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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Good afternoon. The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will come to order. Will all the Members please be at their desks? Would our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Smith, Divisional Commander for The Salvation Army Chicago Metropolitan Division, Chicago, Illinois. Lieutenant Colonel Smith.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES SMITH:

(Prayer by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Smith)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cunningham, to lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 10th, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Good afternoon, Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 1855, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1856, offered by Senator McGuire and all Members.

They are both death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1857, offered by Senators {sic} Radogno, President Cullerton and all Members.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Lisa Yuscus with Blueroomstream.com requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3426, offered by Senator Manar.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Mulroe, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 386 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Joint Resolution 54 Be Adopted; Senate Joint Resolution 45 Be Adopted, as Amended; House Bills 4935, 5602, 6060, and 6261 Do Pass; and House Bill 4688 {sic} (and 4576) Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary,

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reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 391 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 1191, 4327, 4648, 5898, 5912, 5924, 6109, 6285 Do Pass; House Bills 3898, 4966, and 5902 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4447 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports House Bills 3239, 4432, 4606, 4996, 5710, 5720, 5918, 6044, 6136, 6181, 6299, and 6333 Do Pass; and House Bill 6252 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator McGuire, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports House Bill 4627, 5566, 5729, 6069, and 6302 Do Pass.

Senator Sandoval, Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3020 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Resolution 1781 and Senate Joint Resolution 48 Be Adopted; House Bills 1052, 4315, 4477, 5649, and 6093 Do Pass; and House Bill 4377 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Biss, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2321 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 4257, 4351, 4554, 6027, and 6086 Do Pass; and House Bill 6213 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Bill 3181 and House Bills 4371, 4391, 4501, and 5684 Do Pass; and House Bills 4522, 4536, and 6041 Do Pass, as Amended.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports House Bills 1437, 4683, 5003, 5017, 5572, 5704, 5723, 5771, 5781, 5805, 5910, 6037, 6190, and 6328 Do Pass; House Bills 4515, 5973, and 6010 Do Pass, as Amended; and Senate Amendment 4 to House Bill 2569 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2822 Recommend Do

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Adopt.

Senator Collins, Chairperson of the Committee on Financial Institutions, reports Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2642 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention. Will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? We -- we got a fairly full Calendar here before we go back to committees. We're going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have some House Bills 3rd Reading. We also have some resolutions. So, all Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor ASAP. Ladies -- Ladies and Gentlemen, as I announced earlier, we -- we're going to go shortly to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have some House Bills 3rd Reading as well. We do have a Senate Bill 2nd Reading that we're going to do here first. Senate Bill 2961. Senator Weaver. Senator Weaver, on 2961, do you move -- want to move that to 3rd? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2961.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Sherrie Phipps with WICS requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

On a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I hope you and -- and everyone here in the Chamber today will join me in welcoming a group that we have here. They are IAACCT, Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport. These are the folks who swoop down in the middle of the night and take us away from those accident scenes and get us back to the hospital and save our lives. They're the people that we don't really think about until we need 'em. Well, they're here today and they would love to -- visit with all of their -- their respective Members. And they are a group of air EMS agencies throughout Illinois. Here in the Republican side of the gallery, we have Nikole Cain, Jason Sukut, Chris Forncrook, Danielle Swenson, Scott Hagemann, Bob Abrams, and Holly Morgan. I think you'll agree with me, Mr. President, that these folks deliver a service that we can't put a price on and we thank them for their -- their commitment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our special guests here to the Senate today. Thank you so much for joining us. Great to have you here. Thank you for your service. Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

For an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. We're lucky today to be joined by

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a person who I think has one of the toughest jobs in the entire State of Illinois. She's in the President's Gallery here on the Democratic side. Nneka Jones is her name. She is the Executive Director of Cook County Jail. She's in town today to talk to the Alpha Kappa Alpha meeting to address mental health concerns in the criminal justice system. It's a -- a topic she's very well qualified to talk about. She's the first clinical psychologist ever to head up a major correctional center like Cook County Jail. Please welcome her to Springfield. Nneka Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Director Jones, welcome to Springfield. Thank you so much for joining us. Senator Jacqueline Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. For personal -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your point, Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, today in the Senate, I am honored to have scholars, seventh grade scholars from my district, from Paul Cuffe Elementary School. And at the helm, their teacher Kelly Smith. I would love for you to welcome them. They're learning about civic engagement and citizenship. Welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests. Please stand and be recognized, please. Welcome. Senator Connelly, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CONNELLY:

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For purpose of an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I wanted to introduce to you my Page for Today, Tom Kavanagh. He's a junior at Hinsdale Central. He is the starting left guard or center, he says, next year. He's very interested in government. He's been interested in government a long time because he's my nephew. And with him today is my brother-in-law, John Kavanagh. He's not the brother-in-law who served time in a Turkish prison, so don't come running over with any questions. But they're very interested in State government and how about a warm Senate welcome for my nephew and my brother-in-law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Tom and his family here to the Senate. Thanks for joining us. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please -- please state your point, Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I -- I've got a young man today with me as my Page, and -- and as with all Pages, you know, they come with aspirations of being in politics and, by the end of the day, I think we -- we probably squash half their dreams, but -- especially during today's times. But I've got with me today, Carter Joseph Olinger. Carter's in the seventh grade, in Troy, at St. Paul {sic} (Paul's)

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Lutheran School. He -- he's involved in basketball, swimming, and track. And he was accused here today - his -- his younger brother, Camden, and his mother, Amanda, are here with us - but -- of -- of -- of stealing his younger brother's computer often, and I said you don't use the word "steal", you use the word "borrow". And we use those words a lot around here and they don't always mean what we -- they really mean. But I just want to welcome Carter here and have him -- give him a warm welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Carter here to the Illinois Senate. Carter, thanks for joining us. Good to have you here. Ladies and Gentlemen, as I announced earlier, we're going to go to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading first. All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor immediately. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we're going to be going -- not necessarily down through the full Calendar, but we're going to start on... We're going to start on page 6 of the regular Calendar. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 386. Senator Mulroe, do you wish to proceed? Indicates he does. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 386 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 386. Mr. Secretary, are there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe, to present Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR MULROE:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'd ask that the amendment be adopted and I'd be happy to explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. All right, next up on the Calendar, page 6 again, Senate Bill 391. 391. Senator Link. Senator Link, on 391. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Secretary, let's go to page 11 of the regular Calendar. We have Senate Bill 2321. Senator Syverson, on 2321. Mr. Secretary, Senator Syverson seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2321 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2321. Are there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson, to present Floor Amendment No. 4.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

This is just a clarification amendment. I would ask that we adopt this so we can talk about it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing

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none, all those in favor will vote Aye -- say Aye. Those opposed, say 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, we have Senate Bill 2321. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2321.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is legislation that is -- come as a -- as a response to some federal guidelines that were -- were interpreted the last couple years to change some rules regarding DCFS and who is going to be -- who needs to be licensed and license-exempt. You may have heard from your YMCAs and your Boys and Girls Clubs and park districts and others about the importance of this legislation, so let me just quickly walk through what -- what this -- what this legislation does. This legislation deals with the issue again regarding which daycare facilities are considered exempt and which ones are going to be licensed. And this clarifies what license-exempt facilities are going to be and what guidelines they have to meet to do that. After our -- after our initial committee meeting, there were some questions that were

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raised and Chairman Biss had suggested that Senator Morrison and myself sit down and work through all the parties. Mr. President, can we have a little more...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Shh! Ladies and Gentlemen, please let's hold the visiting down. Shh! Thank you very much. Senator Syverson, please continue.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. After meetings with all the different organizations that were involved in this, including the State and DCFS, this latest amendment comes from this agreement, so I think with this passage we'll address once and for all the concerns that have been raised by most of your YMCAs and Boys and Girls Clubs about who needs to be licensed and who needs to be license-exempt. So with that, I'll be happy to answer any questions that anyone has on this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MORRISON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. As Senator Syverson mentioned, in the beginning when I heard this bill I had a lot of concerns. I want to congratulate him on working very closely with all the advocates, all the stakeholders. I am now very proud to be a Chief (Co-)Sponsor of this legislation. This is the way we ought to

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work together. It -- it's an excellent bill now and I'm very proud to ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Syverson, do you wish to close? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2321 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2321, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on our Calendar, on page 12, Ladies and Gentlemen, page 12 of the regular Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading -- Senator Bush, before we go to that Order, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. If you could please have -- reflect that I had intended to vote Yes on the previous bill and didn't make it back to vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Bush, the record will so indicate it was your intent to vote Aye on the previous bill. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I just want to give a -- a warm Springfield welcome to a special lady who lives in my community. Her name is Donna Miller

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and she works with various groups. On the Democratic side, she represents the Illinois Democratic Women. She's down here for COWL tonight. She is also the wife and the better half of Representative Dr. David Miller. And I was just hoping we can give her a warm round of applause and welcome her back to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome back. And it looks like we have a lot of special guests in our gallery here. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Thanks for being here today. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, again on page 12 of the regular Calendar on the -- to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2571. Senator Sandoval, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2571.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Illinois Senate. Senate Bill 2571 is an agreed bill. It's an IDOT bill with IDOT support. It would allow local governments to use a highway manual that is in accordance with the IDOT manuals and regulations. There's no opposition and I ask a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2571 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2571, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I know that Senator Hunter is going to do a resolution and introduce members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sororities, but I have three guests from Peoria that I want to introduce before we do that: Wanda Higgins, Demetra Banks, and Reverend Elaine Gordon. They're from the Peoria Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and I'd like to have the Senate give them a warm welcome. They're up here in the gallery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Will our guests please rise? Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Thank you for joining us today. Ladies and Gentlemen, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, page 13 of the regular Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2931. Senator Hastings. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2931.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2931 requires the Department of Human Services to pay a minimum of fifteen dollars per hour to personal assistants and individual maintenance home healthcare workers in the Home Services Program. The current wage is thirteen per hour. Senate Bill 2931 also codifies in-person orientation and training for these workers. It would cover such items such as preventing fraud and abuse. Senate Bill 2931 also provides that the State shall provide health insurance to qualified workers. And I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Hastings, what -- what issue or set of issues were brought to your attention that created -- created the incentive for you to file this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you for the question, Senator Righter. The -- the people who work in this industry have an extremely demanding job and I feel as if the wage they get paid is not sufficient enough to adequately provide for their life.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I see from the analysis on the bill that this would raise wages to not less than fifteen dollars an hour. What is that compared to the wages that our paid now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Righter, that is a two-dollar increase in their wage.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And are these wages paid out of the State's General Revenue Fund?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes, they are, but they are subject to reimbursement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, I'm not sure I understood the subject to reimbursement part. Can you elaborate on that, please, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Sure, through this, the payment, we are entitled to a Medicaid match provided by the federal government.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I have on my analysis an indication that this would cost approximately ninety million dollars more than what's paid now. Do you agree with that figure, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

No, I do not, Senator Righter. I believe your figure is a little higher than my figure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Can you give me your figure, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Well, Senator Righter, without the Medicaid match, it's eighty-seven, and with the Medicaid match, it's forty-three million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

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This is not the first, but it is most certainly not the last, piece of legislation that we're going to have like this that fits into this category. Wow, if we had the money, this is really something we'd seriously consider. But there's a problem with that first, and that is, we do not have this money. You would have to literally be living under a rock for the last several years not to appreciate the fiscal pressures that this State is under, and why there is insufficient -- in areas that we have already deemed a priority, why there are late payments to thousands and thousands of people who do business with the State of Illinois. This is a good idea perhaps, but throw it on top of the unpaid, unaffordable bills. This is exactly the wrong direction to be going at this time. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HOLMES:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question, Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, Senator Hastings, do you know exactly what the turnover is in this industry of the home healthcare workers that are taking care of our people with disabilities that need this assistance?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes, thank you, Senator Holmes. The turnover for this industry, because of the demands on the job in which they perform,

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is sixty percent. Very rarely, in any industry, there's a turnover rate of sixty percent of the workforce and it's due to the wages and a lot of the benefits that they do not receive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, Senator Hastings, is it safe to assume that if we did not have home healthcare workers able to do this function that we would end up having to have these people perhaps in an institution to receive the kind of care that they need? And if that is the case, what is the difference in cost that that might be?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I will just tell you that the cost of having a home healthcare worker is far less than the cost that the State of Illinois would incur if we did not. And that's the reason why I bring the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. To the bill. I just want to say, I thank you for bringing this bill. I think this is vitally important. We are talking about workers that are doing a job that is physically and emotionally very, very demanding, and to not pay them an adequate wage is unconscionable. I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I just want to tell you that the job that these people do is a job that some of you would not even consider doing. If your grandma is at home that needs to be bathed or suffered from some sort of stroke, she -- they -- these workers have to take care of 'em. If they have to go to the bathroom and they can't take care of themselves after they go to the bathroom, these are the people that take care of 'em. On average, they get paid a very, very small amount of money for the job that they do. I can tell you that this legislation will protect health insurance, the vital training, and it will provide a living wage to home healthcare workers, who, on average, make seventeen thousand dollars per year and live in poverty, but they take care of those that are in the most of need. This would save the State of Illinois hundreds of millions of dollars by enabling people with disabilities to stay in their homes, so they don't have to submit themselves to nursing homes and further costs to the State of Illinois. Let us provide stability to this important workforce and provide these workers with the tools as well as the dignity to care with {sic} people with disabilities. And with that, I ask for your Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2931 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 34 voting Aye, 16 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2931, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, will all the Members of the Committee on Assignments

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please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? All Members on the Committee on Assignments, please come to the Anteroom immediately. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose.. Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to introduce to you my Page today, Riley Klump. Riley is a fifth grader at Crescent City Grade School. She's the daughter of proud parents, Scot and Jennifer Klump. Scot is with us today in the -- in the gallery. And I just invite you all to join me in welcoming them to the Illinois Senate. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Riley, welcome to the Illinois Senate, and your dad. Thanks for joining us today. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. On a point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have two Pages today I'd like to introduce. Here to my left, I have Trisha Thompson and Kylie DeJaynes. Trisha and Kylie are both from Milton, over in Pike County, an area that you're familiar with, Mr. President. Kylie,

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to my far left, just participated in the Special Olympics, her fourth year participating. And she's a gold medalist in the tennis ball throw. And Kylie, when she's not participating in the Special Olympics, she loves to travel and attend country music concerts. Trisha, to my immediate left, she just started participating in Special Olympics this year and she won three medals - two gold and a bronze. They are -- when -- and when she's not participating in Special Olympics, she likes to long-range bicycle. She likes to go for long bicycle rides in beautiful Pike County. She -- they are joined here, with us in the Republican gallery, with Kylie's mother and brother, Ruth Ann and John DeJaynes, and as well as their friend Mary Beth Slater, who is a Special Olympian from Pittsfield. So if you'll join me in welcoming these wonderful folks to the Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our very, very, very special guests here to the Illinois Senate. Thanks so much for joining us. Senator Weaver, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR WEAVER:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. Chairman {sic}.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please -- please make your point, Senator Weaver.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Yes, thank you. I have with me here -- here Eyan Tiemann, and what I like about this young man is, at age fifteen, he's already started his own business. It's a marketing company called EN Athletics. He's going to go to college to study piano and history. He's from the town of Princeton and we're honored to

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have him today. If you could join me in welcoming him. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our good guest here to the Senate. Thank you so much. Congratulations on your successes. Senator Tom Cullerton, for what purpose do you seek recognition? We'll come back to you in just a moment. Senator Tom Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Point of personal privilege for an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please -- please make your point, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

All right. Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate, joining me today is Kimberley Egonmwan, who is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. This organization - the first African-American sorority - is over a hundred and eight years old and has held their annual Advocacy Day here in Springfield for almost twenty-five years, focusing on many different issues impacting the quality of life for all of Illinois residents. Why she's special to me is because the members of the Theta Omega Chapter, of which Kim was the Connection and Social Action Chair last year, worked for -- to get Public Act 99-0434, which we passed last year. It was the high school civics education Law and part of their "Be the Voice" voter education initiative. So I appreciated their support. And their Chapter won the Central Regional Connection Award this past March on behalf of the State of Illinois. What is also great is Kim was our former State {sic} (Senate) Revenue staffer and Director of the Chicago Office. She is now a practicing attorney in Chicago. So if the Senate can

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please welcome her today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Kimberley, welcome back to the Illinois Senate. Good to see you. Congratulations. Senator Harris, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HARRIS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Today I have me a good friend, Ms. Bertina M. Power, who's the President of the AKA, the Theta Omega Chapter. She's here visiting in Springfield along with her other colleagues. I just want the colleagues here in -- to give her a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Madam President, welcome to the Senate. Great to have you here today. Thanks for joining us. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, I feel a little left out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Do you have a point of personal privilege? Is this what you're asking for, Senator Raoul?

SENATOR RAOUL:

It is a point -- point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR RAOUL:

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I have with me today as my Page for the Day, Emil Jones. Will -- will you all welcome him to the Senate Floor? We don't see him here often, so I -- I'd like..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

No comment. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

In the gallery to my right, I have a -- a person who's come to the Capitol who's very familiar with a lot of us here. So one of 'em is Donna Miller, who is -- who is accompanying a group of high school suburban women from the south suburbs. They're all here visiting the Capitol today. Would you please ask them to rise so we can welcome them to Springfield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Donna and your group, welcome. Ms. Miller, welcome to the Capitol. Good to see you. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Criminal Law Committee - House Bill 6200; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2920; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 940, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 940, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 940, and Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 6125; refer to Executive Appointments Committee - Appointment

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Messages {sic} 990453, Appointment Message 990455, Appointment Message 990456, and Appointment Messages 990463 through 990502; refer to Human Services Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 150, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3080; refer to Revenue Committee - House Bill 5598; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 3217; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Rule -- Senate Resolution 1857.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, if I could have your attention for an announcement. We have some additional committees that will be meeting today and tomorrow. These are in addition to the already scheduled committees. This afternoon, Executive Committee will meet at 2:05 in Room 212. Exec, 2:05 in Room 212. Tomorrow morning at 9:30, Human Services will meet. Tomorrow morning at 9:30, Human Services, in Room 409. Also, tomorrow morning at 10:30, Environment and Conservation. Environment and Conservation, tomorrow morning at 10:30 and that's in Room 400. Again, those were in addition to the already scheduled committees. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Secretary, if you go -- turn to page 24 of the regular Calendar on the Order of Resolutions, we have Senate Resolution 1716. Senator Hunter, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1716, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson -- or, excuse me, Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd like to recognize the nation's oldest African-American sorority, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, for all of their great contributions to communities across our State and country. The AKA Sorority was founded in 1908 on Howard University's campus and incorporated in 1913 with the mandate for carrying out the vision of a new day of excellence and performance. The Sorority has never changed its mission to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, promote unity and friendship among college women, help uplift girls and women, and be of "Service to All Mankind". Today, the 2016 program for AKA Sorority's Day at the Capitol will focus on mental health, civil rights/social justice, and voter participation. Many prominent women are members of -- and has been members of AKA, including First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou, and even the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf. Now, we even have many Members of the General Assembly and staff who are members, including Senator Toi Hutchinson; Representative Monique Davis; India Hammons, who is the legislative aide to Leader Lightford; Nia Hassan; and yours truly, Mattie Hunter. Let us help honor the women of AKA for their great strides today on May 11th. They have made history by expanding its international presence and chartered its first chapter, Omega Theta Omega, in Abu Dhabi in the Middle East.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, shh! Let's hold the quieting {sic} down. Shh! Is there any discussion on the resolution? Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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To the resolution, Mr. President. Thank you for that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

The Regional Director of Central Region is the dynamic Mrs. Kathy A. Walker-Steele, who resides in Majority Leader Clayborne's district, and the Central Regional Representative to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated International Connection Committee, which is -- oversees uniform AKA Days in all fifty states, is Dr. Bakahia Madison, who resides in Senator Emil Jones' Senate district. We ask that both of these guests please stand and be recognized. Additionally, on behalf of both myself and Senator Hunter - for me, this organization's been such an incredible part of my life since I was nineteen years old - we now ask that all of the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in the gallery please stand and be recognized. We salute you for all the work you do across the countries and across the world.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

There any further discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. On your desks, on the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions, we have Senate Resolution 1857. Leader Radogno is unable to be with us here today. I understand Senator Nybo will be carrying that resolution. You wish to proceed, Senator Nybo? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 1857, offered by Senators Radogno, Cullerton and all Members.

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(Secretary begins to read SR No. 1857)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, excuse me one second. Ladies and Gentlemen, shh, please. Please hold the visiting down. Mr. Secretary, please continue.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

(Secretary continues reading SR No. 1857)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. I know before we start discussion on this, we're all extremely pleased to have Senator Dillard joining us on the Floor here, but let's please hold the visiting down. Ladies and Gentlemen, shh. Please hold the visiting down. Senator Nybo, to your resolution.

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I know it's a busy day here and there's a lot of activity in the Capitol, but I would really appreciate the Body's attention on this resolution and...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's have all the guests please kind of -- the staff go to the back of the Chamber, please. Everybody take their seats. Everybody take your seats, please.

SENATOR NYBO:

Mr. President, I appreciate that. You know, this -- this is a great honor for me and I first want to thank President Cullerton for allowing me to be the first speaker on this issue. I know Leader Radogno would have wanted to present this if she was able to join us today and -- and, in fact, there's so many in this Chamber who could -- who could better present this resolution than in the way I'll -- I'll be attempting to do so. There's so many

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people in this building that could present this resolution. There's so many people in our State who could talk about Kirk Dillard and his accomplishments. As you mentioned, Senator Dillard is here with us today, along with his wife Stephanie and their daughter Ava. Their daughter Emma could not join us today. She's in the middle of finals and has a lot of stuff going on in high school. In this resolution, we just heard it, you know, the list of accomplishments - it took a long time. I -- I said when I first took office that if I could accomplish, you know, half or even a quarter of what Senator Dillard accomplished, you know, I would be successful in this role and I -- I think all of us could say the same thing, but more important than the accomplishments and the record and the experience and -- and what he did down here is how he did it and that's what I'd like to spend just a couple minutes calling some attention to, because I know there's people who can better speak to Senator Dillard and their relationships with him and I know that people do want to speak to this resolution. But there's three things that I think we could really learn from Kirk that -- that Kirk did amazingly well. First of all, working together - the -- the -- the attitude and the collaboration that he brought to this process, the respect that he treated colleagues, the respect that he treated not only people who agreed with him, but people who disagreed with him. I think it's a style that all of us try to emulate, but it's -- it's a style that he certainly mastered. Second, and equally important, is the attitude that he brought to this job. I mean, if you look at him right now, there's always a smile on his face. It's -- he's -- he's very open, he's a very warm person, and I think that's something that we can all endeavor to do more down here. I know there's -- there's a lot of

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tension and battles and disagreements down here, but -- but the warmth and the positive attitude that he brought to this process, I think, is something that's very worthy of recognition. But I think the most important thing that -- that Kirk Dillard brought to this process was the pride with which he served our State and this is important. It's so easy out there in this day and age to trash elected officials and to trash the politicians and to trash the career -- career people who want to serve in government and say, "They're part of the problem; they're the enemy." Kirk Dillard loved the fact that he had the opportunity not only to serve in this Body, but to serve in State government and serve the people. And every day that he served in that capacity it was always evident how proud he was of the opportunity and the -- the privilege that he had to serve. He treated this position with dignity and honor, and in so doing, he not only dignified and honored his own service, but he dignified our service and the service of those who -- who worked with him and those who -- who followed him. He elevated the process. He elevated the Body and I think that's his most important legacy, is the way in which he approached this job. It's -- it's, again, a great honor to be here and to see him again, but one final observation that I'd like to make - and this is something I'm dealing with myself - it's very difficult to do this job with a family at home and young kids at home. And when you first come down here, you think, wow, this is going to be really hard on me and how am I going to do this? And the longer you serve, the more you recognize that as hard as it is on us, it's harder on the family. And I see Stephanie sitting over there and all the years that she put up with Senator Dillard's extracurricular activities down here and I see Emma and

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I know I've met -- or I see Ava and I know I've met Emma on several occasions. It is harder on the family, but I look at the Dillard family and, in a lot of ways, it's the kind of family that I would hope to have after I finish my service. And to Stephanie and Kirk, your kids are -- are wonderful people and -- and for you to be down here and balancing service down here with being a great dad - and I know how important that is to you - that's the note I want to end on, because you -- you were a great Senator and you were a great public servant, but -- but, first and foremost, Kirk, you've been a wonderful husband and you are a wonderful father. And so kudos to you. Thank you for your service. And I ask for the Body to overwhelmingly adopt this resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. We have several speakers seeking recognition. President Cullerton, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

A rebuttal. No. No, to the -- to the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution. President Cullerton.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

To the resolution. Thank you. Thank you, Members. And, Senator Dillard, thank you very much for coming back to join us. It's -- it was my honor to serve with Senator Dillard for many years. We worked together on a number of major issues, one of which was the CLEAR Commission, another was the death penalty reforms, and the other was helping get Barack Obama elected President of the United States. So thank you very much for -- for coming back and reminding us of that. Seriously, Senator Dillard was a great bipartisan partner, especially on the Judiciary

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Committee, and I'm very proud of what we accomplished together. Something that a lot of people I'm sure are aware, that Senator Dillard worked with former Governor Edgar and former Governor Thompson and I think that in doing so, really being forced to work with Democratic majorities, kind of fashioned his philosophy of willingness to work in a bipartisan fashion. And then he took the bold step of running for Governor. And, Kirk, looking at you today, I can't help but wonder what might have been and I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one thinking like that today. So welcome back to the Senate. You're always welcome here and thank you for your devotion and service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator -- Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

The -- I was going to -- you know, it doesn't seem right that Senator Dillard's back here after all this time and he doesn't have the opportunity to speak directly and I was going to make a deal. I was going to offer to not speak out here for the rest of the month if you'd give -- if you'd give Senator Dillard just five minutes - just five minutes. I ran it by -- I ran it by a couple staff and -- and they -- they suggested don't actually make the offer. You know, Kirk was my seatmate and a lot of what Senator Nybo said I think we'll hear a lot of. Kirk was a gentleman down here and, you know, our politics over time has gotten more raw,

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more nasty, and Kirk never let that affect him and he never changed from being somebody who was a decent guy. You knew where he stood, but he could disagree agreeably and he could work across the aisle and did effectively often. He -- you knew he loved this institution. And I don't know that many of us will have served with someone who loved the Senate much more than Kirk did. It -- we've got a -- a -- a fine replacement for Kirk in Senator Nybo, but Kirk brought a lot to this Chamber in terms of institutional knowledge, a genuine love for the place, and a demeanor that could produce results that not -- not a lot of people can -- can replicate or -- or -- or repeat. And he's missed down here, his sense of humor is missed down here, especially right about now. He's doing great work for the RTA. His public service continues. Senator Nybo referenced the impact on family with Stephanie and two young daughters at home. It's -- I hope -- I hope that the retirement is -- is serving you well, Kirk, from a family standpoint. And thank you for the service you put in here. You were a hell of a Senator and you're missed. Congratulations on the next phase.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Next speaker seeking recognition, Senator Raoul. For what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

You know, Mr. President, my first time in the Capitol Building, I walked in here on November 8th, 2004, as a State Senator. I'd never been in the Capitol Building before and I had

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this huge shadow over me for having replaced the gentleman who's since become the President of the United States and -- and he happened to be here on that day and -- and I said, "Um, you know, I've never been in this building. I really don't know what I'm doing. Can you spend a few minutes with me, give me some guidance as to how I should approach this job?" And -- and he said to me, "Well, sure. Come down to my office while I have a meal. I can tell you who you can reach out to and how you can approach this job." And -- and I joked with him and I said, "Well, isn't that my office now?" And Mr. Obama did not laugh, but -- but he did sit me down and he said, "You should reach out to Members on the other side of the aisle and Members in other parts of the State and really get to know them. Know -- learn about their families and get to know them in ways that you, if you read the newspapers, you wouldn't think that legislators interacted with one another, because there's a perception of this partisan divide that's just so cemented that a lot of people in our home districts don't think that we speak to one another." And he specifically mentioned, "You should make sure you reach out to Kirk Dillard." And I didn't have an opportunity to do so, because Kirk Dillard reached out to me. And he did so consistently, particularly during my freshman year. And these days it's become very popular for us to talk in a bipartisan way about criminal justice reform. Those of you all who were around twelve years ago realize that we didn't so openly talk about this in a bipartisan way. But there was one gentleman who did and that was Kirk Dillard, who served on the then Judiciary Committee that covered both criminal and civil matters. And there are many instances where there was one courageous vote cast on the other side of the aisle and that was Kirk Dillard, because,

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notwithstanding potential political consequences, he was willing to step out there. And President Cullerton already mentioned how he took that to an extreme and I think he recounted to me how he got a -- he's probably the one person I know who got a call from the President of the United States apologizing to him - but that was courage. That was courage to be able to openly embrace what we should all do very publicly, embrace bipartisanship and be able to acknowledge and speak about how we are friends here. And I think Senator Nybo has demonstrated that -- that courage and I -- he's stood alone before. And I think we should be willing on both sides of the aisle to -- to do that and to follow Kirk Dillard's lead. He's taught me a lot and I join the rest of my colleagues in saying thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Connelly, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I don't know much more I can add to the words that Senator Nybo, Senator Raoul, Senator Murphy, and President Cullerton have said. I'll say this, I've been very blessed in my life to have great mentors. I consider my father a mentor. Certainly my high school basketball coach, who many of you have met, Coach Gene Pingatore, I consider a mentor, and I consider Kirk Dillard a mentor. And I first met Kirk probably in 2001, when I was first elected to a local village board, and we

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hit it off right away. And I think I've figured out why. My father and his father were public school teachers. Coach Dillard, obviously a beloved coach, baseball coach at Hinsdale Central. Our mothers were both nurses. So we had -- we hit it off. The Dillards went from the north side of Chicago to Hinsdale. The Connellys went from the southwest side of Chicago to LaGrange. And by the way, the Hinsdale Central-LT rivalry is -- is just as strong today as it was then, Kirk. But what I'll add is this, when you get elected to this building - I was elected to that other Chamber, we're not going to talk too much about, a while ago - it's somewhat imposing, even if you were on a local village board, you're the mayor of Villa Park, or you're on a county board, and so I turned to Kirk. And I probably bothered him a few too many times asking him for advice. How do I handle this? How do I handle that? And the advice he gave - much of which I will not share with you, which is -- it's intellectual property of DuPage County - it's a way to -- to disagree without being disagreeable and it's a way to collaborate with people. And -- and I'd be remiss if I didn't mention this on behalf of the towns he represented, including Lisle - he was my State Senator for a while - Naperville, Wheaton, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove, Westmont. Kirk Dillard was our representative down here, because the people of those towns, in my opinion, they want their representatives to come down here and accomplish things. And you heard that list of accomplishments, whether it was criminal justice reform, bread-and-butter things like the Oak -- the Oak Bridge. My nephew over here said, "Oh, we really needed that, Uncle Mike." They want people to get things done and that's what Kirk Dillard did. I'm honored to consider him a friend and I hope when -- when I'm done

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serving here that people around here look at me with the same respect and admiration that we all have for Kirk Dillard. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Thank you. Further discussion? Leader Lightford -- excuse me, Leader Harmon, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HARMON:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. My first assignment of note upon election to the Senate was as Vice Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. And it was an extraordinary committee: Barack Obama, Peter Roskam, a cast of very smart and thoughtful legislators. It was also -- as Senator Raoul mentioned, it had jurisdiction over all of criminal law and civil law issues, and then Chairman Cullerton would ask us for our lunch orders at about 2 p.m. because we knew how long we would be there. But the most extraordinary thing about that committee, and what I still reflect back on, was at the time it had Co-Chairs, Senator Cullerton and Senator Dillard. And as the Vice-Chair, it meant I never touched a gavel for about two years, because they would trade back and forth presiding over the committee, but it was an extraordinary education for a new legislator to watch these two gentlemen steer a committee through complicated, contentious issues in a truly civil, friendly, bipartisan fashion. It was remarkable. And for all of us who come down here with any preconceived notions about what the

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other party is like and what we all stand for and the fights that we'll inevitably have, Kirk Dillard, for me, was -- was the tonic to that. He and John Cullerton handled that committee in -- with a degree of sophistication and friendliness that I have seen so rarely down here. But, Senator Dillard, it is great to see you prowling the Floor of the Senate again. You truly did leave a mark here. For all of us who were fortunate enough to learn at your knee, whether you knew it or not, we are all grateful and we wish you Godspeed in all of your future endeavors.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Senator Dillard, it -- I'm so happy that we have this wonderful chance to thank you for your service. When I noticed it up on the board and I saw you there, I thought I have to run over there, I have to say some kind things to such a kind man. When I first arrived here in the Legislature, you were one of the first people, or maybe the only person on the other side of the aisle that even talked to me, being that I was number twenty-seven on the Democrat side. You were kind enough to nominate me for the Alumni of the Year at Western Illinois University, a passion that we share as true Leathernecks. It was in 1999 and we were having this big debate, if you recall, on the Safe Neighborhoods Act. And Emil Jones said, "You can't leave. Don't go. You can't

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leave." And you guys signed up and checked out and you didn't tell me that I could come to Western. So all of my family came down and we were going to drive over to Macomb and all your family was here and we were going to -- and we never left the Capitol. So I just want you to know that that was one of my most big missed opportunities to share in that moment, but I'll always be proud of the fact that as soon as I arrived here that you acknowledged me as a Member of this Body and not only that, also as a true Leatherneck and giving me the opportunity to receive the honor of Alumni of the Year. I want to also just mention you as a wonderful family man. Considering your district was so close to mine, we often attended similar functions and I had a chance to get to know your wife and your children - you had small children at this time - very well and you've always been a wonderful family man. We talk about vacations and what we were looking forward to doing with our families, and so I want you to know that that, too, did not go unnoticed. And even though you're not in this Body, you found a way to still remain connected to me and the things I'm doing and sending notes here and there, and I just want you to know how important that is to me and how much I appreciate it. You're such a good encourager. So I want to thank you for crossing the aisle, extending the hand, and I've learned quite a bit. Your institutional knowledge is just phenomenal. I always loved to hear your debate. You always had a reasoning concept and actually learned a lot from you. So I'm glad you're still involved in the process and I look forward to continuously working with you in the future. God bless you, Kirk.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Syverson, for what

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purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Sure. Thank you, Mr. President. To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

It's been interesting hearing different people get up and speak, and until Senator Lightford spoke, we just had attorneys speaking and it was interesting some of the comments, like Senator Connelly's - I don't have much more to add, then he goes on for ten more minutes, like he was billing a client or something. But I'll be -- I'll be brief. You know, I had the opportunity and the privilege of serving with -- with Senator Dillard the last twenty-three years in all of his different capacities and the one thing I can say and most of you would agree that he was a man of integrity. And despite what you felt on one issue or the other, you knew that he was going to study the issue, he was going to listen to both sides fairly, and he was going to make his decision based on having those facts, and people always respected that of him. And, Senator, I just want to say that Illinois and this State is in a -- is a better place and we are in a better position because of leadership that you brought to the State and I want to thank you for your years of friendship and the difference you made here in Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Tom Cullerton, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

As the -- as the other DuPage Member here, I wanted to say congratulations and thank you. I met you back when I was a trustee for the Village of Villa Park and it was yourself, Senator Cronin, and they were -- both were very easy to talk to and very helpful with trying to navigate as sort of a rookie as a trustee, and then becoming mayor, you were somebody who I could reach out to and actually get things accomplished with and I appreciated that. I believe at the time I was probably the only Democrat mayor and you were still talking to me. When I -- when I decided to run, we bumped into each other at an event in Oak Brook and you looked at me and I think the quote was, "Why would you want to do that?" And I think I may still think that. But I appreciate -- and we've crossed paths consistently when we were both here and usually it means that you and I got stuck talking and our wives ended up talking together and they truly -- my wife truly enjoyed meeting you and your family and I appreciate the friendship to me and -- and how great you were down here and how much -- how well revered you are in DuPage, especially within your district, in talking to people who still love you to death and -- and love seeing you there. And anything you can do as the chair of RTA to help Metra in my district, I sure would appreciate it at this point. Thank you, Senator.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRADY:

To the gentleman, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

I can't add much to what you've all said about Senator Dillard and his wife and his daughters, as a Senator. What I can add is a -- a little bit about the difference between being a peer in the Senate and being a peer campaigning statewide. I had not only the pleasure of doing that once with Senator Dillard, but twice. And as any of us know who run elections against or with each other, you learn a whole lot about them in ways you could never ever learn things. I must admit, there were times I thought Senator Dillard was running for Governor to perpetuate Governor Edgar's legacy. You never heard him tell you he was Chief of Staff of Governor Edgar? But, no, in all seriousness, Senator Dillard is a man of character and you learn that as you travel this State. He's a man of a work ethic that I'm sure his father and mother instilled in him, and his -- his other mentors did, as well as his wife. And he's a -- a gentleman that I am proud to have -- be able to call a friend. He's more than that, though; he's a, I think, a gentleman and a friend of the State of Illinois. I don't know anyone who cared more deeply and -- about the heritage or about the future of this State and its children than Senator Dillard, and for that, I'm thankful to have served with him. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Sandoval.

SENATOR SANDOVAL:

You know, as the product of illegal immigration, the son of immigrant -- the son of immigrant parents who landed on Plymouth Rock, southwest side of Chicago, I stand before you, Senator Dillard, with a lot of humility and humbleness in honoring you. I don't really like these things and I always say the day that I leave this joint, I -- I don't really want to get roasted or be talked about. I -- I find it's kind of difficult to do, but nonetheless you do run across gentlemen and women who -- who deserve to be recognized and who have made a difference. You're truly symbolic of what it is to be a Republican, to be a -- a great man of DuPage County, a statesman, a gentleman, and a friend. And there aren't too many of us, including yours truly, who they -- who -- who serve today that they can attach all these different adjectives to, but -- but we can to you. You are an institution. I remember when I was being escorted through these halls when I was being appointed -- or had been appointed by Governor George Ryan to my first public office. You were one of the first men I met here when Governor Ryan asked me to go visit the Legislature. And when I got here later in life as a State Senator, you were one of the first people that I ran into on the other side of the aisle. And unlike many Democrats or Republicans, I always saw the same face, the same tone, and you were always -- you were always

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friendly, even when you had an opposing view to anything I was for or any of us Democrats were for during your tenure as a State Senator. It never -- it never seemed to be personal. It never seemed to be raw and that's -- that's a -- that's a -- that's a great testament to your career as a State Senator and as a statesman. I would hope that there'd be more men and women that come through this Chamber and leave that kind of mark and hallmark of professionalism and true statesmanship, but I don't think there will be too many Kirk Dillardards that will come through this Chamber, and there aren't many that come through this Chamber through our lifetime. You truly are a credit to our -- our profession, a credit to public service. Yeah, we miss you, bud. We miss you here in the Chamber, but I haven't missed you quite back at home, because as Chairman of the Transportation Committee, you continue to -- you continue to reach out to me. I have met with you -- as Chairman of the RTA, I have met with you more than any other past RTA Chairman during my tenure as Senate Transportation {sic} and that clearly continues to be a credit to you as an individual and your -- your spirit of -- of respect for the institution. I want to thank you for your lifelong commitment to service and, you know what, just being a nice guy. Muchas gracias!

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Sure. Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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So, you can always tell in the month of May when the debates become just a little bit longer, a little bit louder, definitely much more spirited and partisan; however, when Senator Dillard would stand up on the Floor to speak, he brought a calmness to the Floor, civility to the Floor. Everybody who was talking would stop talking and listen to what Senator Dillard had to say and that's a true compliment. I had -- my office was next to Senator Dillard for about four years and I can honestly say that his door was always open to everyone. Didn't matter what party you were from, didn't matter what association, who it was, you always were welcomed by Senator Dillard. His door was open and he was always there to listen to you. He's a very measured, as we have all have said to day, measured and thoughtful, thoughtful person and, again, when he speaks, everybody stops to listen. As you read in the resolution at the beginning, he has a very long list of accomplishments. I mean, we can only hope to have half the accomplishments that Senator Dillard has when we leave the Floor. But his -- his biggest accomplishment is his family and also as a husband. So I'm honored to know Senator Dillard as my colleague, but more importantly as a friend. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much. Senator Dillard, it's so good to see

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you. I really, really miss you towards the end of the month, because you and I share a birthday together, June 1st, and we've enjoyed celebrating our birthday on the Floor the last day of Session every year, and when you left, I said, "Now what am I going to do now? I have -- I do not have Senator Dillard to share cake with." And -- and I miss the notes. Senator Dillard loves to send these little nice notes or if he sees something in the paper regarding you or something that you are interested in, he'll cut it out and write something, a little note, on it and send it to you. And I really, really miss receiving the notes. I miss seeing your smiling face. You have been such a supportive individual. I remember when I first came down here about fourteen years ago, I was -- every time you turn around, I was creating commissions and advisory boards and many of them felt -- dealt with criminal justice activities and many of the committee members would say, "Well, we've done that before" or -- you know, and then Senator Dillard would say, "Well, now, I don't know. Let's take a look at this and we'll get to the bottom of it." And you always supported my -- my legislative initiatives and we were able to get them through, and so I really miss you. I really, really do miss you. I miss your advice as well, Senator. So I know you're doing a great job on the RTA Board and I know you're going to do a wonderful job and you will -- you will continue to do so. So thank you. God bless you and Godspeed. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Leader Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. It's always a pleasure to see you, Senator - once a Senator, always a Senator. I'll tell you what, it's -- I've had -- it's been a pleasure serving with you and I echo all the comments my colleagues have stated today on the Senate Floor. Your knowledge of the institution is unbelievable; prior to that, you worked in government for past Governors. You're doing a great job where you're doing it at now. I was sad to see you go, but, hey, you did your best while you were here. You served your district great. So keep doing what you're doing and look forward to seeing you out and about. God bless you and wish you all the best, you and your family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the resolution, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Hi, Kirk. I -- everybody has said a lot of wonderful things today and I -- I won't belabor the point because I -- I know you should give people flowers while they're here and I know you're not sick or planning to go anywhere, so I don't want you thinking we're like writing obituaries or anything in here. But I do want to make a point for the benefit of the people who are listening to

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us right now, because this is a really difficult environment that we're in right now. It's difficult, both in Illinois - it's difficult nationally. It is very difficult to walk outside and say that you, for a living, are a politician. It's not something that is heralded as something wonderful to be, largely outside of those of us who know exactly what this is. And so for those of you in the galleries and people who are listening to what this conversation has been about an individual who came back, it's also an example of the way things are supposed to be; that when you come here, we each make a promise to ourselves that something's going to be different or better because I was here. Otherwise, why are we here? So this resolution is an example of an entire Chamber talking about memories of a person that we served with in the highest example of what service ought be. So it is one thing to say that over the course of my career, I want to be successful, because that might be different for whoever you are or wherever you come from. It's a different thing to leave here and know that you've been significant - and you have been significant to the State of Illinois and to the people sitting in these chairs. That is worth remarking on today in this time, in this State, in this environment. That's the beauty of what this resolution is today and I just wanted to echo the thoughts of my colleagues for my colleague. Godspeed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. There being no further speakers seeking recognition, before we call this for a question, just want to add my congratulations, Kirk, as the Presiding Officer. You've been a friend and a gentleman and -- and all the kind words they've said about you certainly are true. Ladies and Gentlemen, the

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question is, shall Senate Resolution 1857 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Actually for two reasons - one's business and one personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your personal privilege first or your...

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. And that ought to lead -- segue me right into business, because I'm very, very proud and honored and in my eighteen-year career in both Chambers that today I was -- I had a beautiful surprise brought to me by my wonderful young cousin, who is now -- been transferred to Michigan. She brought me a very special person who grew up with me, my dear cousin Judy, who is now living in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. Together here, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am joined with my cousins, Crucita Santiago-Santana, who is a Lincoln executive in business sales up in -- the Lincoln Ford folks up in Michigan and also handles a lot of the Caribbean. Today she's here with her husband Paul, with her two beautiful daughters, Andrea and Cristina; and of course, to segue here, an oldie, my cousin, Judy Santana, who gets local mayors elected down in the small towns of Puerto Rico, and she asked me why don't I come down there and be one of those mayors and I said because I couldn't beat her. She would get elected over me any day. So I'd like to give a warm presentation and a warm welcome if they'll rise and be -- join us here in the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests here today to the Illinois Senate. Thank you so much for joining us. You're with a great Senator. Thank you. Senator Delgado.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'd like to be recorded -- because of my beautiful facility of my family, I need to be recorded to reflect history on Senate Bill 2931, a major labor bill for me, that -- as I was apparently voted Present. I'd like to be recorded as a Yes vote, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator, the -- the record will so indicate that that was your intent on that legislation. Senator Link, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LINK:

To say that - to echo Senator Delgado - that I thought I had pushed the button for Senate Bill 2931 and I'd like to be recorded as a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator. The record will so indicate that was your intent. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would -- as a Senator for the capital city, along with Senator Manar and Senator Brady, one of

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the greatest attributes of the capital city is the Old Capitol Farmers Market. That is on Adams Street between 4th and 5th Street and today is the opening day of the market, and the Old Capitol Farmers Market actually has a legislative reception at -- between 5th and -- at -- at 5th and Adams at Driftwood Eatery at 4:30 - from 4:30 to 6. So I'd like to invite all of my colleagues to come out and join us at the Old Capitol Farmers Market this evening.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator McConchie, what -- for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

I also wanted to be reflected on Senate Bill 2931 as a No vote on that bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. The record will so indicate that was your intent. Senator -- Leader Muñoz, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that AM99-0477 can be heard on Thursday, May 12th, 2016, at 11:01 a.m. in Senate Executive Appointments Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Muñoz moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that amendment -- so that Appointment

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Message 99-0477 can be heard on Thursday, May 12th, 2016, at 11:01 a.m. in the Senate Executive Appointments Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Mr. President, I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 5598 can be heard today in the Senate Revenue Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hutchinson moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 5598 can be heard today in the Senate Revenue Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to be going to the back -- back to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. We're going to the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading momentarily. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, on page 13 of the regular Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, we have Senate Bill 2933. Senator Hastings, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2933.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings. Senator Hastings before you start, excuse me just one second. Ladies and Gentlemen, shh! Ladies and

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Gentlemen, quiet, please. We are back on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Please hold the visiting down. Senator Hastings, please proceed.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2933 we discussed last week in depth with a -- a lot of spirited debate. I just want to walk through one more time to make it a little bit more of a simpler process for everyone to understand, considering the fact that a lot of people have talked about this piece of legislation. When you live in your municipality and you go ahead and purchase a good at your local store, you pay a sales tax. The sales tax then goes to the Department of Revenue, in which the sales tax -- the Department of Revenue takes their share and then, through different forms of -- of funds and revenue streams, some monies go back to the town in which the good was purchased. In certain circumstances, these funds find themselves in other towns that are not entitled to this money. So, for example, Springfield is a prime example of a city that has lost sales taxes due to the Department of Revenue's mistakes. I will tell you that this is not -- not the only area in which the agency makes a mistake. Two weeks ago, it was reported that a hundred and sixty-eight million dollars was misdirected to other municipalities and forms of government. That money could have been spent -- or it was spent by other forms of government and now they have to figure out how to pay the money back. This bill specifically, specifically, regardless of whatever someone dropped a piece of paper on your desk, limits {sic} a third party, who has the technological capability to audit the Department of Revenue with a confidentiality agreement with the municipality and a third-party

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vendor. What they do is they find out what sales taxes the town should be entitled to and where the Department of Revenue had made a mistake. There was an argument made by the Department of Revenue that said we can do this on our own. Well, that is the sole reason why I bring this bill today, is because the Department of Revenue makes mistakes. And this Body provides checks and balances to other parts of our government and I think that this bill would provide an adequate check. There's a history of the Department of Revenue making mistakes. Kankakee and Skokie are just some of the cases that have been brought forth in which they've made a mistake and the courts have stated that the Department of Revenue should be held accountable. This bill will hold the Department accountable. And with that, Mr. President, I ask for an Aye vote and I will take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Leader Althoff, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Senator Hastings, here we are again. And as you know, I carried a bill that addressed this same situation, the same subject, came at it from a little bit of a different perspective. So I've got a couple of comments and then a question. The example that you use with regard to the City of Springfield, that they were deprived of monies because of a mistake at the Illinois Department of Revenue, I consider to be a little bit of a

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misrepresentation. The total amount that ultimately was adjusted was brought down from that quarter of a million dollars you referenced to thirty thousand dollars. And of this amount, nineteen thousand dollars was attributable to one taxpayer. Springfield annexed property in 2006, yet that property and that information was never provided to the Department of Revenue in a timely fashion. So the mistake that the Department of Revenue is being accused of making was not of their creation. It was a lack of information that the municipality should have provided. As a former mayor and a big believer in local government, there is a responsibility on the part of all parties to ensure that appropriate information is provided. So I'd -- I'd like to make that statement and make that clear. With regard to checks and balances, it -- you stated that municipalities need to share confidential taxpayer information in order to provide a check and balance on the Department of Revenue. I believe that too is an incorrect statement. The information needed for such a check and balance is actually already provided. And that information is in the form of the name of businesses and addresses of the businesses that are provided by the Department of Revenue to all municipalities - they need to check that - and it's done on a regular basis and it was done when requested, so if there's a concern, the municipality certainly can go forward. And I think the bottom line of this is the confidential information. There's extreme concern, particularly from the business community - and with your permission: Illinois Auto Dealers, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois CPA Society, Illinois Food Retailers Association, Licensed Beverage Association, Lumber Material Dealers Association, the Illinois Manufacturer {sic}

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(Manufacturers') Association, Petroleum Marketers Association, and I can go on. There's probably a list of another twelve entities that have extreme reservations with regards to this particular proposal. We, once again, have talked many times and so my question is, again, sir, -- you and I, felt that we could address this situation together, little bit different perspectives, but certainly wanting the same outcome, which is to provide appropriate information to our municipalities which serve our shared constituency a little bit closer than we here in Springfield get to do. So my question to you is, won't you please consider again in taking this piece of legislation out of the record and giving you and I time to sit down, you and I, time to sit down and come up with a collaboration that would serve the interests of both the Department of Revenue, every single entity that I listed just recently, as well as our local municipalities so that we can ensure that they provide enough -- that they are provided enough information to ensure they are getting their sales tax revenue?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Althoff, I will commit to you that I'll be willing to work with you after this bill leaves this Chamber and enters the House to help form a solution over there. As you know, the time is running out. I also want to make note to Senator Althoff's comments of those that support this bill. This, generally speaking, this concept is a Republican concept. We decided to audit energy and utility companies I think seven years ago. And I will tell you, this concept is not foreign, and -- and the list of people who are in opposition to this bill, let me just tell you

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the people who are in support of this bill: The Will County Governmental League, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, the Lake County Municipal League, the City of Springfield - the Mayor, specifically, we have talked to today and he has said that this -- there is definitely a need for this. And I can tell you for this bill to stall in this Chamber would be a very, very bad mistake.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

In response to some of those comments, again, I believe that they are in support of the concept of information sharing not necessarily into the proposal that is made by your legislation and how to share that information. So, again, pointing out to individuals - and to the bill - this is not the appropriate process. This has major consequences to all of those entities that I read into the record, plus more, who would be negatively affected by this. We can come to resolution, and I do understand, sir, I really understand the political process here, that sometimes it's really important to get a piece of legislation out of one Chamber so that we can get all those stakeholders back to the table and put a little pressure -- a little bit more pressure upon them to come to a resolution, but in this particular case, I think this is an overreach and it would be so much smarter and appropriate to keep this legislation in this Chamber where you and I, who have great respect for each other and great respect for what it is we are trying to do, for us to control the situation as opposed to sending it over to the House and including more and more people in a resolution that I, again, think that you and I personally can

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handle. So I would look at the Chamber, I would look at my colleagues, we just had a long discussion about respect for a Member who no longer is seated here, and I think that this is an appropriate opportunity to continue that respect and to do what's right for this Body, for our municipalities, and hold this bill in this Chamber and continue to work on it and find a resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, further discussion. Senator Hutchinson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Look how nice that was. See how we can disagree nicely. This bill did come -- this bill did come out of the Committee on Revenue and I wanted to point out a couple different things. One, that I know there are those of us on the Floor who, when we get calls from our mayors, we tend to listen, especially when we get multiple calls from mayors. And right now what's happening at the local government level is that there are a number of people who are very, very concerned about not only the volatility that we're experiencing right now, but a lot of uncertainty as to what's going to happen, you know, in our budget impasse and our all kinds of different situations. So I've heard from a number of different mayors who talk about the one thing we have heard all the time, which is, Springfield, get out of the way. When they want to make a decision themselves, they are more than capable of deciding what

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is appropriate for their individual unit of -- of government, their municipality, in consultation with their trustees and the people who elected them locally. These are -- the -- the ability to enter into these contracts is new just in this arena, but not new overall. So the one thing I wanted to add about this is that in -- in a situation where reasonable minds can differ, I think a standing principle that we all have is local control, and this is where I'm coming down on this and I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Senator -- excuse me, I have a late -- late light. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, briefly, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And -- and I do apologize for the -- for the late light. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have talked a good deal about this bill already. It is important, I think, to remember a couple things about this bill. One, this bill allows for contingency fee contracts. Now the last time we were debating this, the sponsor - and I suspect he's digging for that paperwork right now - made the point that the -- that the Department of Revenue already allows contingent fee contracts in one other area, and that's true. That's in areas where the debt has already been settled. In other words, it's already been determined to the dollar and cent what is owed and then, not like -- not unlike a lot of entities, a contingency fee contract will be let out to a debt collection.

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That's not what we're talking about here. What we're talking about here is incentivizing a private sector individual or set of individuals to try to chase as much money as possible, because the more that amount goes up, the more they put in their pocket goes up. Now we're all for the private sector and we're all for the profit motive, but there are places where those kinds of arrangements are appropriate and there are those where they're not. And I will again remind the Body that we have a very recent experience with regards to using -- allowing municipalities to use contingency fee contracts with private entities for the quote, unquote "public good" and that was red light cameras. And look at the embarrassment that many people have encountered because it was abused. The other point, very simply, Mr. President, is -- and, again, I would encourage everyone - not -- not -- not to believe me - look at the bill. The bill allows private, confidential taxpayer information not just to be disclosed to just the mayor or -- or just an auditor or whatever, it is all of those people, financial advisors and anyone else, because it says not limited to. So, really, anyone who the mayor decides can have that taxpayer information as long as he -- they have his or her permission and sign a confidentiality agreement they can have it. That's too much, that's too wide of a net to give away our constituents' taxpayer information. I share my colleague Senator Althoff's concerns. This is a bill that we should keep here for now, and let's negotiate a middle ground here that makes sense, that helps the municipalities, as Senator Hastings has suggested, but isn't such an encroachment on and a danger to private taxpayer information. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Thank you. Senator Hastings, to close.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I just want to address the previous speaker's comments in terms of some of the -- the topics he brought up. A lot of things that people are afraid of is personal information, especially taxpayer information, getting out. But I just want to clarify by saying, by no means necessary do I want your personal name, your personal social security number, your address, any of this information to get out. This bill has nothing to do to it. So I do appreciate what the Senator had stated by read the bill. Because this is happening right now. Third parties are allowed to do this. This bill would codify third parties to allow to have this information. The information that they would have, just to be crystal clear, is the business name, the address, the ID, and the net revenues owed to the town. I do believe that the previous speaker's comments were insulting to mayors across Illinois. I think mayors, specifically, are competent and capable enough to enter into contractual agreements - contractual agreements that benefit their town in terms of contingency fees. The contingency fees is a set percentage that is negotiated. It's not, if you collect more money, we'll renegotiate the fee; it's a set fee, before we go ahead and do this. I also want to dispute that red light camera's do not correlate or equal auditing the Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue makes mistakes. They make very blatant mistakes, and if that's not evident by what happened two weeks ago, I don't know what is. And if you haven't seen the list of all the -- municipalities that range from McHenry County, in which one of the previous speakers represents -- all the towns in McHenry County support this - but why is that? Because they

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make mistakes. And it's our job to provide a check and balance on those mistakes. These companies that do this aren't predatory; these companies that do this aren't, you know, looking to data mine or -- or to -- to, you know, to screw with businesses. What the business community is doing right now is fearmongering - fearmongering. They think that because the Department of Revenue has the ability to be audited, they're going to have their books audited. We'll if they wouldn't have made a mistake in the first place, they wouldn't have to have the problem and we wouldn't have to have this piece of legislation today. So I just ask that if you support your towns and you support your mayors, which are financially hurting right now - and there's no doubt about that, none, no doubt about that - I ask that you support this bill. I ask that you look at the list of the towns and the mayors - not only from Carbondale, all the way up to Rockford. If they had a problem with this, they wouldn't be here telling me today that this is the right thing to do. So I just ask for an Aye vote. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2933 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 28 voting Aye, 20 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2933, having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President, I move that Senate Bill 2933 is posted on

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Postponed Consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Biss, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BISS:

For purposes of an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your... Mr. Secretary, please put Senate Bill 2933 on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Senator Biss, excuse me, please make your introduction.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I got concerned it was something I said. I just want to bring the Chamber and the gallery's attention to three guests of mine who are up here in the gallery on the Democratic side. Alison Leipsiger is my former legislative director in my district office, who has gone on to much bigger and better and happier sources of employment at Forefront, which you may used to know as what it used to be called, which is Donors Forum. She has with her two of her interns from Forefront, Casey Anthony and Faisal Ghias. And I hope you'd all join me in welcoming them to the Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Senator Biss' guests here to the Senate. Thanks for joining us today. Senator Mulroe, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of an announcement -- or introduction

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Please make your announcement, Senator -- introduction, Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to welcome Paula Besler and a group of nurses from Advocate Lutheran General and Advocate. If you all can rise. And if we can give 'em a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests to the Illinois Senate. Thanks for joining us today. Thank you for your great work. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. Back on the Order of House Bills now, 3rd Reading. On page 15 of the regular Calendar, we have House Bill 694. Senator Hutchinson indicates that she'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 694.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

House Bill 694 amends the County Economic Development Project Area Property Tax Allocation Act. It gives a certain area within an EDPA in Grundy County an extension of twelve years and extends the county's ability to have a two-thirds approval of the taxing districts within the area to approve property tax rebates. This bill provided incentives for a power generator, Competitive Power Ventures, that's seeking to develop, build, and operate the Three Rivers Energy Center, which is a one-billion-dollar privately

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funded electric generating plant on eighty acres of industrially zoned property in Grundy County. A lot of work has gone into this. This is -- I know of no opposition. We're very excited in our district to do this and I would urge Aye votes all across the board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Sure, thank you. I would like to say thank you to the sponsor of this bill. This truly is an example of a bipartisan, bicameral bill. Appreciate the sponsor. Proud to say that this bill is clean-up language locally for the local taxing bodies, but it will enable a billion-dollar investment to come into Grundy County, creating five hundred construction jobs for two years. This is probably the largest jobs bill that we will see in the Senate and in the House this year. It's an easy bill and there's no opposition. And, again, I appreciate working with my colleague, Senator Hutchinson, as well on this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill -- oh, I'm sorry. Senator Hutchinson, do you wish to close? Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I just wanted to point out that this is another example of

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one of those things we should be doing together. Please vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 694 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 - thank you - take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 694, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Mr. Secretary, Ladies and Gentlemen, page 16 of the regular Calendar, still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bill 1288. Senator Silverstein. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Mr. Secretary, Senator Silverstein seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 1288 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 1288. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered Senator Silverstein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein, to present Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. This changes the effective date. Ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you very much. 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

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consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 1288. Please read the bill, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1288.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This creates the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights. A domestic worker includes housekeepers, chauffeurs, cooks, nannies, daycare and other workers. The legislation amends the following State laws that currently excludes a State -- domestic workers: The Minimum Wage Law, the Illinois Human Acts Right {sic} (the Illinois Human Rights Act), the One Day Rest In Seven Act, and the Wages of Women and Minors Act. I think this is a good bill. It brings parity with all other workers. On a personal note, I want to thank Wendy Pollack from the Shriver Center, who put her blood, sweat, and tears, and a probably a pair of shoes, new shoes, running around trying to get sponsors, but she does good work. And I will entertain any questions. There is no opposition to this bill. The Department of Labor is neutral and so is the Governor's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose

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do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. A simple thank you to the sponsor. I mean, he's all about giving credit to other people, but the sponsor was willing from the very start to sit down and -- and make sure that we could negotiate a bill that could pass and make a difference. He did that. Thank you, Senator Silverstein, for doing that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1288 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1288, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, if you'll turn to page 17 of the regular Calendar, we have House Bill 4462. Senator Nybo. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4462.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

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Mr. President, I really appreciate the opportunity to request passage of this bill today. Today is Advocacy Day for the Food Allergy Research and Education organization. Their President, Jennifer Jobrack, is actually out here in the President's Gallery. Epinephrine is the medicine that's administered when people are having severe allergic reactions. Several years ago, we passed a bill that expanded access to epinephrine in our school settings. This is a bill that builds upon that progress in three regards. We will now allow police officers and police departments to carry and administer epinephrine, if they choose. We're additionally expanding opportunities in the school setting. And that -- and we're also allowing other entities and institutions to carry and administer epinephrine, if they choose. This is a bill without opposition. This is not a bill that will create mandates, no costs to the State. There are a lot of supporters that have worked hard on this bill. Representative Mussman carried it on the House side. This is combined efforts. I will request a -- a point of personal privilege after passage because I do want to talk a little bit about the genesis for this bill. But -- but I think it's a great step forward to save lives. There's a police department in New Jersey that's been carrying epinephrine for -- for several years now, and -- and just two weekends ago, they actually administered it for the first time and saved a young boy's life. So this is great for our State. I'm happy to answer any questions and I would appreciate your support on this bill.

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 4462 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4462, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you. Mr. President, there -- there are some very happy people in the President's Gallery this afternoon. There's a saying about turning tragedy into triumph. And if I can have a moment to introduce some guests. We -- we first moved on epinephrine in 2011 after a -- a tragic incident where a -- a student died in Chicago and that was the impetus for that bill. Unfortunately, we had another tragic incident in our State and this time it actually took place in the district that I represent and -- and the town in which I live in. Last fall, twelve-year-old Annie LeGere suffered a very severe allergic reaction and, unfortunately, epinephrine was not able to be administered in time to save her life. Today we have - if I can have them stand and be recognized in the gallery - we have three of Annie's friends. We have Megan Cronin, Katherine Hanson, and David Plummer, who are all students at Sandburg Junior High School or Junior -- at Sandburg Junior High, which is the school that my son will be attending next year. And we also have a neighbor of theirs who's been very active in this effort, Beth Plummer is with them. And then we have Shelly LeGere, who is Annie's mother, who's able to join us. Unfortunately, her husband John and her son Bob are not able to be here today. The bill that we just passed, there's a portion of it that's going to be known as the Annie LeGere Law. Our effort and our hope is that

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- as we did in 2011 - that we're going to save some lives with this bill too and hopefully this situation will never happen as it happened last fall. But this is a positive day and this is a step forward and so I want everybody to recognize an amazing effort that Shelly and the LeGere family have put forward to turn a tragedy into a triumph. And I wanted them to be able to see the passage of this bill here today. This is how we make laws. And every once in a while, we do good things down here. So if everybody can give them a very warm welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's show a special recognition to our very special guests. Thank you for joining us today. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1858, offered by Senator Jones.
It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 12th day of May 2016.