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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in the prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, help me to remember that there is little I need to say and a lot I need to hear. Help me to remember that I have a little to teach and a lot to learn. Help me to remember that sometimes the most important thing I can give is simply my presence, and sometimes nothing more is even needed. Help me to remember that my education, all my training, all my experience must always be secondary to my presence. Help me to remember that I must accept and reaccept and reaccept the uniqueness of the individual before me. And help me to remember that I'm not here for me, I am here for others. These things we pray. Amen."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Elik."

Elik - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Buckner is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

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Buckner: "Here we go. Madam Speaker, let the record show Representatives Crespo, du Buclet, Evans, Flowers, Jones, Ladisch Douglass, and Moylan are excused today."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Madam Speaker, on this glorious weather Saturday that we're in Session, the Republicans, unfortunately, find that Representatives Hauter, Severin, Sosnowski, and McLaughlin are unable to attend today. They are excused."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 106 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution... House Joint Resolution 67, on page 9, offered by... by Representative Friess."

Friess: "Thank... thank you, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 67 designates to a portion of Route 51 that runs through St. Johns near DuQuoin as Lieutenant (sic-Lance) Corporal Drew M. Uhles Memorial Highway. Marine Lance Corporal Drew Uhles of DuQuoin died from his injuries received due to an enemy action in Al Anbar Province in Iraq on September 15, 2004 and subsequently was awarded the Purple Heart. He also received numerous awards during his exemplary service to our nation, including the Combat Action Ribbon, the Rifle Marksmanship Badge, the Presidential Unit of Freedom Citation, the Good Conduct Award, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons. I appreciate your support. Thank you."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Friess moves for the adoption of House... House Joint Resolution 67. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 'ayes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 4804. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 5057. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 4276. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 5371. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 837, offered by Representative du Buclet; and House Resolution 87...

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correction, 840, offered by Representative Cassidy, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "On page 10, under the Order Resolutions, we have House Resolution 70... 705, offered by Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To clarify, that was 705?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "That is correct."

Swanson: "Okay, okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. This Resolution recognizes May as Lyme Disease Awareness Month. As many of you know, tick species and related pathogens are rapidly expanding geographically in Illinois in both rural and urban areas. Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease, but there are several other tick-borne diseases that are also an urgent public health concern, like alpha-gal, an allergy to red meat following the bite of the Lone Star tick, which is widespread now in Illinois also. Recently, the Illinois Department of Ag's public health put out a press release stating that the Asian longhorned tick is now in Illinois. This tick is... species imposes a significant threat to the ag industry. Over the years, we have made significant efforts and progress on tick data in Illinois. However, human cases are extremely underreported. CDC reports 35 to 45 thousand Lyme disease cases per year, but admits that case numbers are 10 percent... 10 times underreported. Diagnosed cases are closer to 476 thousand annually. In 2022, IDPH only recorded 239 Lyme cases. This is not even a glimpse of what's happening. The actual number of victims in Illinois are substantially higher. Cases are only counted if the person was bitten, tested positive, and diagnosed right away. If

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diagnosis is delayed, they will not be counted. The effects of misdiagnosed and ineffective treatment can be devastating for people affected by tick-borne diseases. If diagnosed quickly, Lyme can be fairly easy to eradicate with simply antibiotics. If undiagnosed or misdiagnosed, Lyme can lead to severe health complications. Many become completely debilitated and disabled, unable to work. Several Illinois residents diagnosed with ALS have now found out they have Lyme and are getting better with treatment. Congenital Lyme has affected many families in Illinois. The CDC is just beginning to discuss fetal transmission, and, sadly, I just recently lost someone who battled Lyme disease for several years. The mental health toll this is taking on those affected is vast. Once again, I just want to bring awareness to Lyme disease to this Body. You supported us before in our mission to help residents of your districts because it does affect every district, every county in Illinois, and many people in Illinois. So, I just want to bring your awareness to this. I like doing this annually just to bring the awareness to Lyme disease. I mentioned alpha-gal. My mom has alpha-gal, which means she cannot eat red meat. She can't go to a restaurant that serves red meat. In other words, beef for the most part. So, I would ask for an 'aye' vote on this Resolution 705. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 705. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted.

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House Resolution 706, Representative Swanson. Representative Swanson, 706."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Once again, I... I bring this Resolution forward to... to recognize August as Spinal Muscular Atrophy Month. Spinal muscular atrophy is a terrible disease. It affects 1 out of every 100 thousand... 1 out of 11 thousand babies born with spinal... spinal muscular atrophy. One in eleven thousand babies are born with spinal muscular atrophy. It's a terrible disease. What happens the... the spinal... the nerve that connects the brain to the legs is disconnected and is not... is not able to send the message to the legs to move. So, that puts young people at risk. Representative Lilly and I worked on legislation a few years ago where, now, spinal muscular atrophy is tested at every... with the blood sample at every year of newborn babies to identify spinal muscular atrophy sooner. A young girl from my community, Longevity for Lily is her Facebook page, if you'd like to look for her and follow her. Lily Parlier has spinal muscular atrophy, and she and I spend quite a bit of time together. Just recently helped her get a wheelchair, and Lily's just the sweetest little girl you'd ever meet. The Galesburg Fire Department, we kick off their MDA Month of September by honoring and recognizing Lily at a special community event where I will present this certificate... or this Resolution to Lily and... along with the Galesburg Fire Department. So, once again, just wanted to bring attention to spinal muscular atrophy and the debilitating disease that it is. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 706. All those in favor say

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'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 668, offered by Representative Manley.. Leader Manley."

Manley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 688 is to congratulate the Illinois Area Agencies on Aging for its 50 years of service, a long-cherished history of caring for its older adults while recognizing their wisdom, experience, and contributions to our communities, and for an unwavering advocacy for our senior citizens, providing vital support, guidance, and resources to help them age well and maintain their independence. They do a lot of great things in the community, and I ask for support passing the Resolution to recognize their five decades of service."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Manley moves for the adoption of House Resolution 688. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 696, offered by Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Good morning, everyone. House Resolution 696 recognizes the 2024 Alpha Phi Alpha Day held at the Illinois State Capitol. This recognizes the first Black fraternity in our country. It was a great day for us. We also celebrated and had our lobby day with Alpha Kappa Alpha, which is the first female Black sorority in the country. And I move for its adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Slaughter moves for the adoption of House Resolution 696. All those in favor say

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'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 11, we have House Resolution 707, Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Resolution 707's a... a fun Resolution. What it does, it encourages parents to read with their child, encourages grandparents to read with the child. I find it always enjoyable to read books to my three-year-old son. Most times, he knows the words, but every time he's pointing to the pictures of the tractors or the cattle or the livestock or whatever in the book. We get into far bigger discussions than reading the book, so it's always a pleasure. And I have a reading program. I like to tell the kids in my reading program that readers make leaders and encourage them to read. This designated the week of 5 May through 11 May as Read with Your Child Week, but I say, actually, every day, every week's Read with Your Child. I would ask for a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 707. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Moving in the Order of Concurrence, on page 9, we have HB5596, Representative Benton. Representative Benton is recognized."

Benton: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the Body. I'm presenting House Bill 596. This is to offer some parity for child care on military bases. It ended up coming back on concurrence. It was negotiated through the Senate with Scott Air Force Base and Great Lakes, and it's an agreed upon Bill."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, thank you for bringing the Bill forward. Could you just briefly explain the change that the Senate made?"

Benton: "The Senate made a little bit of a few changes that had to do with the off-base child care provision that was originally in the Amendment. They went a little bit closer to the original language on that, and what's good for Scott Air Force Base isn't necessarily good for Great Lakes. There's a little bit of a difference there, so they negotiated some language that brought it back in, along with DCFS."

Windhorst: "And that Amendment passed the Senate unanimously. Is that correct?"

Benton: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Benton to close."

Benton: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5596?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 5596. And this Bill, receiving a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding in the Order

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of House Bills on Second Reading... Senate Bill on Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 1087, on page 4, Representative Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1087, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1087, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this... Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is a constituent initiative Bill regarding a Mold Remediation Registration Act. And if this starts to sound familiar, it should because Representative Syed had House Bill 4476, which was the mirror image of this Senate Bill. This provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish a public awareness campaign to assist the public in understanding the threat and importance of removing mold from indoor environments. And although it says 'shall' and it is a mandate, the department has said this is within their regular course of business. There is no appropriation required and no extra expenditure to promote this. So, it passed in the Senate unanimously. It passed the House under House Bill 4476 by a vote of 88-15, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote today. Thank you."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1087 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 9, in the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 5395, Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Committee Amendment #2 and Senate Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 5395."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, could you describe for us the changes that were made between the version we voted on and what passed in the Senate?"

Moeller: "Thank you, Leader. As the Members will recall, House Bill 5395 is the Governor's Health Care Protection Act that passed on a bipartisan basis in the House and Senate. There were some changes that were made in the Senate to the Bill to bring the industry to neutral. The... the language that was adopted in the Senate streamlines the definition of step therapy and the utilization review process in the Act to further clarify both new processes for industry and consumers. One of the bigger changes was removing language that bans the short-term, limited duration plans. This language is now part of a standalone Bill, House Bill 2495...

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or 2499, rather, that is sponsored by Representative Morgan and is still considered a cornerstone of this health care reform. And the language also added additional consumer protections to remediate provider directory inaccuracies. So, the... that's the general overview of the changes that were made in the Senate."

Windhorst: "And if you could also describe what fiscal impact this Bill will have with these changes."

Moeller: "Sure. So, for FY25, the current budget that we are currently crafting and will be voting on shortly here in the House and Senate, there is no fiscal impact. The dates of implementation for many of the different elements, including utilization review, step therapy, and other provisions will go into effect in January of 2026, and therefore do not impact the budget that we are currently considering."

Windhorst: "Do we know if there will be any fiscal impact to the Medicaid program?"

Moeller: "I'm sorry. Will there be a fiscal impact after and for... for subsequent..."

Windhorst: "First... well, I guess we should cover that piece first, I'm sorry. Beyond the current budget we're working on..."

Moeller: "Sure."

Windhorst: "...what do we anticipate those costs to be?"

Moeller: "As I... as I mentioned, there are no anticipated costs for this budget that we... for FY25 that we are currently considering."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry, I wasn't clear. Beyond this year."

Moeller: "Oh, yep. Beyond... so, beyond FY25 and FY26, so overall, there... the estimated budgetary impact to the state group..."

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group insurance plan, or CMS, would be 35 million and through our Medicaid program through HFS, 30 million."

Windhorst: "And I know previously there had been an estimate that the cost to an insurer would range from \$12 to \$40 per member, per month. Did the changes impact that estimate?"

Moeller: "I don't believe so."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you. Again, appreciate the... the strong bipartisan support that this legislation garnered in... during the vote here in the House. This is a... a very important Bill that is going to make very important reforms in our insurance industry, helping consumers across the state access care and get the health care that they need. Would ask for an 'aye' vote. And, again, appreciate the support of everyone who's been involved in crafting this legislation."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall House concur in Senate Amendment 2 and 3 to House Bill 5395?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 83 voting 'aye', 23 voting 'nay', and 1 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 2 and 3 to House Bill 5395. And this Bill, received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6, under Concurrence, we have House Bill 2499, Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur for House Bill 2499. So, House Bill 2499, if you'll recall, was one of

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the provisions that was part of the package that Chair Moeller presented to this House originally. It was taken out and moved as a separate piece of legislation, so we did already vote on this. Just as a reminder, these are the predatory junk insurance plans that have been plaguing the State of Illinois, giving people who are more often than not between jobs the false sense of security when, in fact, they are flying without a parachute. This is giving individuals an opportunity to move into the marketplace, an opportunity to have other types of insurance that are stronger, providing real protections for those who find themselves sick or their loved ones who end up... who are sick. This is a really important movement as we move away from these junk plans that individuals buying this insurance without awareness, in fact, they're almost entirely without insurance for the things like hospitalization or mental health services that they truly need. Happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. As you outlined, this is the junk insurance, quote-unquote, 'junk insurance,' or short-term insurance provision. See, I'm going to use your word. You... yeah..."

Morgan: "Well, you had it right without the air quotes. That was perfect."

Windhorst: "Okay. Well, hopefully that's caught on some transcript somewhere. On the short-term insurance that this is banning,

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this was previously in the Bill we just handled on Concurrence. Is that correct?"

Morgan: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And we have now... the Senate put it in House Bill 2499 with an Amendment, correct?"

Morgan: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And so, I've just... for our Members, when you see our previous vote of 111 to nothing, that was on a separate matter entirely, correct?"

Morgan: "Well, this was part of the legislation. So, again, this is... this is being run separately and independently. We did have discussion in the Insurance Committee on this particular provision. So, this was part of the package, but this is now a standalone Bill."

Windhorst: "And..."

Morgan: "But the previous vote that you're referring to, correct, it was a different Bill. This is a gut and replace."

Windhorst: "And the Senate had a 40, four-zero, to 19 vote, I believe. Does that sound accurate?"

Morgan: "That's correct. I think 19 or so were unsure about why they should have, in fact, voted 'yes'."

Windhorst: "And this is... while the other Bill we voted on did not have opposition from the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council, this Bill is opposed by that group?"

Morgan: "Yeah, that's a good question. The context is that this was separated in the Senate due to the negotiations that were happening over there. The discussion we had in committee was that the Illinois Health and Life Insurance Council indicated

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they would be less in opposition, I think was the language, if they separated these two Bills as we are now."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher's recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "To the Bill."

Keicher: "I just want to make a couple of observations on this and... and make sure that everybody's aware. I... I'm afraid that people don't understand the value of why these plans are in place. These plans are here to provide a bridge, and when that bridge occurs is usually after someone leaves their job. All of you, I'm sure, have heard of situations where someone needed to get the COBRA offer from their prior employer. And what... what do you hear from them when you get that? You hear, 'Oh, my God, I've got to pay \$2400 a month to protect my family? That's nuts. I can't afford to do that. I just left my job.' These plans are not junk plans. There are some that are bare bones. The vast majority of these that are sold are with good and decent limitations that provide value to our Illinois citizens and consumers in this state. A quick example that we went through. So, if you don't want the COBRA, you can either do this or you can sign up for an ACA plan. A quick comparative quote. If you signed up for one of these plans, which admittedly has a million-dollar limitation on it, you would pay for a \$2 thousand deductible, \$524 a month. If you went with the ACA plan, you'd get a \$7400 deductible. So, almost four times as high of a deductible, and you'd pay just shy of a thousand dollars a month. That is more affordable for most families going through this situation. That ACA plan

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is what will devastate families, and that is the plan that will leave people shorthanded with trying to meet the deductible when the worst happens. These plans aren't perfect. They're not designed to be perfect. They are regulated by the Department of Insurance. The provisions in this policy are here because they are regulated policy. In my opinion, these do need to be modified, but modification is the key. These should be an integral part to the choice that consumers get to make in Illinois. And for my peers that believe in health care choice, as I've heard so many times since I've been here, I would urge you to preserve this health care choice for Illinoisans because it is, when most needed, the most affordable and reasonable platform that's out there. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Spain is recognized."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "He indicates he will."

Spain: "Representative Morgan, thank you for being here. Can you answer a few questions? What other actions have happened in different states regarding the ban of these short-term duration policies? How many other states have implemented such a ban?"

Morgan: "I... I don't have the exact number in front of me. I think it's over a dozen now that have banned these plans. There's been a lot of action at the federal level about these plans. Over the last several administrations, there's been a lot of changes to these types of plans, the duration, the requirements for them. Generally speaking, the state doesn't have a lot of authority or power to really regulate them, as...

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as the previous speaker, my colleague on the other side of the aisle, suggesting maybe we make them a little bit better. There's very, very limited ability for the state to do that, which is why the federal government continues to shorten the duration of these plans because they're, frankly, so concerned, as they say, about these junk plans not providing the insurance care that they're promising. So, for instance, right now, the federal government has put in a three-month limited.. limitation on these plans, in part because what they find is these junk plans then bring somebody in and then they're on them for a very long time. So, not only are they paying for something that is substandard, to be kind, they're really doing it for longer periods of time than they intended. So, that's why the federal government is taking these steps, it's why other states are, and that's why we should do that here today."

Spain: "What are the alternatives available if these plans are eliminated? What alternatives exist for.. for consumers?"

Morgan: "So, Leader mentioned earlier, he's correct, there are basically three functional options if you're in between jobs. Be uninsured, which I think we all agree is.. is not ideal. We all want to avoid that. COBRA, which we all would agree is also very expensive. And then the third option is the.. the exchange. And so, what we've done with the ACA plans in the marketplace is increasingly, over the last few years, bolster not just the variety and the options and the choice for types of plans across the board with costs and provision of services, but also the minimum standards. For instance, Leader Gabel provided, in the marketplace, the requirement to

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cover pregnancy. We just did that. So, our marketplace is now in a better spot than it's ever been, and it provides more choice, more cost options. And, frankly, I think we should all agree that's better to provide the services and the choice where people can have a bronze or a gold type plan in their choice, as opposed to buying something that is substandard and going to leave them hanging when, in fact, they need it."

Spain: "Representative, do we know how many Illinois residents are currently utilizing this tool for short-term duration plans?"

Morgan: "We do not have that number, in part, because the state doesn't have the data. We... we have the total number of plans, but we don't have the individuals covered. It's just not part of what short-term, limited duration plans have to provide to the state."

Spain: "And... okay. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, there is a reason that this piece was pulled back from the larger health care package, which I was very happy to support. And as Leader Keicher said, there's... there's just a little more work that is needed on perfecting what should be the right approach to these short-term, duration plans. There are issues with these plans, but there's further work needed in the State of Illinois to operate... operationalize our exchange. As the previous speaker was showing, we may be creating some unintended pricing pressures in different directions. So, there's a reason that this piece needs a little more work, and that is the reason I will be urging a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Morgan to close."

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Morgan: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I think this was a good discussion to give you the breadth of... of the ways in which this... this law will impact the State of Illinois. And, frankly, it's going to give us better options for those who need it most when they're in between jobs. We've done a lot to protect consumers in the health insurance marketplace, and this is absolutely going to take us in the right direction. For those who need it most, who have been scammed by these predatory plans, today, with this vote, we can end that today. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall House concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2499?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'aye', 35 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to House Bill 2499. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: direct floor consideration for a Motion to Concur, recommends be adopted Senate Amendment(s) 1, House Bill 4934."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "On page 7, we have House Bill 4500, Leader Buckner. Leader Buckner is recognized."

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Buckner: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with House... Senate Amendment 1 to HB... sorry, HB4500. The underlying Bill changes the name of several gun offenses from 'unlawful use of a firearm or weapon' to 'unlawful possession of a firearm or weapon.' The Amendment changes the words 'persistent unlawful possession of a weapon' to 'unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony offender.' I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I appreciate the changes that were made to the Bill and the efforts you made to get the Bill to the point it is. I just want to highlight a few things for our side as we vote. We are changing the term 'unlawful use of weapon' to 'unlawful possession of weapon' because it's believed that better states what the actual offense is. Do I have that correct?"

Buckner: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "When we saw the Bill last, there were several, I believe 36, 'no' votes on our side, primarily based on the changing of the term 'armed habitual criminal' to 'persistent unlawful possession of weapons.' But the Senate changed that term, and the term would now be 'unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony offender.'"

Buckner: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Did... was there any conversations with the Illinois State Rifle Association about the changes in this Bill?"

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Buckner: "I am not sure about that, Leader. Yes? Okay. The answer is yes."

Windhorst: "And... and my... my understanding is that they are supportive of these changes."

Buckner: "Yes, they are."

Windhorst: "There was another piece that initially had an objection. I believe we changed it when we saw it here in the House, but I want to make sure that it's covered. This is prospective only. There will not be any obligation for law enforcement agencies to change records going back. Is that..."

Buckner: "That's correct. When I first brought the Bill, I know you and I had some conversations in committee about it being retroactive as well. After some conversations and negotiations, we... we landed at a place where it's only prospective."

Windhorst: "And this Bill passed unanimously in the Senate as well?"

Buckner: "It did."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Buckner to close."

Buckner: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4500?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 1 to

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House Bill 4500. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 7, we have House Bill 4720, Representative Hirschauer. Representative Hirschauer. Representative Hirschauer's recognized."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur on Senate Amendment 1, which is a simple page and line Amendment that removes the term 'financially insecure household' from the Bill, as that term was found to be vague and not defined in state statute, and it creates an effective date of July 1, 2024."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you mentioned, this is a small change that occurred in the Senate. I believe when this Bill came through here, our... our chamber, the vote was 64-38 to 4, and it passed the Senate 38 to 18. Is that accurate?"

Hirschauer: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "So, for our Members, I would encourage you to look at your vote on this Bill previously and vote accordingly. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "To the Bill."

Keicher: "Folks, we need to think about data security. We've had multiple Bills that we have heard on already this General Assembly. We are taking and sharing Illinois household income

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data with the Treasurer's Office. Every tax filer in the State of Illinois knows that their income tax filing is going to the Internal Revenue Service and to the Illinois Department of Revenue. We are now subverting that and sharing personal income data with the Treasurer's Office. If folks want to share that data with the Treasurer, allow a process where they can share that with the Treasurer. We need to stop this continued proliferation of data just because it makes a process easier for the Treasurer's Office. If people want to be involved in these programs that he's created, then they can step in and volunteer. They can send mail to these households. But for us to continue to breach the taxpayer integrity and trust just so he can have a marketing plan into households is beyond the pail. Please step up. Please protect taxpayer data. Please make sure that we vote 'no' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Hirschauer to close."

Hirschauer: "Thank you. To reiterate, this Bill was an initiative of a high school intern of mine who was looking for ways to boost families who are struggling to pay for college. The Treasurer's Office and IDOR were at the table for the complete and full negotiations of this Bill. The Treasurer's Office is the leader, seven years in a row, in internet security audits with zero material findings. They are already receiving and have been managing data from IDPH, and they were already scheduled to receive IDOR data before we came to them with this Bill. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4720?' This is final action."

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All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 65 voting 'aye', 36 voting 'nay', and 6 voting 'present'. The House Bill does concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4720. And this Bill, have... having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to the Order of Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 5, we have Senate Bill 3157, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3157, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield to explain the Amendment."

Mayfield: "Amendment #2 addresses concerns and opposition from the Governor's Office."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield, do you want to adopt Floor Amendment #1?"

Mayfield: "Yes, I move for the adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield moves for the adoption of Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield for Floor Amendment #2."

Mayfield: "Same as Floor Amendment #1, move for the adoption."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3157, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield's recognized."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. Senate Bill 3157 creates an investment pool for nonprofit organizations. The pool will be administered by the Treasurer's Office. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, there are a few things I'd like to go through in the... in the Bill. First, I note that there is opposition from the Illinois Bankers, and I believe their opposition is they believe that creating this investment pool with the Treasurer's Office will harm

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community banks by taking away potential deposits that they have. Have they expressed that opposition to you?"

Mayfield: "They did. After the first Amendment was filed and passed out of committee, they did come to me and say that they had some concerns about the Bill. They did not speak in committee against the Bill. They're looking at this as competition. However, there is nothing in this Bill to mandate that anyone invest in this particular pool. It is just another option that is being available out in the community."

Windhorst: "The latest Amendments place some limitations on nonprofits that can be involved in the... the pool. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "The first restriction is that a nonprofit that advocates for discrimination against any categories of people who are protected under the Illinois Human Rights Act."

Mayfield: "I think that's..."

Windhorst: "Those nonprofits cannot be involved with this pool."

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Okay. So, do we... it's not defined in the Act, but 'advocate for discrimination', do those terms have their commonly understood meaning? Is that how we're to interpret them?"

Mayfield: "They are commonly understood, and individuals with questions can go to the Human Rights Act."

Windhorst: "So, they... I guess that raises a question in my mind. Who will make that determination that that section is violated? Is it the Treasurer making the determination that

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there's a violation or will the Illinois Human Rights Act make the... or Illinois Human Rights Agency?"

Mayfield: "My understanding's that the Treasurer's Office will see if the individual, the organization that is asking to invest has an open, active, or are found to have violated the open... the Human Rights Act. So, it would be only those entities that have either an open investigation or who have previously had investigations or findings that stated that they actually violated the Human Rights Act."

Windhorst: "All right. So, there won't be independent determinations or investigations by the Treasurer? He's going to rely..."

Mayfield: "No."

Windhorst: "...on that? Okay. The second group of nonprofits are those that impede persons from safely accessing reproductive health care as defined by the Illinois Reproductive Health Act. That includes advocating for limitations on reproductive health care or by providing misleading information about abortion. That's number two. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "So, there are groups of nonprofits. Pregnancy care centers are a group of nonprofits. They do advocate, potentially, for limitations on abortion. They would not be allowed to invest in this pool. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Who will make the determination whether these nonprofits violate Section 2?"

Mayfield: "This will all be done internally within the Treasurer's Office."

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Windhorst: "So, it'll be up to the Treasurer whether this.. these organizations violate Section 2 or not?"

Mayfield: "Right. If they have an active violation, past violation, open investigation, yes, the Treasurer's Office will look into that."

Windhorst: "Well, these entities aren't investigated by anybody else. These entities are not..."

Mayfield: "But that information is available on their websites."

Windhorst: "So, it'll be solely up to the Treasurer to decide whether he believes an entity advocates for limitations on reproductive health care or by providing misleading information about abortion. Will the Treasurer be the sole determiner as to what is misleading or not?"

Mayfield: "Yes, but I believe that that will be further defined in the rulemaking, the administrative rulemaking process."

Windhorst: "We had a Bill that used similar language last year, Senate Bill 1909. Do you remember that Bill?"

Mayfield: "I'm sorry, what was the question?"

Windhorst: "We had a similar Bill dealing with pregnancy care centers last year, Senate Bill 1909, that placed regulations and restrictions on those care centers, information they could provide to pregnant women. Do you recall that Bill?"

Mayfield: "I do."

Windhorst: "And it was challenged in court, pretty soon after it was signed into law, and the Attorney General admitted in court that it was unconstitutional. The language in this Bill is very similar, if not identical, to language in that Bill. How is this constitutional?"

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Mayfield: "Because we... the Treasurer will be acting in compliance with the Health Care Act."

Windhorst: "Well, that Bill was drafted in such a way to be in compliance with the Health Care Act and the Attorney General admitted that it was unconstitutional. I believe we're about to vote on a law that our own Attorney General... it has language that our own Attorney General has agreed is unconstitutional."

Mayfield: "To my understanding, there is nothing in this Bill that's unconstitutional."

Windhorst: "Well, we are... we are definitely setting ourselves up for a lawsuit that will have to be defended by the state. And, again, we are focusing attention on organizations that are just trying to help pregnant women and local communities who are needing and wanting assistance."

Mayfield: "That has nothing to do with this Bill. There is nothing in this Bill that mandates that anyone has to participate. It is strictly volunteer. And there are other criteria within the Bill where they may not even want to turn over all of their records, who their donors are. So, they may not even want to do this."

Windhorst: "Yes, but by including this, if they did want to, they would be excluded. So, we are discriminating against them, which we..."

Mayfield: "We are following the Health Care Act."

Windhorst: "...are trying not to do under other parts of the law."

Mayfield: "We are going to follow the Health Care Act. Again, there's nothing in here that is mandating that they have to invest. There's other options out there where they can invest

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if they do not feel that this is the right investment for them. This is just adding yet another choice, an option, you know, that we feel is a good thing to do."

Windhorst: "Well, choices for some and not for others. I appreciate you answering my questions. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "All right, thank you. Representative, so tell me about what the intention is for prohibiting participation from non-for-profits that expends any of its funding to advocate for discrimination on any category of people who are protected under the Illinois Human Rights Act. What's the intention?"

Mayfield: "I think you hit the nail on the head when you said discrimination."

Keicher: "Okay."

Mayfield: "We do not want individuals who are discriminating against anyone."

Keicher: "Okay. So, any student group that participated in Hamas-based anti-Palestinian protests would not be able to qualify under this. So, if they're affiliated, is what the language is that I'm reading, or supporting, advocating in any way, that would seem to exclude these pro-Palestinian protestors that are seeking the demise of the State of Israel. Is it not accurate?"

Mayfield: "Are these nonprofits registered in the State of Illinois that are looking..."

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Keicher: "They potentially could be, all these student groups that were on campus and this non-for-profits that are supporting them."

Mayfield: "Well, you know, there was a... several student groups on DePaul University, where my daughter goes, and they are not non-for-profits. These are actual students standing up for what they believe in, which is part of our democracy."

Keicher: "So, there are many non-for-profits that are in that space that are advocating. What is your intention with the Bill?"

Mayfield: "We will follow the guidelines of the Bill, period."

Keicher: "And please help us understand during debate, what is that? What does that mean? So, if you have an organization, a non-for-profit that has supported these student movements on campus..."

Mayfield: "Those student movements were nondiscriminatory."

Keicher: "...they are discriminating by definition."

Mayfield: "They were merely standing up for what they believed in."

Keicher: "They are discriminating by definition..."

Mayfield: "There is a difference between standing up for your rights..."

Keicher: "...under the Human Rights Act."

Mayfield: "No, there's a difference for standing up for what you believe in and openly discriminating. So, those student groups were not discriminating."

Keicher: "So, an organization that supports Hamas is not discriminating?"

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Mayfield: "They were not discriminating. They were standing up for what they believed in. Many of them have friends that are on the other side of that argument."

Keicher: "All right. So, I think this is getting into a slippery slope because now we're also saying for organizations that are working towards religious entities that believe in pro-life that they are being denied government service. Is that your intention with this reproductive language?"

Mayfield: "We're not denying government services to anyone."

Keicher: "You absolutely are. You're saying they are... 'the Treasurer shall not receive funds from.' You are denying government services to someone because of their religious beliefs. Help me understand how that's constitutional."

Mayfield: "First off, it says 'may not,' not 'shall not.'"

Keicher: "It says 'shall not receive,' 'provides that the Treasurer'..."

Mayfield: "I believe table... I believe you're looking at #3, which was tabled."

Keicher: "'...shall not receive funds from.'"

Mayfield: "You're looking at the wrong Amendment, Representative."

Keicher: "Amendment #3."

Mayfield: "Amendment #3 was tabled. Amendment #2, which is what we are debating, says 'may.'"

Keicher: "This is not a good piece of legislation. This is playing pandering politics where we should not be acting. And you're... in your own words, there are multiple other sources for these funds to be invested and used. You are politicizing a

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government process, and we should not be standing here doing that. I urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Rosenthal is recognized."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Rosenthal: "So, the question I have, Representative.. Leader, is that in committee, the Illinois Bankers Association is opposed, other local financial institutions are opposed, primarily because the.. the nonprofit funds that you're talking about are deposited in these local financial institutions, and they are then used to give loans out to and support the local community, and that's the reason they're opposed. And I would encourage a 'no' vote on this. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "To the Bill."

Davidsmeyer: "And I just.. I want to reference 'cause normally on this House floor when we talk about a 'may' or a 'shall', we.. we are talking about a mandate versus an opportunity to do something. In this Bill, when we say 'may', we are saying that the Treasurer may not do this. They may not. It's not that they have the option to do it, they may not do this. So, it's the same as a 'shall.' I just want to clarify that, make sure we understand that it's the fact that he does not have permission to do this. So, thank you very much, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Niemerg is recognized."

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Niemerg: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Niemerg: "Representative, we've had a very robust debate on this issue, and something during debate that caught my attention was the limitations for funding for pregnancy resource centers. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "I'm sorry, what was your question?"

Niemerg: "The limitation for funding for pregnancy resource centers from the Treasurer. I know we're discussing a 'may' and a 'shall', but a 'may' can be a political tool to enforce whatever the actual intent is of this Bill. So, will pregnancy resource centers not receive particular funds as a result of this?"

Mayfield: "That would be up to the Treasurer's Office."

Niemerg: "So, the Treasurer's Office would have complete control over whether or not pregnancy resource centers are allocated these funds, have the complete autonomy."

Mayfield: "I'm sorry?"

Niemerg: "They can't?"

Mayfield: "They can't what?"

Niemerg: "Okay. So, they... they cannot supply any financial assistance to pregnancy resource centers."

Mayfield: "That's not what the Bill says."

Niemerg: "Okay. I... to the Bill. When we pass legislation such as this that seems to be a little bit confusing on this particular issue, it raises some concerns that I have, that other Representatives had... have brought up as well as the bankers, and I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Reick: "Let's flip this over for a bit, Representative. What happens if a... a charitable or... or a nonprofit organization that advocates for abortion puts its money in there? Can it... can it get a distribution of these funds? Can it... can it avail itself of the resources of this fund because they are in favor of abortion, advocate for and lobby for abortion?"

Mayfield: "I'm not understanding your question. Was there a question, Representative?"

Reick: "Yeah, there was... that was a question. My voice went up at the end and all that kind of stuff. My... my point is, is that it has been made very plain to previous speakers that a crisis pregnancy center would not be able to avail itself of the resources of this fund. My question is, what happens of a... what happens if a non-for-profit that advocates for abortion, for any reason whatsoever, at any time whatsoever, has its money in there? I mean, can it avail itself of the benefits of this fund?"

Mayfield: "If they're in compliance with the Reproductive Health Act."

Reick: "That cuts a wide swath, doesn't it? So, basically, I would say... and I would reiterate what the previous speaker said about difference between 'may' and 'shall' is not the same as the distinction between 'may not' and 'shall' because both are injunctions, affirmative injunctions. I would... I would advocate for a 'no' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield to close.  
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Mayfield: "I'm sorry. We're going to pull the Bill from the record  
and come back to it. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Out of the record. On page 4, in the Order  
of Senate Bills on Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 1289,  
Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the  
Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1289, a Bill for an Act concerning  
regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously.  
Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3 and  
5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is  
offered by Representative Ann Williams."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ann Williams to explain  
the Amendment, Floor Amendment #3."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Amendment contains  
the substance of the Bill. I'm hoping we can adopt it and  
debate it on Third."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ann Williams moves  
adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye';  
all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the  
'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further  
Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5, offered by Representative Ann  
Williams."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ann Williams for Floor  
Amendment #5."

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Williams, A.: "Thank you. Floor Amendment 5 simply contains some technical cleanup, and I'd also ask that we adopt that and consider it on Third."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ann Williams moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #5. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1289, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ann Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This Bill creates the Safe Carbon Capture and Sequestration Act, or Safe CCS. It provides a robust and detailed regulatory structure for this technology. In 2021, you recall we passed CEJA, which took us a long way towards decarbonizing the power sector. We continued to do our work to deal with vehicle emissions and decarbonize transportation and work on building decarbonization. But CCS provides an important tool for decarbonizing our industrial sector. These are things like cement plants, refineries, steel plants, ethanol plants. These are industries which are difficult to decarbonize, takes time to fully phase out fossil fuels in these sectors, and CCS is an important option in the meantime. It's important to note that right now... right now, Illinois has almost no

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regulation on this space, no safeguards to keep our environment and our communities safe as we explore this new technology to reduce carbon emissions in the industrial sector. Without these safeguards in place, these projects can move forward as is, with inadequate safeguards for our communities. In 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act was passed. This contained significant tax credits for sequestration projects. Illinois also has ideal geology for sequestration. So, make no mistake, these projects are coming to Illinois whether we like it or not. So, this Bill is an effort to make sure that we have a strong series of protections in place. These are among the strongest protections in the country, I would say the strongest protections in the country. These will protect our environment and our communities as we continue to find ways to decarbonize our industrial sector. This Bill is the result of collaboration between the environmental community, industry, and organized labor, and hours and hours and hours of negotiation discussion. Let me break it down just a little bit for you. So, carbon sequestration takes place in kind of a three-phase process. First, you capture the carbon, you transport it to the site where there is a well, and you sequester it deep underground. At each level of the process, this Bill provides strong and robust safeguards for our communities. Many states' protections only address one or two, or sometimes not even address all these protections, and sequestration continues. Let me go through them just a little bit. At the capture point, which is at the industrial site, where instead of emitting the same amount of carbon they normally would, we

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are reducing that. The EPA permit requires us to.. the Illinois EPA will permit the capture site, and we will show a couple things to make sure we're protected. We cannot go ahead with a capture unless we can show and demonstrate that there will be no increase in co-pollutants. This was identified as critical to the environmental justice communities. No other state requires this. Again, strongest in the nation. In fact, co-pollutants often decrease when we add this technology. We also need a demonstration, before a capture permit can be issued, that the project will result in sequestration of more carbon than it is creating. When we get to the transport section, the pipeline piece, we have a moratorium in place. No pipeline projects can move forward for two full years, unless the PHMSA, which is the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, rules are put in place to ensure that specific to this technology protections apply to all pipelines. These involve categories such as safety, construction standards, adequate modeling so they understand how the carbon moves through the pipeline, proper citing requirements, and how the pipelines are operated. We also go above and beyond the federal requirements, and we will provide that the ICC can regulate where the federal government does not regulate. In fact, our Bill says the ICC shall regulate in these areas. This goes, again, above and beyond what the federal government does and above and beyond what other states do to protect Illinoisans with regard to these pipelines. We have robust emergency response plans in place. And the ICC can create training, provide equipment, information to local first responders to make sure that in the event of a problem,

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they are fully protected. Finally, the last phase of the project where a well is dug and injected the carbon deep into the ground, where it is sequestered. It starts out as a gas, turns into a liquid, and eventually will become a solid within the rock. First and foremost, we have provided that we do not permit advanced oil recovery. That's where CO2 is pumped into a rock, not for storage like we're talking about, but to extract oil from the rock. We have a ban on that in Illinois. Additionally, we will require not one, but two permits for these wells to be implemented. First, the federal... the U.S. EPA, under the Safe Drinking Water Act, has a Class VI permit in order to utilize these wells. This contains extensive, rigorous reforms. I have a copy of the application here. It's pages of details, a two-year process to make sure that any wells that are... that are built and constructed are done so in the safest manner possible. And it specifically contemplates how they impact drinking water, specific protections for aquifers and underground drinking water sources. In addition, we provide for an additional state permit. No other state provides for this two-level of permitting. The EPA in Illinois will cover air and soil protections. We are looking at everything before we consider issuing a permit. It will contain extensive monitoring as well as requiring financial assurances for companies that are operating these wells during the life of the project and for a significant time... time period after the injections have stopped. These financial assurances include everything from insurance policies, surety bonds or letters of credit, financial assurances that even if the company goes out of business, the

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resources will be there to provide for any remediation that may be necessary. Again, we're the only state that requires the second level of permitting. We also have provided that there is no liability that reverts back to the state. Many states provide that if an operator goes out of business, liability returns to the state. We did not want to do that here. Rather, we ensure that the businesses will continue to hold the liability. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions, again, keeping in mind there are two components and two motivations behind this Bill. First of all, we have no regulations in place with regard to this technology. Pending applications can go forward with little or no regulation, no safeguards for community, and that's an important and... important consideration as we think about what we're doing here today. And, again, this is dealing with decarbonization of an industry that is very, very difficult to decarbonize. So, we are making important strides for this climate forward Bill. Again, happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Schweizer is recognized."

Schweizer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Schweizer: "Yes, Representative, I just have two pointed questions. I asked these in committee yesterday. Currently, is there any pipelines being drilled through the Mahomet Aquifer or any carbon being sequestered underneath it?"

Williams, A.: "There have been, and are currently, I believe, applications pending for the Mahomet area. So, if we do nothing here, they're pending."

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Schweizer: "Thank you. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have to ask ourselves, why could we not get a restriction on the Mahomet Aquifer? It was mentioned that the Environmental Committee... or the environmental groups, in committee, wanted to have a restriction on this aquifer, but they could not come to an agreement. Looking at a map of the aquifer, laying over a map of the Mount Simon sequestration zone, a restriction would affect roughly 12 percent of the sequestration area. The Mahomet Aquifer supplies water to over 800 thousand Illinoisans. There are different caucuses in this chamber that always argue, 'What does this do for the Black and Brown communities? What does this do for the Latin communities? What does this do for the Asian communities?' Well, this is their water, my friends', my families', my constituents'. We tell companies all the time what they can and they cannot do. Heck, this Bill tells companies what they have to do with the carbon that they create. But we cannot tell a company that is not doing any construction or piping through the aquifer that they cannot do so. However, in this Bill, we will tell 25 percent of landowners that if they don't agree with this, too bad. Here's some money, go buy some emergency water because you may need it. The carbon sequestration started because carbon is supposedly destroying this planet, but we are going to turn around and possibly destroy the drinking water for 800 thousand citizens in this state. And the argument will be that nothing is better than something, and that when the federal government comes up with their guidelines, all will be good. This same federal government that we argued no more than three days ago failed

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to help the Potawatomi tribe with getting land that was promised to them. Until we can get a restriction the Mahomet Aquifer, I am going to be a 'no', and I urge you to do the same. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in strong support of this Bill. I would like to thank the Sponsor. We spent maybe two years working on this Bill, working with industry, working with the Governor's Office, working with the other side of the aisle, working with labor, working with the environmental groups, and working with the federal government to make sure that we take advantage of the historic amount of resources available under the Inflation Reduction Act that was recently passed. Illinois has no regulations regarding this now. None, zero, zero, zip, none. We are regulating it, and that is why Governor... the Governor, industry, labor, the environmental groups, as well as the Senate Caucus and the House Caucus, Republicans and Democrats support this Bill. We can sit here and not really look at the science and say the sky is falling. Unfortunately, the sky is falling if we don't regulate. This provides needed regulation. We now will be able to make sure that we clean our air, that we make sure that we do it in a safe manner. We make sure that we do it in an environmentally friendly manner. The science is clear. The science is clear. In CEJA, we asked for a study, and that study was conducted by the University of Illinois, the Prairie State Institute. That study was very clear. Illinois can safely sequester carbon. Safely sequester carbon. No other state, no other

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state that has passed a law that is similar to this makes a difference about an aquifer. The reason is, the reason is the... the sequestration goes way below the aquifer. And you can very clearly monitor if there's any problem, and you can make sure you can address it very quickly before it hurts the drinking water in any... in any significant way. That's the science. Now, you can deny the science. You can deny what the University of Illinois experts say, and you can get up, and you can say the sky is falling. But this is a Bill that's going to regulate in a safe manner, provide jobs and economic opportunity. It's going to provide good paying labor jobs. It's going to provide an industry where we are clearing our... we are capturing our carbon, we are doing it in a safe manner, and we are making our environment better than it was before this Bill. Now, let me just say, we could sit here and wait, and we could say we passed CEJA, and now we're going to go to renewables 100 percent. You can't do that and still have capacity and reliability. This will allow us the bridge, the bridge from... from making energy the way we've always made it through natural gas, and sometimes coal, and a bridge to renewables. If we don't do this, we're going to continue to emit carbon into the atmosphere, and we're going to continue to exacerbate global warming. So, I'm really proud today of this Bill and the conversations that have occurred during the negotiations. This Bill recognizes the technical feasibility that existing carbon capture technology has to control criteria pollutants while also substantially reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Providing necessary flexibility as carbon capture technology continues to develop will help this

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state to achieve the long-term carbon... the carbon reduction goals. So, on that note, I have a few questions of the Sponsor for the purpose of legislative intent. What is... what is the intent of this Bill?"

Williams, A.: "Leader, the Bill is intended to promote the expansion of CCS in Illinois. Our state's unique geology and work have positioned it as a pioneer in the underground sequestration of carbon dioxide. This technology will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, help attain the state's climate objectives, and support economic development. Passage of this legislation will enable the continuation of CCS, address the state's ability to regulate the practice, safeguard landowner rights, and address community concerns, including safety and environmental justice. The Bill is consistent with the recommendations in the University of Illinois Prairie... Prairie Research Institute support... report Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage in Illinois from 2022."

Hoffman: "And I understand that an existing carbon sequestration activity with valid Class VI permits issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency or a sequestration operator whose Class VI permit applicable has received a complete... completeness review from the U.S. EPA prior to January 1, 2023 and whose sequestration activity will occur on the contiguous property with common ownership where the CO2 is generated and captured are exempt from the requirements to obtain a sequestration permit from the Illinois EPA."

Williams, A.: "Yes."

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Hoffman: "The Bill contains four new funds. I understand that the funding sources for monies deposited to the funds are the fees created by the Act and nothing else."

Williams, A.: "Yes, they are."

Hoffman: "The Bill states that nonconsenting pore space owners will be compensated if the Department of Natural Resources integrates their pore space. I understand the compensation is... is comprised of the average total payment package, provided in agreements to the similar situated consenting pore space owners during the previous 365 days."

Williams, A.: "Yes, the Department of Natural Resources will determine the appropriate compensation for each owner, which shall be no less than the average total payment package provided to similarly situated owners."

Hoffman: "Does the Bill... Bill affect any transactions, including pore space purchases, easements, or leases, entered into before the Bill became effective?"

Williams, A.: "No. In fact, nothing in this Act affects transactions completed before the date of enactment."

Hoffman: "If an entity that owns and/or operates a carbon dioxide capture project contracts with a third party to sequester carbon dioxide produced by the carbon dioxide capture project, is the entity that owns and/or operates the carbon dioxide capture project, or any entity that owns and/or operates the facility which supplies carbon dioxide to the carbon dioxide capture project, liable for damages attributable to the sequestration, there it is, the sequestration activity at the sequestration facility,

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including damage caused by the carbon dioxide or other fluids released from the sequestration facility?"

Williams, A.: "Can you read that again? Just kidding. No, no. Your answer to your question, no. The third-party entity that owns or operates the sequestration facility and/or performs the sequestration activity will be liable for all damages attributable to the sequestration activity and the sequestration facility, I feel like I'm getting punked, including damage caused by carbon dioxide or other fluids released from the sequestration."

Hoffman: "Finally, last one. All right. This is a long one. You ready? All right."

Williams, A.: "I might sit down."

Hoffman: "There is a company that is actively working on a project to install equipment to capture and sequester carbon near the site in Gibson City, Illinois. This is One Earth Energy, and it's a large employer in the area, and farmers bring their corn to the facility to be made into ethanol. They will be... they will be impacted by the pipeline moratorium in this Bill. They have put months of time and lots of money into their permit application currently before the ICC. If this Bill passes post-pipeline-moratorium, do we know how the ICC will address a reapplication from a company like One Earth?"

Williams, A.: "Yes. Under the Bill, the company will need to reapply before the ICC. With the new, clearly defined rules in the Bill, I believe the ICC will have more clarity on the issue now of all the things they need to act upon these in a timely manner, including One Earth's application."

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Hoffman: "Thank you. And finally, if I could close, I would just say that this opportunity only comes around every once in a lifetime. And what we can do here, and what we are doing here, is we're using the historic amount of federal money to make the capture of carbon affordable, to clean our air, and make sure that this is done in a safe manner. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield for a couple of questions?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Ammons: "Thank you. You heard the importance of the Mahomet Aquifer. I know you've been in this Body for some time, and you may recall, back in 2015, we passed protections for the Mahomet Aquifer as a sole source. Are you familiar with that?"

Williams, A.: "I do recall that."

Ammons: "And as you negotiated this Bill, was there any discussion about the continued protection of the Mahomet Aquifer?"

Williams, A.: "Absolutely. They... it was a very motivating concern. Without passing regulations on this Bill, we would have to rely on the existing regulations on the federal level and nothing on the state level. What we've done here for wherever the wells are drilled, including the aquifer, is under the state permit, you're required to demonstrate the safety and, you know, the appropriateness of the well and the, you know, demographics and the topography and all the technical terms that go into determining if it's a safe place to drill. In addition, there'll be ongoing monitoring, which doesn't just start at the top and be where the carbon is sequestered. It's

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throughout the process. I will add that the federal requirements... again, we're doing the state permit as well. The federal requirements are extensive and include the construction requirements, which are extensive and go far beyond the type of well construction for most well categories. So, as I mentioned, there's a permit that... application I have here. And I've reviewed it, and it's extensive. And, again, it's a two-year process. They're not going to put the wells somewhere there could be any danger."

Ammons: "And in that monitoring process, does the monitoring process include all of the Mahomet Aquifer that stretches east and west to the State of Illinois and Central Illinois?"

Williams, A.: "If there is a well that is proposed, the monitoring happens and testing happens before, during, and after the project. When the injection is stopped and there's no longer carbon dioxide going into that well, there is, again, a dual process for making sure it is closed safely. The EPA continues to monitor it for 30 years and then does a risk assessment and may extend that monitoring period beyond that period as well. So, it is open-ended and will be based on the risk assessment and with safe drinking water as the top priority."

Ammons: "And I know that this was a negotiated project. Clearly, we didn't get, specifically, protections in the Mahomet Aquifer beyond what we've already done in this particular iteration. But you are confident that the monitoring, the long-term monitoring process, will not in any way risk what we have already done to protect the Mahomet Aquifer, but further it?"

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Williams, A.: "Well, I understand the importance of it. You've certainly been a champion for that. And, obviously, safe drinking water is a priority for the allies that I've been working with on the Bill and all of the parties involved. I did ask the question of the scientist, what would happen if, all science aside, there was some sort of issue? The first thing they told me was that the monitoring provides for warnings and you would be aware that there was something that could provides... could cause some issue. So, that's usually preventing anything serious from happening. Worst-case scenario, and there was some sort of breach, and there are no examples of this ever happening that I'm aware of, the way that carbon dioxide behaves, it doesn't fill the aquifer. It doesn't... it's not a fluid that goes everywhere. It would be remediated just like any other damage might happen to the aquifer from any sort of well that's... that's drilled through. So, it's a 300-foot area that would be remediated. The resources to remediate are covered by the companies, and it would not be anything close to a catastrophic situation."

Ammons: "Can you talk about, a little bit about, the... the notification process, if there were to be something that... of that magnitude that happens over the aquifer, in the aquifer, below the aquifer?"

Williams, A.: "We... yeah. There... this Bill contains significant protections in terms of emergency preparedness. In the unlikely event that there is something that happens, we have dedicated some of the fee for the storage will go to emergency preparedness. I think it's a pretty high number. Somewhere over 20 percent will go to first responders. So, they will

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have modeling. They will understand how the wells work, how the carbon dioxide is stored. They will know what landowners could be potentially impacted. They will have training equipment, access to tools, access to information about this to ensure there is a safe plan of action if there ever were to be some sort of issue."

Ammons: "Just a couple more. I know you mentioned the Prairie River... I mean the PRI, Prairie Research Institute, and I've also reached out to the Prairie Rivers Network around this issue. Will they have a continuing role in this process once... if this Governor signs this Bill, will we continue to see PRI involvement in this process and monitoring? Can you talk about that?"

Williams, A.: "I hope so. I actually was involved with the task force that prepared the report, and I was very impressed by their engagement, understanding of the issues. They were very thorough. They understood the importance of the environmental concerns that we brought to the table and.. and that everyone here has focused on over the past several years. I would anticipate they will be a big part of continued discussions. This is an advancing technology. We have a moratorium, so we have two years to continue to explore the issue. But, again, you know, we're setting the stage for an opportunity, really, to address carbon mitigation in a... in a sector which really does not have many opportunities. So, in the absence of regulations, I think it's important to move forward with this and make sure the aquifer, land, air is protected."

Ammons: "Thank you. To the Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker, for the time. I'm sorry, I was just going to make a closing

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statement to a Representative who really worked hard on this Bill. While we did not get specific designations that actually call out the Mahomet Aquifer specifically in this critical protection legislation, we know that the long-term monitoring, we know that long-term cleanup for the trust fund that's going to be paid by the industry, which we fought hard for in the original legislation for the Mahomet Aquifer, we know that the limits on new air pollution and the clear mandate that the state does not accept industry's liability, that they have to clean up any mess that they make, is an important part of this process. It also includes an important thing that we fought a few years ago about over the pipelines in the State of Illinois. With the federal government rulemaking process in place, we will watch this over the next two years to see if there are additional protections that we need to make specifically for the Mahomet Aquifer, as we are mapping the aquifer currently through the Prairie Research Institute that's extraordinarily important in a water plan for the State of Illinois. And we want to make sure not only the water is clean, but the air is clean as... as well, and we have the research capacity at the University of Illinois through PRI to make sure that happens. And we thank the... all the scientists of PRI in their negotiation for this Senate Bill 1289, and we certainly ask for an 'aye' vote on behalf of all of those who worked on this. Thank you so much, Representative."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Miller is recognized."

Miller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to speak to this Bill."

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Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Would you like her to yield, Sir?"

Miller: "No, I just want to talk about this Bill."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "To the Bill."

Miller: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. You know, I think that one of the things that I have done over the last 50 years is, I'm a farmer and I raise cattle. And when we're raising cattle, I raise a lot of bulls. You know, and after listening to all this stuff, my old BS meter is going ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding because what we're seeing here is a myth about climate change, about a climate crisis. We aren't having a climate crisis, but what we are having is we're having a crisis of common sense. You know, the... we went down to the Prairie State campus here last year, talked to the CEO down there. One of the questions we asked him is, why are you guys worried about capturing CO2? And he looked at me, and he shrugged his shoulders, and he said, 'I have no idea why we're capturing CO2. They just decided it was the evil element in our... in our atmosphere.' You know, and so, I think that's one of the questions that nobody's been able to answer is why are we capturing CO2? And one of the reasons why I ask that is CO2 makes up four one hundredths, four one hundredths of one percent of the global atmosphere. Doesn't amount to nothing. And, you know, as far as human beings concerned, we're... we're about three percent of that four one hundredths of one percent. So, in my little cowboy brain, that tells me that it doesn't amount to... to anything, and we're creating this whole... whole event about climate crisis, about climate change, about... and another thing that I would like to ask is, if you're going to reduce four one hundredths of one percent of

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CO2 in the atmosphere, what's your goal? What do you want to do? We need CO2 to grow green things. And if you keep reducing that, guess what we aren't going to grow? We aren't going to grow green things. I know earlier this week I planted 15 million carbon capturing plants to cycle CO2. You know, you want to talk about science. You want to talk about the science is that when... if you participate in sound science, your observation dictates your conclusion. Now, think about that for a minute. In sound science, your observation dictates your conclusion. You know, we have a lot of research and a lot of data we have collected on this issue over the past 70 years. You know, and we've gone from the freeze-out to acid rain to global warming to climate change. And there's one thing that I know is there's been 41 climate disasters predicted since 1967. And guess what the win-loss record for that is? Zero disasters and 41 right now. There's been zero disasters out of everything that had been predicted. You know, in 1982, Al Gore said that, you know, because the ice... because of CO2, the ice caps are going to melt and we're going to lose 25 percent of Florida. If sound science dictates your conclusion, I would conclude that 25 percent of Florida is still there and people continue to build on... on the coast. I understand that it's hard for people to get their mind wrapped around this scam that's been perpetuated on our... on Illinois and on our nation. It's much easier to fool people than to convince people that they've been fooled. And I don't expect I'm probably going to change anybody's mind today and you aren't going to change my mind because in sound science, your observation dictates your conclusion. We are not having a

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climate crisis, but what we are having is a crisis of common sense. And what we're doing here is we won't prevent a crisis, but we will cause a crisis by making energy completely unreliable and unaffordable for the American industry and the American people. You know, we had... we had CEJA that we did here not very long ago, the Clean Energy Jobs Act. You know, and one of the things that I've always been told was that was going to create jobs. We have a three-thousand-acre solar panel farm in my neck of the woods. And we're always talking about creating good union jobs. We're always talking about creating jobs for Black and Brown community. And I know that I visited that solar farm on several occasions, and the only Black and Brown people that were working there were from Texas and Mexico. And so, I think it's important you remember that. They make all these promises, and there's no... there's no following through on any of it. Another thing that we did was we called the IBEW when... and asked them why they weren't over there picketing on that job, and they had no answer. But there was no IBEW trucks there, there was no union jobs, there was no nothing. So, these are all shallow and misguided... misguided things. There's one thing that I know is that they're talking about injecting this CO2 into a mile, a mile-plus under the earth. You know, in other words, they're going to give the earth an enema. And so, in all enemas, there's always an explosion afterwards. And guess what? It's just a matter of time until all this blows up. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Moeller is recognized."

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Moeller: "Yeah, I don't think I'm going to be able to match the energy of the last speaker. I'm not sure if I'd want to. But would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Moeller: "Thank you. Representative, the Bill says that a carbon sequestration permit applicant can satisfy the IE... IEPA permitting requirements by submitting copies of documents provided to the federal EPA, if the applicant satisfies the requirement of this section. What is intended by that language?"

Williams, A.: "That language is intended to avoid unnecessary duplication between the state permitting process and the federal Class VI injection well permitting processes by allowing applicants to provide the Illinois EPA with the application materials and supporting documents that were submitted to the federal government."

Moeller: "Thank you. And then does the... does that mean that applicants are only required to give IEPA the materials submitted to the federal government as part of the Class VI permit process?"

Williams, A.: "No. Applicants may be required to provide additional documentation if the Class VI permit application materials and supporting documents do not sufficiently demonstrate compliance with our state permit requirements."

Moeller: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. I... I want to thank you for your leadership in this area. I want to thank Leader Hoffman for his leadership as well. We... this discussion has been going on for several years. We know that there have been several applications to the Illinois Commerce Commission to...

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to build out these projects. And without a framework and regulations around this, we know that we could be putting human health and environmental health at risk. This takes us... this puts us in a good place so that we can position ourselves, once the federal regulations come down and... and these projects move forward, that we have the appropriate guard rails in place to... to ensure that we are protecting the consumers and citizens in our... in our state. So, again, I know these are very complicated issues and this took a lot of time, but I truly appreciate your leadership and hard work on this issue. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Rosenthal is recognized."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Rosenthal: "How are you doing this morning, Representative? How's your day?"

Williams, A.: "It's always great when I get to exchange pleasantries with you, Representative."

Rosenthal: "Thank you. Can you explain to me, first of all, where the Mount Zion zone in the Illinois Basin is?"

Williams, A.: "South of the Illinois River."

Rosenthal: "So, would you say south of I-80? And I assume that most of the people on that side consider that... consider that Southern Illinois. Is that correct?"

Williams, A.: "I... the... I'm hearing some disagreement with that statement. But if you're referring to the shale..."

Rosenthal: "Yes."

Williams, A.: "...that covers Illinois, the Eau Claire shale?"

Rosenthal: "Yes."

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Williams, A.: "That's what we're talking about as an ideal geology, as you know, for carbon sequestration."

Rosenthal: "And it's pretty much south of I-80."

Williams, A.: "Yes."

Rosenthal: "Correct?"

Williams, A.: "Yes."

Rosenthal: "So, would you say that's predominantly rural farm country?"

Williams, A.: "Absolutely."

Rosenthal: "Would you say also... agree that that's predominantly represented by Republican Representatives?"

Williams, A.: "We have... we have a few. My friend here, Katie. Sharon Chung is weighing in."

Rosenthal: "I agree. I said..."

Williams, A.: "Carol Ammons."

Rosenthal: "...predominantly. Predominantly. Okay. So, do you know what the status of the Hazardous Material Safety Administration revisions are?"

Williams, A.: "That... those rules are in progress. There are no rules yet developed for... specifically for carbon sequestration projects, which is why we have the two-year moratorium."

Rosenthal: "Yeah, but the two-year moratorium is only if they don't get these rules in place, correct?"

Williams, A.: "If they don't put the rules in place before. Now, there is... there was, on May 15, supposed to be a deadline for the rules to be... preliminary rules to be submitted. That's been extended, I think, to June 4. But, obviously, with the

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significant federal investment and the tax credit program, we expect they will be done soon."

Rosenthal: "Okay. So, I happen to sit... and I'm... I'm from Christian County, which happens to be the epicenter of where the original wells were going to be put. So, I helped coordinate a meeting with Navigator and the county board. Eighty to eighty-five percent of the landowners, residents of that area were opposed, and obviously Navigator wasn't very successful in convincing them this... this was a good project and it was a safe project. So, Navigator did an alternate pipeline route through Montgomery County, and they actually drilled a... a test well for this. The bottom line was, Christian County Farm Bureau, Montgomery County Farm Bureau, Sangamon County Farm Bureau, three years ago, were adamantly opposed to this project and nobody has convinced the local landowners that this is safe. So, the question I have, was Farm Bureau at the table for these negotiations?"

Williams, A.: "We've... the negotiations have been ongoing, on and off for two years. Leader Hoffman had a Bill, actually two Bills. I've had two different Bills. And we've been getting input from all the stakeholders on these items."

Rosenthal: "So, for the current negotiations, though, was Farm Bureau at the table? Yes, or no?"

Williams, A.: "I didn't convene the negotiations. I was attending, but I did not think... I don't believe Farm Bureau was at the negotiation table."

Rosenthal: "Did we have any Republicans, Representatives from the House or Senate?"

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Williams, A.: "I did not, but, you know, these Bills have been out here for some time and I can't recall any instance, except, perhaps, some casual conversation that you and I had, from any Republican inquiring about the Bill or expressing interest in carbon capture regulation, at least to me."

Rosenthal: "Okay. Do you know how many wells we currently have in Illinois?"

Williams, A.: "Total wells? All... all wells? No, I do not."

Rosenthal: "No, carbon capture wells."

Williams, A.: "There... well, ADM has on property, so that would be two I think there."

Rosenthal: "And do you know how many wells have been... permits have been applied for, for additional wells?"

Williams, A.: "I don't know that offhand. Some have been submitted, withdrawn, so I don't have a running total of that. But we're open for business."

Rosenthal: "And so, any of those wells would require a pipeline. Is that correct? Or are they going to truck it in or use rail to provide and bring the CO2 to the well?"

Williams, A.: "Well, I think... I think it depends. I mean, obviously, there's a three-part process: capture, transport, if transport is required. I don't know if they're cement facilities or ethanol plants that can be co-located with a sequestration well. Certainly, that seems possible, but I'm not... I haven't seen any business plans or proposals personally."

Rosenthal: "So, what I would say and recommend, because my friends and neighbors who are farmers, who are represented by the Farm Bureau, and are the ones that need to be educated because

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there's... nobody's convinced them that it's safe or that it's a good project, until Farm Bureau has been involved in the negotiations or the Republicans have been involved in the negotiations, I'd... I'd recommend in the future that they be considered. Similar to the budget process, I think that we need to have Republicans involved. So, thank you."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Mayfield is recognized."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Indicates she will."

Mayfield: "Representative, do you believe that protecting drinking water is very important?"

Williams, A.: "That's right at the top of the list of everything we've been working on in our committee in the last several years, so, yes."

Mayfield: "I very much appreciate you stating that. There were several Members on the other side of the aisle who were concerned about their drinking water. Yet, when I presented House Bill 1608 to protect the drinking water in my district, they were all 'no' votes. Isn't that amazing?"

Williams, A.: "You know, you're right. And, actually, I'm thinking back to the wetlands Bill, the PFAS Bills, and I don't remember a lot of support on the other side of the aisle, Rep."

Mayfield: "I agree with that. So, I'm going to encourage all the Members who are concerned about protecting drinking water to not only just vote for this Bill, but to consider voting for House Bill 1608, which would remove all of those coal ash ponds from Lake Michigan where we provide drinking water to

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millions of individuals. Not just to the State of Illinois, but Michigan, Iowa, and Wisconsin as well. I would like to protect drinking water too. Again, that's House Bill 1608. I do have slips if anybody would like to join in support. Thank you so much."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. You know, I was on that committee, a study committee on the Mahomet Aquifer, or a observer back in 2014, 2015. My predecessor, Representative Mitchell, asked me to sit in on those hearings. And I'm... I'm a little, I guess, concerned at one of the previous speakers, who was very, very involved, is willing to let... let this go, let this... support this Bill, who I believe will endanger the Mahomet Aquifer. Once you breach that aquifer, once you breach the bottom of that aquifer and something happens, there's... there's no way to go back. There's absolutely no way to go back and fix that. And I know, Representative Williams, you know, this is an important Bill for you. And I... I would like to propose a couple of things that I think might bring you more bipartisan support, some things that might or should be included or, you know, done to bring some more people along. And if you don't mind, first... first thing that I would say is that we... we ought to lower the fee. You know, you've... you've accepted or set a fee of \$31 a ton to sequester. What... how does that fee compare to Indiana, our neighbor?"

Williams, A.: "Well, our... our fee is 31 cents for a ton of carbon stored, and it is broken down to a number of areas. I've heard

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in committee yesterday that Indiana's lower, but I would make the argument that our... we're dealing with much more robust, significant safeguards and protections here in Illinois. We have an extra permit requirement that other states don't have. I would argue that Illinois residents deserve the highest protection, the strongest safeguards. And if you want, I can give you a breakdown of where that fee will go. But, obviously, for the administration of the funds and the permits required and all the work that goes in to keeping these safe and making sure all the, you know, i's are dotted and the t's are crossed, there's also a... funds will go to the Long-Term Trust Fund. And that's what I think Representative Ammons mentioned, that after 30 years, there's a trust fund established. So, if a company goes out of business and is no longer able to address any concerns that may arise or any liability issues, that money goes into the fund. So, that's really important to us. Additionally, some of the funds goes to the emergency preparedness to go directly to first responders in those communities, training preparation, et cetera. We also have a component that goes to environmental justice grant funds, and this is not limited to sites where there is carbon stored. This is any EJ community for help with positive, sustainable action. So, we felt that the fee was the right amount to make sure Illinoisans were protected and still fund these important components of this process."

Caulkins: "Well, I think there's a difference of opinion. And I think that by not being competitive, and... and I presume that other states that look at this are going to be a lot less than Illinois. There are things in that... in that fund that

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are, I think, worthwhile if we're going to do this. But I think it's also very extravagant, and... and I would suggest that if you paired that fee down, it would be, I think, more... more palatable. I think the other... another suggestion that I would have, had we been able to participate in... in this negotiations, we talk about the eminent domain the part of this that goes towards eminent domain, which you know is a big sticking point for many, many of us. And one of the... one of the concerns is the use of eminent domain, and how that goes forward. But if I were to suggest a change, when you talk about the 75 percent threshold to have acceptance, and then you go to the other 25 percent that don't, we have that, that they have... they're forced to go through an arbitration process. In that arbitration process is the upfront payment, the bonus payments that have been predominantly used in other environmental issues. Is that considered in the, I guess, the eminent domain process?"

Williams, A.: "Before I answer that specific question, just to kind of clarify, the eminent domain laws that exist right now and apply to pipelines, no matter what kind of pipelines they are, have been unchanged. So, for pipelines, eminent domain is indeed the process. Highways, everything for public use, that's separate."

Caulkins: "I... I understand that."

Williams, A.: "Yeah. This..."

Caulkins: "But what we have seen in the past is that a developer will frontload. In other words, they will offer an incentive to a landowner to accept their project. And then the rest of the people that haven't gone along are subject to a hearing,

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to an eminent domain process, where we... we try to reach an agreement. But that eminent domain process, to get to an equitable payment to keep somebody from holding out and trying to game the system, but it doesn't include that upfront payment in consideration of what that average or mean payment is."

Williams, A.: "Well, let me clarify that a little bit. First of all, we're not talking about eminent domain if we're not talking about the pipelines. What we're talking about here that you're referring to is the pore space that lies deep underground..."

Caulkins: "Right."

Williams, A.: "...where the carbon is stored, as you know, and does not deal with surface rights at all. So, I have looked at the actual language of the Bill after hearing from you guys in committee. And what... how it works is if there's 75 percent of the owners of... 75 percent of the land, the associated owners agree, then the process can move forward. It's called unitization. It's like an easement. It's not eminent domain. The ownership is retained of that pore space from the landowner. And the... they call them nonconsenting landowners, then utilize a process through DNR where they will, as you mentioned, have a hearing, go in front of a... an ALJ or an administrative hearing officer, and the determination will be made based on a number of factors. So, while the average is not calculated using an upfront payment, which is an incentive to get you to sign up early, the just compensation includes fair market value considerations, changes to your land value, if any. It's a floor too. The average is just a floor. So,

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the average is calculated based on the past year of payments, and then the hearing officer can hear any evidence you chose to provide. So..."

Caulkins: "I understand that."

Williams, A.: "...if... if, in the hypothetical situation, someone decided to abuse the process, frontload all the payments and don't make any ongoing payments, the nonconforming landowners or nonconsenting landowners could go to the administrator and say, 'This is... is being frontloaded. We want just compensation throughout the process.' And it would be considered. There is discretion. So, I don't see that concern as really being valid."

Caulkins: "But if... I understand discretion, but we're talking about what's in the Bill that could become law. And I think it would be better for this Bill if that discretion was removed and the upload payment was absolute. That would be absolutely considered in those negotiations. Let's talk about another..."

Williams, A.: "Sure."

Caulkins: "The Mahomet Aquifer, we've said it and done it and said it again, and I think it would make this Bill much better had we agreed to protect the Mahomet Aquifer. I think that that is a huge sticking point. It should be a huge sticking point with every Member in... and a consideration of every Member in this Body. And... and I... I understand it wasn't because there's some permits that are out there, or people are applying for permits, and the labor unions felt that it would inhibit some work that they might get. But I... I believe, firmly believe, and I've heard it from others, that once you

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permeate the aquifer, once you go through it and something happens, there's no going back. One last point, and... and that's the moratorium. You know, we have, actually, and you mentioned it, a... a company that's proposing to sequester out of Gibson City. And it's a short pipeline. It's a short pipeline. And I would suggest, rather than... than interfering with that process that's ongoing, that perhaps the moratorium should only affect pipelines over, say, 10 miles. You know, this is not about people bringing pipelines in from other states or... or shipping, you know, making a pipeline run the length from Waukegan to Central Illinois. I... I think it would be much better if you would exempt pipeline, short pipelines, like the one ADM has, like the one that they're proposing in Gibson City. Give... don't interfere with that already permitting process. They're already working. They want to sequester the carbon. They want to do this project, but we're putting a moratorium on them. We're putting restraints on them that I think are going to interfere with doing what you want. I mean, we're doing what your caucus wants, and you want to pull CO2 out of that fermentation process, out of the ethanol plant. I think it would be a good idea to let that process play out. If they can get the farmers to agree to... to sequester, they can run that pipeline and get an ICC permit, and get a Class VI well permit. I... I think this interferes with that process. And it may give us... it may give us another commercial application of this sequestration that would be very, very helpful as we go down the road as an example of how things should be done, could be done, and maybe it... it would be... it would make this process more palatable. So, those

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would be my suggestions. Perhaps had we been allowed to be involved in negotiations we could've dealt with this sooner. But without these safeguards, without these things, unfortunately, I can't support this Bill at this time. But I certainly appreciate your... your hard work."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Bunting."

Bunting: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Bunting: "Super. Representative, a lot of my colleagues on this side have already answered most of the questions that I've got, but I would like to go back to the 31 cents per ton. Can you tell me what the breakdown is on... on where the percentages of that money is going?"

Williams, A.: "I sure will. Okay. We have 10 percent going to the... the administration funds, which processes the permits, staffing, administration. Two percent goes into the Water Resources Fund. Six percent goes to the oil, gas, and resources management. Twenty percent goes to the emergency management and preparedness training that I mentioned. Twenty-eight percent will go into that long-term trust fund, which backs up those financial assurances we spoke of. We do have a chunk going to... I don't see the number here, to the environmental justice grants, as well as a small percentage to GRF."

Bunting: "I've got it here that 24 percent goes to an Environmental Justice Grant Fund. Can you explain exactly... as Representative Caulkins had said there before, if you look over in Indiana, I think they're right at seven cents. When

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we look at this, 24 percent of 31, we're... we're roughly 8 cents. Can you explain to me exactly where that funding of the environmental justice grant fund, where that money will go?"

Williams, A.: "Well, sure. The reason for that, the inclusion of that line, was a lot of the plants were talking about the applications, these industrial applications, cement plants, they're located in EJ communities. So, what we're done throughout our efforts to decarbonize is make sure that the communities that are most impacted also derive some benefit from our efforts and are able to participate as we move to a cleaner and greener economy and... and deal with sustainability and decarbonization on all levels. So, this is not inconsistent in what we've done in CEJA and what we hope to do as we decarbonize buildings and as we go towards dealing with vehicle emissions, et cetera, and that is to make sure that those communities have some opportunity to make forward movement for themselves too."

Bunting: "Okay. I'm... I'm glad you brought that up with... with community. So, this is absolutely, without a question, in my district, rural Illinois, a hot button issue. We have got folks that... that push both sides of this, and they're extremely passionate about what they feel about carbon sequestration. As you had said earlier with Representative Rosenthal, that rural Illinois is going to be the receiver of much of this carbon sequestration. Can you tell me where the beginning is going to take place and how... how is this carbon going to get from point A to point B?"

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Williams, A.: "Well, that's the transport piece. So, again, the process is a three-part process. First is capture, then it is the transport, could be a pipeline, most likely a pipeline, and then it's sequestered in an injection well. I would argue landowners have the right to utilize their property for a well, just like they might for a windmill or a solar farm or any other application. So, there's landowner rights conversation kind of on both sides of the issue. The implication of landowner rights is limited to, for nonconsenting landowners, is limited to the pore space, which is about a mile underground, I think, if I recall the science correctly."

Bunting: "I... I understand the pore space part... piece of this, the actual sequestration. Where... where is this carbon? Where are these plants at that are causing the carbon to be sequestered?"

Williams, A.: "Well, this is any... any plant, an ethanol plant, a refinery, a cement plant, an asphalt plant, manufacturing facilities throughout the State of Illinois. So, when you... you know, certainly the wells and the carbon are sequestered in a rural areas because that's where the shale is and it needs to go under the shale, but the plants are everywhere in Illinois. So, I would argue this doesn't just impact rural Illinoisans, but it takes carbon... significantly reduces carbon and co-pollutants in areas... all areas of the state, and that's why we're doing it."

Bunting: "So, refineries up in the suburban area, the collar county areas, they're going to sequester their carbon, and

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they're going to put it in a pipeline and pump it down into rural Illinois. Is... is that what you're saying?"

Williams, A.: "Well, it's up to those... those companies. I don't know of existing plans or business plans or the business models for those, but this is what is designed, is to keep them from emitting carbon, an opportunity collect the carbon, and keep it underground and not up into our atmosphere where it contributes to the continued and devastating impacts of the climate crisis."

Bunting: "Super. So, when we talk about the placing of pipelines, it... it is all instrumental on this moratorium. Can you explain to me... I understand the piece where it's either going to be... it's either going to come from the federal government with the regulations and FEMA or it's going to come with a moratorium two years out. Can you explain to me the reason for the two-year moratorium?"

Williams, A.: "Well, you got it there. The two-year moratorium is just that we don't go ahead with pipelines until there are federal rules in place. Now, you know that pipelines are governed by the Interstate Commerce Clause. We can't regulate pipelines completely. The federal government has primary responsibility for that through PHMSA, and therefore we're waiting for those rules to come down before we feel comfortable proceeding with the pipelines. If they come down sooner, then the moratorium will not continue for the full duration."

Bunting: "Sure."

Williams, A.: "But... but one extra step, as I've mentioned throughout my presentation, we do go far above and beyond the

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federal requirements. So, there is also a component of this Bill that allows for the ICC to have a process to regulate pipeline safety and... and protections for landowners where the federal government does not. So, where there are regulatory gaps, we are mandating the ICC to fill those in."

Bunting: "I am all for landowner's rights. So, now that you've brought that up, let's have a conversation about the non-participating landowners in rural Illinois. Are they protected in this?"

Williams, A.: "Well, the term is the nonconsenting landowners, and the first step is for... once it is determined that it is safe and suitable to put an injection well in a particular property, the company would do modeling to determine how far the carbon would extend, and that would tell them which percentage of the landowners they need to contact about the potential project. So, of that group of landowners that they identify as being impacted by the stored carbon, they need to get at least 75 percent, which is the highest number, or equal to the highest number that we have in any other state, to agree to move forward. It could be 99 percent. It could be 80 percent, but minimum of 75 percent. At that point, if they move forward, the process then goes to the DNR. And it is not an eminent domain process. It is about that pore space below the surface. It cannot be used for putting a well on. You can't be required to have a well on your property. It's only for the pore space impacted under the ground. Those landowners would go to the DNR, that public hearing would be held, they would have the opportunity to present information on just compensation, fair market value, and the calculation, which

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would be an average, that the other Representative mentioned, is one factor that's considered when you determined what just compensation is."

Bunting: "How close to a nonparticipating landowner can you place a well for carbon sequestration?"

Williams, A.: "I think... I think it's 300 feet from a dwelling, and that might be pertaining to all wells."

Bunting: "So, in this Bill, you can place a carbon sequestration well within 300 feet of a nonparticipating landowner?"

Williams, A.: "Let me clarify that for you. Well, we can go on, and we'll come back to it when we have a more definitive answer."

Bunting: "Well, that was my last question."

Williams, A.: "Okay."

Bunting: "I was going to go to the Bill."

Williams, A.: "Please."

Bunting: "So, we'll patiently wait."

Williams, A.: "Okay. Actually, that may be something that is in the Class VI permitting regs that is a federal requirement under the Safe Drinking Water Act. So, that may be something that they have jurisdiction over that we do not."

Bunting: "Okay, super. To the Bill. As I had stated before, this is an extremely hot topic in my district. I am pro-economic growth. I am pro-seeing this state move forward, but I am pro-public safety. We need to make sure that not just 75 percent of landowners are protected. We need to make sure all of our landowners are protected. Rural Illinois is a prime spot for carbon sequestration. I will not deny that. I have an ethanol plant in my district that is working hard and

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tirelessly to get a project up and rolling. They are pillars of their community. They do a fantastic job. They are an economic driver of the community in which they represent. Folks, you need to vote what your district wants you to do here. That carbon sequestration is coming to rural Illinois, but it is coming from the suburbs as well. That carbon is going to be sequestered in refineries, in other businesses, and it's going to be sent to rural Illinois, via the way of pipeline. It is extremely important that we get this right. I have been in this chamber for just over 16 months. I promise you this is going to be one of the hardest votes I have to take to date. I sat in and listened to the committee yesterday. Leader Elik brought up a great point. This stuff is coming to rural Illinois, represented by Members on my side of the aisle. I know this discussion's been taking place for two years, but all of a sudden, in the eleventh hour of the spring Session, our hair was automatically on fire. We need to slow down. We need to make sure that this is right, and we make sure that everybody that raises a family in this state has their voices heard. Vote your district. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Swanson is recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Swanson: "Thank you. Yes, once again... I'm sorry. How long has this been... how long have we been working on this did you say?"

Williams, A.: "I'd say four or five years ago there was a task force Bill that was passed by former Rep., now-Senator Tom Bennett, which facilitated the study that Rep. Ammons mentioned about the... from the Prairie Research Institute. And

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that's where we started to look at the issue, see about safety and suitability of the technology for Illinois. Since then, I've introduced two Bills, Leader Hoffman's introduced a couple Bills as well to provide regulation. Then 20... 2022 is when the IRA passed, providing the tax credits for companies."

Swanson: "And this is not an insurance Bill? So, I can throw my notes away on an insurance Bill."

Williams, A.: "Sorry, can you repeat the question?"

Swanson: "I can throw my notes away. It says insurance Bill..."

Williams, A.: "Oh."

Swanson: "...up on the top."

Williams, A.: "Nope."

Swanson: "You would think a Bill we've been working on four years, that we could properly identify it so the transparency and members of our communities would know what they're looking at and we're not trying to look for an insurance dental care reimbursement Bill. So, this is a hot topic, as mentioned by many, and I'm going back to what my seatmate talked about earlier with the groups involved in the discussion. You've got a great list of people I highly respect from across the... the whole spectrum. But I see there's no one on there from what... I got phone calls from Farm Bureau. I got phone calls from Illinois Soybeans Association. I've talked with the cattle associations. Do you find it helps, when putting legislation together, that you have opponents at the table also to help bring in opposing views to help make better legislation?"

Williams, A.: "Well, interestingly, the Farm Bureau was very involved in the negotiations in earlier iterations of this

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Bill and, in fact, were proponents, if I recall, of Leader Hoffman's first two versions. My understanding is that there was a membership vote in December of last year that, based on the eminent domain piece, changed the position. I will say the Farm Bureau's been an excellent advocate for their membership and has had many dialogues with me and kept me up to speed on positions throughout the process, both with my original two Bills as well as this. So, I feel that I've heard the voices of the Farm Bureau, and we've made several Amendments and addressed several pieces of their concerns."

Swanson: "And the Soybean Association?"

Williams, A.: "I've had conversations with the soybean folks as well, and they were in some of the earlier negotiations. All which culminated into the agreement today."

Swanson: "All culminated into the last day of Session where we have this discussion. So, we've heard a lot of discussion here, but what is the carbon goal that we want to achieve here in Illinois?"

Williams, A.: "Well, the CEJA... the Bill that we passed in CEJA 2021 set our goals, and we continue to find ways to reach our decarbonization goals. We don't have a lot of time to play around. Despite the conclusions of some on the other side of the aisle, I and many colleagues here and... and actually science is supporting that position. So, CEJA dealt with the power sector primarily. We continued to work on the transportation sector, which is a huge source of carbon emissions. Buildings is under discussion, but this is a difficult to decarbonize sector, the industrial sectors. We're not about to stop needing cement, ethanol, oil, any

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time in the next foreseeable future. So, we need to work on decarbonizing those industries as any way we can using this tool. When technology gets to the point that we can eliminate those fossil fuels, that's great. But until then, this is a tool to get us there while we continue to find other ways to decarbonize the difficult industries."

Swanson: "But you don't have a number?"

Williams, A.: "Number?"

Swanson: "Do you have a number of where we want to be in the metric tons? A million metric tons?"

Williams, A.: "I don't have that. No, there's... it's not... it's not like that. It's not calculated by metric tons.

Swanson: "Well, let me share with..."

Williams, A.: "I can certainly dig up my CEJA..."

Swanson: "In Illinois..."

Williams, A.: "...fact sheet and let you know what we ended up with our CEJA goals, but those are more in the power sector, if that'd be helpful."

Swanson: "I've... I've got those numbers."

Williams, A.: "Okay, great."

Swanson: "So, 1971, Illinois was at 65 million metric tons. In 1996, 60 million metric tons. And at 2021, 57 million metric tons. So, we... we have decreased the amount in our air 8 million metric tons in 50 years. So, I'm trying to understand where we want to get to. It sounds like we're on the right path now if we're trying to decrease. How much can we decrease? And the reason I bring that up, back in 1970s, we moved from the second, third order effect of things. We went from leaded fuels to unleaded fuels. And what that caused me

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to do, as a farmer, I have to add 70 to 90 dollars worth of sulfur into my soil. Last summer, on the 20 of June, we were facing a drought. I was calling federal legislators to try and get CRP ground released so that I could have something to feed my cows. After that, the first part of July, we had a shower of rain. Not much rain, but what came after that was all the carbon from the Canadian fires that brought... came down to Illinois. And to me, I was from a zero-bushel crop to 260-bushel-per-acre crop. Green... carbon makes green. Every green plant needs carbon. This past year, we planted 35 thousand carbon consumers, carbon users per acre of corn. We planted 150 thousand beans per acre. That's going to be a part of the photosynthesis process. And when I read the science information from many of these scientists who are a lot smarter than me as a simple farmer and soldier, they tell me that green products has a way to adjust to the carbon availability through the photosynthesis process and through the respirator process. And I guess I'll continue on the Bill with some more of my points here. Here in Illinois, as a soldier with the Illinois National Guard, we trained and monitored and were prepared in case of a earthquake from the New Madrid fault. We live on the New Madrid fault. We also live on the... oh, shoot, I lost it here in my notes. Another... or, a potential disaster area. But when we look at putting these pipelines in, it's one thing to put a gas line in at low pressure, it's another thing to put a... a CO2 line in at over 20... over 2 thousand pounds... 2800 PSI pumping through the air... through the earth. We just recently, I believe it was the 27 of March, there was an earthquake here in Illinois

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that majored 2.8 on the Richter scale. So, the concern is there. And when we start penetrating through water with a pipeline, that we all rely on that water as a source, it's concerning. Wabash, there, I found my notes. So, through this, I look at the winners and I look at the losers. It appears like many of the winners are those who get a percentage of the pie. As mentioned previously by one of my partners on this side of the aisle, there's no real protections for the farmer, the number one industry in Illinois. And I guess I go back to the Sponsor with this question. Is this a mandate on anyone else that has a carbon release through their company or through their industry or through their business?"

Williams, A.: "No, this is an optional program."

Swanson: "So, it's not a mandate, but it's optional to a big business in Chicago, but it's a mandate on the ethanol industry?"

Williams, A.: "This is not a mandate. If you'd like to work with me to mandate restriction of carbon emissions anywhere, I'd be willing to talk about that. But, no, this is for... ethanol plants are primarily the plants we're talking about in Central Illinois, actually, that... that are interested in this technology. And they've... they've approached us with their... their interests, and our goal here was to make sure that we regulate. And with those federal tax credits, they're coming to Illinois."

Swanson: "I guess, if I wasn't very clear, I'm an opponent to this, so I would love to work with you on any type of other CO2 work if you invite opponents to be on that part working group."

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Williams, A.: "I'm always open to conversation, Rep."

Swanson: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a... a very poor start to legislation that just appeared overnight. It's been several years in the making, and here we've got Senate Bill 20... 1289 as an insurance dental care/reimbursement. Seeing it right before we are about ready to close and work on a budget, and I think it's disingenuous to bring this to us at this time of day to have this discussion and not have the ability or... ability or availability to talk with any of our constituents. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Halbbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, I don't think we've had the opportunity to discuss or debate Bills with you, unlike the Representative seated directly behind you from Glen Ellyn. So, I'm looking forward to this. In committee Friday afternoon, the proponents that were advocating for safety and for their citizens, they'd indicated many things that they weren't able to achieve a hundred percent of or maybe even get. One of those that was the protections for the Mahomet Aquifer. But there was also a discussion, I think it was about post-injection site closure. The feds have a 10-year limitation. I think 30 years is baked into this statute. I know the proponents were looking for a hundred years. What other things did they come up short on in regards to these protections for the citizens?"

Williams, A.: "Well, first of all, I would disagree with your characterization that we didn't get protections for the

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Mahomet Aquifer. Right now, there are no rules on the state level in place that would keep a well from being drilled through, and there would be no surrounding protections. So, as I've said from the beginning of my presentation, this is about ensuring there are protections and safeguards in place, and it is the strongest in the country. Also, the Class VI well requirements on the federal level are specifically focused on drinking water. They stem from the Safe Drinking Water Act. So, that assessment that we're somehow endangering the aquifer is... is just simply not true. Number two, you'd asked about the hundred-year, 30-year, negotiating point. A hundred years sounds good, fine. That's... that's fine. But what we've done is it could be a hundred years, it could be 200 years. Because what we have decided on here is a 30-year post-injection site care period, at the end of which there's an assessment by the EPA which looks at the well, looks at the safety, looks at the surrounding area, determines whether they should continue with the monitoring and... and evaluation of the well beyond that 30 years. It could be many years thereafter. If it's in an area that the geography indicates there continues to be some risk no matter how low it is, the EPA can make that decision. So, I would not consider that anything that we fell short on. I actually like the idea of a risk assessment, very science-based."

Halbrook: "Well, I understand, and, you know, my... my follow up to that is, how can you in good conscience compromise on these things that you believe like the hundred-year, or whatever it is, post-site care, how can you compromise on those important safety factors and then compromise on the safety and security

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of the citizens in the region where these things may be located or across the State of Illinois?"

Williams, A.: "I don't... we did not compromise on safety. We did not compromise on the science. Everything we're doing here is backed up by science. I think the danger to Illinoisans would exist if we allowed these project to move forward without safeguards in place. And that's what will happen if we don't get this Bill passed today."

Halbrook: "Well, I think, to this point, and I sort of have more questions and comments than Rush Limbaugh had opinions, but I'm really concerned about the long-term liability here, and I'll address that later. Moving on, in the Inflation Reduction Act, which is federal law, I believe that's kind of one of the main reasons we're here. And there's been many previous speakers talk about the reasons why we need to do this, and I can kind of argue for and against a lot of those. Can you explain to this Body how the finances in the Inflation Reduction Act, how that works in... in regard to Illinois companies that create CO<sub>2</sub>, pipeline companies, and the sequestration of that? Are those in the form of cash payments to someone? Are those in the form of tax credits? Who... what is that and who receives those things?"

Williams, A.: "Well, it can be applied for by anyone that is eligible. It is a tax credit that is issued based on the ton... tonnage of carbon that you store. So, that's how it works. It's a tax credit structure."

Halbrook: "So, creators of CO<sub>2</sub>, are they in line for any of these incentives, whether it's cash or tax incentives? Are... are the creators of CO<sub>2</sub>, are they on that list?"

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Williams, A.: "What I'm referring to is the sequestration. The credit goes to a sequesterer, if that's a word."

Halbrook: "Okay. Next question is, are you familiar with the Keystone XL Pipeline?"

Williams, A.: "Just like anybody would be from the news and..."

Halbrook: "Right. So, what is the reasoning or what would be your thoughts of why the administration or yourself would advocate for the closure or the... the cessation of the XL Pipeline, to shut that pipeline down, but yet we want to advocate for a different pipeline? What... what would be your reasoning or your logic to shut that down and advocate for something else?"

Williams, A.: "Well, again, I will come back to the same two points that I've been making consistently. The tax credits out there, companies are taking advantage of it and will be locating here whether we like it or not. So, I would suggest that putting regulations in place is key. I would also note that, I'm guessing the pipeline you're referring to, I don't know the specifications, is fossil fuels. We are talking about a process here, a technology that removes carbon emissions. And that's something that fits in with my bigger goal and the bigger picture of addressing the climate crisis."

Halbrook: "Yeah, but you and I don't receive those tax credits. My constituents don't receive those tax credits. The pipe... the Keystone Pipeline, the Keystone XL Pipeline, would've brought low-cost energy. We wouldn't be paying nearly four dollars for gasoline and diesel fuel in this country today if we had the Keystone XL Pipeline. This would be real relief to everyone in this room and every one of our constituents if the Keystone Pipeline was to be put in place. That's real

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meaningful, important things. Next question. If the pipeline is safe to transfer... transport CO2 to sequester, why isn't it safe for enhanced oil recovery?"

Williams, A.: "Well, enhanced oil recovery is a process, first of all, which generates more. It's fossil fuel intensive. It's a higher risk, sort of, process. This is just about storing the carbon underground into sandstone, in the pore space there. Enhanced oil recovery, I'm not an expert, but I believe that's where you inject the CO2 as part of a process to extract it. Other chemicals are also involved. It's higher risk process and something we were not comfortable allowing here in Illinois. This is strictly, again, a climate-positive effort to make sure there's less emissions in the air."

Halbrook: "So, why... again, you mentioned it's more risky for enhanced oil recovery. It's going to be the same style and a pipeline. I don't know why that's more risky for one process over the other."

Williams, A.: "I'm talking about the injection wells. And the process is not just storing carbon, again, gas, liquid, eventually solid. The carbon is stored in pore space. It does not rise. It moves horizontally. Enhanced oil recovery, again I don't have a lot of detail about the process, but I know it involves pumping carbon dioxide into rocks, trying to extract oil out of it, moving it back up, using other chemicals, a lot more intensive of a process."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, to your point about sequestration, I know you kind of wanted to focus on that a lot today, and that is important. And we've talked about the Mahomet Aquifer, and you believe those protections are there. I have kind of a

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list, and I may just read through them. And my question here about this list is, what are the protections, what are the setbacks for these types of places, if you will, places like wells, lakes, rivers, where people may get their water from? What are the setbacks from former or current oil and natural gas production fields? What are the setbacks from landfills? What are the setbacks from former or current coal mines, any other surface mining operations or rock quarries? What are the setbacks and protections to stay away from these types of things that are out there in our... in our landscape?"

Williams, A.: "You mean for the injection wells to... where they're..."

Halbrook: "Right. Injection wells or sequestration fields."

Williams, A.: "Okay."

Halbrook: "I mean, we have a lot of these things..."

Williams, A.: "I thought you were..."

Halbrook: "...that you've mentioned on this list..."

Williams, A.: "Okay."

Halbrook: "...scattered throughout the State of Illinois..."

Williams, A.: "Okay. Sure."

Halbrook: "...so there has to be some limitation in the statute to say do not put sequestration injection wells or fields near..."

Williams, A.: "Absolutely."

Halbrook: "...these facilities."

Williams, A.: "And... and thank you for bringing that up because you actually touched on one of the benefits to this particular Bill and the way we've drafted it here. In addition to the extensive and rigorous requirements in a Class VI well... well permits that are facilitated under the Safe Drinking Water

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Act, our Illinois permit specifically addresses regulatory gaps. So, where the feds don't weigh in, we weigh in with the state permit for sequestration, and that deals with soil and air protections. So, as part of the permitting process, whatever kind of well you're drilling, there has to be modeling, there has to be surveys, I don't know if I'm using the right term, geological surveys, assessments as to what other infrastructure, what other wells, what else might be in that space. Seismic activity, of course, is considered as part of that assessment as to whether it's safe to put a well here. That's true of any well you would drill, any kind of structure that would go into the ground. So, it's a very extensive process, and all those items you mentioned, I believe, are considered."

Halbrook: "Okay. Thank you."

Williams, A.: "Yep."

Halbrook: "Is the goal here to correlate a zero-carbon economy?"

Williams, A.: "Pardon me. Can you repeat the question?"

Halbrook: "Is the goal of all of this to create a zero-carbon economy, a zero-carbon whatever? That we don't use carbon whatsoever?"

Williams, A.: "Well, again, I think it's based on the science. I know the parameters of that could.. I don't know the terminology you're referring to specifically, but I do know that science tells us that the carbon emissions that are emitted into the air are causing the climate crisis and many, many devastating impacts and costs on communities worldwide. Obviously, Illinois, we can't fix the climate crisis. We can't do everything here, but I would argue we need to do our part,

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while simultaneously protecting communities and the environment."

Halbrook: "Right. Well, so, you know, you've talked about the scientists agree, and I believe the scientists disagree, and I believe that we could probably put together a groups of scientists on both sides of this issue. But let me talk about the sciences I know it and we know it in this room. How do you respond to the fact that life as we've known it for the last 5 thousand years is carbon based, and without carbon, life ends. How do you respond to that?"

Williams, A.: "I don't really know what that means. So, I'll have difficulty responding to that."

Halbrook: "Well, we're a carbon... carbon-based life. Everything that we do is based on carbon. And when you seek to remove all carbon, life will end. How do you respond to that? That's simple science."

Williams, A.: "Okay. Well, you know, carbon exists... I'm not a scientist, but I can tell you I know the science about the contributions of carbon emission to the climate crisis, as I've said, and that's what we're talking about here. I think your question is a bit beyond the scope of the Bill today."

Halbrook: "Yeah, so are you a biologist by chance?"

Williams, A.: "I am not."

Halbrook: "Okay. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. This is a decision that we are making late in the day here, late in the weekend of a... a time that we were supposed to be adjourned or near adjourned. This is a decision that will have lasting impacts for centuries. In the last 150 years, near the end of the 19th century, or the early 20th century,

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many cutting-edge technologies were put into place only to find out later that they've created messes that we are currently, and for the last maybe 30, 40 years, have been trying to clean up. This is maybe cutting-edge technology today, but it's in its infancy. We do not know yet the long-term implications or ramifications from the technology. We do not know what the potential hazards may be. Let me break this down in the simplest of terms. At zero carbon, plants don't grow, animals will die, our food production system ends, life ends. You cannot be all in on the new green deal and be for the working man at the same time. At this point, how will you put... how will you have kale salads, tofu chips, avocado toast, or almond milk for your free school lunch programs? I want it on the record, Republicans are right on the science, we're right on the issue. You're all going to regret voting 'yes' for this. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "She indicated she will."

Hammond: "Thank you. Representative Williams, and... and first and foremost, I appreciate all the work that you have put into this, and... and I know that you, not only today but for some time, have been very passionate. I do have some questions, if I may. This legislation includes a... a process to integrate certain landowners into a project against their will. Is that correct?"

Williams, A.: "Yes. This is something that it happens with regard to many similar projects that require additional participation. So, the difference here is that it's only

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applicable to pore space. We've had people say they didn't even know they had pore space. But when this does come, as long as 75 percent of the land.. of the land, those correlating owners, agree, then the project can go forward. Yes."

Hammond: "And... and I realize we... this has happened on other projects. Eminent domain, certainly for my area, for my constituents, has always been extremely important. How are those integrated landowners, that 25 percent once the 75 percent are in, how are they compensated for their property rights?"

Williams, A.: "Well, there's a process that takes place through DNR. So, it is not an eminent domain process. It goes through DNR where, once the, you know, application has been provided, once the safety assessments have been done, so it doesn't get to that point until the project looks like it could be a go, those landowners then go to DNR and then they can make a case in front of, kind of, an administrative process, where they can show evidence, bring in experts, and the experts actually are provided as well and involved in the process, to make an argument as to what the just compensation will be. There is an average that is calculated based on the payments, which doesn't include the incentive for being an early signer. But that is a floor, and so the... the compensation can be higher than that. And if the landowner still is not happy with the agreement, they can go to court and appeal it there."

Hammond: "And... and so, I think you hit on a little bit of... of my next question when you said it is not the same as the early signers. So, how is that compensation different from the landowners that signed up for the project?"

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Williams, A.: "Well, the average is calculated and used for a floor, as I mentioned. But companies are allowed to provide like a sign-up bonus as an incentive to get the project going. And many people are happy to accept that based on pore space that lies deep within the ground they will never use, and it will not impact any surface usage."

Hammond: "Which brings me to my next point, if you will. And, no, we didn't share these questions ahead of time."

Williams, A.: "It's okay."

Hammond: "But it's working out quite well. Thank you. So, those that are actually, and I'm going to use the word 'forced' into these projects against their will, why is certain compensation... and I'm reading from page 9 of the Bill, 'Such compensation shall exclude any incentives, such as signing bonuses, provided to the consenting pore space owners prior to the initiation of the injection.' Why is that compensation not included and not owed to the integrated landowners?"

Williams, A.: "Well, I did read that same section. I discussed it with the Farm Bureau, and I understand the concern. Their concern, I believe, was that there would be an abuse of the process, that there would be an attempted frontloading of the compensation that would end up leaving the nonconsenting landowners in a worse position. We provided for the average to be a floor. So, the reason that people provide an incentive and the reason it's allowed is to allow the projects to move forward and to incentivize people to be a part of it. Many people are happy to do it. They weren't using the pore space anyways. There's really no way to use it, so they're happy to do so. If there are nonconsenting landowners, then that's

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absolutely fair that there may be, they can then look at this other process through DNR. It's almost like an easement. There's no change in ownership rights. If you sell the property, it runs with the sale. So, basically, this is a floor. They can make an argument as to why they should get more and what just compensation really is, like any other sort of analysis, real estate analysis, of... of what just compensation is."

Hammond: "And I think for many, they look at this as the possibility that... that they could be compensated with zero dollars, unless they are willing to jump through these hoops and then perhaps even incur some legal expenses. But my last question for you, Representative, and I appreciate your time, if that land use has a fair market value and it justifies a compensation, shouldn't that compensation be considered in your Bill? And why has it been excluded? And does it, in your mind, have a value?"

Williams, A.: "I'm a little confused about your question. Can you..."

Hammond: "Sure."

Williams, A.: "...reword or something? I'm..."

Hammond: "Sure. Why... I'm... I'll try to make it as simple as I can."

Williams, A.: "Please."

Hammond: "Why aren't these landowners that are being integrated into the process, why aren't they also given some certainty that, since they are being forced into these projects, we appreciate the fact that your land has value and we want to compensate you for that?"

Williams, A.: "I believe that..."

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Hammond: "Why are we making them go through an entirely different process?"

Williams, A.: "The process for these is to ensure that they can make an argument for the maximum value and make an argument that they are entitled to just compensation. Again, it's more like an easement. It's not an eminent domain process, but I wouldn't call it jumping through hoops. We wanted to provide enough discretion for the DNR to make sure that landowners could make an argument that, hey, their upfront payment was a little higher than we've seen elsewhere, think you should take that into account when compensating me, for example. And I think we've provided the discretion in the statute to allow that. And the average is going to be calculated just, again, as I've said, as a floor. So, my intent is to ensure those nonconsenting landowners are fairly and well compensated, regardless of when they sign up for the program."

Hammond: "And finally, Representative, I will just say that I think that there are very... there are very good, responsible actors in this business, and I respect them for the process that they have done in the past and I expect they will continue to do in the future. But at the end of the day, eminent domain has to be at the core of what we believe for landowners in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "Representative Ann Williams to close."

Williams, A.: "Well, thank you for the discussion. I enjoyed hearing everyone's perspective and appreciated your advocacy for your constituents and for your communities, I really do. This has been a long time coming. I kind of forgot that we

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did a two-year study before we even got to the introducing the multiple Bills that we did. I want to start off by thanking Leader Hoffman. He has been an amazing partner on this and so many energy issues, and his leadership has really helped shape what I think is a really strong agreement. I have to also call out some of the members of the Governor's Office who helped us convene and facilitated the discussion. Deputy Governor Bria Scudder, Shareese Pryor, and JC Kibbey were amazing at getting very, very diverse viewpoints to come into a room, sit together, and come up with a solution we could all live with. Big thanks, of course, to my friends at the Clean Jobs Coalition team, the industry players, and those in organized labor, all who participated in the conversation. Just... just to reiterate, yet, one more time and I'll wrap. The motivation here really is twofold. This is an important tool to decarbonize the industrial sector. The climate crisis is escalating, that's what the science says. We need every tool at our disposal, and this is an important tool. Without this legislation, though, we are not protected. We have no safeguards in place. So, I would argue that if you're okay with these projects moving forward with little to no regulation, no safeguards in place, then go ahead and vote 'no'. But if you want Illinois to lead the country in terms of strong and robust safeguards for our communities and our environment, please vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The question is, 'Shall House... Senate Bill 1289 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the

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record. On this question, there are 78 voting in 'favor', 29 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a... a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting immediately: Gaming will meet in D-1, Revenue & Finance will meet in C-1, Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education will meet in Room 122B, and the Executive Committee will meet in Room 118."

Speaker Hernandez, B.: "The House will recess for committees and will be back to the floor. The House will stand at recess... at ease to the call of the Chair."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Keicher for the purpose of an announcement."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Republicans would request an immediate caucus in Room 118."

Speaker Manley: "Republicans will caucus in Room 118. Democrats will not caucus. And the House will be in recess to the call of the Chair. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Didech, Chairperson from the Committee on Gaming reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 327. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 3563. Representative Will Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following

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committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Joint Resolution 49. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following... following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 3268."

Speaker Manley: "On Order of Concurrences, page 6, we find House Bill 277, Representative Slaughter. Whenever you're ready. It's on behalf of Representative Smith."

Slaughter: "Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur on House Bill 277. Honored to bring this forward on behalf of Leader Smith, who has done an outstanding job on this very important initiative. If you recall, House Bill 277 is all about jobs, in particular helping those who are marginalized and disadvantaged and at risk to get and to keep jobs. More specifically, House Bill 277 is designed to modernize our procedures for persons who receive traffic tickets for minor traffic offenses and fail to appear in court. Current law grants our judges the power to suspend an individual's driver's license if he or she fails to appear in court. From a fairness and equity perspective, this is... this current process is creating a significant challenge, specifically for individuals at risk as they seek to hold on to their jobs. As this Bill matriculated through the... the legislative process, Leader Smith worked with stakeholders to provide provisions that highlighted a more progressive system of consequences, really to resolve these cases faster while maintaining real and appropriate consequences for not appearing, while not risking a defendant's job, housing, and possible further

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legal entanglements due to the loss of their... their driving privileges. As the Bill went over to the Senate, we... Sponsors continued to address stakeholders' concerns, more specifically the secretary and the sheriffs, who were opposed. After this... after discussions in this Amendment, they are now neutral. Again, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Secretary of State and the sheriffs are now neutral on this measure. Back over here in concurrence. I ask to... for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Motion."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Windhorst: "I respect the changes that have been made in the Senate and the effort made by Sponsors to improve the Bill to move many of the stakeholders to neutral. The issue I have and the reason I'm not supporting it is this. Currently, the law is that if an individual does not pay a traffic ticket, their license is suspended. Of course, that creates a great incentive for a person to pay their traffic tickets. If this becomes law, an individual will get three unpaid tickets per year before they would have their license suspended. So, therefore, it's a great disincentive until you get to that third ticket to pay your tickets to the local government. I believe will... this will lead to reduced collections for local government and impact their budgets. So, I, again, respect the changes that have been made. The Bill has improved, but I just can't support the change. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Slaughter to close. Representative Slaughter to close."

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Slaughter: "This is all about jobs. Let's help the most vulnerable and the most marginalized. Please vote 'yes' on this concurrence. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 277?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 70 voting in 'favor', 36 voting 'opposed', 1 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 3 to House Bill 277. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4059, Leader Haas. Please proceed."

Haas: "Thank you... thank you, Madam Chair. I move to concur on Senate Amendments 1 and 2. Senate Amendment 1 adds two provisions that we chatted about on the floor. It provides that the program will be made, and this... this is the DCFS orientation Bill that... that is coming back, that we provide the orientations in person or virtually. And that if a person requests that a program be offered in a language other than English that the department or its successor will accommodate that request. And Senate Amendment 2 is language proposed by DCFS that they shall offer to host the orientations. And there is no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4059?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the

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record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4059. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4357, Representative Croke. Please proceed."

Croke: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with the Senate Amendment that adds clarifying language that a physician is still the supervisor for the procedure of laser hair removal when the exam is performed by an APRN under physician delegation authority."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appears that, with the Amendment, there was some opposition in committee, primarily around the opposition from the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants."

Croke: "Yes, so, I was made aware of the opposition yesterday. We contacted IDFPR about the concern of the APRN's removal. And we plan in... in committee, we... we talked about it, and then I... I promised to work on a trailer Bill with IDFPR in the fall to address the concern. We also had another concern come up, my understanding is. So, there are going to be a few tweaks made, and we're going to have those discussions over the summer."

Windhorst: "Thank you for that explanation."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Frese."

Frese: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

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Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Frese: "I want to thank the Sponsor for mentioning that, that she's willing to work with us. In the original Bill, when we sent it out to the Senate, it did include the PAs. And when it came back from the Senate, it did not. And so, it's one of those deals where sometimes things get fixed in the Senate and sometimes they don't. And as the Sponsor did say, there's more... there's actually other work to be done on this, and I certainly have full faith in the Sponsor that that's going to be done in the Veto Session. So, for the 4 thousand-plus registered, certified, licensed PAs in the State of Illinois, they appreciate the chance to be included in this Bill, and for them I say thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Croke to close."

Croke: "I appreciate the... the comment and your confidence in me to... to fix this error. I do commit to that. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4357?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'opposed', 6... excuse me, 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4357. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4276, Representative Yang Rohr. Please proceed."

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Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Madam... Madam Speaker. I move to concur to Senate Committee Amendment 1 and Senate Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4276. Senate Amendment 1 clarifies how to calculate some of the required disclosures of House Bill 4276, and Senate Floor Amendment 2 allows IDPH to assess penalties in cases of noncompliance. Both of these Amendments passed through the Senate unanimously and also passed through the committee unanimously."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes... well, that was quick. The question is, 'Shall House concur with Senate... Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4276?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4276. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4412, Representative Vella. Please proceed."

Vella: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I move to concur on Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 4412. It clarifies that if a day care provider chooses to pay to fingerprint prospective employees, the providers are responsible for the costs and allows DCFS to use the fingerprints when doing the background check. I know of no opponents."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House'... Mr. Clerk, please pull that Bill from the record. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Bolin: "Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2024: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 3 for Senate Bill 3268."

Speaker Manley: "House Bill 4460, Representative Gill. Whenever you're ready."

Gill: "Oh, thank you. Thank you so much. Thank you. This is a good Bill. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 and Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4460. This was that very important Bill that Senator Cunningham and I did for mental health for our first responders. And Senate Floor Amendment 1 requires coverage of marriage and couples counseling to police officers employed by state units of higher education, in addition to Illinois State Police officers. And Senate Amendment #2 was at the request of the Fire Protection District Association, which adds a section requiring coverage for marriage and couples counseling to employees of fire protection districts, would provide their own insurance on the same basis as state and state university police officers and firefighters and police officers employed by a county or municipality. So, we are extending coverage, which I think is wonderful. And I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4460?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 107 are voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with

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Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4460. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4491, Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Yeah, I'm good. Sorry. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to adopt Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4491. House Bill 4491 allows for a licensed early lead.. licensed lead early childhood teacher to be present for the first and last hour of the workday in the place of the center's director, if that lead teacher has worked at that facility for 2,880 hours, which is roughly the equivalent of two academic years. Senate Amendment 1 gives DCFS specific rulemaking authority around this and brings them to neutral. It passed out of the Senate and House committee unanimously, and I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4491?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Gill. Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4491. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4447, Representative Cabello. Please proceed."

Cabello: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Move to concur with Senate Amendment #1. Makes a technical change that goes to severability, which is a line in there that the House Democrats wanted and we agree with."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4447?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There is 107... excuse me. On this question, 107 voted in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 on House Bill 4447. Having received a Constitutional Majority, the... the Bill is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4588, Representative Williams. Take your time. Whenever you're ready."

Williams, A.: "Ready? Okay, thank you, Madam Chair. This Bill simply puts... or, I'm sorry, the Amendment. Can we adopt it and debate on Third?"

Speaker Manley: "It's concurrence. I'm sorry."

Williams, A.: "Oh, we're concurring. Whoops, sorry. Long day. Anyway, we are... I would like to concur in House Amendment #1, which simply adds a 30-year sunset rather than making this program permanent. And I'm happy to answer any questions if you need a refresher on this insurance pool."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House... shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4588?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4588. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. House Bill 4180, Representative Syed. Please proceed."

Syed: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4180. The Amendment just aligns Insurance Code language to HMO Act."

Speaker Manley: "Question is, 'Shall House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4180?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there's 107 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4180. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2161, Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 2161, as you all remember, is the family responsibility discrimination measure that we passed in this chamber. My Senator did some great... excuse me, some great work with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. And they were able to reach an Amendment that brought the chamber to neutral, and that's the Amendment we have us... before us today."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, would you just briefly describe what the change is that the Senate made?"

Guzzardi: "Yes. The change makes explicit, in law, that not only do employers not have to provide accommodations for

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employees... you remember this discussion we had about do they have to give folks time off or let them come in late. So, we made explicit that you don't have to provide any accommodations. And also, that employers are still allowed, under this Act, to take adverse employment action against an employee if their family responsibilities interfere with their job performance. So, if you have a sick parent at home, and all of a sudden, you're not doing your assignments and you're showing up late, your employer can still take adverse employment action against you. So, we just made that explicit in the statute."

Windhorst: "And this Bill passed 69 to 29, I believe, when it came through first."

Guzzardi: "That's correct. We had some great bipartisan support the first time around."

Windhorst: "And it appears the vote was 37 to 19 in the Senate. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Manley: "Proceed."

Cassidy: "Where's my baby?"

Guzzardi: "He's already in bed, having a little bit of a tough time falling asleep on his first night in the new town, so."

Cassidy: "It would've been a lot easier to vote for this if he was here."

Guzzardi: "Okay. Well, I got a great Bill for you tomorrow, then."

Cassidy: "I'll cut you some slack this time."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

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Guzzardi: "I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2161?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there's 74 voting in 'favor', 29 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2161. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4206, Representative Huynh. Please proceed."

Huynh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4206. The Amendment adds the effective date of January 1, 2025. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the Amendment in the Senate, you said, makes clear that this change applies to leases or agreements executed after the effective date of this law. Is that accurate?"

Huynh: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And it also, I believe, puts into this Bill what is in other statute that rental payments by cash may be made and they would avoid a fee. Is that accurate?"

Huynh: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "All right. And just for Members on our side, the vote previously was 64 to 39, and the vote in the Senate was 43 to

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12. And just have Members review their vote, 64 to 39. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Huynh to close."

Huynh: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "On this question... the question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4206?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 70 voting in 'favor', 36 voting 'opposed', none voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4206. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Gabel, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gabel: "Madam Speaker, please excuse Representative Moeller for the rest of the day."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you. On page 8, House Bill 4768, Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This is another Bill that was improved by our dear friends in the Senate. This is our provision protecting renters from retaliation if they make legitimate complaints against landlords. The Chicagoland Apartment Association brought some concerns about the... the measure of penalty against landlords in the Bill. So, we reduced the penalty considerably and brought Chicagoland Apartment Association to neutral on this Bill. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Windhorst."

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Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Appreciate your description of the changes.

There were a few... one of them deleting punitive damages as a remedy for the tenant."

Guzzardi: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And also, changing the retaliation provision regarding complaining to or seeking the assistance of the news media. Is that correct?"

Guzzardi: "That's... that's correct. I think the... the landlords argue that that was overly broad, and we were willing to accommodate that concern."

Windhorst: "And reducing the amount of damages from three months' to two months' rent, if I'm reading that correctly."

Guzzardi: "That's correct as well. Yes, Representative."

Windhorst: "The... and for our Members, the vote previously was 62, 42 to 2. You may want to review your vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Sorry, I want to point out one more change that was made in the Senate, which is that the affirmative defense language was also removed there, again, at the request of the landlords association. So, I think that this Bill has come a long way, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4768?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 63 voting in 'favor', 38

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voting 'opposed', 1 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4768. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4789, Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Move to concur House Bill 4789. This was a simple technical change, with our friends in the Senate thinking their language could be just a tad better. But it did not impact the underlying Bill or the underlying substance with regards to what this does to protect patients, dental patients, with regards to preauthorization. We passed this unanimously out of the House, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4789?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 1 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4789. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5000, Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5000. This language represents an agreement between myself and IDPH and Senator Syverson. And it simply defines inspection... infection control committee and an infection preventionist. And provides that a person shall not be accepted for residence at an assisted living establishment or a shared housing establishment if they

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require insertion, sterile irrigation, or replacement of a catheter unless they are self-administering or they have a person that is on maintenance for these routine catheter cares. And also, that it must be done in compliance with a health care professional, and requires an assisted living facility or a shared housing establishment that provides this catheter care to one or more residents to designate at least one person as an infection prevention and control professional, and adds an effective date of July 1 of 2025. Appreciate your support."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Amendment 1 to House Bill 5000?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5000. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5142, Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Madam Chair. The Senate Amendment simply clarifies that both licensed midwives and certified professional midwives will be able to receive reimbursement from private insurance to help with the birth equity program."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, the... other than the change you outlined, the Bill still has the provision that there is a

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copy prohibition for abortion and that does not apply to high-deductible health plans. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And the coverage for pregnancy, postpartum, and newborn care rendered by perinatal doulas and licensed certified professional midwives includes home births, home visits, and support for labor, abortion, or miscarriage, that remains?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And to Members on our side, the vote was 72 to 37. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel to close."

Gabel: "You know, to close I would just like to read a quote from Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton. What she said was, 'I'm glad I made it home after giving birth. Far too many Black women don't. The Birth Equity Initiative acknowledges that it is a right, not a privilege, to carry a healthy pregnancy, deliver a healthy baby, and make it home to raise that baby in a healthy environment.' Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 40'... excuse me, '5142?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 70 voting in 'favor', 35 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5142. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. House Bill 5189, Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5189. It... it does exactly what... what the Bill did coming out of here. They just didn't like how our language was written. So, it... it continues to protect the members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5189?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5189. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5190, Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5190 simply adds an immediate effective date. Appreciate your support."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5190?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5190. The Bill,

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having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 9, House Bill 5394, Representative Faver Dias. When you're ready."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5394, which makes technical word changes. 5394 requires schools to create a cardiac emergency response plan. It passed the House and Senate unanimously. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5394?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? There you go. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There are 107 voting in 'favor', I know this voting thing's new, 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5394. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5405, Representative Delgado on behalf of Representative Evans. Take your time. House Bill 5405, Leader Lilly on behalf of Representative Evans."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and Leader Evans is a popular young man. HB5405 is a Bill that was put together with Illinois hospitals and cancer society. The Bill seeks to improve diversity and reduce barriers to participations in clinical trials across the state. The Bill requires any hospital or state entity that receives funding from the National Institute of Health to take specific step to increase the diversity in the participations in clinical trials. It

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requires DPH, in its consultation with the University of Illinois, community-based organizations, and other key stakeholders, to conduct a study, analyze, and... and examine the demographic groups and population that are currently underrepresented in clinical trials here in Illinois. It requires DPH, in collaboration with various key stakeholders, to establish a program to encourage participation in clinical trials by members of the underrepresented demographic groups by developing and maintaining a website that provides information and... and concerns, methods of identifying recruitment for unrepresented demographic groups here in the State of Illinois to participate in clinical trials. This legislation is an important step towards reducing disparities and improving health outcomes for Illinoisans."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I appreciate the explanation of the Amendment and what it does. This is an agreed Amendment between the American Cancer Society and IDPH. Is that correct?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And the data is to be solicited from willing parties rather than data collection by the department because the department was concerned about its power to collect that data. Is that accurate?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

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Windhorst: "It looks like when it came through the House, the vote was 100 to 6. So, to those who were 'no', I would suggest taking a look and voting accordingly. Thank you."

Lilly: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Lilly to close."

Lilly: "I ask for your 'aye' vote. We need more participation in clinical trials throughout our state. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5405?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5405. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Madam Chair, please excuse Representative Scherer for the rest of the day."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you. On page 7, House Bill 4488, Representative West. Please proceed."

West: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Taken together, comprised... they comprise the election omnibus, which addresses, one, the ballot access and office holders; two, election administration; three, data and records; and, four, campaigns. This Bill reflects hundreds of hours of discussion on its various items within the Ethics & Elections Committee, within our counterparts in the Senate, and with stakeholders.

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And I will entertain any questions you may have, and I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate you bringing the Bill forward. I'm going to go through a few of the items with the... of the Bill with you. Of course, it's an honor of mine to serve as spokesperson of Ethics & Elections. We've had numerous subject matter hearings on a lot of these topics."

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "I was a little disappointed. I know it wasn't your decision, but I was disappointed this omnibus did not come back through Ethics & Elections so we could talk about the final product with a full committee, but we'll do that here on the floor. The first thing I want to discuss is the changes involving voter registration lists and voter information and how the State Board of Elections will make that available to the public, the time frame. I believe on Amendment 2 it was bottom of page 19 into page 20 and specifically what that's designed to address."

West: "Can you elaborate on which portion of Senate Amendment 2 you're referring to?"

Windhorst: "Yes. The bottom of page 19 into page 20, it says that, 'Except during the 27 days immediately preceding any election, the State Board of Election shall make available to the public the statewide voter registration list, including redaction of,' and it lists several items of... of voter

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personal information. And I was just... the question is, what brought change forward? What are we addressing with that change?"

West: "I do know it's a State Board of Elections request. Let me see if I can get deeper for you. Hold on. I think I found what you were talking about. You're referring to when the State Board of Election receives a request for electronic voter registration records indicating for a specific purpose, and that a waiver or reduction of the fees is in the public interest from a person requesting the records on behalf of a 501(c)(3). Is that the part you're referring to?"

Windhorst: "Yes. It... specifically as it relates to the release of this data to the public who is requesting it. It says the State Board of Elections shall make this voter registration data available to the public, except during the 27 days immediately before the election. And I didn't know if there was some issue that this was designed to address."

West: "So, a lot of this is already in statute. We're just clarifying it today as well. So, we're just codifying it in statute at the moment."

Windhorst: "Are you aware of any instances where this data has been published, perhaps, in the media?"

West: "Not much I can say on that 'cause I... I believe it has a lot to do with the... in litigation right now."

Windhorst: "Okay. Let's move to... down to, it's on page 21, I believe, dealing with, let me get there myself, Electronic Registration Information Center. And I guess the question is, kind of just generally, Illinois is involved with that..."

West: "Correct."

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Windhorst: "Which known as ERIC."

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Why are we still involved? Why... why remain with our involvement?"

West: "I would say that's a decision the State Board of Elections has made just to remain involved."

Windhorst: "And do we have a... a feel for how much this involvement costs the state?"

West: "Yes. Yes, give me a minute. I have that for you. Yes, it costs... in... the current cost for FY24 is \$102,151."

Windhorst: "And information I've received suggests other states are moving out of ERIC. Do you know why that is? Do you have any information there?"

West: "Yeah, I can't speak for policy decisions of the... of other states."

Windhorst: "Do you believe ERIC or does the State Board of Elections believe ERIC is helping us clean our voter registration rolls?"

West: "I believe for the fact that they're still a member, it does do some work... does good for the State of Illinois."

Windhorst: "We've made some slight changes to the process for write-in candidates. What are those changes?"

West: "That would be clean up for uncontested primary elections. And after speaking with the State Board of Election, they desire for the write-in candidates to submit their paperwork with their local election authority or the county clerks."

Windhorst: "So, they... each person who's a write-in candidate will submit their..."

West: "Their local election authority."

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Windhorst: "...to the local election authority, where the... the person's name will appear on the ballot?"

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "We are also making some changes regarding candidate... this is regarding campaign finance, regarding how candidate committees receive money during... or campaign funds, potentially, during the primary, and it allows for unlimited donations from the party committee to the candidate committee. Why is that change made?"

West: "We're making that change because what we have currently came from another era and we do not see the need for that cap any longer."

Windhorst: "The era before was that we didn't want party leadership to have too much control or influence with funding elections, and we want that now? Is... is that..."

West: "I can't speak on what the previous leader mind was on, but it was in another era. We're in a... we have new leadership across the board, so we felt like there's no... there's no need for that cap."

Windhorst: "But this would allow for the..."

West: "Only political party committees."

Windhorst: "Correct, to... to donate directly to the candidate committee an unlimited amount in the primary, which is only currently allowed for the general election."

West: "Correct. Correct."

Windhorst: "We also have some clarification on the appealing process for electoral board hearings and rulings. It appears that that is just cleanup language to make sure it's clear how that process works. Is that accurate?"

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West: "That is very accurate."

Windhorst: "We've also made a change to... it doesn't say nursing homes, but a lot of times these are nursing home voters, on how they can either... now, with this change, they can mail in the ballot or they can have the... the vote conducted at the nursing home. There has been some issues that... though there won't be poll watchers there, if these are mailed in versus the voting effort at the nursing home, there's some concern about the transparency of that process. So, the question is, why did we add that additional area?"

West: "So, they're already able to vote by mail in nursing homes. We're just clarifying a rule that was put in place during the pandemic and putting it in statute. So, they can already vote by mail. We're just making sure there's clarity on that."

Windhorst: "And we had some discussion in committee on a... a subject matter Bill regarding polling places at park district buildings, and it appears that the final language tried to essentially meet in the middle between the... the two different opinions that were presented in committee. Could you explain how that will work now under the Bill?"

West: "Yes, Sir. It provides that if the use of a park district facility as an early election location interferes with programming that the park district and local election authorities shall work together to identify an alternative location. And if no location at the park district is agreeable, then the park district and election authority shall prepare documentation explaining the difficulties for their respective entities to the board of county

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commissioners, who shall determine which room shall be used at an... as an early voting location."

Windhorst: "So, in short, the park district and the election authority are to work out their differences. If they can't, the county board will... will resolve it."

West: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "We've also changed the... slightly changed the language for a Home Rule referendum. Would you explain why that change was made?"

West: "In the past, we found it difficult for... to understand what it means to show the city or village of X X X continue to cease to be a Home Rule unit. And so, it was... some municipalities or villages found it difficult to explain to voters yes or no based on the question. So, we're just clarifying the question by changing it to make it easier to understand."

Windhorst: "So, the... sorry. So, the issue is if, by saying cease, so you'd be voting 'yes' to end it, and people may have been confused thinking they were voting 'yes' to keep it."

West: "Right. Correct."

Windhorst: "We also deal with pay for townships, township supervisors. And what brought that forward?"

West: "We found instances of which the current supervisor before they leave office would either change... change the... increase the salary or decrease the salary for the next person. It was primarily decrease the salary, a way of being spiteful, if you will. We're just protecting the salary and ensuring there's a smooth transition of leadership."

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Windhorst: "And it... it appears there may be instances where incumbents were using that basically to protect their position, it... it appeared."

West: "Exactly."

Windhorst: "And then, on Amendment 2, there was some language regarding the Department of Corrections, the Uniform Code of Corrections, and I believe that was all pulled out with an Amendment. Is that accurate?"

West: "That's accurate."

Windhorst: "So, there's no changes to the way time credit is calculated or anything regarding corrections in..."

West: "Correct. That was taken out."

Windhorst: "All right. I appreciate you answering my questions. I believe the vote in the Senate was 51 to 3, with 3 'present' votes."

West: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a couple clarifications?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Ammons: "Thank you. Our colleagues just asked a little bit. I want to get a couple clarifications. So, in the last election omnibus Bill, we made available public schools for the November election. Are you saying, in this Bill, public schools will not be available for the November election?"

West: "No, Ma'am. We're not touching that at all. It's... it remains the same."

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Ammons: "And it does apply to park district facilities, correct?"

West: "Pertaining to early voting, yes. The early voting location."

Ammons: "And if the election authority, which has to execute an election, cannot get agreement with the park district and their county board does not take action to provide facility, what is the remedy?"

West: "If you don't mind, let me get back to you on that. That's a good question."

Ammons: "My other question is, on the campaign contributions, will this change allow dispensary owners and cannabis dispensary owners to donate to campaigns?"

West: "No, Ma'am. We did not touch that."

Ammons: "Thank you very much. And then, lastly, on the ERIC, I didn't quite understand what the issue is with ERIC. Can you restate that for the record?"

West: "I think I'm... I'm right... back to your previous question. Give me one minute, Chair Ammons."

Ammons: "No problem."

West: "Going back to your question. So, I'm going to do my best to reiterate what was said. There's a court case that found that medical dispensaries donating to campaigns was... is allowed under the First Amendment. So, the text that was struck out in the language reflects the court case hearing."

Ammons: "So, the language... I'm sorry, the language in this Bill allows medical dispensaries and operators to donate because of a court case that has required it? Is that what I understand?"

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West: "So, it is currently law to... for medical dispensaries to donate because a judge struck it out. So, we're just removing language that contradicts the judge's ruling."

Ammons: "Okay. And then just the understanding of the issue with the electronic registration information system?"

West: "Are you're referring to ERIC?"

Ammons: "Yes."

West: "Okay. Oh, I'm sorry, what was your question about ERIC?"

Ammons: "Just I don't understand the changes that are being made in this Bill and... and why."

West: "Oh, okay. So, we're just... we're making language in statute in parity with the member... the new membership agreement that the State Board of Election has with ERIC that was implemented back... last year in February 2023. It's... it was updated that SBES may not transmit additional member data, but our statute currently says that they need to transmit data from other agencies, so we're taking that part out so they won't have any audit issues."

Ammons: "Okay. And does this omnibus Bill at all expand vote by mail?"

West: "No, it does not."

Ammons: "Thank you very much for the... answering the questions."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Representative, can... can you tell me what we've done with judges? There's some reference in here to judicial vacancies. It amends the Election Code?"

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West: "For... for judicial vacancies, this piece of the proposal provides that the incumbent judge's term ends on the first Monday in December of the next even number year when the vacancy occurs 134 or more days, rather than initially 92 or more days, before a general primary election."

Caulkins: "Okay. What is the Re-Entering Citizen Civics Education Act, and what are we going to be doing..."

West: "That is no longer a part of the package."

Caulkins: "I beg your pardon?"

West: "The proposal that you're referring to is no longer in the package."

Caulkins: "So, we're not requiring Department of Corrections to hold those classes and..."

West: "There's already civic education within DOC, but we are not touching it in the election omnibus Bill today. We took that part out in an Amendment."

Caulkins: "Okay. And then with unlimited campaign contributions in the primary, does that apply to every candidate, Supreme Court judges... judges or people running for Supreme Court?"

West: "Yes, Sir."

Caulkins: "So, in a primary, they can receive unlimited campaign contributions?"

West: "From the party and the party only."

Caulkins: "From the party only."

West: "From the party."

Caulkins: "And who donates to the party?"

West: "Yeah, it depends on who wants to donate to their designated party that they represent."

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Caulkins: "Are there limitations on what a person can donate to the party?"

West: "Those limitations are still in place. Yes."

Caulkins: "Okay. And then I want to clarify, the cannabis growers now, because of the First Amendment, are able to contribute to political campaigns. I think you referenced some Supreme Court decision, First Amendment."

West: "Yeah, there's a 2017 case that says that it's permissible."

Caulkins: "So, a 2017 case said that we violated their First Amendment rights by not allowing them to contribute?"

West: "I'm sorry, you said a 2017 case says what? Say it again, Sir."

Caulkins: "Well, I was just trying to get a clarification."

West: "This is just cleanup. We had language in statute before the case. And so, we're just taking that... that language out now that the case concluded in 2017. So it's... it's simply cleanup."

Caulkins: "So, what's happened over the last seven years? Our election laws said that they can't contribute but the court said they can? I mean, has it just been unenforceable and... we're... we're just cleaning up the language?"

West: "The latter has been unenforceable."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. I appreciate it."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Ms. Chairman. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that she will."

Hammond: "Representative West, I'm looking at the board, and earlier today we had a very important Bill dealing with the...

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the Governor's health care. And the title that we saw on the board dealt with the dental industry. I'm looking at the board now, and we are dealing with an extremely important elections Bill, and I see Crohn's, I see colitis. We could add anal glands, whatever you want to add to this. It has nothing to do with what we're dealing with right here. And I understand the process, and we do these gut and replace, but when it has absolutely nothing to do with what we're discussing, it is very deceiving to the public. But in all seriousness, this is an extremely important Bill. I don't think that people should be questioning ERIC when, in fact, it is the only system that allows the states to get this information. Would you agree?"

West: "Yes, Ma'am. I agree."

Hammond: "And just to remind the Members, before all of this happened in the original Bill, this Bill passed the House on a vote of 114 to nothing. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Wilhour."

Wilhour: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Wilhour: "Yeah, Representative West, expound a little bit upon this unlimited campaign contributions from political parties. Am I... am I reading... reading that correct, that you can have unlimited funds during a... during a campaign, if it comes from a political party?"

West: "And only the political party. Individuals, you and I, and our... our individual... our individual campaign organizations are still limited."

Wilhour: "Okay. So, it comes from like the Democrat Party and the Republican Party."

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West: "Yeah, DPI, HRO, and the like."

Wilhour: "Okay. Why... why would we do that? What's the reasoning for that?"

West: "The... as I've mentioned before, there... this... what we have now came from another era and we do not see the need for that cap any longer."

Wilhour: "I don't... that makes no sense as an explanation. In a... in a state that has been destroyed because of insane insider influence peddling and outright corruption, why in the world would we do this? That's... frankly, that's a very, very poor explanation. I mean, is... I mean, are... are you saying that, you know, there's... there's no chance that these... these political systems and these parties could be, you know, controlled by insiders that don't have the best for the State of Illinois in mind? I mean, has there been some mass conversion towards a less corrupt government?"

West: "Can you restate your question? You said a lot there."

Wilhour: "Is the deep state less deep?"

West: "Can you restate your question? There was a lot there."

Wilhour: "In a state that is... that has epic corruption... you know, the... the former leader of your Democrat Party, that you want to give all of this... this control, is on the brink of going to prison, we hope. He should. Why in the world would... would we be making these organizations more powerful than they already are? Were they not powerful enough before?"

West: "We're not making them powerful, and there's no..."

Wilhour: "Money is power, Representative."

West: "...limit in the general election. And so, we're making... this is making it in parity for the primary election as well."

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Wilhour: "Okay, that... that makes no sense. I'll... I'll go to the...  
to the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Wilhour: "Unlimited campaign contributions from existing  
political apparatus is only going to result in making the  
politically powerful even more powerful than they are right  
now, and that is going to come at the expense of the citizens.  
It always does. Corruption and influence peddling. Insider  
dealing. These are the things that allow the crazy policies  
to come out of this place that has destroyed opportunity for  
almost everybody in this state. Making these people more  
powerful is exactly the wrong direction. If this state is  
going to be fixed, then this stuff needs to be fixed. And,  
quite frankly, more people here need to be less powerful.  
More people here need to be challenged. More people here need  
to be defeated if this state's going to be fixed. And this is  
making that much, much less likely. This is insane. Vote  
'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Schmidt."

Schmidt: "Yes, to the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Schmidt: "I agree with the previous speaker that unlimited funds  
in the primary, it... it really only helps the establishment,  
and it... it doesn't give a fair shake to newcomers. Please  
vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Representative West to close."

West: "I thank you all for the spirited debate, and I would  
appreciate an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to House Bill 4488?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 68 voting in 'favor', 38 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to House Bill 4488. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Cabello."

Cabello: "Chair, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Cabello: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just been notified that we had somebody going through the cars over in the parking deck next to the Stratton. Some things have been taking out of some of the cars. So, if you park over there, please make sure you check your vehicle. Luckily, they caught the person and have arrested them. But this goes to my point of safety from yesterday. The Secretary of State needs to put cameras, for our safety, for your safety, for your family's safety, and anybody that visit this campus. Do it, and do it quickly. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Davidsmeyer. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davidsmeyer: "Just a brief follow-up point of personal privilege to what the previous speaker said."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

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Dauidsmeyer: "So, not only did this person break into cars, they also made threats to the owner of that car. I want... I want everybody to know that this person will probably be out in a couple hours, so make sure you lock your cars now before they get out."

Speaker Manley: "Page 6 of the Calendar, under Concurrences, we continue with House Bill 2385, Representative Nichols. Please proceed."

Nichols: "Hello? Hello? Yes, this is just changing the date on this from... it was for this year the 26, so... hello? Are you hearing me? Yes, this Bill is on the Concurrence, and it's just actually changing the date. Small technical change from the Senate on Concurrence, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair Recognizes Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, do you remember the original debate we had on this?"

Nichols: "Yes, I do remember the original debate we had on this."

Keicher: "Do you recall the request that we had on that?"

Nichols: "I absolutely do recall the request that we had on this."

Keicher: "Okay. And... and I bring that up just because so often we got told no because of a partisan reason, and sometimes we're offering guidance to make a process easier, smoother, and to make a better Bill for the people of Illinois. So, I like what you did here. I'm encouraging concurrence, and I'm glad we got this fixed. Thank you."

Nichols: "I am so glad you're glad we got it fixed."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2385?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2385. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving on to page 10, Order of Resolutions. House Resolution 588, Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you..."

Speaker Manley: "Rep... sorry. Please continue."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 588 declares May 5 through May 11 as Tardive Dyskinesia Week, and we've been doing this every year for a few years. Tardive dyskinesia is... it's an involuntary movement disorder, and it's a condition that is brought on by prolonged use of psychiatric medications that are prescribed for people with serious mental illness. And the good news is that today there's actually treatment for tardive dyskinesia, but far too many people don't know about it. And so, it is critically important that we keep raising up the issue when we educate our medical professionals, in particular our psychiatrists, so they screen for tardive dyskinesia. And that's why we're here, to recognize that week in May as TD Week, and we'll probably keep doing it every year."

Speaker Manley: "Representative LaPointe moves for the adoption of House Resolution 588. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say

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'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 587, Representative Jiménez."

Jiménez: "Thank you, Speaker. HR587 urges Congress to endorse and support the initiative to reprogram USDA funds allocated to Puerto Rico towards purchasing locally grown items in Puerto Rico to foster economic growth, promote sustainability, enhance resilience, and enrich cultural heritage on the island. Why? Because Puerto Rico currently imports 85 percent of its food supply. Four in ten Puerto Ricans experience food insecurity and food sovereignty. We support moving from a dependence on food from overseas corporations to local production and distribution systems. How? The 2023 Farm Bill. So, we are asking... encouraging the production and consumption of locally grown produce, and we're providing... we're requesting that we provide suitable copies of this Resolution to be delivered to the President of the United States. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Jiménez moves for the adoption of House Resolution 587. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Jiménez is recognized for HR737."

Jiménez: "Thank you, Speaker. HR737 articulates support for the right of Puerto Ricans to self-determination while expressing reservations about the Puerto Rican Status Act. The case for Puerto Rican self-determination centers around the island's political status and its relationship with the United States. This Resolution expresses support for the right of the Puerto

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Rican people to self-determination, and it expresses opposition to the Puerto Rican Status Act due the... due to the concerns over its inadequacy in facilitating a fair democratic process. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I request a record vote on this Resolution."

Speaker Manley: "Okay. Nothing further, Representative Jiménez moves for the adoption of House Resolution... HR737. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 64 voting in the 'affirmative', 38 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. This Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby adopted. House Resolution 740. Chair recognizes Leader Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 740 designates May 15... the week of May 15 as Safe Boating Week in Illinois. This is an annual Resolution that we do as we start the summer season and people take to the waters. We want to ensure that people are paying attention to boating safety and, most importantly, making sure there are enough life preservers on board for every person and taking care to follow all the rules of the seas. So, I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Burke moves for the adoption of House Resolution 740. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. On page 12, House Resolution 763, the Chair recognizes Representative Weber."

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Weber: "Little... little slower reflexes today, Madam Chair. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the chamber, HR763 declares June 6 and 7, 2024 as Eternal Heroes Memorial Days in memory of the Illinois Raveno Boys. On the night of June 5 and 6, 1944, more than 6,500 elite paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division, the first of the first, spearheaded the American airborne assault on the Cotentin Peninsula in Normandy, France with the critical missions of securing four causeways leading inland from the beach codenamed 'Utah' and neutralizing enemy resistance in advance of the amphibious landings at dawn on D-Day morning by the 4th Infantry Division. Many of these paratroopers were mis-dropped from their designated drop zones. Before dawn, a small group lead by Major John P. Stopka, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, attacked and captured a strategically sited and important German garrison headquarter a strongpoint at Marmion Farm on the outskirts of Ravenoville village. Major Stopka made the decision to hold the farm until relief arrived from Utah Beach, thereby denying enemy movement against the northern shoulder of the 101st assault area and the critical exits. Throughout D-Day, other mis-dropped paratroopers from the mixed elements of the 101st, and even some from the 82nd Airborne, arrived at the farm, thereby strengthening the American defense against repeated enemy counter-attacks. These elite paratroopers of the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions jumped into the night sky over the Cotentin Peninsula minutes after midnight on D-Day to spearhead the Allied invasion of Fortress Europe. Their mission was to free and liberate Europe. Our mission today is to honor and

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remember them. Please join me in recognizing the Illinois Raveno Boys for their heroic actions taken on the day the Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Weber moves for the adoption of House Resolution 763. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you. Resolution 807, Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 807 declares February 21, 2024 as John Lewis Day in the State of Illinois to recognize this American hero and civil rights leader, John Lewis. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 807. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 7, House Bill 4367, Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I ask that we concur in House Bill 43... Amendment #2 to House Bill 4367. First, this ensures that the restructuring of an insurance company through merger, division, or insurance business transfer should not result in the loss of guaranteed fund coverage that existed for the Illinois insurance policyholder before the restructuring occurred. Second, it ensures that restructuring does not create new guaranteed fund coverage where the claim lacked guaranteed fund coverage before the restructuring occurred. This is an initiative of the Illinois Guaranteed Insurance Fund, and I ask for a favorable vote."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4367?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4367. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5, Senate Bills on Second Reading, Senate Bill 3268, Representative... Leader Gabel. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3268, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Speaker Welch."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment 2 and 3. I don't want to adopt Floor Amendment 1."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please table Floor Amendment 1. Any other Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Speaker Welch."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel on Floor Amendment 2."

Gabel: "Floor Amendment 2 becomes the Bill, and I'd like to just adopt it and discuss it when we talk about the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3268. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any other Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. Floor Amendment 3 just clarifies a couple per diem rates in the Bill. I'd like to adopt it."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 3. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment 3 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3268, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Senate Bill 3268 is this year's Medicaid omnibus Bill. I would just like to review the process with you. We formed a Medicaid working group that included the Senate, the House, Democrat and Republican Members. We weekly rose at... were prepared to discuss this at 6... 7 a.m. on Thursday mornings. We reviewed Bills related to Medicaid. The Department of Healthcare Services attended as well as other stakeholders. It really enabled us to go deeper into the details and understand the issues. So, overall, we reviewed 41 Bills that would cost the state over a billion dollars. However, we approved, and in this omnibus, were 18 Bills that we reviewed and a number... and a few others, and we just... for a total gross amount of 97 million and a net of 47.5. So, a

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few things that are in this Bill are rate increases for various providers, including psychiatrists, prosthetics, dentists, dialysis providers, and children's health centers. There's also a new tiered add-on and low volume adjuster for safety net hospitals. There's an increase to the monthly personal needs allowance for supportive living residents. There's a creation of a gold card for physicians and a new stabilization window to streamline prior authorization for emergency services. And it creates new transparency requirements for pharmacy benefit managers. You know, it was a... it's a... it's a good Bill. It will help many of the 12 million residents in Illinois, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I just have a few questions as we go through the Medicaid omnibus and want to hit those. I think some other Members will have questions as well. Somewhat in... in numerical order by article, we have a change in Article 10 regarding rate increases for psychiatric evaluations and medication monitoring performed by community mental health centers. And that... my understanding is all but one of these pieces came before the Medicaid working group, and that would've been one of the items that did come before the working group."

Gabel: "We have psychiatric rates here, an increase in psychiatric rates, if that's what you're referring to."

Windhorst: "That is. And what was the... the need to increase those rates? What was the policy initiative behind those?"

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Gabel: "So, as you know, the Medicaid program serves over two million people, and it is hard to get psychiatric... psychiatrists to work in the system. So, there is a increase to about \$264 per treatment for psychiatrists. The... the urgency is to bring more psychiatrists into the Medicaid program."

Windhorst: "We also have a change in Article 50 regarding DCFS payments for beyond medical necessity. We're making that change from 11... the 11th day to the 3rd day, if I'm reading that correctly. And..."

Gabel: "Yes. That'll be a cost to DCFS, but we would like to make sure that the hospitals are reimbursed for the stay of... of young children in the hospital for mental health reasons. And also, to encourage them to really find another placement for them 'cause some of these kids are beyond medical necessity. So, we feel like if they have to pay, then maybe they'll find another placement for the child."

Windhorst: "If you could, in... what's covered in Article 150, discuss the 72-hour rule for Medicaid, the standardization of MCO utilization review practices, and what's called gold carding."

Gabel: "Sure, these are... this is... these are requests that came before us from the Illinois Hospital Association. The first one is the 72-hour rule. It permits emergency department physicians to admit a patient in need of inpatient care in order to stabilize a medical emergency condition without seeking authority from the managed care organization. They will be able to provide this coverage for inpatient stabilization for up to 72 hours. The second piece is the

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gold card. This is also a way to be able to provide services quicker and easier. So, if a... if a hospital or physician has a history of high service authorizing approvals, 90 percent of their approvals... of their requests are approved, then they will not have to go through prior authorization for one year. And then they're... they will be reviewed again for the next year. So, this will help both hospitals and providers be able to provide care in a timely way."

Windhorst: "And this is cost neutral for FY25, to be enacted in FY26. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "Correct. It will take a while to institute the program."

Windhorst: "There was some discussion in committee regarding the expansion of pharmacists' ability to test and provide medicine for certain illnesses. Would you describe what that change is?"

Gabel: "The... currently, pharmacists are able to test and treat for COVID-19 and PEP and PrEP for HIV. They also can test for influenza. What it does is it expands the authority of pharmacists to test and treat for influenza, SARS-Covid... CoV-2, Group A strep, RSV, and adult-stage head lice. So, for these additional conditions."

Windhorst: "And there were some questions in committee about the ability for pharmacists to be able to perform these and potential... the concerns about overall treatment for the patient. You discussed that and answered those questions in committee. If you could, for the Body, describe why that policy change is one that's being sought."

Gabel: "It's being sought because there is... there really is a... we have serious workforce issues, and we feel that this will..."

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this will enable people to get tested in an easier... tested and treated by more trained professionals. Pharmacists should be able to work up to their... to be able to practice at the top of their license, and they are licensed to do this. Actually, there are 40 of these types of conditions that are allowed nationally for them to treat... to test and treat. We are just asking for five of them to be included. Pharmacists are trained in medications and interactions of medications, and I think that they will be able to do this job well."

Windhorst: "And if you could, tell us what the estimated cost, gross cost, for the FY25 budget will be and then what the net cost will be to the state."

Gabel: "This year, the... I have it somewhere. The gross cost is 97 million, and the net is 47.5."

Windhorst: "We believe that HFS may have updated that number to... today to..."

Gabel: "They did. They did. They just updated it. It had been 77 and 20-something."

Windhorst: "We're showing now 103.57 million, and a net cost of 52.69 million."

Gabel: "Yes, that was on their last chart."

Windhorst: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognized Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for a few questions?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

McCombie: "Thank you. Leader Gabel, not to go back to Article 190, but to go back to Article 190, there's some concern with

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the provisions. This is known as the test and treat. Was this discussed in your Medicaid working group?"

Gabel: "It was not."

McCombie: "Can you tell me why not?"

Gabel: "Because it just came up very recently."

McCombie: "Okay. Is this a push from the pharmacist?"

Gabel: "I'm not sure. Pharmacists are very pleased with this."

McCombie: "Oh, they are?"

Gabel: "Yes."

McCombie: "Okay. Well, unfortunately, Representative Hauter is not here today. He's on call, and he... he has some concerns with that and states that it is not a push from the pharmacists, in fact. Have they slipped in support?"

Gabel: "They testified in committee."

McCombie: "In support?"

Gabel: "Yes."

McCombie: "Okay. Is there a mandate for insurance coverage for this provisions within this Bill?"

Gabel: "No."

McCombie: "There is not?"

Gabel: "Mandate for insurance coverage?"

McCombie: "That the insurance would cover this test and treat."

Gabel: "Yes."

McCombie: "Thank you. So, as you stated, the language in the provision deals with strep throat, RSV, head lice, and you mentioned a few others when you were speaking with the previous speaker. Have you heard of this kind of language before? You've been here a little while. Has this kind of Bill come up before and failed?"

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Gabel: "Not... not to my knowledge. You know, this did come up during COVID, and the pharmacists were allowed to test and treat for COVID, and they continue to be, and also for PEP and PrEP for HIV."

McCombie: "Okay. Well, hopefully, if there's another speaker, possibly that has been in that Health Care Licensing, maybe they could speak to that. That would be great. Like I said, Rep. Hauter, he's... he's on call. He wanted me to really stress that the scope of practice issues in Health Care... in Health Care Licensing, and this being put into an omnibus Bill is very concerning without real debate or a chance to get stakeholders or physicians involved. Does the test and treat language included in the article apply to children under 17 or adults with preexisting?"

Gabel: "I don't believe there's a carveout for... for adults with pre-existing conditions."

McCombie: "But it's included in the article to apply to children under 17 and also adults with pre-existing. So, with no carveout, they would be included. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "I'll have to check. I... I know that children under seven cannot be treat... test and treated for COVID by pharmacists."

McCombie: "Correct. Well, if... if it's okay, Leader, I'll go ahead and... it is included in the article. It does apply to children under 17 and adults with pre-existing conditions. I'm told that that piece is concerning and that an Amendment to exempt children under the age 17 and under and adults with pre-existing could get medical groups neutral on... on this. So, knowing that their concern, obviously, is about public safety, on knowing that, would you support such an Amendment?"

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Gabel: "Probably. I'd like to speak with some of the groups about it, though. I know the pediatricians would like it."

McCombie: "Okay. So, I have your word that you will consider and work..."

Gabel: "I will. I'll look into it."

McCombie: "Okay, and work with the chair of that committee?"

Gabel: "Yes. Yes."

McCombie: "Thank you. All right. And can I also trust that you'd be willing and able and push IDFPR to ensure that the proper training and safety standards are in place to entrust patient safety?"

Gabel: "Yes. The pharmacists did say that they are trained in this in school and that they are all trained in being able to do this. But, yes, I would like IDFPR to make sure that that's true."

McCombie: "Yeah. Yeah, and this is where it goes back to Representative Hauter's concern about the... the scope of practice issues in health care. But I also have some concerns putting anything more on IDFPR because if they're not even able to handle figuring out how to take payments online, I'm real concerned that they're going to be able to handle the safety of children under 17 and adults with pre-existing conditions. Thank you. That's all."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "Indicates she will."

Morgan: "Leader Gabel, just a couple of questions following up on... on our Leader on the other side of the aisle's questions, just to start. My understanding is there are a few other

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states that allow pharmacists to test and treat for at least these types of conditions that would be added. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "There are. And as I said, California and Florida actually allow all 40."

Morgan: "And you alluded to that this is, in part, related to what we expanded during COVID for pharmacists and pharmacies. Could you talk a little bit more about that?"

Gabel: "Sure. I'm... you know, as we know, there are workforce issues, and it's difficult, oftentimes, to find a... a physician. I think that there are pharmacists that are... are more convenient for people to go to the pharmacist near them. Oftentimes, in smaller communities they're trusted people who actually do a lot of this kind of work, for the most part, and really help a lot of their residents in the area."

Morgan: "And last question before I go the Bill. Just my understanding is that this really came about largely from the Governor's Office having other negotiations. Is that your understanding as well?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Morgan: "All right. Thank you, Leader. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Morgan: "There were references to members of the Health Care Licensing Committee. I've had a number of conversations with members of that committee, both Democrat and Republican, in the last few hours as this language arose. Historically, it's important to note, the Health Care Licensing Committee, particularly during COVID, worked very hard to make sure that we expanded access to health care at pharmacies. So, we

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expanded, for instance, just through legislation last year, and put into state law that pharmacists would be able to test and treat for COVID and test for the flu. That was discussed in the committee. There was negotiation on that. There was opposition, support, pretty much ordinary course of a committee work. To my knowledge, in the time I've been here, we've never used a vehicle like this to take a scope of practice issue and put it into Medicaid omnibus or BIMP or other things. And so, I want to express my concern about that. I know I... I've spoke with Leader Gabel. And, again, she just expressed here today that there's a commitment to continue to work on this language. And what I would ask this Body to do is support this Bill, but also know that Health Care Licensing Committee will be addressing this issue into the fall, into veto, into the spring, and we'll look at whether or not there are things we need to argue for and scale back. I think that there's some important things here to do. My own personal position is I think, for instance, treatment of flu with Tamiflu, to me, not controversial. But, more importantly, that's something for the committee to discuss and debate. So, for these kinds of issues, it really is important, on a process standpoint, to have the opportunity for stakeholders, supporters, and... and opponents to be able to debate this issue, to... to work with Members of Health Care Licensing. Again, Representative Hauter is not here. He very much wanted to express on the House floor his opposition to this language and the request of me and of Leader Gabel that we can revisit this in Health Care Licensing, and it is my commitment to this Body that we will do that. I urge an 'aye' vote, with my

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commitment that we will continue to address this issue. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Jed Davis."

Davis, J.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Davis, J.: "I just wanted to quick highlight Article 170, starting out as House Bill 4178. And a lot of you may remember, who were in committee, I just want to mention Stephanie, who was a constituent of mine, and kind of go on record, more importantly, for her dear son, Amias, who is medically fragile. And the mom walking into my office one day, with her son, and just kind of mentioning their journey was the precipice of that Bill, which is now Article 170. So, thank you for the inclusion of that. It is a huge win for the people of Illinois. And thank you to Stephanie. And, again, more importantly, thank you for the... the heart and joy of Amias, for being the... really just the catalyst of this entire conversation. So, thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Jacobs."

Jacobs: "Thank you. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Jacobs: "The 190, I realize that Representative Morgan and Leader Gabel have offered to make sure that we look into this further, especially in Health Care Licensing. I... I just wanted to express, along with Dr. Hauter, when I see a patient that comes in with eye pain, not unlike someone that's coming in with a sore throat, the average person does not know where to look for that eye pain. That's why I went to many years of school, Hauter the same thing. We question whether or not the

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pharmacist, although great in pharmacy, are they really qualified to do some of these things? I believe they need to be looked into. Just as our Leader McCombie said, we need to look a little bit further. I don't... I don't think that we absolutely have to rush in to that particular part. But if we can come back with some Amendments, if we could come back to Health Care Licensing, where it, I think, should've been in the first place, it's... it's not something that should be taken very lightly. It's something that is really, really important, and it's for the health and well-being of this... the State of Illinois and the people of Illinois. I... I really want you to think about what you vote on that today. There's so many other good things in there, I just wish we could do line item. But I appreciate... thank you, Speaker, and we'll just leave it at that. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

LaPointe: "First and foremost, to Leader Gabel, and to Leader Hammond for that matter, thank you for your leadership on Medicaid. Medicaid is complicated, it's nerdy, it's a true manifestation of what we often call the policy weeds. It's sometimes confused with Medicare, even though it's very different. But at the end of the day, Medicaid is about health care access, something all of us care about, including behavioral health care access, which is mental health, which is substance use treatment, which is trauma support for about 3.9 million kids and adults in Illinois. And to some, this Medicaid package just looks like words on a page. But to so

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many people, it is the... it's how we operationalize treatment, not trauma. And that... it's a buzzword to some, but increasing Medicaid rates and Medicaid for behavioral health access is how we get treatment, not trauma. And, Leader Gabel, you already touched on one of the big points related to behavioral health in this package, which is increasing psychiatric rates for our kids and adults on Medicaid in Illinois. And what that means in our lives, and in the lives of the people we represent, is that when a low-income kid in Illinois, whether they be on the West Side of Chicago or whether they be in Macomb, when they need a psychiatrist, it's not going to take 10 months to get a psychiatrist. It might take 2 weeks or 30 days because we are incentivizing psychiatrists to start taking Medicaid. The other really important behavioral health piece in this Medicaid package is getting rid of prior authorization for psychotropic drugs for adults who have serious mental illness. And this is something that mental health advocates, physicians, and even our pharmaceutical industry have been working on in Illinois for years. And although we didn't get open access in this Bill, I am so proud that we did get some removal of prior authorization in three circumstances. This is going to connect people with the psychotropic drugs that they need to stay stable. And in the Behavioral Health & Addiction Committee and in partnership with the Senate, we did two subject matter hearings that touched on this issue in the spring. We heard from Dr. Wolf, who is the Chair of Psychiatry at the SIU School of Medicine, who talked about when an adult is an inpatient for psychiatric and when they are stabilized on medication, they don't need

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prior authorization. But the minute they leave the hospital, as we want them to do, to access care in the community, all of a sudden, they need prior authorization. And what we have put in this package changes that, and that is a huge win for every single one of us. We also heard from Dr. Weinstein, who's the head psychiatrist at Thresholds, and I want to bring his words to the floor. At a hearing, he said, 'I've seen people who don't get their injections or long-acting antipsychotic medications. They end up in hospitals or jail after self-harm or harm to others. I end up having to write letters to the judge, trying to express the circumstances of what led to the patient not having their medication. If they were able to get their medication, these types of incidents wouldn't happen.' So, this is a huge step to get rid of prior authorization. I am so thankful. I want to express gratitude to the leaders at HFS, especially for this prior authorization piece. We were in negotiations for weeks. I want to express gratitude to Senator Sara Feigenholtz, who was a huge part of this. And I also want to explicitly thank the staff, including Taylor Howard, our House staff here, who was with us at 7 a.m. every Thursday morning. And you are one of the experts on Medicaid, Taylor, in this building. So, we're so grateful for you. Thanks, Leader Gabel. I'm just grateful that Medicaid also includes behavioral health. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Hammond: "First and foremost, I want to thank Leader Gabel for her leadership on this. When... when Senator Gillespie took her

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new position at the Department of Insurance, Leader Gabel stepped up, and we really didn't miss a beat. And what we have before us today is not a perfect Bill. You know, I would question whether, except for maybe some of mine, if we have any perfect Bills that go through this chamber. And it... so, it's not a perfect Bill. There... there is always work to be done, but I think we heard earlier, when Leader McCombie was speaking with Leader Gabel, that she is, in fact, willing to look at possible changes and... and see what can be done. But we have arrived at a point where we have been able to put a package together that helps our hospitals. It helps our long-term care industry. It has funding for mental health, per diems for staffing in our nursing homes, some help with the real estate taxes on some of our nursing homes that are struggling. This has been a Bill that has taken yeoman's work to put together, but I especially want to thank our support team, Taylor Howard and Lauren Hund, and all of the rest of our team that have been behind you through this. Thank you, ladies. Thank you very much."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Spain."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Spain: "Leader Gabel, we all know that serving on the Medicaid Working Group is yeoman's work. How many different meetings did we convene throughout this spring, do you recall, at 7 a.m. every Thursday morning?"

Gabel: "I would say 10 or 11."

Spain: "So, these conversations have been ongoing and extensive. And we talked a little bit about this in committee. I... I don't

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remember how many different individual Bills were presented, perhaps you do, and what the... the total... if we accepted every single request, many of them very, very noble, very important, but we would rack up quite a list here. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "Correct. We actually reviewed 41 Bills, and my calculator stopped after a billion."

Spain: "Right. Right. Well, it just shows you the important of... of this work and the value of a... of a collaborative bipartisan process, and I want to thank you for that. I'll speak now to the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Spain: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Medicaid working group is a process that works. It... it certainly is working this year. And even though we've heard, and... and I know that this has created some pause for Members of the House, that there was one item that was a surprise item added into... to this package, and that's not the fault of the Medicaid working group. That's related to some other activities for the budget and... and things going on in the Governor's Office. But because of Leader Gabel, your commitment to make this process work, to have it be collaborative, to have mutual respect for shared priorities, the... the return of trust to this process is very important, and it's a reason I appreciate your commitment and the commitment of Chairman Morgan standing up and saying we're... we're going to continue to work on this issue that's been presented regarding scope of practice for pharmacy test and treat. And... and that's an acceptable answer. We'll continue to work on this together, and we can reflect on the rest of this Medicaid package that's very important. It's

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very good. Doing things to assist our hospitals, our behavioral health providers, our nursing homes, these are things that matter, and this is a collaboration that we can all be proud of. I certainly am, Leader Gabel, and urge an... an 'aye' vote and thank you for your leadership."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Elik."

Elik: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Elik: "Thank you. Leader Gabel, I just had a quick question about Article 100, which relates to the supportive living expansion. I wanted to make sure that I'm understanding this correctly. It... it appears that we are expanding the supportive living program to an additional several counties. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Elik: "So, in our analysis, we have either no cost attributed to this or TBD, and I just wondered if you knew if there was a cost related to this."

Gabel: "No, we do not have a... a cost associated with that either."

Elik: "So, would it..."

Gabel: "As you... as you know, supportive living facilities actually keep people out of nursing homes, and we feel that they're an important, very important, facility to have in as many communities as we can. There are low-income individuals on Medicaid who cannot afford to live in... in the other supportive housing that is very expensive for the elderly, so."

Elik: "Fully agree, and I think that's a really good point, that it may redirect some folks to a... to a least restrictive setting that they can still get Medicaid dollars. So, I guess,

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maybe that's something to review going forward 'cause that also, of course, could lead to more people being in those supportive living facilities and have some sort of cost impact."

Gabel: "We'll take a look. We'll keep track."

Elik: "Okay. Thank you so much. To the Bill. Really appreciate the work on..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Elik: "...this Bill by all parties, especially staff, and urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel to close."

Gabel: "Well, I appreciate all the conversation. I think we had a... a very exciting and wonderful Medicaid working group. I really want to thank all of you who got up in the morning with me, especially some of the newer Members, like Representative Smith and Representative Rita who were there to learn and really begin to understand the Medicaid program more. And I, too, would like to really thank the staff, Taylor Howard and Laura Hund. You really have provided great information for us. And I... I just want to say that the Medicaid program really does serve, as I said, over 2 million people in our state. And we really try to make this the best program that we can, to have the best providers, and the most access to care that we can, and I feel like this omnibus continues to do that. So, I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3268 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please take

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the record. On this question, there are 98 voting in 'favor', 6 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Bills on Second Reading, page 5, Senate Bill 2651, Representative Hanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2651, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor... no Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2651, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hanson."

Hanson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Bill 2651 comes from across the street, and it regards counties and preserve coding. It'll amend the Illinois County Historic Preservation Law of the Counties Code. And also, through Amendment here, provides that the lease of the real estate is permitted when a property, structure, or facility owned by the county can be used for athletic purposes or museum purposes in the interest of the public or for the benefit and enjoyment of residents of the county. Came across with no opposition. It was agreed Bill there, and happy to take any questions."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Halbrook: "Thank you. And so, Representative, we talked about this before, during, and after committee. And so, it affects two counties that have come to you, Will and Kane County,

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about separate issues, but you want to apply it statewide. My question is, why does the county want to lease... Will County want to lease their older courthouse for a museum or do whatever? Why... why do you need to... explain to us what's going on here because I'm concerned why we want to change the law for an older county-owned building for a museum."

Hanson: "Well, we're... we're changing the... the language to be more succinct and... and making sure that people know it is within our constitutional right, as well as with... and modifying the existing County Code. It'll... it'll apply to all 102 counties."

Halbrook: "Right. Well, I reached out to a county in the district I serve in, and they had an older courthouse that they moved out of to a newer facility, and they just made an... an agreement with the historical society for their old courthouse to become a museum. I... I don't know... I think they had every ounce of authority already in Counties Code to do that. Nobody has challenged that yet. I would assume that there's maybe other counties across the state that have done that also. So, I... I'm just concerned about changing state statute for a one-off situation here that can already be done. What makes this museum situation in Will County unique to do this?"

Hanson: "It just... it's making the... the language explicit to show that it will allow, just within legislative intent, to... to show that it can be allowed."

Halbrook: "Okay. And the other situation deals with Kane County, and they have a... a property, evidently, that they want to lease to somebody for athletic purposes?"

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Hanson: "That's... it's vacant property now. This language would... would, again, more succinctly allow where... where some might believe that it's... it's within current county statutes and within the existing Counties Code, but it does make it... it's very clear now that, that can be allowed."

Halbrook: "Right. So, we discussed this situation in a different manner last year, dealing with farmland and what the county can or can't do with farm ground. We know that other codes, Municipality Code, the Airport Code, different things like that, can allow different things to happen. My concern is the County Code, when you look at the Constitution, really doesn't allow this kind of thing to happen, to lease out property, abandoned or otherwise, for a for-profit enterprise. And I would assume this athletic purpose, when we're leasing it to somebody, is for a for-profit enterprise. Is that correct?"

Hanson: "I... I wouldn't call it either correct or incorrect. There seems to be some legal debate, depending upon which state's attorney and which... which county you speak to about where they stand on this. It's... it's my belief that... that the Constitution, under Article 8, Section 1(a), that... that states 'a public funds, property or credit shall be only... shall be used only for public purposes' is a pretty good safeguard against sort of... any sort of like renegade work that... or any sort of renegade actions that... that would make this, I guess, more possible and be on the scope of what these counties look to do."

Halbrook: "Right. So, explain to me why we're leasing county property for an athletic purpose. Explain to us what that is

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because I think that falls outside of the Constitution, the... the article or the section that you just recited."

Hanson: "I'll respectfully agree to disagree. The county association, the state's attorneys, in both chambers, there's been our... our legal experts that... that would agree to disagree too."

Halbrook: "Yep. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my concern here is that if the county gets to looking at this, renting or leasing property out for for-profit enterprises, an overzealous county board, or an overzealous county executive, or whatever the style of government you may or may not have in your county, may decide to go out and buy additional property regardless of what it is. We're already expanding the purposes here, so they'll just come back to the General Assembly and say, hey, we... expand the purpose for us to own a strip mall, whatever the case might be, we think this is important, we think it serves a public purpose. And it expands the size of government, putting dollars, taxpayer dollars, at risk when they do this. That's why I think it's really important this is not a role of county government to be in these kinds of situations. Your museum situation with... with Will County, I think the... the Constitution, the statute gives you the authority to do that. I don't think it gives you the authority to do it for the Kane County athletic purposes. You're wanting to change the law here for a kind of a one-off situation. I think this leads us and goes down a road that we don't need to go down. To that point. I've asked you about where's the prohibition to keep counties from going out

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and buying additional property to do the things here that they're trying to do with property that they already own."

Hanson: "Well, I... I think... I think we talked about it before, and the Constitution is a pretty good safeguard. And then regarding where... where it falls in the County Code already, and I didn't have the... the best answer for you yesterday, so for that I apologize. Under Section 5-1049.2(a), the... the possible harm that... that I believe you're believing could be done is protected there. And that requires a full... and I... and I served on the county board too, and land acq and land usage is... is very hard to get through all the... all the proper vettings, all the proper channels to do something that either the public or the board doesn't... doesn't see fit."

Halbrook: "Yep."

Hanson: "So, that section says..."

Halbrook: "There's nothing said there that keeps them from acquiring additional property. There's nothing... I mean..."

Hanson: "Sure, you're... you're right. You're absolutely right."

Halbrook: "...the county can buy, and sell, and hold, and lease, the county can do that, but it has to be for the public purpose. And my concern is that we're going to get into buying property for a... for profit. And that's my concern here. That's not the role of county government. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. This is a bad idea."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Halbrook: "I don't think this is a good idea for counties to be getting in the business. This is not their role. I think this expands the size of government in our counties. I'm just going to urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Ugaste: "Representative Hanson, being a Representative of Kane County, where almost my entire district lies within this county, I'm a little surprised that the House floor is the first time I'm hearing about this. What piece of property is Kane County looking to purchase to use for athletic purposes?"

Hanson: "Well, the... the Bill talks about vacant and unused properties, so there's nothing being purchased here."

Ugaste: "What property is Kane County looking to lease for athletic purposes?"

Hanson: "It's not athletic purposes. They... this allows the possibility, but it's... it's known. It's a piece of property off of Fabyan Parkway."

Ugaste: "Okay. Do you know which parcel?"

Hanson: "I do not know specifically. There's several parcels that are attached together there."

Ugaste: "Do you know what the intent is to do with that parcel of property?"

Hanson: "That is for the county board to determine."

Ugaste: "So, we're just going to give them... so, what you're proposing is we give the county board..."

Hanson: "Local control."

Ugaste: "...open-ended ability to compete with local property owners in... who are in business to lease or sell their property because Kane County just happens to own this piece."

Hanson: "I think... I know that having your district with a large... almost... with a large chunk of Kane County matters, but in

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this, you still have our Constitution and the Counties Code that say you can't just do anything you want to anywhere you want to as... as a county board or as a... a entity looking to... to use government property."

Ugaste: "Doesn't the county already own property not too far from there where the Cougar stadium is? Didn't they purchase that a while ago?"

Hanson: "I mean... so, yes. That's why I said there were many parcels there. I... what, which exact parcel, I do not know. I thought the Fabyan Parkway."

Ugaste: "Well, it really would have been great had someone approached me a little bit beforehand to let me know what they're thinking to do, and right in my backyard because that's exactly where my district butts up to. And this is the first I'm hearing about it on the House floor. To the Bill. You know, I... I hate... I would hate to quash a good idea in my own county, but I find it amazing that no one bothered coming to me and discussing it with me. And if the purpose of this is to put my county in competition with people who own property and are trying to do business within my county, I'm firmly opposed to that. That's not the taxpayer prerogative. That's not why we own property in Kane County. We're there... I'm to the Bill. We're there to use it for the public good. I'm going to urge a 'no' vote on this, in my backyard, because no one bothered explaining to me exactly what was happening with it. I would love to support it if it's a good idea, but seeing as how no one bothered telling me, I don't know whether it is or not. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Reick."

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Reick: "Thank you... thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Reick: "Let's talk about the courthouse. That is owned now by the county. Is that correct?"

Hanson: "That is... that is correct."

Reick: "Okay. No plans to sell the property or transfer it to a municipality or anything like that?"

Hanson: "Not at this time. Not to my knowledge."

Reick: "Okay. And this Bill specifically recognizes the prohibition of the county to do anything other than public use in that building. Is that correct?"

Hanson: "Correct. And that is... that's within already established guidelines under the County Code, that Section 5.1049.2(a)."

Reick: "Okay. So, they're not going to put a restaurant in it or anything like that. It's just going to be a museum and maybe some county offices that can overflow and stuff like that."

Hanson: "I... I believe so. I don't know their exact intent, but this... this makes it clear."

Reick: "But it's all public use."

Hanson: "Correct."

Reick: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Weber."

Weber: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Bill. This is..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Weber: "...one of those, kind of my pet peeves. I hate to see... you know, I've seen forest preserves with dozens of homes they're renting. They're to keeping the buildings, using them for storage. Different government bodies, instead of getting rid

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and putting these properties back on the tax rolls, that they keep this stuff, you know, and... and try to run things like a business, which they're not. Anyway, I fought against this stuff for every year I've been in office. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Sheehan."

Sheehan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Sheehan: "Representative, do we know if Will County, the board, slipped as a proponent?"

Hanson: "They were the initiators of the original legislation."

Sheehan: "The... the board was?"

Hanson: "Their members were."

Sheehan: "Their members were?"

Hanson: "I... I don't know the... I don't know the exact roll of... the entire roll call of the Will County Board, but this is... this is an initiative of the Will County."

Sheehan: "Okay. I saw that Kane County's board had slipped as a proponent, but I didn't see on the proponents whether the Will County Board had... had slipped. That's why I asked that question."

Hanson: "Yeah, I... I don't know. You... the vote was... was 53 to... every... people... there was 1 'no' vote in the Senate. There was no vote... no 'no' votes in the committee. There's been no opposition all along the way."

Sheehan: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

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Keicher: "Thank you. So, Representative, as you know, I also represent part of Kane County. First I'm hearing is when I'm reading the analysis on here. I'd like to propose a little bit of a solution because you're... you're stuck with this. It was a Senate Bill, it came over, it got assigned to you because you represent part of Kane County. I see we have a couple cosponsors from Kane County. This side of the aisle was kind of left out of that discussion. It directly impacts our constituents. So, here... here's what I would like to propose to you, whether you'd be interested in doing it or not, is... is if we could pull this from the record and have you urge madam chairwoman at Kane County to reach out to all the Representatives of Kane County and explain exactly what... what we're doing 'cause we have at least two more Session days that we're going to be here conducting business. And then we can reconsider it once that's there. I think it's the right thing to do because there's residents of Kane County and Will County whose Representatives have no idea what the intent is and what the scope is. I think it's bad form that folks that represent part of those counties have no knowledge or understanding of what happened because they didn't get the opportunity either speaking with a fellow Legislator or hearing from madam chairwoman. I think that's bad form, and I just would like to urge you to pull it from the record, give her a chance to reach out to the other people that are over here, and see if we can pick up again on the next business day."

Hanson: "Well, I do believe in local control, and I believe that everything that is being proposed in this legislation is

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protected by both our Constitution and the Counties Code. But I also have an immense amount of respect for my Legislators both here and in the other chamber. I... I don't know why people haven't picked up on it, okay? It's..."

Keicher: "And I appreciate local control, believe me. There's a lot of people over here that like local control and have seen votes against local control happen over the last couple weeks. So, if we're going to put that out there, one of the difficulties with local control, and whether we're talking park districts, counties, cities, is... is we put parameters around that local control for a reason. And that reason is usually to make sure that we don't have too much authority assumed by those units of government. And I think that's one of the slippery slopes that we're looking at here, especially with the argument that was made by some of my peers earlier about property acquisition and competing with... with individuals in the private sector."

Hanson: "Understand. And..."

Keicher: "Again, I'm just..."

Hanson: "...and just..."

Keicher: "...appealing to our better angels to see if somebody else who created this mess before you can come in and fix it up so that we can make you a hero."

Hanson: "And I... I'm not trying to be a hero. We're trying to pass legislation that... that, frankly, allows for more local control to our respective counties, all 102 of them, not just 2. This... these changes will apply to the entire state. Just a reminder for the way things work in county government, that when it comes to land acq or usage, everything needs to go

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through rigorous public reviews. We know that. You have to make sure that that property will be used in a manner that benefits the public. And in... in the instance of Kane County, that's 24 board members. So, anything that you do there regarding land acq or land usage requires a full... a full three-quarters vote of the entire board. So, nothing's going to sneak through anywhere."

Keicher: "I'm not suggesting that it does sneak through. What I am suggesting is that we are on the verge of the State of Illinois granting an expansion of powers to the county governments, and we don't have any idea about what that scope actually looks like. And that scope, as presented in a general form, makes people a little nervous because it could easily put... like, as... as we're looking at this, let's... let's be a little crazy. Kane County Forest Preserve, I believe you sat on the board for a little bit, right? Don't they have 24-thousand-some-odd acres of farmland right now?"

Hanson: "That... that sounds right. It's about..."

Keicher: "Sounds about right?"

Hanson: "...it sounds about 20k."

Keicher: "Well, they could go out and lease all of that to other people and compete with other farmers. They could do it at a subpar level. They could wind up getting farmers in there that are farming their... farming their fields."

Hanson: "It... it doesn't..."

Keicher: "They could put up strip malls. All I'm saying is..."

Hanson: "This... this adds... this adds onto the existing usage for... for county properties and mentions historical designation."

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Nothing about farms, nothing about building strip malls, nothing about building tract homes or subdivisions, nothing."

Keicher: "Representative, I... I appreciate that. I'm going to leave the decision to you. I think it's bad form what we've seen so far, and I'm... I'm just trying to make that right for you. So, thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hanson to close."

Hanson: "Okay. What I... be two parts. So, I will read a closing statement. The intent behind this proposed legislation is to provide communities with the flexibility to enhance public amenities for athletic and museum purposes, securing clear public purposes by promoting health, recreation, and community engagement. This use is in direct alignment with current statutes and the Illinois Constitution. I also think there's... there's the... there's the appetite and the votes to pass this Bill right now, but I will ask that it be pulled from the record so I can work on it between now and this fall."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please pull the Bill from the record. Under Order of Resolutions, on page 9, HR70, Representative Huynh. Excuse me, House Joint Resolution 70, Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. House Joint Resolution 70 just states that May 2024 is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Thank you so much for your... your consideration. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Huynh moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 70. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 11, under Order of Resolutions, House Resolution 741, Leader Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. On today, I rise to present House Resolution 741. This Resolution commemorates the five-year anniversary of Getting to Zero here in the State of Illinois. The state plans to end HIV epidemic by 2030 and declares May 15, 2024 as Getting to Zero Illinois Day. This is coordinated by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Chicago Department of Public Health, and the AIDS Foundation of Chicago. GTZ includes goals and strategy intended to reduce new HIV infection and supports the health of the nearly 43 thousand Illinoisans living with HIV and AIDS. And of those living with HIV and AIDS, 44 percent of them are African American living with HIV, 25 percent of the people living with HIV are white, and 22 percent of the people living with HIV are Latinx Illinoisans. And 70 percent of the... those newly diagnosed with HIV are Black and Latinx Illinoisans. This Resolutions allows us to continue the good work on behalf of Getting to Zero, ending the spread of HIV here in Illinois. I ask that you adopt this Resolution, for it is an initiative of the Illinois Foundation of Chicago. I ask for your adoption."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 741. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Windhorst, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would you please excuse Randy Frese for the remainder of the day?"

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Speaker Manley: "Will do. Thank you. On page 6 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills on Second Reading, Senate Bill 3563, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3563, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Yednock."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yednock on the Amendment."

Yednock: "Floor Amendment 1 becomes the Bill. If we could adopt it, and then I would pass it... argue it with the full Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yednock moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3563. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3563, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Bill 3563, as amended, is really a TIF omnibus Bill. There's a number of communities where we are extending the TIFs from 35... to 35 years and 47 years. There's just general extensions for specific municipalities, and it's just an economic development package. Happy to take any questions."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you've outlined that this is the TIF extension omnibus for the Session. For... in our analysis, they're outlined for our Members to review. Looks like about half... or, I'm sorry, a dozen or so communities or areas that are covered by this Bill, and appreciate you bringing this forward. I believe we've already celebrated your last Bill. Do we need to celebrate again after this?"

Yednock: "Enough embarrassment for one week. Thank you, though."

Windhorst: "Oh, okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I do actually have two pieces of business for us."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Keicher: "To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Keicher: "And this has no bearing on the Sponsor whatsoever. We see these every Session. We have for far too long ignored the need for TIF reform in this state. We have before us today consideration of taking in multiple cities across this state and extending TIFs from 23 years to 35 years and 35 years to 47 years. Thirty-five years ago was 1989. January 20, 1989 George Herbert Walker Bush was sworn into office. The 47-year extensions take us back to 1977, 47 years ago. January 20, 1977 was Jimmy Carter. He was inaugurated January 20, 1977. So, if we think about the decisions we were making in 1977 or 1989, those decisions are such a long time ago, and we are still saddling our taxpayers with the consequences of sometimes really bad decisions, and we're hobbling our schools by not allowing the funding that is bottled up within

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so many of these TIFs to help keep our property taxes down. And if you're like me, property taxes are one of the top issues that I hear from my constituents about. So, I understand the reasons why, and every single one of them I'm sure is a great argument. We need TIF reform. I have offered up two Bills in this General Assembly. House Bill 3312, which removes the ability to extend to 47 years for a TIF, and House Bill 4995, which puts the decision of whether a municipality or area engages in a TIF in the hands of the voters in the way of a referendum. We have far too long kicked the can on the abuses that we have seen in TIFs. I encourage us to stand up, make a change that will improve the lives of the property taxpayer in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

McCombie: "Thank you. I don't disagree with the previous speaker. However, unfortunately, here in Illinois, we do have poor policy that makes us... puts us in a position that we have to have TIFs because smaller communities, especially, don't have the tools in their toolboxes for economic development. So, as a previous mayor, and many of you have been in municipal government, understand this completely. And I... although I agree that there is need of TIF reform, I think more so than that we need overall structural reform so that we could have better policy and not have to have these kind of things. And also, I would just like to say thank you to Representative Yednock for your service as well. I know that Leader Hammond said it before, and it is... you are really going to be a... a

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loss to the House and really appreciate your commonsense approach. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Weber."

Weber: "To the Bill, Madam Chair."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Weber: "You know, I... I don't have a problem with some of the TIF districts that I've seen over the years. However, just like other things, you know, they have to come to an end. These things would... the end of a district would mean... TIF district would mean thousands of dollars going back into the levies of villages, school districts, and everything else and would directly lower people's property taxes. You've heard me say it a million times, and let's stop extending these TIF districts. And while we're at it, let's put an end to the back-to-back referendums for the school districts and other areas of government and give taxpayers a break that they deserve. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Yednock to close."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And thank you to the speaker, for... Leader McCombie for the kind words, of course. And I couldn't agree with all of you more that we will have to do some reform, but this is where we're at now and we need to have economic development tools. Thank you. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 3563 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 92 voting in 'favor', 11 voting

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'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hernandez, L.: "Madam Speaker, Representative... Representative Ammons is excused for the... the rest of the day."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you. On page 12 of the Calendar, House Resolution 810, Representative Mason. Please proceed."

Mason: "Hello? Hey. Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Resolution 810 declares the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I ask for your support."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 810. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 818, Representative Mussman. Please proceed."

Mussman: "Thank you, Madam Chair, Members of the House. House Resolution 818 urges the Medicaid Advisory Committee to examine and expand the network of Medicaid enrolled specialty providers, especially for individuals with autism. This actually replaces Senate Bill 2655, which was going to stand up an independent task force. But in consultation with DHS and HFS, we decided it made more sense to use the already existing Medicaid Advisory Committee and make this part of their study efforts. So, we appreciate an aye vote on this important initiative."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 818. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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And the Resolution is adopted. On page 7, under Concurrences, we have HB4226, Representative Tarver. Please proceed."

Tarver: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Senate Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4226 is a gut and replace Amendment. It keeps the underlying Bill and clarifies the intent for the conversion of no more than 10 associate judgeships to Cook County's subcircuit judgeships per election cycle, and it clarifies what to do if there is an excess of 10 associate judgeship vacancies in a given election cycle. It also clarifies what an election cycle is, what date it begins, what date it ends. And lastly, it provides the proficiency test for new court reporters are discretionary resident mandatory. I move for the adoption. Is that right?"

Speaker Manley: "Concurrence."

Tarver: "Concurrence, there we go."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is... the Amendment in the Senate was a gut and replace from the Bill we saw previously. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "It is, yes. It's a gut and replace."

Windhorst: "So, just for our Members, the vote you saw previously may not necessarily indicate the vote you would be leaning towards on this concurrence. So, these involve judicial subcircuits 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Where are those located?"

Tarver: "In Cook County."

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Windhorst: "In Cook County. And overall, we're dealing with vacancies in associate judgeships that are being converted to resident judgeships. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "Yes, up to the... a certain number, and then in excess, Supreme Court Rule 39 is what governs."

Windhorst: "And is some of what you've stated already in law or rule and we're just dealing with the timing or are there substantive changes?"

Tarver: "So..."

Windhorst: "Go ahead, I'm sorry."

Tarver: "So, my understanding is there's a very bright, used to be young, Legislator who ran this Bill a couple years ago. That would be myself. And in the Bill, we didn't actually define what the election cycle was, so this does that. And then I believe that the initial purpose, at least, was... was it 50, 55? So, it was 55 associate judgeships and it was supposed to be broken down, I believe, like, 10 into each subcircuit. But we didn't say what would happen to number 51 through 55, and this clarifies that for the... any number in excess would be filled by rule... the provisions of rule, Supreme Court Rule 39. Which is Rule 39, subsection (b), filling vacancies. And then, specifically, I think this relates to subsection 3 about nominations."

Windhorst: "And these provisions solely deal with the subcircuits in Cook County that are outlined in the Bill."

Tarver: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Tarver: "You're welcome."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Tarver to close."

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Tarver: "I urge an 'aye' vote, but before I close, I just want to make sure... Leader Spain had a question yesterday in committee about the difference between the salaries of the judges. And it comes out to about \$12 thousand even. So, I just want to say that for the record because I told him I would get an answer by the time we made it to the floor. Other than that, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4226?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4226. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills on Second Reading, House Bill 5475, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5475, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Lilly on Amendment 1."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Amendment has a number of technical changes, but we can debate on Third Reading."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Lilly moves for the adoption of Amendment 1 to House Bill 5475. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say

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'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Manley: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5475, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Lilly."

Lilly: "Again, thank you, Madam Speaker. HB5475 establishes the nursing in correctional facility scholarships under the Student Assistance Commission, ISAC, to address health care needs within the department of correction. This is initiative of the Department of Correction. It's subject to appropriation. It is effective July 1, 2025, and the eligible persons... a student is eligible for a stipend of up to \$10 thousand to cover cost of attendance. Student is eligible of... for the program in need of the criteria, which live in the State of Illinois, enroll in the institution for part-time, and this particular program is a request of the health unit at DOC. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, you had mentioned this is subject to appropriation. Do we have an estimated cost if there was an appropriation?"

Lilly: "What I do know that the scholarship is not to exceed \$10 thousand."

Windhorst: "Do we know what the overall cost would be for the entire program?"

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Lilly: "Not at the moment, but I do know that we are looking to recruit in order to increase the number of clinicians to address the health needs of those person residing in the department... in the Department of Corrections."

Windhorst: "And these are scholarships for nurses to... who will work within the Department of Corrections. Is that accurate?"

Lilly: "That is... that is correct. They will... once they go through the program, they must work with the DOC as a nurse for at least three years and provide appropriate documentation to ISAC."

Windhorst: "I... I know there was a question raised about the current contractor with the Department of Corrections, Wexford, I believe is the name of the company. Is it anticipated that these nurses will be working within that company, or be they working... will they be working for the department?"

Lilly: "They will be working for the department."

Windhorst: "In the underlying Bill before the Amendment, there was language that prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, the standard provisions for anti-discrimination, and I noticed that was not included in the Amendment. Was there a reason why the discrimination language was removed?"

Lilly: "What I do know is that this particular program is designed as the typical template for ISAC. And whatever those parameters are, they are applying to this particular scholarship program."

Windhorst: "Well... and federal law will dictate a lot of the anti-discrimination, as well as state law, I would... would say. And

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so, that may be why it's not included. Just struck me as unusual that that would be in there and then removed. But what you're saying is the template is following what ISAC's template is for other scholarship programs?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Lilly: "Thank you. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Madam Speaker, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "That was tricky. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 5475 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting in 'favor', 26 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Andrade, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Andrade: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Please... please proceed."

Andrade: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I just wanted to say thank you very much for all your prayers and for your texts. I just really appreciate it. But what I really want to do is I want to give a shoutout to Memorial Hospital here in Springfield. Some people were like, oh, you should go back to Chicago. And I was like, no, I really feel comfortable and confident. And I just want to tell you, they are, the surgical team and the nurses at Memorial Hospital, are second to none. They really treated me with respect, and they showed compassion. And I just want to thank Jen, you know, and Mika for telling me to

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go to the ER, and for staying with me in the... (unintelligible). So, I had a big scare. I just wanted to say thank you to Springfield, Illinois for their... their love, and thank you for my family here in the House. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "We love you, Jaime. Representative Rashid, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Rashid: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Rashid: "Ladies and Gentlemen, today is a very special day for me. It's my 10th wedding anniversary. I want to wish my wife a happy anniversary. Thank you for your love and for your support, and I hope you'll all join me in congratulating us on our 10th year together. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Congratulations. On page 12, under Order of Resolutions, Senate Joint Resolution 50, Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This past first part of May, we celebrated bacon, bacon, bacon, as we all enjoyed some BLTs in the back, provided to us by the Illinois Pork Producers. I'm going to make this real short. Tomorrow, when you're enjoying your piece of bacon with your breakfast, remember that you are eating part of that 18 pounds the average American eats per day, and the Illinois hog farmers produce over 6 billion slices of bacon annually, and that the 2023 global bacon market 68.5 billion in 2022. So, pork industry supports 57 thousand jobs and has an income to... or

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an economy effect of \$13.8 billion to our economy. So, belly up to the breakfast bar tomorrow and eat bacon. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 50. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Cabello, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Cabello: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Cabello: "Representative Swanson, can you make sure that next year Bacon Day doesn't fall on police memorial?"

Speaker Manley: "Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Reick: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Reick: "I also want to point out that this Resolution is the final piece of legislation of my former seatmate and very good friend, now-Senator Tom Bennett. So, I want to recognize Tom for his service here, service in the Senate, his service to the State of Illinois, and his service to the pork producers of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Weaver, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weaver: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Weaver: "*Illinois Politics: It's Complicated* by Travis Weaver and Mark Revis. 'Eggs, milk, bread, more expensive than they've ever been. Rent, gasoline, toothpaste too, can't you see what

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government can do? People and businesses head south to places they can grow. Leaving us all behind just shivering in the snow. As the budget grows, paying our taxes feels like an annual violation. The clear solution? Have DCEO collect demographic information. Along with higher costs, communities deal with more crime. Just imagine what Illinois could be with Caleb Williams in his prime. Good ideas are sidelined, like tax relief for families and businesses too. But what takes priority, a ban on exotic cats, even the kangaroo? An honor... it's an honor to serve in this chamber. We all have something we can bring. Apparently, we even have somebody who's an expert at declaring "ding, ding, ding, ding." So let's unify on a Bill, heck let's unify on seven. Let's all team up and pass a first Bill for Kevin. And to Lance, Kelly, Randy, Cyril, Jen, Mary, and Dan, you'll be greatly missed. We hope you remember us well with a cold drink in your hand. So, with that, I come to a close on this time filler. But let's keep this between us. No need to share with Rich Miller.'" "

Speaker Manley: "On page 8, under Concurrences, House Bill 5371, Representative Ann Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I move to concur in Senate Amendments #1 and #2. Amendment #1 includes some language that is a technical drafting cleanup and no substantive changes. House Floor Amendment... House Floor Amendment #2 contains two changes. One adds a FOIA exemption for IDHR's new hate crime hotline, which was established last year. And the second change removes four words, 'or otherwise make available', in the updated definition of transaction, under

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Section 3-102 of the Housing Article. This phase was originally proposed as part of an expanded definition, but because we want to make it right, we've decided we want to hold off those discussions and come back with revised language at another time. And I ask for and 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Keicher: "Excellent. I want to thank you again, Representative, for working on this. I know we changed two provisions. One of them kind of help satisfy the workplace issue that we had going on, and one satisfied the landlord concerns with... with some of the discriminatory practices. I just want to thank you for working so diligently on this and getting a good product across the line. I think we'll have people on both sides of this issue, but I think it was the right thing to do. So, thank you."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams, A.: "Again, this is the product of a lot of work between the Attorney General's Office, Department of Human Rights, and numerous stakeholders. I think it's a great package and appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to House Bill 5371?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 69 voting in the

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'affirmative', 33 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 5371. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4804, Representative Syed. Take your time, and when you're ready. Please proceed."

Syed: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I move to concur Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4804. This Amendment simply combines House Bill 4144, which we already passed out of this chamber. But this Bill, House... House Bill 4144, allowed... mandated that water utility companies would have to notify fire departments in the case of a water service disruption. Once again, this was a huge issue that happened in my district, and this Bill would help prevent future instances like this from happening again. I urge an 'aye' vote... or I move to concur."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4804?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4804. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4934, Representative Kifowit. Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Madam, Members of the House. I wish to concur with Senate Amendment #1. It simply made a technical change to allow nonprofits, along with veteran service organizations, to help in maintaining and repairing markers,

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grave markers, for veterans that are a hundred years old or more."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4934?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4934. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Keicher: "Madam Speaker, if we could please excuse Representatives Wilhour and Miller for the remainder of today."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you. Chair recognizes Leader Mah for the purpose of an announcement."

Mah: "Thank you, Madam Chair. The Democrats would request a caucus meeting in Room 114 immediately. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 836, offered by Representative du Buclet. House Resolution 838, offered by Representative du Buclet. And House Resolution 839, offered by Representative Buckner."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing for... let's do this again. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk,

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Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned to the call of the Chair. Favor say 'aye', not O. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5858, offered by Representative Ugaste, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #21, offered by Representative Ugaste.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 19 of Article VI of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE VI

THE JUDICIARY

SECTION 19. STATE'S ATTORNEYS - SELECTION, SALARY

A State's Attorney shall be elected in each county in 1972 and every fourth year thereafter for a four year term. One State's Attorney may be elected to serve two or more counties if the governing boards of such counties so provide and a majority of the electors of each county voting on the issue approve. A person shall not be eligible for the office of State's Attorney unless he is a United States citizen and a licensed attorney-at-law of this State. His salary shall be

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provided by law. A State's Attorney in a county with a population over 2,000,000 may be recalled by petition and referendum of the electors of the county or counties served by the State's Attorney in a manner provided by law.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #21. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."