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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will please come to order. Will our Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Senator Reverend David Koehler, Peoria, Illinois.

THE REVEREND DAVID KOEHLER:

(Prayer by the Reverend David Koehler)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Please remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Lisa Yuscius of -- Blueroomstream.com seeks permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Sunday, May 29th, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 1944, offered by Senator Mulroe and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cunningham, Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture, reports Motions to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2410, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3003, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3130 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Joint Resolution 141 Be Adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has refused to concur with the Senate in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to wit:

House Bill 229.

Which amendment is as follows:

Senate Amendment 4 to House Bill 229.

Non-concurred in by the House, May 29th, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Will all Senators at the sound of my voice please come to the Floor immediately? We will be going to House Bills 3rd Reading, final action. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 17 of

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the printed Calendar. House Bill 4394. Senator Syverson. Senator Syverson seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4394 to the Order of 2nd Reading. No objection, leave granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 4394. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Weaver.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Weaver...

SENATOR WEAVER:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

...on the amendment.

SENATOR WEAVER:

Would move for the adoption, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 4394. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4394.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson, on your bill.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, for those who helped work this bill into this position. This is just some language clarification from a previous bill that was passed a couple years ago, just fixing the definition regarding a existing TIF. Know of no opposition and ask for a favorable roll call.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4394 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 4394, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll turn to page 21 of the printed Calendar, House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 4486. Senator Connelly. House Bill 4501. Senator Tom Cullerton. House Bill 4645. Senator Brady. Senator Brady. House Bill 4675. Senator McGuire. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill -- 4675.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll skip over 5628. House Bill 5704. Senator McConnaughay. Senator McConnaughay.

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With leave of the Body, we'll turn back to page 18, House Bills 3rd Reading. House Bill 4524. Leader Clayborne. I'm sorry, House Bill 4522. Leader Clayborne. House Bill 4589. Leader Muñoz. House Bill 5104. Senator Manar. House Bill 5710. Senator Syverson. House Bill 5764. Senator Raoul. House Bill 5783. Senator Manar. House Bill 5884. Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5884.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your bill.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 5884 specifies that counties and municipalities may invest public funds in non-for-profit community development financial institutions, otherwise known as CDFIs. A CDFI is a private community-based financial institution that focuses on personal lending and business development efforts in local communities. CDFIs include community development banks and credit unions and not-for-profit loan funds, microloan funds, and venture capital providers. I know of no...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? The question is, shall House Bill 5884 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none

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voting Present. House Bill 5884, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 5901. Senator Martinez. House Bill 5910. Senator Noland. Mr. -- Senator Noland seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 5910 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 5910. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Noland.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland, on your amendment.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amended, House Bill 5910 adds departments to a list of federal agencies and departments whose criminal investigators are considered peace officers in limited circumstances. It updates references to federal agencies and departments and removes references to federal agencies that no longer exist. It makes conforming changes to the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Immunity Act. As amended, 5910 removes the Special Agent in Charge of the Springfield, Illinois, division of the FBI from the Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. I know of no opposition and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 5910. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5910.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland, now on your bill.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Been there, done that. Asking for an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 5910 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 5910, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 5912. Senator Noland. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5912.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland, on your bill.

SENATOR NOLAND:

Think I can get it right this time. I'll try real hard.

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House Bill 5912, Mr. President, clarifies that a bicyclist on a highway has the same rights and duties as that -- those that are extended to a driver of a vehicle under the Vehicle Code, including, but not limited to, requiring drivers to yield the right-of-way to a bicyclist. Who knew bicyclists did not have the right-of-way? I ask -- ask for an Aye vote. Know of no opposition whatsoever.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 5912 {sic}. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. House Bill 5912, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 5931. Senator Steans. House Bill 6027. Leader Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6027.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Harmon, on your bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 6027 creates the Healthy Local Foods Initiative {sic} (Food Incentives) Program, which is a framework for capturing federal dollars to be used by SNAP beneficiaries to purchase fruits and vegetables at local farmers' markets. I'm not aware of any

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opposition and I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 6027 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 Ayes, no Nays, 1 voting Present. House Bill 6027, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 6037. Senator Koehler. House -- House Bill 6086. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6086.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tom Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 6086 amends the School Code. Requires DHS to consider length of time spent on the PUNS waiting list. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 6086 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, 2 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 6086, having received the required

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constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 6225.
Senator Hutchinson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6225.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hutchinson, on your bill.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 6225 amends the Employee Leasing Company Act to permit small businesses that partner with ELCs to maintain workers' compensation insurance either through ELC or on their own. Under current law, a business that partners with an ELC must switch to the ELC's worker compensation insurance plan. This just lets them keep their own if they want it. I don't know of any opposition and I would hope for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 6225 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 6225, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 6299. Senator Bush. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6299.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President -- excuse me, and Members of the Senate. HB 6299 provides that school support personnel employees who were removed but accept a tender of vacancy within one calendar year from the beginning of the school term shall maintain any rights accrued during their previous service with the school district. I'd appreciate an Aye vote and I'd like to thank everyone in the committee. We had a unanimous vote coming out and I look forward to seeing the same on the Floor. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise? Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 6299 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 Ayes, 13 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 6299, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 6321. Senator Koehler. House Bill 6328. Senator Collins. House Bill 6331. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6331.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 6331 provides that the State Police must notify local law enforcement agencies of jurisdiction when a person's FOID Card has been revoked because he or she is the subject of an existing order of protection that has been issued by a judge. Know of no opposition to the bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 6331 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, No Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 6331, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator-Leader Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

For purpose of an announcement, Mr. President. Any other accolades you want to give me this morning?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Calling for a Democratic Caucus, which they tell me should last one hour, immediately upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Silverstein moves the Senate stand -- Senate recess for the purpose of a Democratic Caucus, lasting one hour. Seeing no objection, motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess

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to the call of the Chair. After the Democratic Caucus, the Senate will reconvene for Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will please come to order. I have an announcement of committees. Senate Revenue at 1 p.m. in Room 12 {sic}. At 1:30: Local Government in 212; Criminal Law, 400. 2:15: Higher Education in 212, Judiciary in Room 400, Human Services in Room 409. At 3 p.m.: Senate Executive will meet in 212, Licensed Activities will meet in Room 400, State Government and Veterans Affairs will meet in 409. Tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., Senate Education will meet in 212 and Public Health will meet in Room 400. At 9:30, Labor will meet in 400. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill -- 6291 can be heard today in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 6291 can be heard today in the Senate Judiciary Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notices and posting requirements have been waived. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR COLLINS:

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Mr. President, I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 6162 can be heard today in the Senate Human Services Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Collins moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 6162 can be heard today in the Senate Human Services Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notices and posting requirements have been waived. Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MORRISON:

Mr. President, I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1941 can be heard today in the Senate Human Services Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison moves to waive all notices and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1941 can be heard in Senate Human Services Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notices and posting requirements have been waived. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1914 can be heard today at 3 p.m. in the Senate State Government and Veteran Affairs Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1914 can be heard today in

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Senate State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notices and posting requirements have been waived. Mr. Secretary, Resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1945, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar. Rodney Cornell {sic} (Correll), WLS-TV Chicago, seeks permission to video Session. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Will all Members at the sound of my voice come to the Senate Floor immediately? All Members at the sound of my voice come to the Senate Floor immediately. Mr. Secretary, have there been any motions filed?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, a motion has been filed with respect to the Governor's action on the following Senate bill: Override total veto, Senate Bill 777. Filed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, print it on the Calendar, please. Sherrie Phipps of WICS seeks permission to videotape. No objection, leave is granted. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that HJR 138 can be heard today in the Senate State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator McCann moves to waive all notices and posting requirements so that House Joint Resolution 138 can be heard today in the Senate State Government and Veterans Affairs {sic} Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notices and posting requirements have been waived. On page 1 of the Supplemental Calendar, that's been -- Order of Motions in Writing to Override the Total Veto of the Governor. This is final action. Senate Bill 777. President Cullerton, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 777 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your motion.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill reflected an agreement that was reached by the City of Chicago with its police and fire unions with regard to the funding of its pension fund. Prior to -- 2010, the Illinois Pension Code did not obligate the City to fund its police and fire pension funds according to an actuarial schedule. Contrast that with the suburban and downstate units of local government, who have been continuously obligated to fund their respective funds according to a forty-year actuarial schedule going back to 1963. Obviously, they have received multiple legislative extensions. Through the bill that we passed in 2010, the General Assembly imposed an actuarial funding plan on the City for the first time and required the City to achieve ninety percent funding for its police and fire

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pension funds within only twenty-five years. At the same time, we gave another extension to the suburban and downstate units of government, another seven years, from 2033 to 2040. So, Senate Bill 777, which amends the Pension Code, provides the City with its first forty-year period of achieving ninety percent funding. As a result of the -- this -- the negotiations, the City of Chicago, last October, passed a four-year, five hundred and forty-three-million-dollar property tax increase to pay for this agreement. This agreement therefore allows for a five-year ramp and then the full arc comes into effect. If we do not override this bill, there will be an additional two-hundred-and-eighty-seven-million-dollar property tax increase on top of the five hundred and forty-three million. So, I think we should do what we did when we passed this bill initially: Recognize the fact that this was a negotiated settlement; that it's very responsible; that, compared to what we've done for the downstate police and fire pension funds, which has resulted in forty-three years of additional extensions to give them a forty-year cycle, this is simply saying that Chicago should have that same forty-year cycle. Be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the motion.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

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I respect the Senate President's effort in this regard on behalf of the City of Chicago, but I think a couple points are important to note. First of all, we have had injected into this building in the last several months and -- perhaps the last year, the notion of pension parity, that we should seek more equality amongst the State's pension systems. If this -- this motion passes and it passes the House and therefore becomes law, the Chicago police and firefighters' pension system will have a ramp that extends out to 2055, whereas the downstate will remain at 2040. I understand there's been -- there were some negotiation about this when it passed previously, but it seems to me in terms of parity that that is a glaring inequity. The larger point, though, is, is that doing something like this in the context of an overall comprehensive and solution-oriented financial plan absolutely makes sense, whether it's -- extending the ramp on pension payments or borrowing, which essentially that's what this is, against the fund or whatever. That makes sense in the context of an overall financial plan in which us and the City of Chicago are dealing with the financial troubles that we have in a comprehensive fashion. That is not what this motion does. This motion is isolated just for the City of Chicago, just for this particular issue. I would urge a No vote, Mr. President, so that we can step back from this and continue the conversations about a comprehensive solution that not only addresses downstate and other areas of the State, but the City of Chicago as well. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? President Cullerton, to close.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

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Yes, thank you. I appreciate the gentleman's comments. I believe this is parity in that we've given the downstate pension funds forty years to get to ninety percent funding; that's what this bill does as well. And I would once again renew my request for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 777 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 Ayes, 19 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 777, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. Senator Mulroe, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MULROE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you. I have a very special guest with me today, Kiley Marron, along with her mom, Lynn, who's in the gallery right behind us. Kiley attends Jones College Prep High School in Chicago and serves as her class vice president. She's active in a variety of extracurricular activities, such as helping to start a Girls Who Code club and High School Democrats of America club at her high school. Her best service experience occurred when she spent a month abroad in the Dominican Republic, where she facilitated a community initiative and led a youth day camp focused on promoting

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children's rights. This past spring, she was recognized for her leadership and service by the United States Senate Youth Program, where she was one of two Illinois delegates. Kiley will attend college in the fall of 2017. Her dream is to attend the University of Stanford and plans to pursue a career in law with a focus on intellectual property. I'd ask that we give Kiley and her mom, Lynn, a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. With the leave of the Body, we will return to page 21 of the printed Calendar, House Bill 4232. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4232.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your amendment.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The amendment shells the bill. Ask for...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR HAINE:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Could we have -- keep the noise down, please, right now, especially. State your point.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, today, of course, is Memorial Day. Ironically, it's historic -- the historic Memorial Day, May 30, which began shortly after the Civil War in an effort of freed slaves to decorate the Union dead. Today is arguably our second-most important national holiday. It's also a holiday with profoundly religious overtones. We carry on the ancient Judeo-Christian tradition of calling to mind the dead - in this case, the heroic dead - those who died in the service of this great Republic and its constitutional system of liberty under law. Millions of Americans today go to cemeteries across the land to - to honor these heroic dead. We connect, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, "the mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land". We allow thereby, in a mysterious way, a mystic way, according to Lincoln, the dead to communicate to us, to remind us of their service. Centuries ago, millennia ago, several millennia, soldiers of Sparta, three hundred of them, stood and fought to the last man against the Empire of Persia at -- of

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the East at Thermopylae, allowing the Greeks of the West to mass an army to defend Greece and its incipient democracies. On that road to that battle site, the Spartans erected a simple martial message carved in stone, which said, "Passerby, tell Sparta that we were faithful to her service." Today, the graves and granite walls filled with the names of our dead say to us and to those in these cemeteries and places, "Passerby, tell America that we were faithful to her service." Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConchie, for what -- what -- what do you seek permission for?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

I'd like to talk about this a little bit from a personal perspective, my having been a veteran. I actually, when I was very young, grew up and my grandfather had served in World War II. I remember he grew up in southern Indiana and he had farmland in the area in which he was and about a hundred yards in the distance from his home was a cemetery that was well off the main road that included gravestones that dated all the way back to the Civil War. And I remember as a young person, him telling the story about how he met his wife and they were yet to be engaged when he was drafted to World War II and he would later go and serve for two and a half years in Italy. He was sent to San Bernardino, California, where his fiancée then traveled out there so that they could get married before he was deployed. And I'm just -- I'm just struck on this

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day to remember the families who have carried such loss, both from those who lived and were able to return, though sometimes after many years, as well as those families who had a loved one who went off and then never came back. And I would encourage us to, as much as possible, to remember those families, who even today with the wars that we've had recently and -- and still engage in, to do what we can to help support and care for them. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Noland, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NOLAND:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR NOLAND:

...speaking in observance of Memorial Day here today. So, Mr. President, I served eight years in the Navy and I'm always -- I want to always be careful of -- folks here have probably heard me say it before, but I'll say it again. I was never ever in harm's way. I fought the battle of Great Lakes. But I will say this too, that, you know, you never have -- you really haven't lived until you have marched in a platoon of Marines on a cold winter's day, forty below zero, hearing the crunch of their hooves and their boots in the freshly fallen snow, marching on their way back to the vehicles that brought us, singing Kumbaya. It is a surreal moment, but it's one that I'm often reminded of, and I'm thinking of that day and I always think on this day, what those who we are honoring here today, our fallen, what they would say to us, and I think on this day, particularly here in the State of Illinois,

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those who represented us by making the ultimate sacrifice on the field of battle, I think they would tell us to move forward. And I use the term "move forward" as distinguished from moving on or to move on, go on without me - that cliché that we've all heard a number of times in maybe the war films of the 1950s and '60s, days of old. I believe they would tell us to move on -- excuse me, rather, move forward. Move forward on education, on health care, on establishing a fair and equitable economy here in the State of Illinois, without getting too political on this solemn occasion. Moving forward on education. We know where we are is where we've been and we must move forward. On health care, there are our friends and neighbors here in the State of Illinois who are providing health care services that they themselves cannot afford and cannot pay for. We're a better State than that. Let's move forward. Yesterday, my eleven-year-old son, Lucien, sat across the breakfast table with me and he said to me, he said, "Dad, did you realize that there are more vacant homes in America than there are homeless?" Move forward. And I thought about these difficult truths, thought about what Lucien had said and I thought about these other -- other facts as well, and I was as well reminded of the words of philosopher Harry {sic} (Ralph) Chaplin, not Harry Chapin, the songwriter, but Harry {sic} Chaplin, and I believe that there are those of our fallen who would urge us to take his words to heart, where he said, mourn not the dead, but the apathetic throng, the cowed and meek, who see the world's great wrong and do nothing. We are not they. We are not they. I think back to that cold winter's day, marching with those Marines as their medic, and my heart was filled with hope because I -- I was bearing witness to the better -- better angels of our nature, and

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I look around this Chamber and for the first time in the ten years that I have served here, I am hearing a different tune and I'm hearing and seeing fellow comrades, who I now know are committed to moving forward. That would be the greatest tribute we could offer today. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I find it a unique privilege to stand here each Memorial Day and address each of you as we attempt to honor those who have given their lives, the ultimate sacrifice, in defense of our country. And it's interesting, someone told me just today that Illinois is either the only one or one of the only State Legislatures that convenes on Memorial Day. Be it as it may, we're here and we've been here -- for all my years in the Legislature, we've been here on this day and I -- I think that -- that always helps me put in perspective the -- the many great issues that we always debate towards the end of May. And here we are again with tremendous issues facing our State. We're here, many of us came here yesterday, leaving our families on a Sunday, spending our Memorial Day weekend here. And sometimes when we talk among one another, we -- we bemoan that fact that this is how we're spending this day. But I -- I think when we -- when we stop and reflect on what this day means, we quickly recognize that, you know, the -- the struggles that we have here

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in this Chamber and that we have around our State pale -- really pales in comparison to the -- the honor and the sacrifice that so many have given to simply allow us this - this opportunity to have the freedoms that we have and the debates that we have among ourselves. So it's important to realize that we wouldn't even have those opportunities to have those disagreements if it weren't for the millions of men and women of all ages who have died and sacrificed for -- for us and for our country. You know, America - our red, white and blue - has fought in great wars and we've had tremendous victories. The history of our great nation is filled with those successes, people advocating for freedom and democracy and, again, giving us the opportunities that we have here. But with those conflicts and those wars, comes a cost and the cost of our freedom, of course, is the blood that has been spilled by these Americans for us. So, you know, each Memorial Day I -- I take pause and appreciate the opportunity we have to recognize Memorial Day here in the Illinois Senate and to really pay tribute to all those who've -- who've served and sacrificed for us. May our actions every day pay them tribute so that we can earn and deserve the goodness and the sacrifice that they've all given for us to be here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes. Well, Senator Barickman has suggested and reminded us

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that we do have this tradition, I guess you'd say, of -- of being here on Memorial Day and, for me, I remember many, many of these opportunities to talk about veterans. Senator Adeline Geo-Karis used to lead the discussion. I remember Senator Viverito, who had served in the Korean War, of course, was also one who would speak. For me, for those of us who are veterans who have served in combat, I have such great respect for you. I was -- I did not have that experience. I was in the Illinois National Guard and I -- I just want to give you a perspective of the -- the time that that occurred there was a different attitude towards members of the Armed Services. I was in the National Guard from 1970 to 1976. I was actually fulltime at a -- a -- a base in Chicago. So every third day I wore the uniform of our country and it was 1970/'71 and people looked at you, not with the respect that they show members of the military today, but rather with maybe a distain, because of the Vietnam War and the attitude of the general public about that war. But -- so the good news is that today we -- we really do honor veterans the way they should be. You see what happens at sporting events when they're -- when they're introduced and the fact that people have such respect for it, as -- obviously, as we should, because, as was stated, the freedoms that we sometimes take for granted, members of the Armed Services are -- are protecting. So it's -- it's really an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity. I didn't know we were the only ones in the United States in Session today, but if that's the case, this is the appropriate thing, for us to honor those people who have gone before us. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise? Senator

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Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I'm proud today to be one of the few combat veterans in the Illinois Senate and, moreover, I'm proud to be a member of the King of Battle. There's a lot of members of the Queen of Battle that are here today, but today's a little bit special for me because -- I'm just going to read off a few names: First Lieutenant -- I'm sorry, Captain Rhett Schiller, Lieutenant Lenny Cowherd, Lieutenant Chase Prasnicki, Lieutenant Emily Perez, Lieutenant Laura Walker, Major Tom Kennedy, Colonel Tom Felts, and then Sergeant Anthony Ricci, all of which I served with overseas and unfortunately they're not here today, but -- so a lot of people ask me, "What does Memorial Day mean to you?" And to me, it's a day that I'm reminded that there is a God. He is in control of the places and positions that he puts you in and you are -- he puts you in these positions in preparation for his plans, not your plans. And as Senator Haine said, it's a day to honor the fallen, but I also think that it's a day to remember what you learned from their lives and it's an obligation amongst yourselves to share their memories to ensure that they're not forgotten. And today, as I did last Memorial Day, I just wanted to share with you one of our greatest warriors, a guy named Major Doug Zembiec. Major Zembiec's a graduate of the Naval Academy. He was killed earlier this month, nine years ago. I attended his funeral in Iraq and let me assure you that it was a -- a highly attended funeral

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because of who he was as a person. They called him the "Lion of Fallujah". And let me tell you, if you've ever been to Fallujah, it's the crappiest place you'll ever go in your entire life and they're still fighting the battle today. Doug Zembiec was known for running across, had but a quarter of a mile, to jump on a tank to direct fire on where to take out the enemy. The guy was one of the bravest guys we ever had in our Armed Forces and he wrote excerpts called "Principles of Our Father" -- "Principles of My Father", I'm sorry. And I think it's -- I think it should be read today, given the climate of our -- our political situation here in the State of Illinois. Quote, "Be a man of principle. And {sic} fight for what you believe in. Keep your word. Live with integrity. And {sic} be brave. Believe in something bigger than yourself. Moreover {sic} serve your country. Teach. Mentor. Give something back to society. Lead from the front. And {sic} conquer your fears. Be a good friend. Be humble and be self-confident. Appreciate your friends and family. Be a leader (and) not a follower. Be valorous on the field of battle. And take responsibilities for your actions." I just ask that we remember Doug and the people that I mentioned in your prayers today and their families, as it's a rough day. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Tom Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I had the honor of serving in the military, U.S. Army,

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infantry, and I will say, it -- it always causes me pause on Memorial Day to remember people. That Veterans' Day is for veterans. Memorial Day is for people who have passed. Many people in our country, many people in our State don't know the difference. They think it's an extra day of the year. They think it's the start of summer, and to a lot of people it is. To me, the time I served in my country was worth every day away from my family. I don't know if my mother would agree, but when I was away, it was my honor to serve my country. It was my honor to sign that contract. It was my honor to raise my hand. And today is a day that we remember everybody who came before us. Everybody who served in the military who did not make it home. Now there's a long poem I go into, but I will go into just the end of it from Dan O'Neal -- or Dan -- Don Nielsen, sorry, "To Them We Owe" and this is the final line of the poem and this is something that all of us should remember and should feel today. "On this day, lest we forget; To them we owe, our life in debt." Thank you to everybody who has served and thank you to this great country.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

I, too, rise with my colleagues in the Chamber to honor our fallen. On Memorial Day, as my one colleague stated, today, Memorial Day, a lot of people are celebrating home -- back home in our districts with our families, but as my colleague stated, a lot

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of 'em don't know what Memorial Day is all about. So it is our job to let everyone know what Memorial Day is. It is a day to honor our fallen who have given the ultimate sacrifice. They died in the battlefield, they've died in the waters, since the beginning of war, from the Civil War until now. They never came back home. They never saw their kids and their kids never saw them. But you know what? We can never repay them, but we can always keep them in our memory. And it's unfortunate now in this day and age after we've been through so many wars and conflicts over the years, we are now still in battle. But nevertheless, today we honor our fallen and never let them -- always let them know that we will always be there and remember them. And today we have men and women in the Armed Forces who are serving the Coast Guard, National Guard, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army. They're in harm's way all over the world and they're not home with us today, but you know what? Don't ever forget. Let us thank them as well and help them out with their families as much as we can. It's a sad day, but it's also a good day that we never forget our fallen, what they have done for this great nation, and let us keep in our prayers the men and women, that they come home safely, back home to their families. I just want to salute the men and women of the Armed Forces. I salute you. I thank you. God bless America.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Can we please stand for a moment of silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and our freedom? (Moment of silence observed) Will the Committee on Assignments meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? The Committee on Assignments, please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR McCANN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR McCANN:

Mr. President, I would like to introduce some dear friends of mine. On the Republican side of the gallery, I have with me here today, Mike and Jean Bell. Jean's last day after thirty years of teaching was just this past Friday. She retired from the Edinburg School District, just a few miles from here. Mike is also a retired educator, retiring from the Illinois Department of Corrections. They're joined by their friend, Shane Bouvet, who provides for the public safety at a nearby facility and will return to his studies this fall at Lincoln Land Community College, right here in Springfield. So I would hope you will join me in welcoming them to the Senate today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Earlier today, we voted on House Bill 6299. My intent was to vote Yea. My intent was to vote Yes for House Bill 6299, but I, unfortunately, couldn't reach my switch in time, but I would like to be recorded as a Yes. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Your intention will be recorded. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - House Joint Resolution 127, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2823; refer to Higher Education Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2156; refer to Human Services Committee - Senate Resolution 1941; refer to Licensed Activities and Pensions Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1049, Motion to Concur on House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2701; refer to Local Government Committee - Senate Resolution 1938; refer to Public Health Committee - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 550; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 325, Senate Resolutions 1913 and 1925, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 574, and Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2813; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4395, Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2241, Senate Joint Resolution 57, House Joint Resolution 145, House Joint Resolution 147, Motion to Recede from Senate Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 229, and Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3047. Pursuant to Rule -- Senate Rule 3-8 (b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments: Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 633.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to waive all notice and

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posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1938 can be heard today in the Senate Local Government -- excuse me, Senate Local Government Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush moves to waive all notices and posting requirements so that Senate Resolution 1938 can be heard today in the Senate Local Government Committee. And all -- all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notices and posting requirement are waived. Mr. Secretary, House Bills 3rd Reading, page 16. House Bill 581. Senator Steans. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 581.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans, on your bill.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill, House Bill 581, creates the Social Services Contract Notice Act. It provides advance notice to the General Assembly of State agencies' intent to suspend, reduce, or terminate social service contracts. It gives a hundred and twenty days' advance notice so that changes can be made if there's going -- if it's due to reduction or elimination of services. It also provides certainty to social service providers that they will not be forced to immediately cease services without notice. This is going back to what happened on the "Friday Massacre" that happened a year or so ago. State agencies and providers are required to submit thirty-

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day advance notice prior to reducing, eliminating or suspending contracts. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, we had this in committee. We had some time debating this. And I think the -- most of us agree that the issue that you brought to -- to the attention needed to be addressed because of the -- the concern that happened in the past, even though it wasn't a budget crisis. The fact that there was no notice given and vendors, who have staff, would obviously have a problem; that if your contract is terminated on a Friday, what are you going to do Monday? But my understanding was -- and -- and we talked about the idea of reaching a compromise on a date that is something better than one hundred and twenty days, which is a awfully long time, as far as State budgets go, and -- and I know there was discussions about trying to shorten that up to a more acceptable time frame, like thirty days, which most employers would have had time to respond with employees. And so I think the -- I think there's support for the idea of putting a requirement in there for thirty days, but a hundred and twenty days really becomes problematic, and I know we had some discussions. And was there openness to the idea of looking at thirty days instead of a hundred and twenty days, versus if this fails or gets vetoed, we're staying

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at zero days, as opposed to a compromise at thirty?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, but that's not the language they came back with. They came back with many, many substantive changes. If it had just been that, I think that would have been okay, but that's not what was presented. I'd like to pass this now. I'd be happy to then consider a trailer bill if we made just that change down to thirty days. I'd certainly be very open to that. But, as I say, that's not the language we actually got.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I guess despite then the language that they've got, if -- if -- if thirty days -- and I'm not sure if there is still time, but there probably is, to adjust this to -- to thirty days. I think thirty days is something that most of us believe that is reasonable. Certainly it's better than the zero days, which really was, I think, a difficult thing to do and hard for vendors to do. So if there is time to make that adjustment, maybe not with the other areas, but at least the thirty-day notification, are you open to doing that, since we still have a couple days left?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yeah, I'm just being informed that we think it's really tight on timing, so I'd like to go ahead and move this. I would work on a trailer bill with you, though, to make that change to it. But

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I want to go ahead and proceed with this as is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, thank you. And I -- again, I appreciate your willingness to be open to that effect and so we can look towards that in the future. I'm just concerned, though, that the bill we're voting on today would be a hundred and twenty days, which would be something that would really tie the hands at a time when we don't have a -- a budget or a budget in place, so I would urge on our side that we vote No or Present until -- until we get an agreement worked out or an ultimate final budget. But thank you and thank you for your willingness to -- to at least look at that contract.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR STEANS:

No, I urge an Aye vote and I will work on that trailer. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 581 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 38 Ayes, 19 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 581, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the

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President's Anteroom immediately? Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5783 and Floor Amendment 2 {sic} to House Bill 5783 {sic}; Be Approved for Consideration - House Bill 4532.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After committees, the Senate will reconvene for further Floor action. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1946, offered by Senators -- Senator Laura Murphy and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 1947 and 1948, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 1949, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

They are all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 1950, offered by Senator Hastings.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Hutchinson, Chairperson of the Committee on Revenue, reports Motions {sic} to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2746 and Senate Amendment 1 to -- House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2746 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3760 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Resolution 1938 Be Adopted; and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4522 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 6328 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator McGuire, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Motion to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2155 and House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2156 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Raoul, Chairperson of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 167, Motion to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1564, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2138, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2186, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2861, House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3162 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 6291 Do Pass.

Senator Biss, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1051 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Resolution 1941 Be Adopted; Motion to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 320, House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill

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420, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2306, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2610 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2734 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 6162 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4257 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1049, Motions to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 42, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 42, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 440, House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 462, and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2820 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 325 Recommend Do Adopt; Senate Resolution 1914 Be Adopted; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Resolution 1840, Motions to Concur - House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 574, House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 637, House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 2585, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2813, and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3071 Recommend Do Adopt; and House Joint Resolution 138 Be Adopted.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Motion to Concur - House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2797, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3095, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4036, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5783 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, for an announcement: All Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately. All Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately. We're

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going to go to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bills 3rd Reading. All Members please come to the Senate Floor. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

Senate Bill 571.

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

House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 571.

We've received like Messages on Senate Bill 2340, with House Amendment 2; Senate Bill 2357, with House Amendments 1 and 2; Senate Bill 2427, with House Amendment 2; Senate Bill 2469, with House Amendments 1 and 2; Senate Bill 3336, with House Amendment 2. Passed the House, as amended, May 30th, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, while we're kind of waiting for Members to come to the Floor here, we've -- Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been distributed. It's on your desks. We're going to go to that order, which is House Bills 2nd Reading. So on that order, Supplemental Calendar No. 2 on the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 6162. Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6162.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Also on Supplemental Calendar No. 2, we have House Bill 6291. Senator Raoul. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6291.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Personal privilege. For an announcement, I'm sorry. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Joint Resolution 127 can be heard tomorrow in the Senate Education Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Martinez moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Joint Resolution 127 can be heard tomorrow in the Senate Education Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

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

Senate Bill 10.

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

House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 10.

We have received a like Message on Senate Bill 2989, with House Amendments 1 and 2. Passed the House, as amended, May 30th, 2016. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, like I announced earlier, we're going to go -- we will be going to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. If you'll turn to page 17 of the regular Calendar. We will be jumping around just a little bit, so follow along with the board. First up is House Bill 32 -- House Bill 3262. Senator Raoul. Do you wish to proceed? Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3262 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3262. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on Floor Amendment 1, to ask for its adoption?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Yes. Floor Amendment 1 is one in which I will explain on 3rd.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3262. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3262.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, shh! We're on 3rd Reading. Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 3262, as amended, contains various debt restructuring reforms for the Metropolitan Pier (and) Exposition Authority, including accelerating debt repayments owed to the State by MPEA as well as ending incentive payments to MPEA from GRF. It increases MPEA's debt cap by two hundred and ninety-three million. Sunsets transfers from GRF to MPEA after 2018. It restructures the method by which MPEA will repay the 2010 deficiency and extends by six years deposits into McCormick Place Exposition {sic} (Expansion) Project Fund.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Raoul, can you give me -- I mean - and I'm not as familiar with Metropolitan Pier as many in this Chamber - give me an idea of the net savings to Met Pier that this bill will represent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I'm -- I'm unaware of the -- the net savings. I -- I know the State will be getting 47.5 million dollars, that is so.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

How will the State be getting forty-seven and a half million dollars? That's -- I guess, that's the piece I don't quite understand, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Well, with the bonding authority, the first thing that will be done with the money that's obtained will be to -- to pay back the State.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Raoul, can you give me a little more information, specifically on the refinancing of the bonds? Exactly, I mean, to what length they'll be -- or just some details about the refinancing that'll take place under this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

What -- what -- what information? Just add clarity, what -- what is it that you're specifically asking for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter, would you please repeat that question?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I will, Mr. President. I'll try to do a better job at it. Senator Raoul, it's my understanding that the -- the -- the way that the State will perhaps not have to subsidize Metropolitan Pier anymore to the tune of forty-seven and a half million dollars - and I don't know over what period of time that would be - is allowing Metropolitan Pier to extend not only a tax, but their bonds, and allow for some refinancing. I'm asking for some detail on the refinancing if you have it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

So the debt cap is -- is -- is increased by two hundred and ninety-three million from -- from two -- from -- from two billion five hundred and fifty-seven million to two billion eight hundred

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and fifty million. And it restructures the method by which MPEA will pay that deficiency by allowing the repayment to be accelerated probably by 2018.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter. Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Raoul, do you wish to close? Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I humbly urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 3262 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 7 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3262, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have House Bill 3760. Senator Biss. Ladies and Gentlemen, let's go to House Bill 4036. Senator Hutchinson, on 4036, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that she does. Senator Hutchinson seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4036 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 4036. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hutchinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, to present Floor Amendment No. 1 and ask for its adoption.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

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I'd ask for its adoption. It becomes the bill. I can explain 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. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 4036. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4036.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 4036 becomes the bill. As amended, the bill expands the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, otherwise known as VESSA, so that any employee who is a victim of domestic or sexual violence or whose family or household member is a victim of such violence is eligible for protections under the Act. After some negotiations over a couple of weeks, we came down to -- from the original bill. It was twelve weeks. This bill now calls for four weeks. Current law applies to employers of fifteen or more employees and this would allow up to four weeks of unpaid leave

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for domestic and sexual violence. We all know that this has a devastating effect on families. One of the key reasons why - and usually this leave is not taken concurrently - but one of the key reasons why you need this time is to deal with both the health system and the court system when you are dealing with such a tragic event as this. The negotiations went really well. I really appreciate that the Chamber and NFIB testified -- or slipped as proponents. Department of Labor is neutral and CMS is neutral. I would urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates -- sponsor indicates that she will yield for questions. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Hutchinson, it's my understanding of this bill that one of the new provisions is it will -- it will require employers who are under fifteen employees to now grant four weeks of this leave that was created under law a couple years ago. One, I want to make sure is -- that's -- and that's a new category. Those employers have never had to grant that leave before. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

That is correct.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. It's also my understanding, Senator, that there are a couple business groups left who are opposed. And they're opposed based on the notion that a couple years ago when this originally went through, they felt like that they came to the table, they negotiated in good faith, and here we are a couple years later and now we are going to impose a mandate on the smallest group of employers who, more often than not, would be the financially most vulnerable group of employers as well. What's your response to that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I do think that there are some business groups who would state -- would characterize it that way. I -- my response to that would be that when you're a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence, unfortunately, the abusers don't look at you and determine, you know, well, I can do this to you if you happen to work for an employer that has more than fifty people. They don't -- victims of this or -- I'm sorry, let me not say victims. Survivors of domestic violence and sexual violence that happens don't have the luxury of being able to say, wait, I only work in a company that has less than fifteen people. What this does - and literally this is why it's so very important - what this does is give people the time to be able to deal with the court system and the health system once they have had to survive a trauma like this. So to further victimize people who are most at risk of losing their

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jobs -- so they've already suffered this trauma and they're now in a position where they -- if they lose their job because of the time they have to take to go to court, to go to the hospital, to receive counseling, if they have a child that has been victimized in this way, it is extremely difficult to be in a situation like that and to have on top of everything else, the fear that you'll lose your job and your livelihood on top of it. Now, granted, most employers -- most really good employers would never put a person that they value in this situation. But, unfortunately, we don't litigate -- or we don't legislate for the good ones. We legislate for the situations where not only are they worried about getting the proper counseling and medical treatment they need, but if you are one of the lucky ones who actually gets a sexual assault through the court system, that doesn't happen immediately. It takes time and you need the ability to heal yourself and your family. So this is, yes, an expansion, but it's a needed and a necessary one.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber, and Senator Hutchinson, for that response. And there is no question, I mean, this is -- this is a tough issue. There is no question that the smallest group of employers are almost always those that are closest to the line financially and might be having trouble, are most vulnerable. And there's no question that people who seek to victimize others don't really care whether that person works for a business that has eight employees or eighty employees or eight

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hundred or eight thousand employees, there's no question. But we already -- we already recognize in law, based on the structure that we put in place two years ago, that we're willing to place a greater burden on some businesses that have larger employee groups than others. Look at the law now. I mean, it's based on employee size and we already do that. And two years ago, we made the decision that that group of employers under fifteen employees was not an appropriate group on which to place this mandate. One of the questions that keeps coming back to, I would hope, all of us from our constituents back home is, what are you people doing to make this State more attractive for private investment to create jobs? While there is certainly merit to this issue, this isn't a step forward on that; this is a step backwards. And I would reluctantly urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a couple of questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates the sponsor will yield for questions. Senator Nybo.
SENATOR NYBO:

Senator, I'd like to follow up on some of the points that my esteemed colleague, Senator Righter, just mentioned. There's opposition on this bill. Can you again reiterate what -- what -- what's the nature of the opposition of this bill? Why -- why are there opponents?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

There are some folks who don't want to expand benefits to these small groups -- or to these smaller employers with under fifteen people. I would also -- the one thing I do want to make sure we're clear about for the record is that we still are treating the smallest employers differently than we do larger employers. This is tiered. It's always been tiered, it'll still be tiered. And, again, this is one of those situations where it happens very, very rarely. The reason the Department of Labor went neutral is because the costs typically are very low. We've not had very many claims on this, but when it happens, we need to make sure that people can handle their own mental and legal issues -- or their own health and legal issues as a result of it. So the opposition really does come from not wanting to expand protections like this and I would note that that opposition is the same as it is for any unpaid or paid leave expansion that there is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

I thought I heard my colleague say that this is going to cost businesses a lot of money and make us less competitive as a State. Did you here that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I absolutely heard it. I just fundamentally disagree.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

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SENATOR NYBO:

Senator Hutchinson, did -- did -- did you know my -- I'm a lawyer, but do you know that I've spent -- I'm an employment lawyer and I've spent fourteen years practicing in -- in the employment field. Did you know that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

No, that's really interesting. Do you know how many claims have been filed since 2003?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator Hutchinson, I think you may -- you and I may be going in the right direction here. Do you know that in those fourteen years, I've counseled at -- at least dozens, hundreds would probably be an overstatement, but at least dozens of clients on various employment-related issues. Did you know that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I'm always happy to learn new things about colleagues I serve with.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Just, Senator Hutchinson, do you know that I actually write VESSA policies for my clients? I know what's supposed to be in a VESSA policy. Do you know I write VESSA policies?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Wow, we're just learning new things all day here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

We're -- we're going to learn something really interesting. I've practiced fourteen years, counseled dozens of clients, I write these policies. Do you want to venture a guess as to how many clients I've -- actually come to me to say that they've had an employee take VESSA leave, exercised their rights under VESSA?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I don't know if that is as important as how many times people don't take VESSA leave because they're already afraid of the ramifications of saying what happened to them. Because I also know that in this society, right now, it's very difficult to live in a society where you're normally not believed the first time you say you were raped and you normally are asked why did you stay when you're in a situation of domestic violence. And that doesn't only come from your surrounding friends and family; it most definitely comes from your employer when you're in a situation where you need to take time off.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

To the bill, Mr. President. I have never had one claim come

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to me saying that they have an employee who needs VESSA leave and that it's going to cause a financial hardship to them or it's going to make our State less competitive. And I got to tell you, the argument that expanding VESSA leave, as you're trying to do and I appreciate that you're trying to do this and I want to support this, the argument that this is going to impose significant financial burdens on businesses or make us less competitive, that's -- that's just unbelievable. That -- that's a false argument and that's not true. What you're doing is a good thing and as someone -- we can only speak from our personal experience. As someone who works with businesses and counsels them on employment issues, this is not going to be a big deal to them. I would encourage everybody to vote Yes on this bill. Sometimes we really do hurt our business community and we shouldn't be doing that, but -- but this is not one of those situations. So I would encourage a Yes vote on this. Good bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hutchinson, to close.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

I heart Chris Nybo. This is one of those bills where because someone is in the situation that they're in - and it doesn't happen very often - we need to make sure that the law and the State are there to protect 'em when it does. I appreciate the questions and I would ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 4036 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.

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On that question, there are 40 voting Aye, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4036, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up on the Calendar, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have House Bill 4257. Senator Holmes, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that she does not. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, if you'll turn to page 18 of the regular Calendar, we're going to go to House Bill 4522. 4522. Senator -- Leader Clayborne, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4522 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 4522. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, I'd like to move for its adoption and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, we have House

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Bill 4522. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4522.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. 4522 allows a municipality to charge a non-resident for services rendered by the municipality's volunteer fire department or fire district and set a new schedule for those services. However, the -- it specifies that a municipality may not charge more the two hundred and fifty dollars per hour or {sic} (and) seventy dollars per firefighter. House Bill 22 {sic} makes corresponding changes to the Fire Protection District Act, stating that the district may not charge more than was just previously stated. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 4522 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 vote -- 1 voting Present. House Bill 4522, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. As I said earlier, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to be moving around on the Calendar. If you'll turn to page 19 of the regular Calendar, still

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on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 5764. Senator Raoul, on 5764. Indicates he'd like to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5764.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 5764 amends the Illinois Act on (the) Aging. It increases rates to Community Care Program providers for the purposes of providing -- raising the wages of their employees to nineteen dollars and twenty-three cents by July 1, 2016, up to -- twenty-five dollars and eight cents on July 1, 2019. It requires the Department of {sic} (on) Aging to pay an enhanced rate of a dollar seventy-seven per hour to CCP providers that offer health insurance coverage to their deficit -- to their -- to their direct service work employees. I urge your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Any discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates -- sponsor indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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Senator, what -- what is the -- what is your estimated cost of implementing this -- this rate change?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

My estimated cost is three hundred and sixty-five million in fiscal year '20, eighty-three million in fiscal year '17.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And as that rate goes up then, when it's fully implemented then within the next four years, we show the estimated cost, give or take a hundred million, to be over a billion dollars for this, and do we have any idea where the funding is going to come from for a number of this -- this magnitude?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Again, there's a dispute amongst folks as to the -- the level. However, I think we are working together and working day by day on an overall agreement on -- that will get us to a point where we'll -- we'll know where the revenue will come from.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And, again, in the past, we've tried to adjust the pay when -- when the budget has allowed us to do that. And many of these individuals, obviously, work very hard. Now the concern is -- has been, which is what has got us into this situation we're in now,

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of -- of when we're spending way more than -- than what is coming in and, obviously, the cost of this program, which is -- the Department estimates at -- at -- at 1.1 billion dollars over the next four years in -- when -- at a time when we can't fund a lot of other human service programs, we can't fund our higher education programs. To -- to expend this kind of dollars, I think is going to be a little difficult to do, and -- and I would urge a -- a No vote. Thank you for your time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Matt Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

This -- Senator, I -- our analysis shows this is a initiative of or is a bill supported by the SEIU. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I have heard that they are supportive of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

What percentage of the workers who would be impacted by this legislation are members of the SEIU?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

I haven't surveyed. My analysis -- does not reflect what -- what percentage. Maybe you know the response to it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

Do you know what percentage the -- the SEIU takes in dues from these people?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I haven't surveyed that either, so I don't have that information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR M. MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President. I -- these people do very good and very important work. I don't know, in all honesty, what they've gotten in substantial ways above what they had before they started giving a significant percentage of what we taxpayers give them to the SEIU. These are not high-rate earners to begin with, and yet, they're being coerced into taking those hard-earned dollars that they earn and are paid by hardworking taxpayers to give to them and we're funneling it all the way through to the SEIU. I'd love to see these -- these workers get some help and get to take home more of their pay. And maybe what we need to do is try and get them in a situation where they aren't having some of their hard-earned money siphoned off to a union I'm not sure has really served them very well to date. In addition, we don't

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have the money! I mean, how many times are we going to go through this? Senator Syverson is a saint. I spent one session -- one day in the Human Services Committee. I think the bills that passed that committee that day spent over a billion dollars - that we don't have. We can't keep spending money that our taxpayers don't have. We can't do it. Again, these are good workers who do difficult, important work, but we can't afford this, and suggesting to them that we can isn't really treating them very fairly either. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

A question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator Raoul, it's been a -- an interesting, fun week being on the same side of virtually every bill with you, but it appears that's coming to an end today. Aww... All kidding aside and a serious tone to follow up, I guess, on what Senator Syverson and -- and Senator Murphy were -- were asking, to put it very concisely, where -- according to our analysis, this will cost about 1.1 billion over the next four years. My question is, do you want to cut education or do you want to cut social services or higher ed to recoup that 1.1 billion, since we know we have a limited finite amount of taxpayer dollars that we can squeeze out?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

I'm -- I'm -- first off, I'm really saddened by your conclusion that you're not going to be on the same side. I thought we had something going on here. But -- but I'd rather not cut in -- in any of those areas. What my desire is for -- is for those who are caring for low-income seniors, some of the most vulnerable citizens we have, have people who are adequately compensated. You know, there's -- there's almost a -- there's an approximate sixty-two-percent turnover rate in -- in these jobs, 'cause they're simply not given a -- a -- a livable wage and they haven't had an increase since 2010. So I'm not -- I'm not interested in being cornered into having to decide whether we cut education or we cut human services or we cut the necessary services that State government should be provided for and I think that's why I'm spending most of my day down here trying to work towards resolutions, so we have the appropriate resources to provide for what we should be providing for.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senator Raoul is -- is certainly correct when he said these are good hardworking people, that certainly an increase in their take-home pay would be very beneficial to them. Perhaps, they should be allowed to drop out of the Service Employees union so they wouldn't have to pay those dues and that would increase their take-home pay. But I think it's time here in this Body that we recognize what is going on in Illinois. Illinois is losing people. Illinois is losing jobs. We're the highest tax state in the

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nation. We cannot afford to increase taxes any further without driving even more people out of the State of Illinois, so we have to begin at some point to look at the revenue stream that we've got as a finite sum. And when you take a billion dollars away, you better be able to -- or when you add a billion dollars for new spending, you better be able to figure out where you're going to take that away. And it seems - off the top of my head - like that means other social services programs or K-12 education or higher ed. That's why I asked the question of where the good Senator would like to take those funds? And, of course, he didn't want to answer that question, because it's quite painful and we'd like to think that this place can keep on going like it's gone for the last twenty years, where we can just spend more money and kick the can down the road, except we've come to the end of the road. We're now at the point we're going to have to pay the piper. It's time that we accept that and start looking at how we get a balanced budget, and the answer to that is through the reforms proposed by the Governor. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Biss, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BISS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, we've heard a lot of discussion about what I would characterize as the social and economic justice ramification of this bill that I think is

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important. And we've heard some discussion about the fiscal ramifications that I think is important too. But -- but I want to focus on the service provision ramification and that's something that Senator Raoul was just talking about. You said a minute ago the turnover in this field of home healthcare nationally is sixty-two percent. That's really, really bad for the people that we're trying to care for. I -- I assume that I'm not alone in having family in the Community Care Program today. And I can tell you that the extraordinary anxiety that my ninety-eight-year-old cousin undergoes when she knows that her care provider is going to be leaving in a matter of days is extraordinary and it's -- it's -- and it's -- it's extraordinary for a reason, because that's not going to be the first episode of turnover. There's been turnover again and again and again and again, because it's very hard to retain people at these wages, and sometimes that turnover results in a massive, massive drop in the quality of care. So if we want this program, which I think we all agree is a really important program that provides a needed service, to work properly, we have to take on this turnover problem. And if we're going to take on this turnover problem, this bill is an important start. I strongly urge an Aye vote and I thank Senator Raoul for bringing this measure forth.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Question or two of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Holmes.

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SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. Senator Raoul, when was the last time that these home healthcare providers received a wage increase?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I believe it was in 2010.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. And what is the average salary?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I -- I -- I don't know the answer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

I know -- I do know the answer. It's about ten dollars and forty-two cents to take care of your elderly loved one in their home. We know there isn't a surplus of home healthcare workers. I can't imagine why when they're, you know, making this astronomical salary that they have not gotten an increase since 2010. I just have to say, if these seniors are not being taken care of in their home, where do they go? Obviously, they would have to go to some sort of facility to be taken care of. What is the cost of that? So if you want to break it down and be completely heartless and say that seniors don't deserve to be taken care of in the comfort of a home -- of their own home or a home setting

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and should be in an institution, it certainly economically makes sense. So you have to look at this as being of value - not only financially, not only fiscally, but also, please, can we have some respect for our seniors? And by the way, when we start talking about statistics in Illinois, do we know that we are gaining in the number of senior citizens that we have in this great State of ours, because our population is aging? I think we owe it to our seniors to make sure we are there and we are providing for them. Rather than having them institutionalized, let's please pay a reasonable rate to the people who are taking care of them. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Laura Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

Question to the sponsor, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

Senator, am I understanding this correctly that many of these contracts are Medicaid-eligible?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I believe you are understanding it correctly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

...you. So that means that fifty percent of any Medicaid

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contract is a federal match. So half of any increased expenditure would come from a federal match. So maybe some of those federal dollars that Illinois tends to rank at the bottom of, of returning back to our State might be coming back in more volume than what it currently is?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR L. MURPHY:

...bill. I have been in the private sector in business and we have always associated a price tag of approximately seven-thousand-dollar cost for turnover. Every time employees turn over, it costs an organization approximately seven thousand dollars to replace that person, all the personnel costs for rehiring, for retraining - seven thousand dollars. A sixty-two percent turnover rate times seven thousand dollars is huge. We have to do something to stop that hole. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, to close.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I appreciate all the questions and I -- I appreciate, particularly on this late date, our concern about, you know, having a balanced budget and whether or not we have appropriate resources to do the things that we should do. And this is one of the things that we should do. We should make sure that our seniors, our most

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vulnerable population, our low-income seniors, have some consistency in care and that their quality in care is not compromised. This is not something that should just be juxtaposed against whether or not we educate our children. We should educate our children. It shouldn't be juxtaposed against whether or not we provide the appropriate funds for -- for public safety and for other things that we should do. We should do all of those things, and that's exactly why, as I leave here, as I leave the Floor after we take action today, I'm not going out to dinner, I'm going to have meetings about things that are unrelated to the budget, because I want to resolve this impasse. But I don't think we should juxtapose whether or not we appropriately take care of our seniors against whether or not we should appropriately take care of our kids, fund education, fund public safety, and fund all the things that we should do, because it is our job. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 5764 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 37 voting Aye, 19 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5764, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next up, we have House Bill 5783. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, I think Senator Manar seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 5783 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 5783. Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Manar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar, to ask for the adoption and describe Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment retains the underlying bill from the House. Incorporates new language. Was adopted {sic} by the Executive Committee. Be happy to take questions on 3rd Reading. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? Senator Brady, on the amendment?

SENATOR BRADY:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I stand in opposition. Oh, excuse me, I'll wait for the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 5783. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5783.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. There are three distinct parts to this bill. I'd like to walk through them and then I'd be happy to take any questions. The first part is retained with the amendment that we just adopted. As the bill came over from the House, it would change the administration of the Employment and Economic Opportunity for Persons with Disabilities Task Force to DES {sic} (DHS). The second piece deals with the State Museum and is my attempt to try to further the conversation, as we have done on a couple of occasions out of both the Senate and the House. There's two pieces to this second part of the bill. It would take language that would require the State to operate a museum at its current locations and branch sites across the State, which we have passed in a bipartisan way and sent to the Governor. The Governor vetoed that bill. He added language that included giving the Director of DNR the ability to institute an admission fee at the State Museum and it would take that language from the Governor's amendatory veto and add it to the language that was previously passed by both the Senate and the House. And then the third piece of this bill deals with the State fairgrounds and it would take language that we have previously passed back in 2014 and set up a foundation and an entity as a non-for-profit that could support the Department of Agriculture's operations and buildings, which are in dire need of some help at the fairgrounds. That bill was not called by the House of Representatives back in 2014. Those are the three parts

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and I would be happy to take questions, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR BRADY:

I'd like to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Brady.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I stand in opposition to this legislation. I -- I sponsored a -- and passed out of committee a similar piece of legislation, which had a very important provision to it as it dealt with the State fairgrounds. The Senator is absolutely right. For the last twelve years, the Blagojevich and Quinn administrations have, frankly, let our fairgrounds rot. Many parts of 'em are unusable and there's no question that we want to move toward fairgrounds that pays for itself and doesn't rely on taxpayer funds, which is why we initiated this year a foundation. But there's a great flaw in this and the -- the flaw in the -- in -- in this piece of legislation and the the same reason, I presume, it didn't pass in the House is because contractors and givers are reluctant to give when they know their dollars are going to have to be dealt with under the procurement provisions. It appears to us that in-kind contributions to the fairgrounds wouldn't be permitted under the Senator's provisions. And, in fact, this legislation, I'm quite sure, will fall under the veto pen of the Governor. You may override it, but the problem with that is, we still won't be able to receive the money that people want to invest in our fairgrounds.

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These are private dollars that -- that should be allowed to be used in -- in ways that best serve the fairgrounds. Secondly, a provision of this bill that deals with the museums. We all want our museums open. I think the Governor laid out a very fair plan. This -- this violates what the Governor asked to have the flexibility to do to maximize the limited resources he has. And for these reasons, I'd ask you oppose this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to respond, I understand the previous speaker has his own legislation to address the same issue at the fairgrounds. It's on 3rd Reading. Ironically, it's the same bill number as the bill that I sponsored two years ago. We have a disagreement about whether or not the Procurement Act {sic} (Code) should apply. And I believe it should, because the Procurement Act would, for example, make these projects comply with a veteran's set-aside, for example. It would make the bidders on projects prove that they're legally qualified to do business in the State. It would require that we have minority set-asides and small business set-asides. Those are things that I think are important to the procurement process. And as far as the museum goes, I -- I don't believe this bill is in violation of what the Governor put in his veto. Matter of fact, it incorporates the exact language that the Governor put in the amendatory veto that this Chamber failed to override. And my -- the concept here is to try to take a piece of what we have passed, a piece of what the Governor has said he needs, and put them in the same bill in an attempt to force, I'll use that word, force a reopening of the

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State Museum.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator Manar, you talked about projects and talked about you -- you -- you feel that it should go through the Procurement Code because of the veteran set-asides, the minority set-asides, and the small business set-asides. However, underneath -- or under the higher ed procurement, higher ed is exempt from procurement when they receive donations. My question is, what's the difference between what we're doing here with the State fairgrounds and what University of Illinois, or Eastern, or Western would be doing with their foundation and their donations as well?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you for the question, Senator Rezin. There's -- there's a slight difference, but I think it's profound. Agencies, such as those that are -- are higher education agencies, like the ones that you just mentioned, are a step away from the administration and from the Governor's Office. The Department of Agriculture is directly under the control and auspices of the Executive branch. So I think that's a -- a distinguishable difference between what higher ed or IMSA, for example, like you mentioned in committee -

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- between Agriculture, which is a Code agency, and those agencies, which arguably are a step away from the Governor. For example, the Procurement Code prohibits political contributions from those bidding on projects. I -- I think that's an important part of the discussion. And, again, we're embracing the idea that there can be private donations to help out the fairgrounds. I think the difference between my bill and the bill of the previous speaker is that we have a -- a differing opinion about whether or not the Procurement Code should apply to those types of things.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. And, yes, we did talk about IMSA, and several years ago, we passed a bill, unanimously, in this Chamber that would allow IMSA to opt out of the Procurement -- Code for private donations. So, again, I'm having difficulty understanding the difference between IMSA or any of the State institutions setting up a private foundation, most often to build schools or to renovate or capital improvements. What's the difference between allowing these institutions to not have to fall underneath the Procurement -- Code for their private foundations and what we've tried to do with the Department of Ag?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Again, I think the difference is -- is slight, but I think it's -- I think it's profound when -- when you -- when you begin to think about how contracts are let, who controls the awarding of those contracts, all of the criteria that are put in place. IMSA,

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it's my understanding, was put under the Higher Ed Code and those institutions are a step away from what is a Code agency, like the Department of Agriculture. I think those are very different things when you think about how the Procurement Code is applied to them. So I -- I just think we, you know, we have a legitimate disagreement about this point. And, again, there's another bill on 3rd Reading, today, in the Senate that -- that represents this difference of this part of this bill. And, you know, that bill could be called anytime and we would have a similar debate. But I think the difference is that higher education institutions are governed by boards, the Board of Higher Education; the Department of Agriculture is directly under the Chief Executive of the State. And by the way, I said the same thing on the Floor when we debated this bill when Governor Quinn was in office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

To the -- to the bill. As we brought up this topic in Exec, I -- I think that when we asked about the change in the legislation two years ago that we passed to allow IMSA not to have to fall underneath the Procurement -- Code for the same thing, for the ability for them to use their private grants, private donations in a timely manner, and that was the reason that IMSA had asked that they not fall underneath the Procurement -- Code. Under this bill, I see it's the exact same thing. The procurement for IMSA passed two years ago unanimously and there was no problem with the understanding that it's difficult when somebody is donating, making a donation, they want to make sure that they can see, you know, what it is, whatever they donated to for that particular

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project done in a timely manner, and the problem was the Procurement Code -- Code just increases the time for that project. And as a result of it, I ask for a No vote on this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Further discussion? Senator Righter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's be clear what we have before us with regards to the procurement issue and the foundation. We have an opportunity to recruit millions of dollars for the benefit of the fairgrounds, to rehabilitate the fairgrounds that have fallen into disrepair because of the lack of investment in the last decade or so. That's the opportunity that stands before us. Some say, well, wait a second, we must apply the Procurement Code to that private investor money, because the Procurement -- Code has important principles by which we need to abide. But I'm going to ask everyone to rewind a little bit to earlier this spring, Senate Bill 2523, which was a bill sponsored by the majority side of the aisle that said, you know what, when it came to a gaming interest, having lost their shot through the Procurement Code to get a contract, we were going to give 'em a second bite of the apple. So when it comes to gambling, the majority in this Body is okay with doing a little bit of an end run around the Procurement Code, because, you know, it's about gaming interest and money. But when

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it comes to the public's fairgrounds, then all of a sudden we got to have the Procurement Code. If we apply the Procurement Code mandate here, as this bill suggests, we will lose money that is ready to be invested in the State's fairgrounds, you know, where families and kids go that has fallen into disrepair. Now, if we're okay with walking around the Procurement Code to give a gaming interest a second bite of the apple when they couldn't get the contract the first time around, surely, surely we can be okay with putting the Procurement Code aside and bringing those millions of dollars into the State fairgrounds to do some public good. I urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Manar, to close.

SENATOR MANAR:

I appreciate the debate on the bill. I would just close by saying that the -- the one piece we did not talk about was the dire need for the State Museum to open so that it can meet its minimum hours so that it can be -- you know, fulfill its accreditation requirements. And that's -- we are in danger of that in the next -- next few weeks, I understand. So, I think we can debate the Procurement Code. I think it's there for a reason. It's hard to argue we're going to lose something we don't have in the first place, but at the core of this bill, I think it would allow a balanced approach for the State Museum, incorporating language that we have previously approved, along with language that the Governor has put forward himself. And I think that's a step to the middle, it's a profound step to the middle, and it's a step in the right direction. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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The question is, shall House Bill 5783 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 38 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5783, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to page 21 of the regular Calendar, still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 6328. 6328. Senator Collins indicates she wishes to proceed. Senator Collins seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 6328 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 6328. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, to present Floor Amendment 1 and ask for its adoption.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I do move to -- I motion to move Senate Floor Amendment -- to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill -- House Bill 6328, because it deletes everything and becomes the bill, and I can discuss 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. Are there any further Floor

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amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 6328. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 6328.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. What House Bill 6328 does, basically, it allows individuals to petition the court to expunge records of his or her arrests and charges not initiated by arrest regardless of whether the individual has previous unrelated criminal convictions. Under current law, individuals with any previous criminal conviction on their record are barred from petitioning the court for such expungement. We are basically reinstating a bill that was introduced in the House, but we've made changes with the amendment. It provides that a State's Attorney may object to an expungement of an arrest record on the grounds that the records contain specific relevant information aside from the mere fact of the arrest. It removes all filing fees associated with juvenile expungement petitions. And, three, it limits the fee waiver provision from the bill as it passed the House by creating a pilot program only for Cook County. So I'm open for any questions.

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Thank you. Is there any discussion? Senator Connelly, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CONNELLY:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will yield for questions. Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Collins. We had a spirited debate today in -- in Criminal Law and I thought we would go over some of the concerns. First of all, the only county that -- where the fees are waived is the County of Cook. Why only the County of Cook?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

As you recall, I initially introduced a bill that would have taken in all one hundred and two counties, and to -- working with the Illinois State Police with their fiscal impact, we felt that a pilot program only for Cook County would alleviate some of those concerns or mitigate the fiscal impact.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Senator, today, under the current law, assuming this bill let's say doesn't pass, if -- if someone is indigent, they can get these fees waived in any county in the State. Isn't that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

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That's true.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

So, it's conceivable that you could have somebody from Glencoe, River Forest, La Grange, Western Springs, who will get a -- will have their fees waived, and yet a working-class person in, let's say, Waukegan or Villa Park will have to pay the fee. Isn't that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes, and that's why I had hoped that I would have gotten the support for my initial, original legislation that would take in account those in DuPage, Will, or wherever throughout the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

...bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Collins. We had a -- a -- a, I thought, a friendly and spirited debate in Criminal Law Committee. I rise in opposition to this bill. There is a fiscal note. The State Police objects to this. It will, they believe, cost two million dollars to their agency. And, more importantly, in Cook County, according to Kara Smith, who's -- I don't know if she's Chief of Staff to Tom Dart or one of her --

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one of his top staffers, ninety percent, ninety percent of those who seek a -- a waiver already get that waiver based on their indigent status. So I would -- I would urge a No vote. I appreciate and -- and -- and support the underlying bill, but as far as the fiscal note involved, we just don't have the money to continue to -- to have our agencies losing money on these programs. So thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Would the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates she will. Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Senator Collins, what circumstances does the fee waiver under the pilot program apply to?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. Thank you, Senator Mulroe, for that question. This bill removes the filing fee for a very narrow category of expungement applicants. The bill establishes a one-year pilot program in Cook County under which no fee is required for people who are arrested and the charges are dropped, dismissed, released without charging, or their criminal conviction is reversed or vacated. This bill does not expand the universe of expungable offenses. In addition, this bill does not waive the expungement petition filing fee for people on probation or for people who have

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their conviction vacated after successful completion of an order of supervision. These individuals must still pay the filing fee associated with a petition for expungement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

To the bill. Thank you, Mr. President. I -- I think this is a -- it's a great concept and I believe the Illinois State Police may have been under the misunderstanding that someone who actually got supervision would have the fee waived and that was a misunderstanding that I think we resolved. So they will -- somebody who is on supervision that goes to get -- file a petition to expunge will actually pay the fee to the county and the State, so that will reduce any fiscal impact. As stated before, this is a pilot program. Senator Collins wanted to apply it to all hundred two counties, met with some resistance, so she decided, hey, let's try a pilot program. If this bill actually -- it's a good concept, because it'll -- it'll allow people to get jobs easier and -- and the -- so the one idea of not having poor people pay, that's a good concept. So, try to have indigent people -- they had to apply for the fee waiver. But when you think about it more, the people that got arrested and the cases are dismissed or dropped, it doesn't make the sense -- make sense to have either one of the people, whether you're poor or not, pay the fees. So maybe next Session the Senator from the other -- other side of the aisle will propose a bill to do the same thing for the entire hundred two counties, or will cosponsor it with...(microphone cutoff)...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Collins, to close.

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SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. Let me just say that for those who are not familiar with the bill, the Illinois Policy Institute has done a study on what -- the rate of recidivism with a -- just a reduction of one percent in recidivism, how that impacts the government. It would allow the government to take in 37.4 million additional dollars. It would also help with victim cost by fifty-two -- fifty-two million and the indirect economic benefits would be 18.5 million to the State. And let me just say, I know that we're facing a very severe economic crisis here in this State, but I think the solution should not be for those who are mistakenly accused to pay the price, because to them it is a human cost, where their name cannot be reinstated, they cannot find jobs, they cannot provide for their families, and they cannot stabilize various communities. So let's do the right thing. I think it's the moral thing to do. It's the right thing. I ask for your Yea vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The question is, shall House Bill 6328 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 31 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 6328, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, with leave of the Body, turn to page 17 of the regular Calendar. We have House Bill 4257. Senator Holmes. Indicates she wishes to proceed. I believe Senator Holmes seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4257 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 4257. Mr. Secretary, are

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there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes, to explain and ask for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR HOLMES:

I can explain the amendment with the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 4257. Please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4257.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

...so much, Mr. President. I do want to say for those who were in Human Services and heard me promise that I would not bring this bill to the Floor until I had a couple questions answered and we

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would bring it to the Floor tomorrow, we need to bring it to the Floor today so that the House has time to do the concurrence on it, but I did get the answer to the question anyway. So, House Bill 4257, as amended, it adds a new Section to the Illinois Identification Card Act. It creates the Person with Disabilities {sic} (Person with a Disability) Wallet Card that specifies that the cardholder's been medically diagnosed with a mental illness or developmental disability. The individuals that can receive this card have to have been approved by the Secretary of State's Office for an Illinois Person with Disability Identification Card. So, yes, this is another card, so there are now two cards. We are calling this really an -- an Autism Wallet Card, and the reason is, is - this was an initiative of the House sponsor - because when a person with a developmental disability or mental disability, something such as autism, is stopped by a -- a -- a first responder or a police officer, sometimes their reaction is not what you and I would consider appropriate in that situation. So this card basically is something so that that police officer will immediately be handed that card and understand they're dealing with somebody that has autism and so that may explain some of their reactions. So, basically, what we're doing, this is to de-escalate what could potentially be a more volatile, stressful situation. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 4257 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

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question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4257, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Will all members of the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom? All Members of the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom. The Senate will stand at ease. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR NYBO:

I'd like to clarify a vote mistake that I made, Mr. President. I would like the record to reflect that on House Bill 6328 that Senator Collins just presented, I intended to vote Yes but all the red buttons over here confused me and I accidentally voted No. So, I did want to vote Yes, Senator Collins.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. The record will so indicate that that was your intent. All members of the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1952, offered by Senator Bertino-Tarrant and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

And Senate Resolution 1951, offered by Senator McCann. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3434, offered by Senator Barickman, Rezin, and Weaver.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to be recorded as a Yes vote on House Bill 4036 for the record. All those green lights on the board just confused me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Was that House Bill 4036?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The record will so indicate it was your intent to vote Aye. (at ease) Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Motion to Concur on House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1582; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill -- Senate Bills 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2061, 2062, 2063, and 2064.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come

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before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of
10 a.m. on the 31st day of May 2016. The Senate stands adjourned.