your new role and I will look forward to that. So Godspeed to you and your family and we will look forward to seeing you again soon. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, a roll call has been requested. The question is, shall Senate Resolution 1174 pass.

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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 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Resolution 1174, having received the required number of votes, is hereby passed. Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your announcement, Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

There will be a Democratic Caucus upon recess in the President's Office for approximately forty-five minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Republicans would also like to caucus for about forty-five minutes, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senators Silverstein and Althoff move that the Senate recess for the purposes of Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses lasting approximately forty-five minutes. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democratic and Republican Caucuses, the Senate will reconvene for further Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1199, offered by Senator Barickman and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT CULLERTON:

Resolution Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2196, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will go to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. It was distributed previously. We are going to go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, towards the bottom of the Supplemental Calendar No. 1. First up is Senate Bill 32. Senator Morrison, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that she does. 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 32.

Signed by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Morrison, on the motion.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 32 is a very

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straightforward bill that simply bans minors from possessing e-cigarettes and alternative nicotine products the same way the law bans minors from possessing cigarettes. This is an agreed-upon bill and special thanks go to the American Lung Association in Illinois for shepherding the bill to the finish line.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 32. 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. Senate Bill 32, having received the required constitutional majority -- excuse me, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 32, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go back to the regular Calendar. If you'll turn to page 2 of the regular Calendar, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 500. House Bill 500, on the regular Calendar, page 2. Senator Haine, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 500 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now -- now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 500. Mr. Secretary, are there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Haine.

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Senator Haine, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the result of negotiations between the Illinois Dental Society, the Illinois Public Health Association, the Illinois (Dental) Hygienists' Association, and the Pew Foundation. It allows scaling and intracoronary temporization for patients twelve years and younger who are defined as poor or on Medicaid; forms a new category of dental hygienists, public health dental hygienists, and increases training for those -- those -- those hygienists; and establishes a sunset date of January 1, 2021.

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. Is there -- are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, to present Amendment 5.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This, in an effort to take -- take into account and give serious consideration to some of the -- the -- the objections raised by the hygienists, we increased dental assistant education and training requirements that were listed in Senate Amendment 2: - two thousand hours of clinical experience; limited to healthy patients - these are in -- in the dentist's office; sixteen hours of course training in dental anatomy and many other things, health

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dentistry; and, again, these are -- and -- and observations by a dentist.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on Amendment 5? Any discussion on Amendment 5? 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 more -- no more amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 500. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 500.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Again, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, this is the result of a, really, a collaborative effort. The -- the impetus of the bill began with the hygienists, wanting for years to expand their scope of practice. Their champion was our distinguished colleague, Senator Trotter. The -- the -- this came to a head really in May and then we've had meetings over the summer between the dentists and the hygienists and the Pew Foundation and the Public Health Association to expand the scope of access for the poor. Those of us who have insurance, who are fortunate to

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have insurance, have access to a dentist. Those who are poor, especially young people, do not and these provide for clinical settings in schools, federally licensed health centers, and other public health entities. It allows a dentist to use a -- a -- an assistant to do limited functions of cleaning and sealing. It allows the hygienist to be the front-end part of the process in these clinical settings, to examine and work in close collaboration with a dentist. The -- the dentists have long opposed hygienists having this -- this authority to be the first gate to the dental practice, but they saw the wisdom of this when pressured by the public health community. This is the only way to do it in a state with a limited number of dentists, a limited number of assistants, with thousands of young people in need of medical care. I see it personally in the SIU Dental School in my home -- hometown. But that's what this is and I'd be honored to answer any questions on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR TROTTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Leader Trotter.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes, if I could, Mr. President and Members of the Senate, I want to talk to the bill, not necessarily about the access - and this does create access, better access to the delivery of dental care throughout the State; however, that was not the core impetus of what the attempt was. We hear and we've heard from the Dental

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Society, and as pointed out by Leader Haines {sic}, this is something we've been working on for years. So it is a major improvement from where -- where we are. It does create access because it does allow now the dental hygienists and -- to work at FQHCs, public health centers, school-based clinics, and -- and that's a good thing. However, there is still a significant portion of our community that is without access because of the stranglehold that the Dental Society has on the delivery of care. So what the attempt was, was to bring these hygienists, to allow them, within their scope of work, to work somewhat independently. And I say "somewhat" because they still had to report their findings of -- through the training that they've learned, of what problems with dental care were. Well, in giving them a little more access in working in these public sectors, they basically shut the backdoor on them - or -- or maybe I should rephrase that - they opened up the backdoor to 'em. Because what they wanted to do was, they let 'em get more opportunities on the front end, but on the back end, they've brought in non-skilled, non-certified, non-licensed individuals to, now, to do their job in the offices, and as reported by the Society -- the Dental Society, it's an economic thing. These people work cheaper than the hygienists do, so as, in fact, they can move out of their office, but there will be no job for them on the back end. So what this creates is a two-tiered system of how we deliver dental care in our State, two-tiered because we now have individuals who just out of high school, who are told if they have a thousand hours -- can get a thousand hours of training -- oh, excuse me, they had to be hired for a thousand hours, then they can do now scaling of your teeth, but on the front end, again, the hygienists and -- and -- no -- see, now

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I'm confusing myself. This is basically how the argument got confusing too, as we did these multiple negotiations. On the back end, these dental assistants, untrained, uncertified, unlicensed individuals, can only work on people who are on welfare and Medicaid. So if they're just good enough to work on poor people, what does that say about the delivery of health care itself? They can only work on individuals with -- of course, under the observance of the dentist, but it's only individuals that fall in this cohort that no one else does. There is no fee for service to individuals. Individually, when they talk about there's more access and the -- throughout the State, that's not true, because downstate basically, and -- and certainly down in -- in southern Illinois, where -- around Cairo and the other suburbs, where there is not a dentist, there is no one to service them, not a hygienist and certainly not a dental assistant. So as a consequence of that, this was not a -- an agreed-upon bill. It made that major improvement, but also it stabbed and cut services to -- to other individuals almost in half. So I propose as we go forward - I think we need to have more discussions in going forward - before we allow these uncertified, unlicensed individuals to work on anybody in our State, that we come up with criteria, better criteria of -- of how we deliver dental care throughout the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Senator Haine, I apologize, I -- I didn't catch the beginning of your presentation. Did you note in this legislation that the bill has a five-year sunset?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

That is correct for those two provisions, hygienists and the clinical assistants.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

To the bill. I came to this Chamber about eleven years ago and one of the very first precepts I learned was "Don't let the perfect become the enemy of the good". This is a long time coming. We've worked on this access -- direct access for the hygienists for over four years. We do have that addressed in this bill. At the end of five years, I believe that there will be ample opportunity to evaluate with real good, hard data on whether or not we made a good decision and perhaps then to allow dental hygienists to have access to more patients, older, you know, outside of the poverty levels, but we'll have hard data and evidence about what decisions we made and how that affects our populace. It -- it's one of those situations at this point that obviously the hygienists have some significant safety issues, public safety issues relating to the scaling above the gum, but overall there are opportunities for us over that period of time to evaluate the program and to make the adjustments that we need. At

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this particular juncture, I think it's important to give them direct access and I think it's important to provide the service and the health care to people who do not typically have that access to good dental care. So I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Haine, I -- and please -- I'm going to ask you some questions here, please forgive my ignorance. I mean, my knowledge of the dental field is limited to the visits that I make to the dentist. There is a term used, and it's been used in this conversation, called "scaling". What is scaling?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I -- I believe you scrape the plaque off of the tooth.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So -- so that's when the nice person leans over you and they take that silver colored, kind of really sharp looking instrument and they stick it in your mouth and they're scraping your teeth. That's scaling, right?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yeah. That's a graphic way to describe it, but I guess that's what it is, sure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Haine, I don't like going to the dentist; that's the only way I know to describe it. Now, we are creating a new category of individuals who can provide dental services under this bill - dental assistants I think is the term that's used in the bill. How many hours of education and training do these individuals need in order to put that instrument in their hand?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you. And I -- to -- to quote Senator Kotowski, "Thank you for that question, Senator Righter". This bill does not create a new -- a new person called an assistant. That's already allowed under the law. In fact, dental assistants are now trained to take digital radiographs, remove sutures. Those are those things that go into to your gum and come out again - rather frightening. And they fabricate temporary crowns, take alginate impressions for study models, provide infection control. They remove excess cement around provisional restorations - using the same instrument that's, by the way, used for the scaling - and they place and remove gingival retraction cords under the gumline for final impressions to be taken. So they're already in the dental offices.

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What this does is expand the scope of what they're -- they're doing and limiting it to scaling below the gumline - that's it. And they -- and to do that, Senate Bill -- I'm sorry, Senate Amendment 5 requires two thousand hours of clinical experience; the patient must be twelve years old or younger, absence of periodontal disease - keep in mind, they're in the dentist's office to be observed by the dentist; the patient is not medically compromised; patient does not have special needs. There's a minimum of sixteen-hour training by the Department of Financial (and Professional) Regulation, which must include courses in dental anatomy, public health dentistry, medical history, dental emergencies, managing pediatric dental patients. They must complete, in addition, six full mouth supragingival scaling procedures under the direct observation of a dentist. They must complete coronal polishing and may -- a course -- and reduce {sic} other course requirements and various other things. And there -- there will be rules established by JCAR, assuming this passes and the Governor agrees with it. There'll be rules to further flesh that out. In addition, we are doing the same thing with hygienists. We are forming a new category called "public health dental hygienist" with increased training in various other matters, which allows them to be better able to treat these patients that'll be coming in.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Senator Haine. So now you said something, Senator Haine, that caught my attention in your answer, and that is, you kept emphasizing -- you kept emphasizing in that answer that -- under the direct supervision of a dentist. Now I've heard

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arguments made on behalf of the bill, by people who I respect, that this will, and I mean the -- the phrase here is, "increase access". How will it increase access if a dentist has to be in the office or in the building or over their shoulder when they're doing this? How does that -- I mean, if you got a dentist there, then how does it increase access? You already have the dentist there. So put those two together for me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

The Dental Society and the public health community put those together. This -- this allows the dentist to use an assistant for a limited purpose to get these young people into the office under the Medicaid system. Now the dentists, there aren't enough of them and -- and there aren't enough of 'em doing Medicaid, so this incentivizes them to get these young people in the office to get these teeth cleaned, and in -- and in doing that, they will discover whatever problems they may have. So that's the -- the access part, and that's jointly with the access with a hygienist at the other end, at the clinical level.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Haine, right there, that's -- that's what I don't understand. If there is a dental office in Bridgeport, a small rural community in my district, okay, you're saying that this will get the young people in, but you're making the assumption that the dentist is already there in the office. So if the dentist is already there in the office, what's the access

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issue?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator, the -- the -- the -- if the young person is in there being -- having his or her teeth scaled, then they're in the office. They're brought into the office because there'll be some reimbursement under Medicaid and the -- the -- the dentist can be doing something else in that office while that assistant is scaling. The economies of scale, pardon the pun, allows for this; that's why the -- the public health authorities were so strongly in -- in favor of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, so now -- now I think I understand where you're going, Senator, because direct supervision doesn't really mean direct supervision standing there watching. They've got to be in the office or, if you're in a school, in the building somewhere. Okay, fair enough. So, let's go back to the assistant who goes to a two-day training course, eight hours a day. So, you said sixteen hours, right? So, Monday morning -- Monday attends a class, Tuesday attends a class, shows up for work Wednesday, is able to put the sharp instrument in hand and start scraping teeth. Am I right about that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Senator, under Senate Amendment 5, they have to have two

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thousand hours of clinical experience, minimum of sixteen-hour training course approved by the Department, six full mouth supragingival scaling procedures under direct observation of a dentist, must complete coronal polishing course and may not reduce other course requirements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Mr. President, thank you for your patience. The -- the last area of inquiry, Senator, and -- and probably -- and I -- I heard Senator Trotter speak to this issue and it is the issue that concerns me the most, and that is this new function will only be allowed to be performed on a certain class of our citizens. And I want you to make -- 'cause I -- I've heard some things and I heard you speak and now I'm not sure -- clear. What class of citizens will be allowed to be patients for these assistants when it comes to scaling?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

A class that is not being served now. A class that -- that -- that -- for whom dental care is sorely needed and does not have proper access. Our class can get into a dentist and we can pay the freight to have a hygienist do the scaling. But this a -- a class, as you call them, these are citizens that need to be in a dental office and they need to have a check-up to see what their problems are. If they don't have periodontal disease or anything else, they can have their teeth cleaned, which they should have, and they're not getting that service now. We get it. This whole

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bill is designed to get people in so they can become part of the provision of dental health services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, thank you for your patience. I think that the degree to which, if at all, this new policy will expand access is very questionable, but I think there's a deeper issue here. I mean, would we be okay with lessening safety standards about, oh, construction of a house in order to make it easier for someone who couldn't afford a mortgage to have a home? Would we be okay with a different class of automobiles that maybe didn't have to meet all of the federally mandated safety restrictions just because it was the only way to get someone in a car? No, we wouldn't do that. We wouldn't do that, and that's what you are doing here. You are carving out for individuals who are in poverty, who are on Medicaid, and saying these will be served by these lesser qualified people - and I'm not saying ill-qualified or unqualified, because I'm not a dental expert, but lesser qualified - and they're the only people that we are going to allow these people to practice on, the lesser among us, those on Medicaid and children. I think that is an extraordinarily dangerous road for us to go down. I would urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Before we go to the next speaker, Senator Haine, you wish to respond? Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes. The genesis of the bill was the hygienists talking about

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those who are being served by Medicaid and the public health authorities wanting to bring them in. The -- we are -- the last speaker seemed to indicate that our dentists, in their own offices, are placing people at risk. It's hard for me to believe that that's the case. These are in their own offices, they're putting a child in -- in a risk? These are children who need to be observed by a dentist with a diagnosis to have their teeth cleaned. And this whole bill was supported -- I mean, this has been an ongoing turf war between the hygienists and the dentists from aeons ago. The tiebreaker for me was the public health community - they want access for people who don't have it. I go see a dentist and I have a dental assistant and a hygienist in the office. They're - they're -- they're giving me a Cadillac care because I have the State insurance, whereas the -- the person on Medicaid doesn't have any care. They won't get a Cadillac, but they're going to get a well running Ford, to use Senator Righter's analogy, which I don't think is apt. But in any case, these requirements and these amendments are efforts to assure trained people, who are already authorized by law to be in a dentals office -- a dentist's office, to provide care, under the direct supervision of a dentist.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Haine, under the -- the current environment in the

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dental profession, are dental assistants allowed to polish, seal, and monitor nitrous oxide levels for patients?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, sir, that is correct, under the current licensure requirements.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Under the current licensure Act, assistants aren't allowed to scale above the gum -- gumline. That's correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, sir, that is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Haine, if you wanted to go out to Walgreens today and buy a -- a scaler yourself, you probably could - it's like five dollars at Walgreens. So you actually, right now, have access to buying one of the instruments to do this act yourself. Is that fair to say?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Yes, sir, that is correct. That's absolutely correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So what's to stop somebody from doing your own -- I guess, scaling on your own? You can go out and buy it for five bucks and do it yourself. Although you're not trained, it's a much more dangerous act to go and buy a scaler on your own and -- and do this act. Wouldn't you -- wouldn't you say, Senator, that it's probably safer to have somebody who's at least remotely trained in a couple hours of training to perform this act?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

I would -- I agree completely with that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So, this is sort of scary. We allow people to have -- I'm sorry, Mr. President. To the bill. So, it's kind of scary that we allow people to go out and buy these instruments and go ahead and scale your own teeth. And I can tell you, as a -- as a dental patient with Invisalign, you know, I'd much rather have somebody who's trained in terms of how to use the equipment or at least remotely trained on how to use the equipment to operate on my teeth. And I think it's kind of silly this argument that we're making here. We have four thousand one hundred and eighty-four dentists in Cook County and we have one thousand eight hundred and sixty dental hygienists and -- and less assistants than that, and I represent a lot of poor areas, for those of you who don't know, and a majority of the diseases manifest themselves in the mouth.

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So I think it's our responsible duty as a -- as a Chamber to give these people access and at least give them some sort of hope so they can have proper dental care. And I -- I urge, urge, an Aye vote and I think, Senator Haine, you're doing a great job. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further -- oh, excuse me. Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senator Haine, I -- I appreciate this bill and I appreciate what you're doing. I -- I just wanted to clarify something that I -- that I noticed during the discussion. I think it's important that we realize that this is about access and not taking away anybody's -- you know, what they do for a living. You know, these folks that are underprivileged and that need this care are going to be able to get it with this bill, and I think it's important to point out that this is more or less a test run. Let's see how it works and let's gather some data. I am a licensed paramedic. I -- I ride an ambulance and I work under the license of a doctor. I think we can all agree in here that if you called 9-1-1, you would like to have a doctor show up at your house on an ambulance, but that's not possible because there aren't that many doctors, and I think it's kind of the same way here. These folks are going to be under the supervision of a doctor. They're not, you know, practicing this out of their house or in a back alley; they're --

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they're under the supervision of a doctor. And the purpose of it is so that these folks can get care that they're not getting now. So I just want to say, Senator Haine, I appreciate this bill and I would urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BUSH:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you. I have a question of the sponsor. So, can dental hygienists currently go into a nursing facility and scale or clean someone's teeth?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Well, I -- I don't know. I -- I think they're -- they have a collaborative agreement with a dentist, if the dentist was retained by them, probably, I would -- I would think they might, but I don't know.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Well, that's not my understanding. I -- I apologize. My understanding is, in working with the hygienists and talking to the dentists, is that the hygienists wanted to expand care into nursing homes, into facilities where people are not getting their

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teeth cleaned and are not getting them scaled. They currently operate - the dentist has to go in first, see the patient, then the hygienist can go in and clean their teeth. So grandma can scale her own teeth, but a dental hygienist cannot currently go in and scale someone's teeth. So I don't see this as expanding access. And -- and, personally, I can go in and I can buy a big knife; it doesn't make me surgeon. I can't -- I could cut off my own arm, but I don't think it's the smartest thing to do. Anyway, so I'm going to be a No. I don't believe this really expands access and so I'm a No. And thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, to close.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. And, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, thank you for a spirited debate and questions. The -- I -- I do want to remind the Body that this is a sunsetted -- these two provisions are sunsetted, in which case the Dental Society, the Public Health Association, the Department of (Financial and) Professional Regulation, the dental hygienists are all going to be looking at the data to see how this thing has worked out. And I presume the public health community will be the most cognizant of how this thing works out. The -- the last comment about the bill, I think is a reason to vote for it, because this bill expands the dental hygienists role. And personally, I would think they would be for the bill, because after four years of watching this thing work with them being the entry level, this certainly could be expanded into other areas, such as nursing homes. So I -- that's why I couldn't understand the opposition. I -- I thought this would be literally a rising tide which carried

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both boats, but I guess I was wrong. But, in any case, I would -
- I consider this, again, a public health measure. It expands
access to those neediest of our -- our citizens who do not have
adequate dental care in this State. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. As this legislation has an immediate effective
date, it requires a three-fifths or thirty-six votes for passage.
Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 500 pass.
All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is
open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have
all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that
question, there are 44 voting Aye, 8 voting Nay, 4 voting Present.
House Bill 500, having received the required constitutional
majority, is declared passed. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen,
continuing on the regular Calendar - again, we're on the top --
towards the top of page 2 of the regular Calendar on the Order of
House Bills 3rd Reading - we have House Bill 3434. Senator Muñoz,
you wish to proceed? Senator Muñoz seeks leave of the Body to
return House Bill 3434 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no
objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is
House Bill 3434. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments
approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Muñoz, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

I ask for its adoption, Mr. President. And I will explain -
- this becomes the bill.

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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 3434. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3434.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This bill is a local government special district bill. The Amendment 2 had replaced Amendment 1 that incorporated language from several bills that passed both Chambers during the regular Session but were vetoed for unrelated reasons. One of 'em was -- annexes parcel of land currently located in the Village of Hoffman Estates into the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. It also incorporates Lake County into the Upper Illinois River Valley Development Authority. And lastly, it makes various changes to the Kaskia {sic} (Kaskaskia) Regional Port District, including expanding the district's purpose to include the promotion of homeland security, recreation, water supply, and flood control. I

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know of no opposition to the bill and I will explain -- answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is -- as this legislation has an immediate effective date, it requires a three-fifths or thirty-six votes for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 3434 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 56 voting Aye, 1 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3434, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go back to the Supplemental Calendar. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence on Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 1596. Senator Jones, you wish to proceed? 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 1596.

Signed by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Jones, to your motion.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1596 with House Floor Amendment No. 2 extends a TIF district for the City of Blue Island. The TIF is set to expire later this year. The TIF was created on October 27th, 1992. By extending the TIF it shall expire now in 2027. I know of no

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opposition. I look for a favorable vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, as this has an immediate effective date, it will require a three-fifths or thirty-six votes for passage. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1596. 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 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 1596, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will stay on the Supplemental Calendar No. 1 and we're going to go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. Mr. Secretary, we're going to go to House Joint Resolution 101. Senator Delgado, you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 101, offered by Senator Delgado.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Today, as the Chair of Education, I come in with an executive summary on House Joint Resolution 101. Denies or modifies the following School Code waiver requests submitted to the General Assembly in the Illinois State Board of Education's Fall 2015 Waiver Report: denies an appeal of the Illinois State Board of Education's denial

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of a waiver request to modify transitional bilingual education; it denies four appeals of Illinois State Board of Education denials for districts seeking waivers from administering the Illinois Kindergarten Individual Development Survey, or otherwise known as KIDS; partially denies a non-resident tuition waiver request by a school district to charge non-resident students a reduced tuition cost of two thousand five hundred dollars and claim these students towards their average daily attendance, the ADA, for general State aid; and last but not least, modifies two waiver requests from Indian Prairie and another school district to count participation in a virtual program towards ADA. And we would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as -- as required by law, this will require a roll call vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Joint Resolution 101 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, please take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Joint Resolution 101, having received the required constitutional majority, is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? All members of the Committee on Assignments to the President's Anteroom. (at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 1285 and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1365.

Signed by Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, I understand Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been printed and distributed. It is on your desks. We're going to turn to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, before we do that, Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please -- thank you. Please state your point, Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to introduce to you my -- my -- my brand-new State Representative, new State Representative Miss Sonya Harper from the 6th -- Representative District. Can you please welcome Sonya Harper to...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Representative, welcome to the Senate. Great to have you. Welcome to the General Assembly. Congratulations. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, as I indicated, Supplemental Calendar No. 2, on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 1285. Senator Link, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read -- excuse me, Senator -- Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 1285 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 1285. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Link, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 and I'll speak on it when it's on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 1285. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1285.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the agreed-upon amendment for -- or agreed-upon bill on unemployment insurance. I'll speak of a -- just a couple of the highlights of it. We've done the Social Security offset, reduction of unemployment benefit claims

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based on a weekly benefit of fifty percent of the Social Security...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Link, excuse me just one second. Ladies and Gentlemen, shhh, please. Senator Link needs your attention. Senator Link, please proceed.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. One of the other things that we've done was an individual's discharge for misconduct is disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits. We also did the speed bumps. Comparable speed bumps will remain into law until schedule of 2018, but we would encourage all parties to start in 2017. This is a saving of four hundred and seventy million dollars in taxes and three hundred million in benefits. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield. Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator Link, for purposes of legislative intent, am I correct in understanding that the changes to Section 602 are not intended to upset any portion of the Appellate Court's ruling in Alternative Staffing versus IDES?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

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Thank you, Senator Rezin. I have consulted with the House sponsor, Representative Hoffman, and your understanding is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill. I would like to commend everybody who worked on this bill, business, labor, my colleagues from all four caucuses, and especially our staff who spent endless hours negotiating, staying at the table until a good bill was agreed upon by all four caucuses and by business and labor. I stand in support of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further 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:

I just want to say thank you to all those that worked on this bill. I know the Chairman of the Labor Committee got tired of me reminding him that we needed to address this year after year, and so I'm just -- I'm -- I'm happy that we can actually get this done today. I think it's a good bill and -- and it's good for seniors too. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I'd like to thank Senator Rezin, Senator Brady for being part of this, along with Representative Hoffman and all those who were involved in -- both sides over in the House. I also would like to -- thank all the staff members, especially on my side, Giovanni and David, for helping us so much on this, and Republican staff on -- both House and Senate for what they did. I also want to make it very clear that this was an agreed process, where we had labor and management in the room together, Democrats and Republicans, Senate and House, and we were able to work and get -- quite a few hours we worked on this, but we were able to get an agreed-upon bill. This is extremely important what we're doing in Springfield. And I also want to say one thing: This was part of the Governor's Turnaround Agenda and I'm extremely proud to be the sponsor and hopefully the beneficiary of passing the first Turnaround Agenda on a agreed-upon situation. Let's now try that in the budget. Thank you. I'd ask for an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1285 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 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1285, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, we have House Bill 1365. Senator Martinez, do you wish to proceed? Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to recall House Bill 1365 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is

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granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, House Bill 1365. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez, on Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I ask for its adoption and I will discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the amendment is adopted. 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, House Bill 1365. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1365.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1365, as amended, extends the repeal dates of the Medical Practice Act and the

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Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal Resource {sic} (Resources) Development Law of 1987. So we will extend the Medical Act from 12/31 of -- of 2015 to 12/31 of 2016 and the Renewable Energy Coal Resources {sic} extends the repeal date from December 31st {sic} (12th), 2015 to December 31st, 2020. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1365 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 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1365, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll return to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. On the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 3213. House Bill 3213. Senator Rezin, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that she does. Senator Rezin seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3213 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 3213. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin, on Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to explain on 3rd.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin seeks adoption on Floor Amendment 1. 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, House Bill 3213. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3213.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3213 will authorize the continued operation of a freestanding emergency center in the City of Streator after inpatient services at Streator hospital come to an end December of this year. There are no known opponents to this piece of legislation and this piece of legislation was very narrowly defined to pertain only to Streator hospital. The hospital still will need to go through the licensing process through the Department of Public Health and also will go through the CON process -- excuse me, certificate of need process as well once the legislation is passed.

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for a question, Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, I'm not totally familiar, since I wasn't in the committee, about the background of what led to this situation. So could you just walk through quickly how this came to this level?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Yes, originally HSHS owned the hospital in Streator and gave the hospital to OSF. They are closing the inpatient services in this particular area and, as a result of that, would like to be able to operate a freestanding emergency room and outpatient center, and that requires legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And why was the decision made to close then -- close the inpatient services or close the hospital? What was the -- the reason for that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Currently, the shift -- Streator hospital was built for inpatient. The -- health care is changing; it's going more towards

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outpatient. So, as a result, the inpatient portion of the hospital will close and it will -- they would like for the emergency, or the ER, and outpatient to remain. The closest -- the closest hospital from Streator is thirty minutes away.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So, then, OSF is going to close what would be the only hospital in Streator and those residents then would be -- would have to travel thirty minutes to the nearest hospital. Is that the decision that was made and why did they make that decision?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Again, OSF would like to provide or have -- keep open the FEC, or the emergency room, and build a state-of-the-art outpatient center for Streator and then direct the patients from there to the nearest inpatient hospital that is in the OSF system.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So the goal would be to direct patients from there to their nearest hospital, which would be thirty minutes away, is the goal of this -- yeah -- the goal of -- the ultimate goal of this by creating this new freestanding outpatient program then, but they would refer all their inpatients to the other area hospital.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Currently in medicine, many patients now are treated in the outpatient facilities. So I think the case was made at the public forum that because this is primarily an inpatient hospital that the census has been going down and down, but OSF is committed in providing outpatient services and -- and, in two years, hope to have a brand-new state-of-the-art outpatient facility. Should any patient have -- need further services past the outpatient or past the ER, then they would be directed to an inpatient facility. Typically -- it could be anywhere, but probably within the system.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Was there a financial reason too? Were they -- the underlying system, were they losing money? Is that part of the problem too, that they couldn't continue to operate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

I can tell you, in the past, from sitting in meetings, from the previous owner, because of a multitude of reasons, but mainly because patient care is really dictated now through the outpatient services through -- versus inpatient services, yes, they were losing -- they were losing a lot of money. They tried to hang on, but -- for several years, but at the end of the day, they made the very difficult decision to go with the system and in it they're receiving, you know, a different model, which many of our health care systems are going to. Especially I think you're going to see that in the rural area, when we have -- when we have stand-alone hospitals or hospitals with systems who are struggling to stay

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open, I think you're going to be seeing many -- many of these decisions being made in the future.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. And I -- I appreciate their efforts and -- and the fact that they understood the health care model was changing and they were losing money serving in that particular area and instead they -- they chose to then close the inpatient services there because they felt they could still provide that quality of service at one of their other hospitals farther away and that they would reopen that as a -- a limited hospital dealing with outpatient services to best serve them. So I can understand their reasoning for that. It's probably -- that kind of model is something that we'll see in other parts of the State being looked at in the future. So, thank you very much for taking the time to explain that for me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I would like to thank the President and also many people who helped with this bill - Senator Sullivan for allowing us to use your bill, because this was last minute, to Dave Gross, who really helped us on the other side put this bill together at the last minute, knowing that it's very -- it's time-sensitive and we only have so much time left before the end of the year before this situation happens. I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House

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Bill 3213 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. House Bill 3213, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to continue on the Supplemental Calendar No. 1, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. We'll start at the top of the list. We have Senate Resolution 838. Senator Mulroe. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 838, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 838 designates the date of October 27, 2015, as Combat Infantry {sic} (Infantryman) Day in the State of Illinois and urges all Illinoisans to observe and pay tribute to all -- all infantrymen who have served our country, both past and present. The significance of that date, the 27th of October, is the same date or day that the War Department authorized the -- Combat Infantry {sic} Badge. It was actually in 1943. What's significant - and this was brought from a constituent, George Hitzman, who's a seventy-nine-year-old vet and his association, the Combat Infantry {sic} Association - infantrymen are soldiers who are specifically trained for the role of fighting on foot to engage the enemy face to face and have historically borne the brunt of the casualties of

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combat in war. As the oldest branch of combat arms, they are considered the backbone of armies. Infantry units have more physically demanding training than other branches of armies and place a greater emphasis on discipline, fitness, physical strength, and aggression. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion on the amendment {sic}? Any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment {sic} is adopted. Thank you. Next up on the Calendar, we have Senate Resolution 1153. Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1153, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. The Senate resolution designates November 12th, 2015, as a -- Gift of Hope Awareness Day in an effort to bring about greater awareness of the need for organ and tissue donation. Since its establishment in 1986, Gift of Hope has coordinated donations that have saved the lives of more than twenty thousand organ transplant recipients and improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of tissue transplant recipients. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion on the amendment -- or, excuse me, on the resolution? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the

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resolution is adopted. Thank you, Senator. Next up on the Calendar, Senator Althoff, on Senate Resolution 1154. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1154, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. The resolution declares November 16th through the 20th, 2015, as "Free & Charitable Clinics Week". Illinois has forty free and charitable clinics. They provide health care to over sixty-eight thousand patients. They receive absolutely no federal funding, and I think we need to recognize the good work that they do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Haine, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HAINE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, please make your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

I'd like to call the attention of the Body to something they -- we all know. Tomorrow is Veterans Day, November the 11th.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen - Ladies and Gentlemen - can I have your attention? Senator Haine has a -- an important announcement here

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-- or statement he'd like to make with regard to Veterans Day. Senator Haine, please -- please proceed.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. And I especially am taken my Senator Mulroe's resolution on the CIB, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, which is so apt for the eve of Veterans Day. As I pointed out to you some years ago, when the Roman citizen took an oath to join the Roman Army, it was such a profound act that that oath was given the name sacramentum, from which we get the word sacrament. And although the soldiers today and all the members of the armed forces, the men and women, take an oath, it's the same oath that we take, but there is a profound difference - when they take the oath, they are saying to America, "You may place our lives at risk", "You may send us where you wish", "No matter what our military occupational status is or specialty, you may put us in harm's way". Some are in more harm's way than others, but that's the nature of the oath, the sacramentum which they take. As President -- to paraphrase President Ronald Reagan, who said on - - in 1964 {sic} (1984) on Omaha Beach, asking the survivors of D-Day, "Why did you do it? Why? What impelled you to put (aside the) instinct for self-preservation and risk your lives to take these cliffs? What inspires men to take these risks?" "It was faith and belief", he answered - "loyalty and love". There's a profound moral difference between the use of force for liberation and the use of force for conquest. We believe in America that those who take this oath know that some things are worth dying for. Again, to paraphrase the President: "One's country is worth dying for"; our "democracy is worth dying for". Liberty is worth dying for. The most honorable form of government ever devised in mankind's

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history is worth dying for. Ladies and Gentlemen, happy Veterans Day.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Haine. Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen, I understand -- I found out earlier today that today's the birthday of the Marine Corps. I did not -- yesterday or today? Today is the birthday of the Marine Corps, and our Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Dominguez, is a former member of the Marines and also Craig Miller, over here, and I -- there may be some others on the Floor, but I think we should wish 'em all and all the Marines a happy birthday. Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I just want to join Senator Haine. You know, tomorrow is one of America's great days, Veterans Day, a day in which we all have tremendous pride for all of those who've served our country, who are serving our country, for the families who are participants in that service to our country. Tomorrow's our day for all those who've served in uniform, like some of you, myself, some of those who serve this great Chamber. Let's spend tomorrow thanking a veteran. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Barickman. Nice comments, appreciate it. Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Point of personal privilege.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

I, too, as we recognize everyone tomorrow and we're -- as we're out speaking in our district, would like to, you know, briefly tell you about a family that's come to my attention in my district. We'll be honoring this family in the next couple months - the Witczak family. The Witczaks had seven brothers who served either in World War II or the Korean War. There's one brother that's still living. We will be recognizing him in the next couple months. He was very honored to hear of his recognition and brought to tears as well. Also, there's another -- you know, as -- I was able to attend the Gold Star Family Mothers luncheon several months ago and it was moving to me to meet these incredible families. As we remember veterans tomorrow, too, there's so many people that lost their lives defending our country and -- and -- defending our country and also fighting for the freedoms that we all enjoy and that our kids enjoy today. So please reach out to these families. Please do not forget them as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Rezin. Senate -- Senate President Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. We are going to adjourn at the call of the President. The House will be adjourning to a date certain of December 2nd. We are not going to do that. We're going to monitor the situation. If it's possible that we could be coming back in this year for final action, that may be the case. If not, we will not be back in for the rest of the year, in which case, I

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would -- want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you next year. But we will let you know. I've discussed this with Senator Radogno. If it's possible for us to come back in for final action for substantive legislation, we'll be calling you in, otherwise not until next year. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none -- if not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and the motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to the House Joint Resolution 85, the Senate stands adjourned to the call of the President. The Senate stands adjourned.