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Speaker Williams, A.: "The House will be in order. Members will be their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Gregory Witherspoon. Pastor Witherspoon is with The Body of Christ Church in East St. Louis, Illinois. Pastor Witherspoon is the guest of Representative Schmidt. 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."

Pastor Witherspoon: "And if you would, please stand. And if you would, please bow both your heads and your hearts, if that be your will. Precious Lord, Father God, Jesus the Christ, I humbly come before you asking that you would forgive me for my sins and my transgressions, that you would forgive those in this assembly for their sins and their transgressions, that you would give us all a clean heart that we might serve thee. We're asking right now that you would give your wisdom and your guidance to the men and women who have been called together to lead this state, Lord God, to love and to care for its people, to use its resources to create an infrastructure, God, that will allow its people to realize all the great things you have for us here in this State of Illinois. God, I'm asking that we not think ourselves too smart that we discard wisdom, that we not see ourselves so well-informed that we'll disbelieve and disregard knowledge. God, help us that our learnedness would not cause us to reject understanding. God, we need you so desperately right now. And so, I'm asking that you would tender every heart in this room, that you would ready them for the great task you've put before them, that arrogance and self... self-reliance, Lord God, will

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not snuff out the willingness to get the job done. Lord God, we need you so desperately right now. And, again, I'm asking that you would touch as only you can touch, that you would shake as only you can shake, Lord God. Give wisdom where wisdom is due, understanding where understanding is due, and knowledge where knowledge is due, Lord God. Prick these hearts, shake these souls, move these men and women. Help them to love and to care for the people that they are now endowed to protect. We give you all the praise, all the glory, and all the honor on this magnificent day that you have made, April the 8th, Anno Domini. It is in Jesus' name that I pray, and all who agree can say amen, amen, and amen."

Speaker Williams, A.: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Harper."

Harper - 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 Williams, A.: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Kifowit and Scherer are excused today."

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

Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let the record reflect that all Republicans are here today to conduct the people's business."

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Speaker Williams, A.: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 116 Members answering the roll, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 2551 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 2690. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensure & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2801, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2802, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3626, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3500, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3743. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 1362, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1778, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 1778, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2490, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2522, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2561, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2757, as well as Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2757, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3200, as well as House Resolution 161. Representative Blair-Sherlock, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken

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on April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 1224, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1248, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1437, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1631. Representative Jiménez, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3566. Representative Hirschauer, Chairperson from the Committee on Gun Violence Prevention reports the following committee action taken on April.. April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1316 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1710. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 7, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 460 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2466. Representative Kelly, Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2088, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2142, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2336, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2409, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2551, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2977. Representative Stava-Murray, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Health reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1600, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 1863, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1910, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2179, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2589, and

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Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3645. Representative Cassidy, Chairperson from the Committee on Restorative Justice & Public Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1302, as well as Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1302, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3496. Representative Ortíz, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 32, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1367, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1878. Representative LaPointe, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 57, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2929, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3487. Representative Mason, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Care Access & Early Childhood Education reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1168 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3439. Representative Yang Rohr, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1435 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1820. Representative González, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill

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3851. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 237, offered by Representative Harper."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Gill on House Resolution 123."

Gill: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. If I can draw everybody's attention to the Speaker Gallery. Today with me are Representatives from the 2024 Class 2A football championship, the Chicago Christian Knights. The Chicago Christian school system is led by Superintendent Mark Hamstra; Principal Mark Drury; Director of the Athletics, Leadership and Student Experience Michael Johnson; and Athletics Director Mark Zylstra. The 2024 Chicago Christian High School football team is led by first-time Head Coach CJ Cesario; Offensive Coordinator Michael Biasco; Defense Coordinator Sam Caldwell; and Assistant Coaches Joe Cabrera, Brendan Coughlan, Bob DeCarlo, Curt Fiedler, and Jarrell Williams. The Chicago Christian football team, the Knights, also known as Team 57 and David's Mighty Men, is comprised of 35 players. The team was led by its seniors. Most, if not all, of them are here with us today in the gallery, including Caden... Caden Boersma, Blake Denman, Christian Flutman, Demo Griggs, Niko Griggs, Jared Hall, Kenny Jager, Brock Sperling, Chase Sytsma, Kerry Teague, Ed Van Dellen, Caleb Vande Werken, and Jake Verstrate. Chicago Christian Knight compete with... within the Chicago Christian Conference and finished the regular season with a record of 8 to 1 with the following Knights receiving all-conference selection: Brock Sperling, Kenny Jager, Christian Flutman, Niko Griggs, Chase Sytsma, Ed Van Dellen, Kerry Teague, Jake Verstrate, and Caden Boersma, with a honorable

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mention, Caleb Vande Werken. The 2024 Chicago Christian Knights averaged 38 points per game during its playoff run, defeating its playoff opponents by no less than 10 points per game. The 2024 Chicago Christian Knights defeated the Maroa-Forsyth Trojans by a score of 47 to 0 to finish with... with a record of 13 to 1. And its defense held to a 2A championship game record-low 23 total yards, representing a new State of Illinois record for the lowest total yards allowed in Illinois state history in a championship game... game among all football classes. Please give them a warm Springfield welcome. They're a wonderful group of guys."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Blair-Sherlock, for what reason do you arise?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Please proceed."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. First of all, I would like to say thank you to my friends on both sides of the aisle for signing on to House Resolution 39. House Resolution 39 passed on the floor, but it had not read on the floor, and I think it's appropriate to do that because I love someone with autism. This is Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

WHEREAS, Autism is a general term used to describe a complex group of neurological conditions known as autism spectrum disorders, which are characterized by atypical development in socialization, communication, and behavior, making it challenging for those with autism to relate to the world around them; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, more than 3.5 million Americans live with an

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autism spectrum disorder, and one out of every 59 American children born today will be diagnosed with autism; and  
WHEREAS, Approximately two-thirds of the children with autism between the ages of 6 and 15 have been victims of bullying; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, significant progress has been made in the areas of research, diagnostic practice, and therapy for individuals with autism; early and appropriate intervention can result in significant improvements in quality of life, independent functioning, and a reduction in care costs; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that Illinois adopt public policies that reduce the burdens on families caring for people with autism and that allow people with autism to reach their full potential and self-sufficiency; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNDRED AND FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 2025 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month in the State of Illinois to help increase public awareness of the needs to support individuals with autism and the family members, medical professionals, and human service professionals who help care for individuals with autism.  
Thank you all for your support."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Manley, for what reason do you rise?"

Manley: "I... thank you. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Please proceed."

Manley: "Thank you. I want thank Representative Blair-Sherlock for that. April being Autism Awareness Month, I hope you all

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celebrated World Autism Day on April 2. Wanted to remind you about a few things. I mentioned last week that I was going to share a fact about autism every day, and I feel like I'm behind. So, I'm going to share two quick facts. This is being done so that... that you can become more educated. I'm sure most people on this floor know somebody, have a personal relationship with somebody that may have an autism or is neurodiverse. And so, spreading education, spreading facts and letting people know what they may not already know is what we're trying to do. Did you know the rate of diagnosis among people ages 26 to 34 has increased by 450% from 2011 to 2022? An increase by 175% among all age groups. Some of the reasons may include improved diagnostic standards and awareness, increased screening, and changing environmental factors. Seventy-four percent of autistic students in the U.S. graduate with a diploma versus 86% of all students. Nineteen percent of autistic students in the U.S. graduate with a certificate, and 8% of autistic students in the U.S. don't finish high school versus 5% of all students. Educational disparities between autistic and nonautistic students, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Thank you for listening to those. I will be trying to give you more facts that you can hopefully remember and tell other people. And also, to remind you, last week I put on your desks a invitation to join, become part of, help us celebrate Autism Acceptance Month and the launch of the Illinois Legislative Neurodiversity Caucus. Tomorrow, April 9, from 8 a.m. till 9:30 a.m. We know we love these early morning things, me especially, but it will be held in Room 413 in the Stratton

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Building. Please come and join us. I'm very excited about doing this. You don't have to have a personal story about neurodiversity, but I'm sure you've heard a lot from your constituents about their loved ones with neurodiversity. So, I invite all of you to join. Thank you. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Rashid, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Rashid: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "State your point."

Rashid: "I am honored to introduce my page for the day, Mariam Panawala, who's with me right here. Mariam is a seventh grader at Julian Percy Middle School in Oak Park. She's an avid equestrian and has been writing English for seven years. Her favorite subjects in school are social studies and ELA. Please join me in welcoming Mariam to Springfield."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Walsh, for what reason do you arise?"

Walsh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "State your point."

Walsh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Can I get the attention of the body? I rise today with heavy heart. There's been enormous loss in the 86th District, to Illinois, and to our country. On March 25, during a routine training exercise in Lithuania, four United States service members had their lives cut tragically short. They were Staff Sergeant Troy S. Knutson-Collins, age 28 of Michigan; Staff Sergeant Edwin F. Franco, age 25 of California; Private First-Class Dante Taitano, age 21 of Guam; and Staff Sergeant Jose Dueñez, 25 of Joliet, Illinois, who today would be celebrating his 26th birthday.

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I first want to thank the people of Lithuania and the Polish and Estonian armed forces for their tireless search, rescue, and retrieval efforts. Tons of gravel, dozens of pieces of heavy equipment, and hundreds of hours were given by our allies to assist our men and women stationed on the other side of the globe to find these four young men and make sure that they were brought home to their families. Secondly, and most importantly, I want to tell everyone a little bit about Staff Sergeant Dueñez of Joliet, specifically what his family wants everyone to know about him. Jose was raised to believe in the American dream, that with hard work, diligence and honor, you could do or be whatever you want; that in this place above all others, you have the chance and the freedom to live a life of peace and prosperity. His vision of the American dream took... took root in his heart early. As a child, he made it clear to everyone that he wanted to join the United States military. He wanted to serve our country honorably, buy a home, get married, have children, and while growing old alongside his family in Joliet. It's a simple dream, but it's one rooted in service: service to his family, service to his community, service to God, and service to his country. So, even as a child, Staff Sergeant Dueñez put himself towards achieving his dream. Growing up, it became clear that Jose was a loving, caring, and put others above himself. He had a deep love for his mother and father, his five older sisters, cousins, nieces, and nephews. As his sister, Eva, put it, 'It didn't matter who you were. When you were talking to Jose, he made you feel like you were his favorite person.' His wife, Kai, and his 1-year-old son, who shares the same name as he

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does, were his light of his life. They were his American dream and he was theirs, and their statements on his life show what a remarkable family they are. Everything they and everyone else has said about Jose is rooted in his dedication to those around him. He was a leader to his fellow soldiers, a mentor to those who served under him, and a steadfast brother to all those he met. Twenty-five years is too short of a time for such a person to be among us. Illinois is less today than we were. A good and decent man has been lost to us. We are certain that he looks down on us from above. So, I would ask that at the conclusion that we share a moment of silence for Staff Sergeant Jose Dueñez, a moment of prayer for the well-being of his family and friends in this incredibly difficult time, and a moment to reflect on how we in this chamber, each of us public servants, can honor the life of service of this young man and the other three young servicemen who gave the ultimate sacrifice as measure of devotion to our country. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The body shall observe a moment of silence.

Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you rise?"

McLaughlin: "Thank you... thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "State your point."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. Last week in an interview, U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent broke down economic strategy from the new administration, and I want to share a few tariff truths for this body that we all need to hear. The left, along with a number of media outlets, have pumped prolific progressive propaganda into the airways to point of apoplexy, if anyone

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saw Jim Cramer the other night predicting a Black Monday. Of course, it didn't occur. The objective is to distract the American people from what this is really about. It's about reindustrialization. It's about driving manufacturing and economic growth back to Illinois, and it's about jobs, something that our friends in private and public labor both want. Rescuing our country from being taken advantage of is what this is all about. Let's make things in American again, and while we're at it, how about if we make them in Illinois, rescuing our labor force, whose jobs have been exported to other countries, many which have slave labor rates. Long-term, long-lasting economic growth pumped into main street local communities is exactly what we need. And a little hint to everyone, these tariffs are not permanent. They'll be as permanent as a henna tattoo: noticed, leaving an impression, and they'll be gone before you know it. Are they working? Well, let's see. We have 60 countries today that are lining up to negotiate with the United States. We have over \$7 billion in new investment into our country. If the governor wants to bring businesses to Illinois rather than offend the new administration, perhaps we should start talking about how to have a best plan working with them to bring and encourage these industries back to Illinois instead of vacationing in Mexico and basically doing nothing. The leaders of our state need to take this as an opportunity, welcome new businesses, new jobs into Illinois. Whether it's Joe Biden or Donald Trump, when these tariffs succeed, we all succeed. Let's hope for the same thing, a brighter future for America. Thank you, Madam."

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Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Schmidt, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Schmidt: "Thank you. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Please state your point."

Schmidt: "Can the scouts to my right please rise? I'm honored to recognize the scouts in the Illini District from the Greater St. Louis Area, Scouting America. The scouts have been inspiring young men since the 1900s, and this troop is committed to educate scouts with the help from the community and dedicated volunteers. The Greater St. Louis Scouting America consist of 10 districts in Illinois, and they all share the same motto: 'Be Prepared.' To all the scouts from the Illini District, your commitment, loyalty, and community service is an example of fostering a positive environment. Thank you to the scout leaders, volunteers, and parents who have dedicated their time to help guide these young men to reach their full potential in life. Congratulation to the scouts in the Illini District for everything you have achieved and your unwavering commitment to the scout oath and your community. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Okay. On the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, House Bill 3462, Representative Ammons. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3462, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3462, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move that we adopt this bill and all of my colleagues support it because it's a very good bill. The bill is a very simple bill. It takes away terms like 'good moral conduct' in licensing in the State of Illinois. It's an old vestige of a period of time that I will not belabor historians with at this moment. But it is striking language that's ambiguous out of the statute and allows for additional opportunity for business and entrepreneurs in the State of Illinois who may have previously had a criminal record but since that record have attempted to move on with their lives, and this barrier is in the way. We want to remove that barrier, and I thank all of my colleagues in the committee who assisted us in the effort of passage of this bill, 3462. And I'll stand for questions, Madam Speaker,"

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Ammons: "Yes."

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I appreciate you bringing this forward. It is good to see you, and hope you're doing well. The few questions I have. So, I believe the bill is attempting to move from what would be considered a subjective standard, some of the terms you referenced, 'good moral character, moral turpitude,' to a more objective standard where there would be convictions that could be used for a

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certain period of time or other criteria that is more objective. Do I have that correct?"

Ammons: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "There is provisions in the bill for how long.. or how.. first, how criminal convictions can be used. There has to be a connection between the conviction and the license that is applied for. Is that correct?"

Ammons: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "What is the standard to determine whether that conviction is related to the license that's applied for?"

Ammons: "Well, I think the standard would be the same standard that the Human Rights Act requires with private employers over eight years. And so, they would apply the same standards that's in the Human Rights Act."

Windhorst: "And there is also a time frame for how long a conviction can be considered for licensure. How long can a conviction be used or be considered in determining licensure?"

Ammons: "I don't remember exactly how long it is in that case. What the goal of this is to remove the permanent punishment from people who may have a conviction in the past to not allow them to be eliminated permanently from that industry."

Windhorst: "I believe we're showing it's a 3-year period of time. Does that sound correct to you, that the conviction can..."

Ammons: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...be used for three years?"

Ammons: "Yes. Yes."

Windhorst: "Is that yes?"

Ammons: "That's correct."

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Windhorst: "And that... that 3-year period of time may also be waved under certain exceptions? Is that..."

Ammons: "If the department sees that there is no reason for that standard to be put on the individual who is seeking the license."

Windhorst: "Our analysis shows that IDFPR is opposed to the bill. Do you know if that is currently the case?"

Ammons: "No, I do not know that."

Windhorst: "Apparently, to our staff, they had expressed some concerns about the removal of the good moral character provision because it's a tool that they use for awarding licensure to an applicant and they have several concerns. If... if you could just address why you believe it's important to remove the good moral character provision."

Ammons: "Let me... let me just address it in this way, that good moral character or standards were used to eliminate African Americans from jobs. And so, people who were making those decisions did not feel the need to not only diversify industries but to put an additional barrier in front of people who may have had a criminal background but, according to the Constitution, should be restored to full citizenship rights, which would not be subjective, it would be prospective for those folks."

Windhorst: "And there was also a concern expressed by the department about whether the conviction was directly related versus substantially related. They have represented to our staff that the language that was agreed to was that the conviction be 'directly related' to the license, and the

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language that we currently have is 'substantially related.'  
Could you address that?"

Ammons: "Well, I... I cannot address what they are suggesting, seeing that they served on the task force with us for an entire year and I have not heard that until I got to this floor."

Windhorst: "Well, I believe there is still some concerns on our side of the aisle, so they won't be... I won't be able to support the bill. I appreciate you answering my questions. Thank you."

Ammons: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Mayfield is recognized."

Mayfield: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicates she will."

Mayfield: "Representative, I noticed on our BA that the Illinois state's attorneys are not opposed to this bill. Is that correct?"

Ammons: "I believe that is correct."

Mayfield: "And they are the ones that prosecute individuals with felonies. Is that correct?"

Ammons: "That is correct."

Mayfield: "So, by them not being opposed, then this actually is a good bill, and I want to thank you for bringing it forward."

Ammons: "This is a good bill because it's the right thing to do. The subjectivity of decision-making in entrepreneurship is what we're trying to correct, and I believe that this is the standard that will allow us to do it."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3462 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The

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voting is opened. 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 80 voting in 'favor,' 36 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Back to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. House Bill 1710, Representative... Leader Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1710, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Buckner."

Buckner: "Madam Speaker, Floor Amendment #1 becomes the entire bill, so I'd like to discuss that on Third Reading."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Buckner moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1710, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Buckner is recognized."

Buckner: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 1710 requires that ICJIA, starting on January 1 of 2026, compile and publish on their website on a quarterly basis a database that includes the following information from each law enforcement agency: the number of homicides; the number of aggravated assaults

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with a firearm; the number of aggravated assaults with a firearm and homicides for which an alleged perpetrator has been arrested; the number of these incidents that are considered clear or closed for a reason other than arrest; and the number of cases described in paragraph four of the bill where the perpetrator may be deceased, their prosecution was rejected by the prosecutor, the suspect is currently incarcerated, or there are other exceptional means outside of the enforcement's control. The purpose of this... this is to streamline the process to get away from the clearance rate number we're using right now that is a bit opaque and doesn't provide true justice for people. The amendment also brings both ICJIA and the Illinois State Police to neutrality on this bill. I'm happy to discuss it."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Buckner, what we're attempting to do with this bill is make more transparent information related to open homicides and other shooting-related incidents. Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "That is correct, Leader. Yes."

Windhorst: "And that information is currently provided by local law enforcement to the Illinois State Police. Is that correct?"

Buckner: "That is correct, Leader."

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Windhorst: "And this bill will allow ICJIA to take that information from the state police or use that information and publish it on their website?"

Buckner: "That's right. To compile it all in one place and on a quarterly basis so that there will be a more contemporaneous way to track what's going on."

Windhorst: "There is one portion of the bill that the state police does not gather, and that's the state's attorney's office decision on whether to prosecute or not?"

Buckner: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Have the state's attorneys expressed an opinion, pro or con, or any position on the bill?"

Buckner: "We've not heard from them on this. And just as a reminder, Leader, we filed a very similar version of this bill in the 103rd General Assembly, and we have not heard any inkling from them about what their issues may be."

Windhorst: "Initially, both the state police and ICJIA were opposed to the bill, but the amendment brought them to neutral. What did the amendment do to bring them to neutral?"

Buckner: "Yeah. The... the amendment did a couple of things, Leader. But the most important thing is that it moved out some of the effective date. So, there's a ramp so folks can get ready from a human resources standpoint and a staffing standpoint to make this make sense. This language needed to be harmonized with what's already going on. And so, after, you know, a number of... of months, maybe even a year-plus of negotiation, we've got... gotten both ICJIA and ISP to be neutral on this based on this amendment."

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Windhorst: "And ICJIA, in particular, believes that they have sufficient time to get the staffing necessary to... to accomplish this?"

Buckner: "Yes, sir, they do."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Buckner: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Buckner to close."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1710 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 115 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 41 of the calendar appears House Bill 2546, offered by Leader Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2546, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The bill was read for a third time previously."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Guzzardi is recognized."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Hopefully, with you in the Chair, we'll have... this will go better than it did yesterday. I think I did a poor job of explaining this bill on the floor yesterday. I've... I've spoken to some Members about it since then, and I think I've hopefully been able to answer some questions about it. So, this bill is very straightforward. It simply clears up some lack of clarity in existing law. The law right now says that three years before someone is eligible for a parole hearing, they have to file paperwork to declare

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that they want a hearing. There's been a difference of opinion about what that means. Sometimes the PRB has interpreted that to mean that they have to file the paperwork exactly three years to the day before they're eligible and then they have to wait the entire three years until they have their hearing. And sometimes, they've interpreted in the totally rational way, which is to say up to three years before they're eligible, they can file paperwork and then they can have their hearing at their usual eligibility date. So, there's a lack of clarity in the law, it's been interpreted different ways. So, we're just clearing up that lack of clarity in the statute to say that any time up to three years before their hearing they can file this paperwork. There's no opposition to this bill. Law enforcement's not opposed. The PRB is not opposed. This is a simple technical change, as I said yesterday. Irrespective of what you feel about the underlying law, this bill makes that law clearer, and I think that's important and valuable. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is, I believe you've said, but the same bill we considered yesterday that's currently on postponed consideration. Do I have that correct?"

Guzzardi: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Yes. And dealing with the youthful offender parole program and the changes there, as you described yesterday, nothing about the bill has changed from yesterday?"

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Guzzardi: "That's correct, except, hopefully, my explanation of it."

Windhorst: "Madam Speaker, if this bill should receive the constitutionally acquired number of votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members will be in the chairs and vote their own switches. Representative... Leader Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's good to have you up there again. Leader Guzzardi, you got to forgive me because I was in the Speaker's Chair yesterday and I was distracted, admittedly. Can you do me a favor and remind me, why am I in support of this bill? Was this in... in Jud - Crim? Can you just walk me through the history of this?"

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Leader Morgan. So, this bill came before the Restorative Justice Committee, and I'll... I'll reiterate that this is a simple clarification of existing law. We're not making any changes to who's eligible for this program, when their hearings might be, or the substance of those hearings. We're simply addressing what I believe to be an inconsistent interpretation by the Prisoner Review Board of the plain language of the statute. So, as I said, the language says that the... the individual can file this paperwork three years before they're eligible for a hearing, and that the department... the board, if they approve that filing, shall schedule their hearing three years after the paperwork is received. This bill simply says that that three years is meant to be a window, a three-year run-up to their eligibility, in which they can file that paperwork, and the department will

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schedule their hearing when it's... when they're eligible for it, not that they must wait exactly three years to the calendar day from the receipt of that paperwork to the scheduling of the hearing. I understand why they might have interpreted it that way 'cause the underlying language of the bill is a little unclear. It says, 'Within 30 days of the receipt of this petition, the PRB shall determine whether the petition is filed, and if so, shall set a date for parole review 3 years from receipt of the petition.' So, I can understand them reading that and saying, well, it says shall determine the date three years from receipt. But the intent of the bill has always been that it should be a window of three years before their eligibility date and that they shall make the hearing available when the person is eligible. So, we're simply clarifying that in the underlying statute. There's... this has always been the intent of the law. It's just a timing change that will clear up the language of the statute and comport it with the underlying intent."

Morgan: "Yeah, and... and I appreciate that because when I... now I... that helped remind me of this discussion and the debate yesterday. And I suppose I was... I was a little bit surprised about any potential concern. It just doesn't make sense on its face that it would have to be a mandatory three-year wait to a date to make that kind of decision. It makes sense that it gives it an up-to window, which is really consistent with so many of the different things we do, whether it's criminal justice in nature or any other governmental decision. We put a maximum, we put a... ceiling, right, a maximum amount of time for government. It doesn't say they have to wait a certain

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amount of time to do the work they're supposed to be doing. Have you heard opposition? So, PRB seems to be good with this? Tell... tell us more about what the position is from them."

Guzzardi: "Yeah, the... so, PRB is not opposed. Law enforcement is not opposed. Victim advocacy groups aren't opposed. There... there's no opposition to the bill. There is no opposition to the bill."

Morgan: "Wait, I'm sorry, leader. Did you... you just said there's no opposition to the bill?"

Guzzardi: "There's no opposition to the bill. And... and I would just simply add that there's no opposition to the bill."

Morgan: "Yeah. No... no, leader... to the bill, Madam Speaker. To the..."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

Morgan: "To the bill. I... I understand we... we have handled a lot of different types of legislation on this floor that deals with parole, criminal justice reform, giving people a second chance, opportunities to repair their lives after they have served their term, served their probation, and gone on to do great things in their lives. This is nothing to do with that. This is nothing to do with any of that. This... this is literally a technical cleanup to clarify an opportunity for what government can do. Has nothing to do with an individual's opportunities after their incarceration, and I really think about some of the things that we're going to be talking about, I think, on this floor this week that do really get to the heart of restorative justice. To me, this is like good government stuff, and I think everybody on this floor is

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interested in seeking an opportunity for good government. So, leader, thank you for this bill, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Manley: "Representative Guzzardi, I wanted to ask you just a couple questions. Yesterday, I may not have... it was loud in here, and I might have missed some of the fine points. But this does not reduce a sentence?"

Guzzardi: "The bill before us today?"

Manley: "Correct."

Guzzardi: "No."

Manley: "So, as you explained it to me, all it does is allow the process, which we already have, to be more efficient?"

Guzzardi: "That's... it really clears up how the process should work because PRB is interpreting it this way sometimes and that way other times..."

Manley: "So, you're making it clearer?"

Guzzardi: "Making the underlying law..."

Manley: "It doesn't change it at all?"

Guzzardi: "...a lot clearer. That's exactly right, Representative."

Manley: "So, what you're doing in the bill is just spells it out clearly. It doesn't change it."

Guzzardi: "That's exactly correct."

Manley: "Thank you."

Guzzardi: "Thank you for your questions, Representative."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Vella."

Vella: "Yes. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

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Vella: "Quick question. Will this make you eligible for parole any earlier?"

Guzzardi: "No."

Vella: "Any..."

Guzzardi: "No."

Vella: "In no way, shape, or form?"

Guzzardi: "No."

Vella: "Perfect. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I appreciate the robust debate. Thanks for letting me do it twice. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Members, Leader Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2546 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, please take the record. Okay. On this question, there are 74 voting in 'favor,' 40 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative. Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I withdraw the verification."

Speaker Williams, A.: "On this question, there are 74 voting in 'favor,' 40 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Rosenthal, for what reason do you arise?"

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Rosenthal: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Williams, A.: "State your point."

Rosenthal: "Colleagues, today I have rise to recognize and honor a proud son of Illinois, a standout athlete and a role model both on and off the race track, Justin Allgaier of Riverton/Spalding, Illinois. In the Speaker's Gallery up there today with us, we have his father and his mother, Mike and Dorothy Allgaier. And I have to mention, today is Mike's birthday. He's here to celebrate with his son. Family friend, Todd and Nathan Zoellner; Mike Campbell, director of communications for JR Motorsports; Rodney Riech, senior marketing director for Brandt; Curtis Francois, owner and president of World Wide Technology Raceway in the metro area; Julie Giese, track president of Chicago's Street Course; and here on the floor with me, the 2024 NASCAR Xfinity Series champion, Justin Allgaier. And I'd like to also mention that I had the privilege and opportunity to ride with Justin up on Joliet's raceway about 10 years ago. So, it's pretty exciting to go around the track several times, and great... and great driver. His racing career began at the early age of 5, and it didn't take long for him to make history. In 2001, at just 14 years old, Justin became the youngest driver ever to advance to an A-Main at the prestigious Chili Bowl Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a star-studded midget racing course event that draws the best talent from across the country. From there, he continued to rise, and in 2008, he captured the ARCA Re/Max Series championship, a defining milestone that propelled him further into the spotlight. And the following year, in 2009,

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Justin was named the NASCAR Xfinity Series Rookie of the Year, firmly established himself as a rising star in the professional stock car racing. Today, Justin drives the #7 Chevrolet for JR Motorsports in the NASCAR Xfinity Series, where he has become one of the most consistent and respected competitors in the field. With 27 career victories to date, Justin ranks ninth on the all-time Xfinity Series win list, an incredible achievement that speaks both to his talent and perseverance. But Justin's impact reaches far beyond the checkered flag. He has remained deeply engaged with his fans, supported charitable causes, and given back to his community time and again. Notably, he honored our servicemen and women by featuring the Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon initiative on his car during Memorial Day weekend at Charlotte Motor Speedway. He has also participated in countless charity events and fundraisers, using his platform to make a real difference across Illinois. Justin Allgaier is not just a great driver and a family man. He is a great Illinoisan. He represents the best of our state: grit, determination, humility, and heart. Please join me in honoring Justin Allgaier for his remarkable achievements in racing and continued dedication to giving back."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Welcome to Springfield. Returning to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. House Bill 3327, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3327, a Bill for an Act concerning children. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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Speaker Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3327, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Yang Rohr is recognized."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3327, it helps better ensure that families with newborns that qualify for early intervention services know about and receive those services. Many newborns are automatically eligible for early intervention services if they receive... if they are born with and receive certain medical diagnoses, such as Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, or being born with a low birth weight under 1,000 grams or about 2.2 pounds. The problem is that these families often don't know about these services. And so, this bill improves that early intervention process by requiring NICU staff to share information about these services, and it also requires hospital staff to initiates a written referral to these programs for families that are eligible. Hospitals are already required to refer families to early intervention services. This written process will help create a warmer referral process where NICU staff can talk with families about these early... early intervention services, connect them with the services before the family leaves the NICU. Thanks."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3327 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 116 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received

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a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 32 of the calendar, there appears House Bill 28, Representative Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 28, a Bill for an Act concerning receivership. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 3751 adds language..."

Speaker Williams, A.: "It's House Bill 28, Representative Williams."

Williams, J.: "I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Madam Chair."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Out of the record. Okay. Under the Order of Third Readings, we have House Bill 28, offered by Representative Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the..."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 28, a Bill for an Act concerning receivership. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 3758... I'm sorry. I'm sorry. House Bill 0028 is a receivership bill. It amends the Illinois Receivership Act. Provides that access for creditors to take possession of property and managed property directly of a court... court amendment. I would be happy to take any questions."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, going through our analysis on the bill, just to make sure I have it clear, does this

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apply to both residential and commercial properties or is it only to commercial properties?"

Williams, J.: "Only to commercial properties. It does not apply to residential properties."

Windhorst: "And what was the reason behind this bill coming forward?"

Williams, J.: "Well, this bill is coming forward because we're trying to establish the difference between smaller units and bigger units. Like this bill only applies to commercial properties seven units or up. Doesn't really apply to two flats, three flats, and single-family homes. What I believe not... not nursing homes as well."

Windhorst: "And our analysis shows that the Community Bankers, Credit Union League, and Illinois Bankers have no position. Do you know if they expressed either support or opposition to the bill?"

Williams, J.: "No position whatsoever."

Windhorst: "And have the realtors expressed a position?"

Williams, J.: "No."

Windhorst: "And reviewing our analysis, it looks like one of the... and just make sure I have this correct that this act has gone some time since it's been amended or updated and part of the reason we're doing this is to update the act to..."

Williams, J.: "Yes. We're just..."

Windhorst: "...to make sure it's more... more modern?"

Williams, J.: "We're... we're simply updating and clarifying the act."

Windhorst: "And it looks like, with the amendment, it passed out unanimously in committee. Is that correct?"

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Williams, J.: "Yes. That's correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Williams, J.: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams, J.: "Thank you for your questions, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 28 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 116 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, House Bill 3527, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk... I'm sorry, Representative West. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3527, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested as well as a state mandates note, and those notes have not been filed."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader West."

West: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The fiscal note for this bill I rule is to be inapplicable."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative West has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. Representative Schmidt is recognized."

Schmidt: "I just want to speak to the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Let's wait until we're debating..."

Schmidt: "Okay."

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Speaker Williams, A.: "...the bill, please. Okay. Representative West has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. 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, take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'aye,' 40 voting 'nay,' 0 voting 'present.' And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3527, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3527 creates the Prohibition of Discriminatory Disability Mascots Act, which restricts a public educational institution from the adoption or continued use of discriminatory disability mascots. It also allows a public educational institution to continue the use of uniforms or other materials bearing a prohibited name, logo, or mascot that were purchased on or before the effective date of the act until September 1, 2028. One thing I want to share with the body, this bill has two provisions to it, a proactive and a reactive provision. The proactive is to ensure that none of our schools are able to partake in discriminatory mascots. However, the reactive is the fact that there is a community high school in our state that does have a discriminatory mascot. Before... when it comes to tradition, before you tear down a fence, you need to know why it was put up. Before you tear down a fence, you need to know why it was

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put up. A tradition that is prevalent in our... in our state is the use... the use of a word called... named the midgets. And the reason why I... I am the sponsor of this bill, as many of you know, I have a Native American mascot bill that will be before us in a couple of days or so. And so, I... the mascots matter came to me and asked me to carry this bill. Yes, I live 300 miles away from the high school that will be affected by this. And, again, the reason why I was asked is because of my advocacy for mascot reform. When it comes to this particular one, I wanted to ensure that I... I totally understand the lens of tradition, but I ask the body to look at this through the lens of empathy. There are words that are... that we are using that is a mockery and makes a community feel exploited. Just to give a little bit of history when it comes to the word 'midgets.' Back in the 19th century into the 20th century, from 1840 to roughly 1940, it was tradition for us as a community to generate profit by exploiting little people, generate profit by exploiting Black people, showing the difference of their body type compared to the, quote-unquote, 'norm,' and a profit was made. It was around this time that this word was generated into the State of Illinois. Advocates shared with... tried to express themselves with the local community before coming to me. I handled... when it comes to my due diligence as a legislator, especially since this was not something that was affecting my district, I failed to go to the Representative that we'll be hearing from soon. I share with him my sincere apologies. But I want to make sure it was on the record, and I also want... want to make sure we know that this is something that is exploiting a community. And if

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there is injustice... an inkling of injustice somewhere is a threat to justice everywhere. I'm looking forward to the conversations and the questions you may have, and I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Williams, A.: Thank you. Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader West, who or what body determines whether a mascot is discriminatory?"

West: "The American disability... the ADA determines if... well, if a mascot is considered discriminatory, especially a disability mascot."

Windhorst: "So, if it's listed in the Americans with Disabilities Act, then it is considered discriminatory?"

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Is that referenced here in the bill?"

West: "Let me read this for you when it comes to our definition. 'Discriminatory disability mascot' means any name, logo, or mascot that is derogatory or representative of any individual or group based on disability, as defined by the federal Americans with Disabilities Act.'"

Windhorst: "And I... my question is, if someone claims that the mascot is discriminatory, who decides whether or not it's discriminatory? Does the school decide? The State Board of Education decide? Is there a civil right of action to decide? Who ultimately makes the decision?"

West: "I would go on to say our governing body."

Windhorst: "So, the school board for the school district?"

West: "Or us as the legislature."

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Windhorst: "I'm sorry?"

West: "Or us as the legislature as well."

Windhorst: "So, if, let's say, the school district we're referring to believes, or another school district because we don't know necessarily how things will be interrupted in the future, someone comes forward and says your mascot violates this law. Where is that complaint taken to? Is it taken first to the school district?"

West: "So, are you... you referring to enforcement if, in the future, if... this was... if a school advocacy group went to another school and said, 'Based on House Bill 3527, this is discriminatory?' Is that your question?"

Windhorst: "Yes."

West: "When it comes to House Bill 3527, there is no current enforcement mechanism."

Windhorst: "So, it will be up to the school to honor the law and... and abide by it?"

West: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "That is applying to those currently in place. In the future, will that same application apply? A school is... maybe there's consolidation, a new school is created. They choose a mascot that someone considers discriminatory. How will they... they seek that enforcement?"

West: "Now, we have... if this is passed, we'll have language in statute that they can refer to and then we can take it from there. I know you're explaining the hypothetical, which I can appreciate, but at the end of the day, it's only a hypothetical. There's going to be other nuances to it that we'll have to consider. But on a grand, you know, grand view,

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there will be at least some kind of language that they can refer it to if they feel like they are being discriminatory."

Windhorst: "But ultimately it will be up to that local school district to decide?"

West: "That's the hope."

Windhorst: "I'm... I'm sorry?"

West: "That's the hope. Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Schmidt is recognized."

Schmidt: "To the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

Schmidt: "So, the history of this mascot is they had smaller basketball team many years ago, and a local paper called them the Midgets. And they said, 'You know what? We'll embrace that. We're small, we're mighty, and we win.' And they are very proud of that mascot. They love that mascot. Fact of the matter is, you guys can outlaw it. All the private stores in town are going to sell the shirts. It's going to blow up. It's not going to have the effect that you want. This is a local issue. The local school board should be voting on it, not the state overreaching and saying you're wrong. You don't understand the community. You don't understand the history. It's our culture. Vote 'no.'"

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Fritts is recognized."

Fritts: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

Fritts: "Here we go again. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, you know, so often when we're in committee or we're on the floor,

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Republicans get accused of talking about a slippery slope, and everybody likes to draw attention and say, oh, that's a... that's a fallacy. You know, that'll never happen. We're fearmongering, whatever else. Here we go. Just a few months ago, an issue that was pertinent to my district came to this floor, and it was ran by a Member of the opposite side of aisle that had nothing to do with that community. And we said we're setting a very dangerous precedent when people are running bills in other people's districts and communities that they don't represent and communities of people that did not elect them. Here we are again. We have my colleague, Representative Schmidt, standing up for his district just a couple months later on a bill where the community loves their mascot. They're proud of their mascot. They elect him, 108,500 people, just like all the rest of us, elect him to represent this district. It is absolutely unacceptable that we continue down this road that we're going where we have Members who have absolutely nothing to do with the communities that they're running bills against do it. I ask for a strong 'no' vote. And in fact, Madam Speaker, if the bill passes, I ask for a verification. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Fritts has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. For further discussion, Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Williams: "To the Bill."

Mason: "Well, well, well, here we go, defending people with disabilities once again. Representative, I love old movies,

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adore them, 'Miracle on 34th Street,' all those things. And for years, I had always thought I have never seen the movie 'Holiday Inn.' And my sisters and people I talked to, 'Oh, "Holiday Inn." It's glorious. They're singing. There's wonderful things. There's music.' 'Holiday Inn.' So, this... around Christmas, 'Holiday Inn' came on, and I was in my jammies, and I was so excited, and I thought, I am finally going to get to see this great movie, 'Holiday Inn.' And I was watching it, and it was glorious, and there was singing, and how cool. It was an inn that they celebrated every holiday all the time. And then they got to Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Do you know this movie? And the main characters starting putting black face on each other. And then they went out in the inn to all the guests and sang 'Abraham' and danced around. And I turned the movie off. Now, that isn't about a disability, but it is about discrimination. And what was beautiful, and what was embraced, and what gave people joy, maybe, back in the day, we know now, and when you know better, you do better. So, let's do better, and let's just not make fun of people and cause them to feel bad. I urge a 'yes.'"

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

Faver Dias: "I just want to level set on this conversation. We are talking about a slur. A slur is a mascot at a high school. A school is a place where students are supposed come and learn and feel valued, and there is a whole group of people that, when they see that mascot, feel shame and... and are... are discriminated against and harmed. The purpose of a mascot is

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to bring comradery, to create goodwill, to create a spirit. And here it is... this is divisive and harmful. Why are we doing this in the State Legislature? Because the school board wouldn't respond. The advocates of this bill went to the school board in Freeburg repeatedly to educate them, to lobby them. I have a child with a disability. If my child's school used his disability as a mascot, I... I don't even know. But it is unbelievable to me. This mascot was introduced in 1934, 90 years ago. We have changed our language in so many ways over the last 90 years, but somehow this is okay because it's about people with disabilities. But it is not okay. It is harmful. It needs to be done. The stakeholders have tried to engage the local community. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative... Leader Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicates she will. He indicates he will."

Morgan: "Leader West, thanks for bringing this bill. You know, I... I signed onto this bill when I heard a little bit about this particular issue. I was unaware of it until you started working on it. Can you again just remind the body kind of what led to you advocating for this? And... and really, what's this process, right? You talked a little bit about it, but I... I'm not sure the whole chamber heard kind of the process that's available for anybody, for any school district in the community to really have this conversation."

West: "Yeah. Thank you for that, leader. Earlier this year, I was approached by Mascots Matter, an advocacy group that share...

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that came to me because of my advocacy in legislation focused around Native American mascots that we'll be dealing with soon. And they shared with me how they.. they, based on what was just said, they went through the proper channels. They tried to go to the school board. And I have it in here that they were laughed out of.. pretty much laughed out of the room. There was no public comment. There was no public record of the conversation, and the school board said, quote, we talked.. we discussed this about.. pretty much behind closed doors. Let me take that quote off there. And so, they tried several times to talk to the local school board, and then after.. to no avail, they came to me so that we could try on.. on this.. on this at this level. This is.. I am not trying to infiltrate myself into anyone else's district. My only advocacy on this is to get rid of this slur because of my own experience. I.. even as a State Representative, I've been called a nigger. How does that make you feel? Oh, it got quiet now. But when we say midget, there's not much impact to it. But in.. at the same.. at the end of the day, it is at the same level of impact of what it can do to someone's mindset, how it can be a detriment to their developmental.. to how they develop in our society, into our community. And so, this is where that bill came from, from a lens of empathy."

Morgan: "Yeah, Leader West, I have a lot of other thoughts, but honestly, I think you've covered it. I really appreciate your advocacy on this, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader West to close."

West: "That was essentially my closing remarks, you family. But I ask that you look at this again from.. through a lens of

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empathy. I understand that this is part of a tradition, and I understand what was said when it comes to what's going to happen, the reactiveness of what's going to happen. But there is a community of people out there that feels less than, and if there is any... an inkling of injustice in our state, it's a threat to justice for anyone else. And I ask the body to look at it from that vantage point and vote 'aye.'"

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Fritts has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3527 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 71 voting in 'favor,' 38 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative. Representative Fritts, for what reason do you arise?"

Fritts: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Go ahead and withdraw the verification. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "On this question, there are 71 voting in 'favor,' 38 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority is hereby declared passed. On the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, on page 40 of the calendar, there appears House Bill 3740, presented by Representative Weaver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3740, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Williams, A.: "Out of the record. House Bill 3740, offered by Representative Weaver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3740, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Weaver is recognized."

Weaver: "Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3740 is an initiative of the Department of Natural Resources. A survey revealed that there is .1 acres that needed to be changed between the state and a... a neighboring landowner. This remedies that issue. Good bill. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3740 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 114 votes in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority is hereby declared passed. On page 32 of the calendar appears House Bill 1364, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1364, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1364 simply extends the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority Act another five years. I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

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Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, there appears to be a change, if this were to sunset. I know that we're extending the sunset by five years. But if this were to sunset, the assets of the authority will accede to Will County. Is that accurate?"

Walsh: "That's what they have in the... the new language. But when this does sunset, there will be no assets. It... it'll exhaust itself."

Windhorst: "And it looks like this is supported by Will County, City of Joliet, the Municipal League, Local 150, and the Railroad Association. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "Correct. There's still some... this is for the old arsenal development or redevelopment that took place in my district, and there's still some Army parcels that are in flux. And the Joliet Arsenal Development Authority is that entity that deals with any of the transfers that would take place between the United States Army and local development. That's one of the reason for the extension."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1364 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 116 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 33 of the calendar, we have House Bill 1373, offered by Leader Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1373, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Rep.. Leader Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Thank you, Madam Chair. This is a great bill, as you can see by that list of sponsors up there. This is a bill that is an initiative of the Attorney General's Office, and I am happy to answer any questions about the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, if I understand this correctly, the current law is that the tracing of firearms is something that is permissive or when necessary for law enforcement. This bill would take out the 'when necessary' language and require the eTrace to be conducted if certain circumstances arise."

Tarver: "That is correct, at no cost to law enforcement."

Windhorst: "Who would conduct the eTrace?"

Tarver: "Who conducts the trace?"

Windhorst: "Yes."

Tarver: "My understanding is that.. my understanding is that.. that law enforcement conducts the.. the trace. They're able to utilize a platform. Not at the time of the stop and those types of things. It would be not immediate, not live, but law enforcement performs that.. that eTrace."

Windhorst: "Our analysis shows that the Sheriffs' Association and the State Rifle Association are neutral, but we show the chiefs of police are opposed. Do you know why they're opposed?"

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Tarver: "I would love to be able to tell you that, but because they did not reach out to me at any point when the bill was first introduced, when there was an amendment or otherwise, I could not tell you. I will tell you that IDNR initially had some opposition. We removed that opposition. We worked with Jim with the sheriffs as well to... to help to get them to neutral. But I have not heard from the chiefs of police."

Windhorst: "It may be moving from a discretionary act to a mandated act, but I thank you for bringing this forward. I believe the vote was partisan in committee, and I'm going to remain a 'no,' but I appreciate you bringing this forward. Thank you."

Tarver: "No problem at all. You all are welcome to join this side, where we want to make sure where there're tons of guns proliferated in certain communities, we have the ability to trace them so that when somebody is, you know, supposedly lost 25 guns and they're all found on the South Side of Chicago, we can find out who that person is."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1373 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 75 voting in 'favor,' 40 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 3564, offered by Representative Syed. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3564, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3564, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Syed is recognized."

Syed: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3564 amends the Landlord and Tenant Act by doing two things. It prohibits move-in fees, and similar to our neighbors up north, Wisconsin, we would limit application fees to \$20 or the cost of a background check, whichever one is lower. By eliminating these upfront financial barriers, the legislation addresses well-documented obstacles to housing access. The realtors have let me know they're neutral on the amendment, which becomes the bill. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, just so I have this right, we're... the landlord will be prohibited from imposing a move-in fee. Is that correct?"

Syed: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "A landlord cannot charge a processing, reviewing, or accepting an application... a fee for accepting an application. Is that correct?"

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Syed: "Yes. They can charge an application fee up to \$20 or the cost of the background check, whichever one is lower."

Windhorst: "And so, that could lead the, basically, the landlord to be taking that background check at a loss. They may be paying more for the background check than they're collecting in the fee. Is that correct?"

Syed: "Potentially."

Windhorst: "And then the late fees, which are currently not limited in law, would be limited to \$10 for the first 1,000 in rent and 5% of any amount that exceeds 1,000. Do I have that right?"

Syed: "Yes. And only when the payment is more than five days late."

Windhorst: "Does this take effect immediately, or will it be for new leases after the bill becomes law?"

Syed: "I believe... I will double-check on that. There's no stated effective date."

Windhorst: "And have the realtors expressed a position?"

Syed: "After the amendment, which became the new bill, they expressed that they were neutral."

Windhorst: "And what was changed to bring them to neutral?"

Syed: "A lot was changed. The previous bill, I believe, eliminated the ability to do background and credit checks, so that's gone. And now, we've allowed for that, but with a limitation of a maximum of \$20."

Windhorst: "And we show the Rental Property Owners Association is opposed. Do you know if they're still opposed?"

Syed: "Last I have heard from them, I believe so."

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Windhorst: "And the reason given was that the... the bill would limit fees to below actual cost is their concern, for the background check, as we talked about."

Syed: "That... that was not mentioned to me, but I appreciate you bringing that up."

Windhorst: "And do you know the position of the Chicagoland Apartment Association?"

Syed: "I believe on the amendment they are opposed."

Windhorst: "Still opposed on the amendment? Well, I appreciate what you're trying to do and... and what you're bringing forward. My concern is these are private contracts that... and landlords and tenants should be able to negotiate. Yes, there are issues with the amount of housing we have in society, but a lot of the problems that are coming with the lack of housing is because of actions this body is taking that makes constructing new housing more difficult, regulations too burdensome. So, for that reason, I'm going to be opposing the bill. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Mayfield is recognized."

Mayfield: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicates she will."

Mayfield: "Representative, on the late fee, it's \$10 total per month, per day? How... how does that late fee work?"

Syed: "It's \$10 for the... for the \$1,000 that they are late after five days."

Mayfield: "Okay. So, if... most rent is more than \$1,000. So, let's, just for round numbers, say the rent is \$1,500. What is the late fee?"

Syed: "It would be \$15."

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Mayfield: "It would be \$15, that's it? Per month or just in total? I mean, is that all I can charge? I'm a landlord, so I... I need to know because I have individuals who are habitually late, and you're telling me I can only charge \$15 for them not paying their rent on time?"

Syed: "Yes, if it has not been paid within five days from its due date. So, after those five days, my understanding is, you know, then there will be... then they would be required to pay that late fee of \$15."

Mayfield: "Fifteen dollars maximum. Do you own property, Representative?"

Syed: "No, my parents do. I... I mean, I do own property. I own my own home."

Mayfield: "Okay. Do you rent property?"

Syed: "I don't rent out my property. No."

Mayfield: "Okay. As a landlord, I'm going to tell you, \$15 is not punitive enough to force anyone to pay their rent on time. We have a lot of problems with individuals who don't want to pay their rent. And having that, the ability to charge a daily late fee, actually spurs them to pay their rent to avoid having that particular late fee. That is why it is in the lease. So, that part of this bill is problematic for me. The rest of it I can agree with, especially the background checks because they really don't cost that much to do. Most of us have apps that we have on our phones where you can run a background check within two minutes. So... and it doesn't cost that much. So, that part I agree with. I do have an issue with the... the limiting of the \$15 because all that's going to do is force foreclosure... not foreclosure, evictions, which is

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detrimental to everyone. So, I really think... I'm not sure.  
Are you going to look at this again in the Senate..."

Syed: "Yeah."

Mayfield: "...or because I can understand where you're going to get  
some pushback, just on that particular late fee. The rest of  
it I agree with, but I do have... I'm problematic with the late  
fee."

Syed: "Thank you, Representative Mayfield, for bringing forward  
that concern. I commit to you that we will work on that  
particular component of this bill in the Senate for sure."

Mayfield: "Okay, 'cause as I said, it does... it's a deterrent to  
eviction. So..."

Syed: "Yes. And for that exact reason, I... I do want to work with  
you on that."

Mayfield: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Andrade is recognized."

Andrade: "Thank you. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicated she will."

Andrade: "Representative, I have a question. Does this... would  
this be in line with the Chicago tenant ordinance?"

Syed: "It would be. It would be, yes."

Andrade: "So, right now, under the Chicago tenant ordinance,  
Chicago can only charge \$20 max?"

Syed: "For what particular?"

Andrade: "Well, for... for anything. You... the bill says \$20."

Syed: "For the late fee. The late fee that Representative Mayfield  
was referring to, it would be \$10 for every \$1,000 after five  
days if they're late."

Andrade: "So, the highest fee that can be charged..."

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Syed: "Oh, so you're talking about application fee, I apologize. The application fee, the maximum it could be is \$20 for accepting an application. Right now, what landlords can do is they could charge an application fee on every single person in this room, take 50 bucks from every single person, and they're not required to necessarily do a background check. So, this bill would limit... limit that ability."

Andrade: "So... so, this is exactly what Chicago tenant ordinance already does? It limits the \$20 application fee?"

Syed: "No, that's not necessarily what the Chicago tenant ordinance does."

Andrade: "Does this bill preempt Home Rule?"

Syed: "No."

Andrade: "So, it does not preempt Home Rule? So, the City of Chicago would be able... if Chicago tenant ordinance does not limit it to \$20 application fee. So, in Chicago, you can still charge 150, 200 dollars for an application fee?"

Syed: "If their ordinance allows for it, then yes."

Andrade: "So, does this bill apply to... does this bill apply to owner-occupied buildings?"

Syed: "Does this bill apply to owner-occupied buildings? Yes, it... no, it may not. One second, let me double-check with... on that. I will get back to you on that. My understanding is that, obviously, the Chicago ordinance does not apply to owner-occupied units. It exempts them from some of the security deposit laws that they have. I will have to get exact clarification 'cause I don't want to misspeak on whether or not it would apply to owner-occupied units in Chicago."

Andrade: "Right. So, the Chicago tenant ordinance does exclude..."

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Syed: "Owner-occupied buildings."

Andrade: "...owner-occupied buildings that are four units or less. It does exclude, not the Human Rights Commission. The Human Rights Commission applies to even single-family homes. But... so, your bill would apply to a two-flat that's owner-occupied? I think it's important to... to clarify that."

Syed: "The intention is that it does not apply to those... those buildings that are exempted from the Chicago ordinance, and we can draft language to clarify that as well."

Andrade: "So, I think you answered it, but..."

Syed: "So, that includes owner-occupied two-flat units that are exempted from the security deposit laws that they're held to under the Chicago ordinance."

Andrade: "Right. So, just remind me, you said your... your bill does not preempt a Home Rule or does preempt a Home Rule?"

Syed: "My understanding is that it does not preempt Home Rule."

Andrade: "It does not preempt Home Rule. Okay, all right. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Blair-Sherlock is recognized."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. To the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

Blair-Sherlock: "This bill also prohibits landlords from charging move-in fees, and a lot of landlords charge move-in fees in lieu of security deposits. The City of Chicago has an extremely anti-landlord landlord/tenant ordinance that makes it very oppressive and discourages investment by people in apartments in Chicago just for fear of the ramifications of the mandatory penalties and fees, and this just piles onto

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that. And after the landlords really took it hard during COVID, I think to continue to pile on landlords, it is questionable. I also think that to understand what the Chicago landlord/tenant ordinance, it... it does not apply to buildings, smaller buildings, four units or less, where the landlord lives in the building, but it does apply to individual condominium units somebody may own. So, it can apply to small landlords, just not if they reside in the smaller building. I am a 'no' on this. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Guzzardi is recognized."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicates she will."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Rep. Syed, for working on this... working on this piece of legislation. And I just want to make it really clear what we are and aren't talking about in this bill. So, this bill pertains to move-in fees. Is that correct?"

Syed: "That's correct."

Guzzardi: "So, this bill doesn't have anything to do with security deposits?"

Syed: "No."

Guzzardi: "Existing law around security deposits..."

Syed: "No."

Guzzardi: "...will still persist no matter what happens with this legislation. And it doesn't prohibit landlords from charging whatever they might choose to for their... to rent out..."

Syed: "Correct."

Guzzardi: "...their unit, right? So, if it's a matter of a landlord recouping their costs, they can simply do that as part of the ordinary rent for their tenant. Isn't that correct?"

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Syed: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "So, maybe then you can explain what the purpose of prohibiting these. What are we trying to accomplish by prohibiting move-in fees?"

Syed: "So, an example that the previous Representative just brought up is there are times where a landlord may not want to refund someone's security deposit.."

Guzzardi: "Right."

Syed: "...because the security deposit, they're required to refund that. So, what instead they do to bypass this is they rely on move-in fees that have absolutely no regulation in our state and are able to charge these move-in fees and keep those.. keep those fees. And they can be justified for a whole host of reasons, and oftentimes those reasons overlap with what a security deposit is meant to accomplish."

Guzzardi: "Okay. To the bill, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

Guzzardi: "Security deposits are really important tools so that landlords can make sure that their properties are safe from potential damage by tenants, right? And they're also carefully regulated by state law and by local ordinance in many cases because it's important to make sure that they're not exploitative. Move-in fees are not regulated. They're uncapped. They're unrestricted. They can be set at whatever rate they want, the landlord chooses, and can be used for whatever purpose the landlord chooses. And that is simply not fair. If a landlord needs additional resources to supplement the maintenance of their unit, that can go into the rent. If they need to protect their unit from damage, that can be part

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of the security deposit. But these... the wild west of move-in fees that have no connection to anything substantive about the unit, we simply can't let this persist any longer. This bill is a very reasonable middle way to make sure that these fees are regulated, as they ought to be, and I strongly urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Syed is recognized to close."

Syed: "So, I just want to put it on the record that Representative Mayfield's concerns are very real, and I do want to make sure that we acknowledge those as we move forward. I do want to say that move-in fees are a barrier to housing. You know, someone finds out that they've been finally accepted to a property that is open, that they can rent out the space, and suddenly they're whacked with a \$500 move-in fee that they were not warned about previously. These costs can be recouped in someone's rent. You can charge 42 more dollars a month if you really need to recoup those costs. But what we're doing is we're hiding these fees and lacking transparency between landlords and tenants, and ideally, they should help make the process far more transparent. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3564 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 61 voting in 'favor,' 43 voting 'against,' 3 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received

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a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader West, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

West: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please excuse Representative Carol Ammons for the rest of the day."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Members, we are operating under Standard Debate. The sponsor will have up to five minutes to explain the legislation, and up to two proponents and up to three opponents can rise on each bill moving forward. Proceeding to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, on page 32 appears House Bill 1149, offered by Representative Swanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1149, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Swanson is recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Not... I don't think I'm going to use my full five minutes. Thank you very much for resetting that. House Bill 1149 was brought to me... or an idea brought up at a meeting with my local volunteer fire department chiefs. Most of us in this room have fire departments in our district. Everyone in this room relies on a fire district if something happens. What this legislation does, it allows a career or volunteer firefighter to go to complete their fire training and then apply that fire training to a local college, university, community college, and apply for college credit hours for that firefighting training. This happens very regularly with EMS personnel, and I received many college credits at the community college and higher education levels with my military training. So, this is bringing our fire department volunteers or career members the opportunity to

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receive college credit hours. It also provides opportunities for our community colleges and universities and colleges to pick up more members attending those universities. I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1149 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 115 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, on page 12, there appears House Bill 2490, presented by Leader Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2490, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Stuart."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Stuart to explain the amendment."

Stuart: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The amendment is just... there was a word missing on amendment 1, and it put the word where it was supposed to go. Just technical."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Stuart moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2490, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you, and thank you, Members of the chamber. This is probably going to sound familiar because we passed this bill last year. It had various bipartisan support across the chamber. This is the bill to provide for paid leave for firefighters. We passed this out of the House. While it was in the Senate, AFFI realized there was a little bit of fine-tuning to make the bill even better. So, that's what this is, and that's what's in front of us today. It's paid leave for firefighters."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This, as you said, is a bill we saw last year, I believe."

Stuart: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And that bill was, I believe, voted 92-17 with 6 'present,' if I had that correct."

Stuart: "I think that... I think that's the number I have too."

Windhorst: "And this is six weeks of paid family leave for firefighters for the birth of a child, the care of a newly adopted child under 18, newly placed foster child under 18, newly adopted or placed foster child older than 18 if that child is incapable of self-care, or to care for family member with a serious health condition. Is that..."

Stuart: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...correct?"

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Stuart: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And this would apply regardless of sex, to both men and women?"

Stuart: "Yes. It's family leave. Yes."

Windhorst: "And the... this is paid leave, so that will be an obligation of the fire department to... to pay during that time."

Stuart: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And it's on top of other leave that may exist."

Stuart: "It... it could be. That would be dependent on those locally bargained contracts."

Windhorst: "All right. A question that... that I've had raised is, will there be any money either tied with this bill or budgeted to assist our local municipalities, local governments with any costs they may incur with... with the leave?"

Stuart: "No, there is not anything specific, and I know that lots of us in this chamber are concerned with LGDF and making sure that we're helping our municipalities with a lot of their expenses. So, happy to continue that conversation, but that's not currently in this bill."

Windhorst: "And this is supported, of course, by AFFI. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And the Association of Illinois Counties is neutral. Is that... or take... taking no position?"

Stuart: "That's... yeah. That's what I have on my notes too."

Windhorst: "IML is opposed."

Stuart: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And did they express their opposition to you?"

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Stuart: "Yes, they did. And we talked last year, and it's the same."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Stuart: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Stuart to close."

Stuart: "I would appreciate another 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2490 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 85 voting in 'favor,' 22 voting 'against,' 5 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, on page 33 appears House Bill 1648, Leader Stephens. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1648, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Stephens is recognized."

Stephens: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 1648 is an initiative of AFFI that allows a pensioner to have their pension funds directly taken... their payment taken from them from their money that is earned and paid to cover union dues and any health care insurance premiums that are due. The authorization has to be in writing, and it is cost neutral. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1648 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 36 in the calendar appears House Bill 2602, presented by Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2602, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Stava-Murray is recognized."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Trafficking in children and teens, especially when compounded by sexual abuse, is one of the most heinous and despicable kinds of criminal activity that occurs in our state. Sadly, it is still far too common, and that's why I'm proud to help advance a law today to help us bring a little bit closer to a world in which every survivor has access to justice and every person who chooses to traffic vulnerable children is held accountable. Currently, survivors of sex trafficking who were under 18 at the time of the incident are limited regarding how much time they have to pursue charges against their abuser. They currently must do so within 25 years of turning 18. While that feels like a long time, it does not fully account for the depth of the trauma inflicted on the victims of this crime, who, again, are children, or the difficulty of the process of getting to a place emotionally and psychologically where facing the abuse is manageable. Besides, why should human traffickers ever feel safe? When you commit a crime

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like that with... especially when it's coupled with sex crimes with children, you really don't deserve peace of mind. What purpose, whose purpose is served by an arbitrary cutoff after which these types of crimes are in effect, retroactively sanctioned? How could it be justified? I don't think it can. This bill removes the statute of limitations applying to the sex trafficking of minors, empowering childhood sex survivors... childhood survivors of sex trafficking to pursue charges against their abusers at any point no matter how much time has passed. This isn't just about putting an end to sexual assault. It's about delivering justice to survivors and removing people who violate children and teens from the street. With this legislation, we'll be one step closer to delivering justice to childhood survivors of sex trafficking. I want to thank Representative La Ha for bringing a prior version of this bill forward, and as well as Rep. Harper, who I hear also had the same bill. I know many of us carry many bills covering similar topics over the years, and we're all passionate about this issue. So, just thank you, everyone, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative La Ha is recognized."

La Ha: "To the bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "To the bill."

La Ha: "I just want to take this opportunity thank our staff on this side. For the last two years, we've worked really hard on this legislation. We worked with stakeholders. We worked with organizations, and I'm extremely excited to see that you thought it was just as important to carry it across the finish line. So, it's a really good bill. In the end, it's going to

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help human trafficking victims, and that is the whole point of why we're here. So, like I said, I just want to thank our side of the aisle for putting in the work, and thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Stava-Murray to close."

Stava-Murray: "I would like to thank our staff as well for some additional work they put in and thank the Republican staff. I think it's a really nice bipartisan approach. So, thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2602 pass?' All in favor say 'aye'... 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 113 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Kelly, for what reason do you arise?"

Kelly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just a point of clarification. I meant to be a 'yes' on House Bill 2490."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Duly noted. On page 34 of the calendar appears House Bill 1832, Leader Smith. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1832, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Smith is recognized."

Smith: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 1832 as amended allows CMS to manage and preserve real property in its possession and enter into easements impacting CMS properties. Currently, CMS can manage and preserve real property only if it was transferred to CMS under a specific statute. There is

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currently no provision regarding easements. This bill also replaces the Thompson Center with 115 South LaSalle as a CMS property and makes corresponding changes. This bill passed out of committee unanimously and has no opposition. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1832 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 114 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Second Reading appears House bill 3486, presented by Leader Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3486, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3486, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, and good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen of the House. As our state makes an important effort to become more diverse and inclusive of all different cultures and backgrounds, House Bill 3486 seeks to officially designate August as Moorish-American Awareness Month in Illinois. This recognition honors the Moorish American

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community's historical, cultural, and societal contributions while fostering education and awareness about their rich heritage. Moorish Americans are descendants of indigenous peoples from northwest and southwest Africa as well as North America, identifying as Asiatic in race and Moorish by descent, rooted in their teachings in the Moorish Science Temple of America. Historical roots in Illinois date back to 1925. Again, these types of initiatives matter as we build a more diverse and inclusive state. This bill came out of committee unanimous. It is important to note, ladies and gentlemen, with House Bill 3486, we are simply asking for the recognition, and this will only be commemorative in nature. This bill is similar to an awareness recognition bill we unanimously voted on out of the chamber yesterday. This will not have a fiscal impact in any way, shape, or form. We're not allowing children to take a day off. We're not allowing employees to take paid leave without a day off of work. This effort is totally about awareness and only commemorative. I ask for a 'yes' vote on House Bill 3486."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, we're adding this to the Commemorative Dates Act for the state. Is that correct?"

Slaughter: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And so, we're not setting up a holiday or any..."

Slaughter: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "...automatic time off."

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Slaughter: "This is all about awareness. We're not setting up a holiday. We didn't want to have a fiscal impact associated with this, as I mentioned when I presented the bill. So, yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Slaughter: "Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative McLaughlin is recognized."

McLaughlin: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Quick question for the sponsor."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Will the... the sponsor indicates he'll yield."

McLaughlin: "Quick question. You are aware, I'm sure, that the Moors invaded Hispaniola in the 700s. Would that be correct?"

Slaughter: "One more time on that."

McLaughlin: "The Moors invaded Spain in the 700s."

Slaughter: "I'm aware."

McLaughlin: "You aware of that? I just wanted to make you aware that I've got Moorish blood flowing through me. I'd like you to add me to this bill..."

Slaughter: "I certainly will."

McLaughlin: "As my great-great-grandmother's from Spain. And I'd also like to... the Spanish... the Latino Caucus to consider that next time they vote for Latino Members."

Slaughter: "Noted."

McLaughlin: "I appreciate you. Thank you. Thank you so much."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Representative Davis is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the sponsor briefly yield?"

Speaker Williams, A.: "He indicates he will."

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Davis, W.: "So, Representative, first of all, I want to thank you for bringing this forward. I had the pleasure of meeting with the young man who represents the... the Moorish American community, and he offered me a unique history lesson about why this is important. Can you tell me a little bit about the relationship between the Moorish... Moorish people here and their relationship to, I believe, Africa?"

Slaughter: "Sure. Are you..."

Davis, W.: "Or their country..."

Slaughter: "their contributions?"

Davis, W.: "...their country of origin. Not just the... how that... how that works. They were descended from whom?"

Slaughter: "Right. Right, right, as I stated before, descendants of indigenous peoples from northwest and southwest Africa."

Davis, W.: "Okay. I... I appreciate that. That's what I just wanted to be clear. But I thank you for bringing it forward. Looking forward to being a sponsor, and as far as Representative McLaughlin is concerned, I knew something... there was something special about you. I knew it. Thank you."

Speaker Williams, A.: "Okay. Representative Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Thank you for the banter, ladies and gentlemen, on both sides of the aisle. Let's become more diverse and more inclusive and vote 'yes' for House Bill 3486."

Speaker Williams, A.: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3486 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 111 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received

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a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Evans in the Chair."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 36 in the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2572, Representative Schweizer. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2572, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Schweizer."

Schweizer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs and the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules concerning the Deceased, Disabled, MIA/POW Veterans' Dependents Scholarship and Grant. As the law currently states, the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs has the authority to direct and run the grant and scholarship. However, JCAR didn't feel that that was explicitly written in the statute, so this just cleans up that language."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2572 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back on page 32 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 28... excuse me, House Bill 57. Mr. Clerk, read the bill. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the bill on Second Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 57, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Meier."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Meier on the amendment. Representative Schmidt on the amendment."

Schmidt: "I'd like to adopt the amendment."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Schmidt moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 57, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Schmidt."

Schmidt: "Yes, so what this bill does is it amends the Essential Support Persons Act and it brings CILAs up to par with the rest of the health care industry, like hospitals, nursing homes, so that during an emergency pandemic one single person could come in and visit a resident to help them out. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 57 pass?' All in favor say (sic-vote) 'aye'; all those opposed say (sic-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 113 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting

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'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 36 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2574, Representative Scherer, presented by Representative Blair-Sherlock. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2574, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. So, this bill would require the School Code to be amended so that ISBE would compile the information on assessment testing, the contracts and how much they cost, and post that on the websites so that we know just how much it's costing us to do the assessments on our children every year. And it's basically about transparency, and this was put forth by the Illinois Federation of Teachers."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2574 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 114 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And the Bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 35 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2386, Representative Ryan. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2386, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ryan is recognized."

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Ryan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present House Bill 2386, an initiative to allow the Secretary of State to issue license plates to service members who have been awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service after July 1, 1958. A veteran, Fred Rosenburg, the chair of the Northbrook's service... senior services brought this to my attention and the attention of his legislator, and we're proud to have this bill sponsored for him. This is modeled after similar initiative in 2019 for Cold War veterans. It passed committee with unanimous support. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2386 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 28 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3638, Leader Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3638, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The bill was read for second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3638, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams."

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Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You may recall that there was a bill passed in 2019 to address issues surrounding harassment and bullying. And we developed the bill if... with a large group of stakeholders as part of our bipartisan sexual harassment task force. Right now, within the act, we provide for a unilateral confidential arbitration contracts, agreements, and clauses, and the act permits mutual confidentiality agreements regarding employment discrimination in certain enumerated cases. But since the law was passed, we've identified in practice a few areas that need to be shored up. The act was limited to employment discrimination, not other workplace conditions. We've expanded it to include violations that may occur under the following: DOL, USDOL, ILRB, NLRB, and OSHA, among others. So, happy to answer any questions. It's an update and an expansion of the Workplace Transparency Act of 2019."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you mentioned, that this is an update to the Workplace Transparency Act. Who brought this forward?"

Williams, A.: "This was supported by Women Employed, AFL-CIO, and other organizations, Bar Association, attempting to make sure that some of the issues that have arisen since the passage of the original act are addressed."

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Windhorst: "And it looks like there were four or five areas that the National Employment Lawyers Association of Illinois sought to take on with this legislation."

Williams, A.: "That sounds right."

Windhorst: "The... as you mentioned, I believe the act was limited to employment discrimination, not other workplace conditions, and this would be an expansion of the original act."

Williams, A.: "Exactly."

Windhorst: "And I believe the... was the original act in the 101st General Assembly? Does that sound accurate?"

Williams, A.: "2019, I don't know the numbers, but yeah. I believe it passed unanimously at that time."

Windhorst: "And it... it appears that the... well, do you know the position of the Chamber of Commerce, National Federation of Independent Business, and different business groups, what their stance is?"

Williams, A.: "Some of the groups weighed in, in committee, but I haven't spoken to them since that time. I will say that they were part of the original stakeholder group, so supportive of the legislation 2019. Of course, always happy to have conversations ongoing if need be."

Windhorst: "Were they involved in the conversations on this current piece of legislation?"

Williams, A.: "I did not consult with them upon introduction of this, no."

Windhorst: "And just so I'm clear, this is an expansion of that Workplace Transparency Act, to not prohibit concerted action... or concerted activity of employees to address work-related issues. So, we're trying to broaden it."

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Williams, A.: "Yes. And most of it... yeah. And most of the issues we addressed in the bill stem from actual situations that have occurred and companies, employers that tried to work around the act creative... creatively, and we're trying to make sure that the intent and spirit of the act is intact."

Windhorst: "And are there any penalties for violating the act?"

Williams, A.: "One moment. Let me refresh my... my recollection. Obviously, the normal penalties for violation of a contract apply. So, typical contract remedies exist, and they can be addressed in the courts. I don't believe we have any independent enforcement authority, unless I'm... yeah, these all can be worked out. It's all worked through the courts."

Windhorst: "Through what? I'm sorry."

Williams, A.: "Through the typical... a court filings, court action, litigation, breach of contract, things like that."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Excuse me. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Ugaste: "Leader Williams, we've had some discussion in committee. You say this is an update. Wouldn't it be accurate also to say it does expand some of the reach of the act as well?"

Williams, A.: "Absolutely, it does expand it significantly."

Ugaste: "Okay. And as far as beyond the expansion, it also affects the agreements parties can reach as far as settling issues between the two parties when there's an allegation that something improper's occurred, right?"

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Williams, A.: "Sure."

Ugaste: "And those agreements don't always mean something, in fact, improper has occurred, it's just that the parties are reaching an agreement to try and set it aside..."

Williams, A.: "Sure."

Ugaste: "...correct?"

Williams, A.: "Yes."

Ugaste: "And according to this provision, or one of the provisions within this bill, within five years of the alleged act occurring that agreement couldn't remain confidential anymore, correct?"

Williams, A.: "Can you point me to the section you're referring to?"

Ugaste: "Give me one second."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

Ugaste: "Section 1-30."

Williams, A.: "Okay. Could you repeat your question? I'm sorry."

Ugaste: "Sure. It basically says that within five years after the act occurs, any confidentiality agreement about the settlement between the parties to keep this off the record and out of the books or whatever, out of the public eye, would therefore immediately expire, no matter what the parties agreed to, correct?"

Williams, A.: "Yes. That is a provision of this. And we found that that was a part of the creating a balance between the worker, the employee, and the employer. So, that's why we included that section."

Ugaste: "To the bill. Going to the bill on this. As far as the expansion of these rights, I... I'm... again, I understand we

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want to protect our people. We want them to feel safe in their workplaces. We... we want them, if something bad has happened to them, to be adequately cared for. However, in certain situations, it seems we just keep on expanding and expanding. And... and, oftentimes, and I'm not saying it doesn't mean occasionally they may not have something, it's at the behest of lawyers' groups that want us to keep expanding things, make it... making it more difficult for businesses to stay within the state. And not only are we making it more difficult, but now we're determining what's appropriate to include and not include in a contract in a situation when, the vast majority of the time, both parties are going to be represented by counsel. And if both parties are represented by counsel, I don't understand why we're telling them what can remain confidential between the parties and what not. Maybe the person who feels aggrieved could get more money from the company if, in fact, they agreed to keep this confidential. So, the fact that we're now inserting ourselves into writing contracts between two parties and, again, oftentimes which would have attorneys involved, as well as the fact that we're giving more expansive rights when it seems to me from the prior provisions people were adequately covered, I will not be supporting this bill and ask for a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3638 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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,

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there are 77 voting 'yes,' 37 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.'  
And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is  
hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 33 of the  
calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1505,  
Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1505, a Bill for an Act concerning  
gaming. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House.  
House Bill 1505 is an initiative of the Illinois Racing Board.  
It's a cleanup bill. This bill been around for a couple of  
years. It got caught up in a number of different packages.  
But what it does is addresses cleanup language from the 2019  
bill that we had passed. It also fixes a bunch of audit  
findings that they've been getting due to the... needing some  
statute changes to keep them in compliance. Be happy to answer  
any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall  
House Bill 1505 pass?' All those 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, please take the record. On this question, there are  
114... 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And  
the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is  
hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 19 of the  
calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill  
3026, Representative Rashid. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3026, a Bill for an Act concerning  
education. The bill was read for a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Rashid."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rashid on the amendment."

Rashid: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment becomes the bill.

I wish to adopt the amendment and debate it on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rashid moves for adoption of Senate Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3026, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Rashid."

Rashid: "Ladies and gentlemen, in 2023, we passed legislation which required the Advisory Council on Bilingual Education to develop a comprehensive report to support the expansion of dual language programs. That report was to include a strategic plan for scaling dual language programs, identify funding opportunities, address recruitment and retention of bilingual-qualified teachers, and develop standards for measuring student progress. Well, that report was issued last year in consultation with the Bueno Center, and it was a wonderfully done report that will help move our state forward when it comes to bilingualism. This report identified several low-hanging fruit for us to improve dual language education in our state. What HB3026 does is it has ISBE implement some

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of those recommendation, and it has the support of ISBE. I ask for your support."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this bill would require the State Board of Education to adopted comprehensive guidance for school districts regarding the establishment of those dual language programs. Is that accurate?"

Rashid: "That's accurate, yes."

Windhorst: "And I believe initially there was some opposition to the bill, but your amendment may have removed that. What did the amendment do to remove opposition?"

Rashid: "It narrowed... it narrowed the bill to this guidance rather than requiring anything of school districts."

Windhorst: "Do we know what the fiscal impact of the bill will be on the state?"

Rashid: "I did see the note that was filed, and it says that the fiscal... the cost is \$8,000 to the state."

Windhorst: "Are there... has there been any estimates of any cost to the... or local school districts?"

Rashid: "There would be no cost. It..."

Windhorst: "And the State Board of Education is now a proponent. Is that correct? With the amendment?"

Rashid: "Yes. They're... they support it."

Windhorst: "And the administrators... sorry, tThe Association of School Administrators, Association of School Boards are now no position?"

Rashid: "That's my understanding."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3026 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 'yes,' 35 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 5 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1367, Representative Ortíz. Representative Ortíz. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 26 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3500, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3500, a Bill for an Act concerning children. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ness."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness on the amendment."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. The amendment removes opposition from DHS, allowing the bill to go forward. It just changes where the information will be disseminated from."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion... seeing no discussion, the question is... Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sorry about my tardiness on the button. Would the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. There was initially some opponents on this bill, the Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education. Are they still opposed?"

Ness: "I believe that this change brings them to neutral. They really just wanted the information recorded differently than was initially proposed."

Windhorst: "Do we know how many students that have IEPs will qualify for the ABLE accounts? Do we have an idea of what that number is?"

Ness: "That's a great question. I can tell you statewide about 250,000 individuals qualify for ABLE accounts right now. Only 7,000 actually ABLE accounts exist. So, there's room to grow."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3500 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The... oh, we're still on the amendment. Representative Ness moves for the adoption of Floor 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?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3500, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness is recognized."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. So, House Bill 3500 builds on the work we've been doing around ABLE accounts. So, you just heard me

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say that about 250 to 300,000 individuals are eligible for these accounts and currently only about 7,000 accounts exist. The goal of this legislation is to extend information to parents and to families. Oftentimes with... who have children with disabilities, they often are so busy in the... the beginning of trying to get services to their kids and other kinds of needs that sometimes other resources that exist just are not in their... in their mindset. And so, this bill puts that information in front of parents at the time when they're creating these service plans for their children that will follow them throughout their educational career. If these plans are invested in early enough, these plans will go on to provide valuable resources to individuals and their families as they grow and age. So, there's no opposition to the... to the bill as it stands amended, and I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3500 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Going back to page 5 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1367, Representative Ortíz. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1367, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read for a second time previously.

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Faver Dias."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ortíz on the amendment."

Ortíz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill... House Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1367 is a page and line amendment. It retains the underlying bill but makes three changes, and I will explain them on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ortíz moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in... all those in favor of the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1367, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ortíz."

Ortíz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1367 provides that open land, land held for preservation or public development, that is bought from a township which is in... is for an open space plan... plans which support and promote open land purposes must be held by the township unless leased or disposed of and used by the township or less... lessee for such open space purposes. House Bill 1367 adds preservation of portions of property in their natural condition, including development for agriculture... agricultural purposes to the definition of open space purposes. House Floor Amendment 1 is a page and line amendment, and it defines 'open land' or 'open space' as

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'any space, area of land, or water of an area of 12 acres or more.' It also adds to the underlying bill under the disposition of open space a township board can, without a referendum, sell, convey, or donate any part of the open space to the Department of Transportation if the following: the conveyance is for road purposes, the Department of Transportation and the township board hold at least one public hearing where citizens may review plans for the open space and provide comments. Notice must be given at least 20 days before the hearing and 30 days before a township board vote. Notice must be given by public advertisement in a newspaper or a general circulation and must be given to the governor and each Member of the General Assembly whose district overlaps in whole or a part of the open space district. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Halbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the sponsor, please."

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor yields."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, there's a lot going on here in what sort of appears to be a simple bill. Can you please expand on the definition of open spaces, the expansion of that? So, why are we expanding, and... and what is the definition of that?"

Ortiz: "Open land or open space has 'any space or area of land or water of an area of 12 acres or more,' rather than the underlying bill's requirement of 25 acres."

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Halbrook: "Okay, but... but you've... the acreage was 50. We've dropped it to... to 25 and now 12. Why... why is the change on those acreage numbers? Why has that happened?"

Ortiz: "Well, Representative, you do need to go to referendum to be able to... to do this, so... and this was a part of the negotiations in order for, you know, to get more support on this bill."

Halbrook: "That... that didn't really clear it up for me. So, what... what negotiations? The... the question is, why did we drop those acreages down? Why... and that's what I need to understand, why we're doing that. You're... you're getting pretty specific here, and I'm curious why all these specifics about the acres, about the expanding of the open spaces for agricultural purposes? Why are all these things that are seemed to be pretty specific, why are we doing that?"

Ortiz: "My understanding, it was... it was a... the specific acreage was because if... in case there is a township that doesn't actually have more than 50 acres to be able to acquire or... or sell. So, that... unless... because they may not... they may not have acres more than, you know, 12 acres of land."

Halbrook: "So, why would a township have any of these acres to begin with?"

Ortiz: "I'm sorry, can you repeat that?"

Halbrook: "Why would any township have any acres for this at all? What... use this in a sentence. Why does a township have acres for open spaces? We don't seem to have that in most of Illinois, Central and Southern Illinois, maybe Northwestern Illinois. I don't... I don't know of any examples of where that

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happens. Please give me an example of where this... this happening."

Ortíz: "There is a limited number of townships that have these, and what we want to do is we want to protect the open space."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, are you allowing for townships to be able to acquire land here for this reason?"

Ortíz: "That... that is already in statute, Representative. This is for selling land."

Halbrook: "For selling land. Okay, so you're not expanding the definition of a township being able to acquire land beyond what's already there?"

Ortíz: "That is correct."

Halbrook: "So, why... why would we need to sell land? I would assume... and I know in the Counties Code, and I would think it would be that way in the Township Code, that they would already have the authority if they can buy land or whatever that they could... should be able to sell that land. You're telling me that it is not there now."

Ortíz: "They... they have to go to referendum to be able to acquire that land."

Halbrook: "Say that again, please."

Ortíz: "So, it... they have to go to referendum to be able to acquire that... that land. And it's about closing a loophole."

Halbrook: "So, what... I just asked you, though, about buying land, and you said that it doesn't to do that, but now you're telling me that to acquire land, they have to do this."

Ortíz: "So, I... I apologize, Representative. So, this... this bill, what it would do is, if in for order for them to be able to sell the land, they need to go to a referendum."

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Halbrook: "Okay."

Ortíz: "And this is... this is to make that we are protecting the taxpayers."

Halbrook: "And so, explain how we protect taxpayers here. I just... I'm just, you know, we're all about protecting taxpayers in this chamber. And I appreciate you... you want to do that, but explain to me how this bill does that."

Ortíz: "We... we want give the taxpayers a... a choice, an opportunity to engage on this... the discission making process."

Halbrook: "Okay. So, I'm still not really clear of why we've expanded the definition of open spaces for agricultural purposes. What is... why are... what... be specific, please, because I think this is really important. What additional agricultural purposes? Are we adding animals to the equation? What... what is it that we want to add to this language?"

Ortíz: "Many of the township open space lands are currently in agriculture. It... it does generate revenue. These are temporary uses which might last several years until the townships can fund the restoration or public improvements plan for the properties. We want to be able to continue to allow agriculture use on these properties that's temporary yet revenue generating use of the township open space land."

Halbrook: "So, would we be bringing in any kind of animals into the equation?"

Ortíz: "And then this was requested by a township. And, I'm sorry, may you please repeat that?"

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, are we bringing animals, whether it's production animals, or, you know, horses, whatever... I don't know if horses fit into production agriculture or the

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agriculture definition at all. What... what animals are we going to allow to... to be brought in on this purpose?"

Ortiz: "So, these processes already exist. They're already governed in statute."

Halbrook: "Okay. Well, once again, yeah. Well, I'm not really sure why we're wanting to make all these changes. It seems like we're doing this very specifically for a purpose that we can't seem to get to the bottom of. Ladies and gentlemen, I would just... I don't believe this is a role of township government here. Again, I'm not getting very much clarity of why this is... is important to do at this time. We've talked about it in committee without any clarity there. I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Bunting is recognized."

Bunting: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill. The Counties & Townships Committee has seen this a number of times here in... in the last couple weeks. And I find it ironic, I find it odd, I find it just a little bit disconcerting that we're moving from 50 to 25 to 12. We talk about agricultural purposes, but we can't... we can't define exactly what that is. It... it's worded too vague. There's a movement that we're going down to 12 acres. This bill absolutely concerns me, and I... I strongly urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1367 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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,

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there are 75 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.'  
And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward on page 40 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3489, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3489, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 3489 is an initiative of the Illinois OB-GYNs to expand on a bill we passed just a few years ago allowing specially trained pharmacists to dispense hormonal contraception under a standing order in order to help increase access for patients who can struggle to access consultations and prescriptions in a timely way. This bill adjusts the language in the current statute to remove the word 'hormonal' and include emergency contraception. There are a number of products that act similarly to hormonal contraception but are in a different pharmacological family, including synthetic hormones, such as progesterone or ulipristal acetate, which is a progesterone receptor modulator in products like Ella, which can be more appropriate choice for some individuals than Plan B based on the weight of the consumer. Again, this is an initiative of the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. It is supported by the Illinois Retail Merchants Association and the Illinois Pharmacists Association, among others. It is a modest but important expansion of services that are already allowed to be provided

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by pharmacists. I'm pleased to answer any questions. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Appreciate you going through what the bill does. What is the reason behind the expansion?"

Mussman: "So, again, there are different products that basically do about the same thing, right? So, Ella is a variation on Plan B, but it is not a hormonal base. So, it's something that pharmacists currently cannot dispense under our... our rules but, again, pretty much is in the same wheelhouse of what we're looking to do, and it's a product our consumers would want better access to. So, it... it just expands the products that they are allowed to dispense."

Windhorst: "And how does this put us with regard to other states? Are other states taking the same stance?"

Mussman: "I don't actually know the answer to that. You're the first person who has asked that. There are a number of states that have also created pathways to pharmacists to... to provide the service. I don't know that they had restrictions based on hormones. Everyone's state language is just a little bit different."

Windhorst: "And this came out of the Health Care Availability & Access Committee with an 8 to 2 vote. Do I have that correct?"

Mussman: "Yes. I believe that is true."

Windhorst: "All right."

Mussman: "It had somewhat bipartisan, but not entirely bipartisan, support."

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Windhorst: "And the... when we initially placed in the law the dispensation of hormonal contraceptives, was there a reason we limited it to hormonal at that time? Do you recall?"

Mussman: "I think those were the most obvious choices. It... it encapsulated pills, rings, and patches, which I... I think at the time seemed, again, to be the... the most obvious to capture. But... but now that we're starting to see that it's in practice and, again, we're identifying other products, as... as sometimes happens, once you put a bill into motion, you start identifying things you didn't think of first time, and here we are. There are other products that are similar but different. Which, again, Plan B is available generally through a pharmacy, but for some clients, Plan B doesn't work as well as this other product which is very similar and yet is restricted because of that hormonal descriptor. If... if other people can access the service through a pharmacy but for some clients, maybe based on their needs or their body type or their weight, have to go do something else, we're not really expanding access the way we intended. And, again, the gynecologists are affirming and the pharmacists are affirming that they believe that these products are equally as safe to be administered in this manner."

Windhorst: "And I believe under current law there could be a standing order for filling the hormonal contraceptives. Will there be a similar provision for the emergency contraceptives?"

Mussman: "Yes. This is... it operates the same way. Pharmacists are not prescribing. They are dispensing under a standing order. That does not change."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3489 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 'yes,' 36 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward on page 38 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3087, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3087, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 3087 is an initiative of the Consumer Healthcare Product Association. Illinois law requires the use of National Precursor Log Exchange to regulate the sale of over-counter medicines containing pseudoephedrine. This program is provided free to law enforcements and retailers to block illegal sales. It... first, it amends existing law to require all manufacturers of pseudoephedrine to contribute to the funding of National Precursor Log Exchange. Second, it updates Illinois regulations to match federal standards and align with other states. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any questions? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I believe you hit on this point just at the end. But to be clear, we're... this change puts us in line with federal law as it relates to pseudoephedrine being sold. Is that accurate?"

Moylan: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And that would be 3.6 grams that would be allowed to be purchased. Is that accurate?"

Moylan: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "And the chiefs of police are a proponent of this legislation? Is that correct?"

Moylan: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "And it appears that IRMA and the state's attorney association have no position."

Moylan: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3087 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 33 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1365, Representative... Leader Morgan. Morgan. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1365, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Leader Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1365 is an initiative of the Community Behavioral Health Association and IDFPR. This is a continuation of some of the great work that the Illinois House has led on, on the delays that we have had, historic delays, really horrible delays, plaguing our state's licensing system for health care licenses. There are a couple of different things this bill does, but it really extends some of the measures that we've taken over the last few years to get this state out of the way to let our health care professionals do the great work that they need to do throughout our state. So, a couple things that this... this bill actually achieves. Establishes a pending license, a temporary license, for those who are health care professionals that have completed all their training, taken all their test, but they're waiting for IDFPR to approve them to practice. So, it gives them a temporary license. Also gives the opportunity for an active status to be paused, making it more flexible for people to come in and out of the profession. There's... there's a lot of support for this bill, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Morgan, you've outlined the temporary licenses for social workers, professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, music therapists, and clinical psychologists, which I appreciate those changes. I did have a question, I believe it may have come up in

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committee, about the removal of the good moral character standard as a qualification. Why was that change made?"

Morgan: "Yeah. It's a great question. We did talk about this in committee. This is something we have done with a variety of licenses that were in statute from decades past. We have this in our Administrative Code. Good moral character continues to be an opportunity for IDFPR to pause, discipline, or remove and revoke a license for those who fail to have good moral character. So, it's really consistency across licenses. This will continue to be a tool in the tool belt of IDFPR."

Windhorst: "Has IDFPR expressed a position on the bill?"

Morgan: "Yes, they're in support. They were collaborative in drafting this legislation verbatim."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1365 pass?' All those 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' The bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 29 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3709, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3709, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3709, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3709 does two... three things. The first item is it requires that universities... all public universities and community colleges that have clinics that serve students on campus, starting in the 2025-2026 school year, offer access to licensed health care professionals who can prescribe contraception to enrolled students. It also requires that these professionals be available to discuss and prescribe both medication and procedural contraception options and that the services would be provided through student health services, telehealth, or external licensed providers and may involve multiple licensed provider. The second part of this bill requires that starting in 2025-2026 school year, public higher education institutions with student health services must also provide access to health care professionals authorized to prescribe medication abortion, which can be offered through on-campus services, telehealth, or external providers. If the institution has a pharmacy, it must dispense medication abortion. Those students can choose a third-party pharmacy. And then finally, all of these institutions must report annually to the Illinois Board of Higher Education on compliance, and the board will post this information on its website. This bill is... is being presented today because we want to make sure that women on campus, on our... on our public

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higher education campuses, have access to contraception and medication abortion. We want to make sure that they are able to acquire these on-site to reduce barriers to acquiring contraception and medication abortion and also to take pressure off of our local clinics and Planned Parenthood organizations who are... have been inundated with the need for services here in Illinois because of the restrictions on access to abortion in many of our neighboring states. Would ask for the body's support, and happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank... thank you. First, Mr. Speaker, if you would excuse Representative Stephens for the remainder of the day. And would the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Record will reflect. The sponsor yields."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, so we're doing a few things, which you've outlined in the bill pretty thoroughly, but just kind of in... in summary. We're requiring the... the public institution of higher ed to provide access to health care professionals who can prescribe contraception if there's a pharmacy on campus to dispense contraception and then to provide enrolled students with access to health care professionals who can prescribe the medication abortion. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "That is correct. That is correct."

Windhorst: "Under current law, are the institutes of higher ed, the public institutions of higher ed, able to do this? Are they allowed to do it, and this would now mandate it? Or are they not currently allowed to do it?"

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Moeller: "Currently, under... in our... in our current status right now, we do have several universities that do provide contraception on-site. And we do have... the University of Illinois of Chicago offers medication abortion currently. But these... but there is... this would require that these universities and institutions... would require them to provide these medications at their student health facilities."

Windhorst: "And for employees of these institutions, would current legal rights of conscience apply to them either with providing the contraception or the medication abortion pill?"

Moeller: "Yes, it's my understanding that... those... those regulations, those statutes would apply to them as well."

Windhorst: "Are we anticipating any fiscal impact to the state?"

Moeller: "We are not. No. The medications would be... the cost of the medications would be the responsibility of the student, either through their health insurance or out of pocket."

Windhorst: "And we had recently passed legislation, I believe in the last General Assembly, to provide for emergency contraception to be available through a wellness kiosk. Is this designed to replace those, or would this just be a supplement to those?"

Moeller: "This would be supplement. This does not replace the kiosks."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3709 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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,

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there are 74 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.'  
And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2949, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2949, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2949, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Meyers-Martin is recognized."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 2949 amends the State Commemorative Dates Act, designating the month of September of each year as Scarring Alopecia Awareness Month in Illinois. Scarring alopecia encompasses a group of hair loss disorders that causes inflammation and the hair follicles are irreversibly destroyed and replaced by fibrosis tissue. There is no way to regrow the hair that is already lost and permanently damaged. Awareness months, as they occur across the country, bring attention and research for these types of conditions. There are 6.8 million people in the United States suffering with alopecia. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2949 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Croke, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Croke: "Can the record reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on House Bill 3709?"

Speaker Evans: "The record reflects your request."

Croke: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 32 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1234, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1234, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. This is a very simple bill. All it does is creates a commission to look at automobile ratemaking. It invites everyone to the table and produces a report. That's all it does. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no... Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I appreciate the description. I show that there are several opponents: Illinois Insurance Association,

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Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies. Have they expressed their opposition to you?"

Mayfield: "Yes. We met in committee, and they were not opposed to the underlying bill, which had the commission... I'm sorry, that had IDHR running the commission. They were only opposed when it became the Secretary of State's Office doing the... the commission. That was... they're just opposed to the agency that is doing it, not so much to the concept."

Windhorst: "And just so I understand fully, this bill says this bill the secretary of state will be in charge of that."

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Do I have that correct? And how did it come to be that it was the secretary of state versus some other entity?"

Mayfield: "IDHR recommended the secretary of state."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "Okay. Representative, we talked about this at length in committee. If you... if you can, as a recap, what issues will be evaluated under this study? What types of insurance issues?"

Mayfield: "It's not exactly issues. We're just looking at the ratemaking process. As you know, in committee we've had several bills that looked at ratemaking, whether it was age, race, credit score, so there's just been numerous, numerous bills. So, what we're hoping to do here is just to bring everybody to the table and say, okay, explain what the process is. We're going to have experts at the table, not so much as

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legislators who keep introducing the bills, but to say, come to the table, let's have a conversation, look at this whole ratemaking process. Does it make sense what it is that you're doing? And if it does, then it... it is what it is. If it doesn't, then we're asking for recommendation."

Keicher: "So, as we famously..."

Mayfield: "The insurance..."

Keicher: "...saw last year, the Secretary of State's Office very aggressively was trying to inject itself into the insurance business in exactly this space. Can you help us understand, we're dealing with actuarial characteristics, and this is not being handled in the Department of Insurance?"

Mayfield: "The Department of Insurance did not want it. They stated that it would be very cost prohibitive..."

Keicher: "So, the Department of Insurance not wanting it should speak volumes..."

Mayfield: "No..."

Keicher: "...because all of the characteristics..."

Mayfield: "...they don't have the..."

Keicher: "...that you've outlined..."

Mayfield: "...resources. They don't have resources. And I did not put forth a bill that was going to ask this General Assembly for a million dollars or whatever the number is simply to do a commission"

Keicher: "To the bill, Mr. Speaker."

Mayfield: "Thank you."

Keicher: "Ladies and gentlemen, the insurance industry is a very complicated industry. We have a very activist secretary of state who, last year, sought to increase premiums on seniors

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in our state by changing the formula that insurance companies use to set their rates. Now, we see the secretary of state coming back and trying to inject himself into doing an analysis of rate setting for insurance, by definition, actuarial characteristics that are required in setting the insurance rate and their applicability to what those rates actually are. It is beyond the expertise within the Secretary of State's Office. His extent of exposure to insurance is strictly a confirmation that those on the road have it. He does not have the expertise within his office. Now, as we heard the sponsor say, this is going to take a lot of money if the department did it. If the Department of Insurance did this, it costs money. Folks, the reason it will cost money is we have legions of experts in the actuarial sciences that will need to weigh in on this. If we do not have the Department of Insurance running this, it will be a farce when it's issued because it will not be based on the principles that the insurance industry can actually implement at the conclusion of the study. So, I ask you now, please hold your vote against this. Please demand that the department of insurance take on this burden, if anybody does. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Crespo is recognized."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Crespo: "So, Representative, I... this is such an important issue, and... and I agree that we should be looking into this. My constituents are asking the same questions, and it seems like I won't have a good answer for them. I... I do agree with the

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former prior speakers that this really should reside with the Department of Insurance. I understand your concern when they told you that it's going to cost a lot. I would imagine it was going to cost somewhat, right? This is a very complicated issue. I... I'm not sure why it's migrating over to the secretary of state. Did the secretary of state tell you how are they are going to absorb the cost or how much is this... this is going to cost the agency?"

Mayfield: "Yes. And thank you for that question because the underlying bill, the agency that was going to do this was the Illinois Department of Human Rights. The insurance industry had absolutely no problem, did not question expertise or anything else when it was under the Illinois Department of Human Rights. It was only when it moved to the Secretary of State's Office that the secretary of state decide... I'm sorry, that the insurance industry decided that they wanted to file opposition. They are not opposed to this concept at all. And to answer your question, the Secretary of State's Office employs 24 departments that deal with insurance, that deal with motor vehicles on the road. They do have the expertise that is absolutely necessary to look at this. And, as was stated in the committee, the insurance industry is actually having a seat at the table. This is an opportunity for the insurance industry to once and for all settle this issue because anyone that is on that committee knows that year and year myself and several others have filed legislation asking the insurance industry to disclose their ratemaking process. They absolutely refuse to do so."

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Crespo: "Okay. So, I'm not even sure why the human rights would be involved with the issue, but that's not even the..."

Mayfield: "Because we were looking at discrimination."

Crespo: "Okay."

Mayfield: "That's why it went..."

Crespo: "Okay."

Mayfield: "...to the Department of Human Rights, and the insurance industry..."

Crespo: "Rep., I've got a couple of seconds."

Mayfield: "...was okay with that."

Crespo: "So, I'm just very... listen, I support the concept. I support the bill. I'm very concerned that the end product is not going to be really something that... that's going to produce results that we can work with. But thank you for your... for your answers."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1234 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 70 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the 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 April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted and referred to the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 25."

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Speaker Evans: "Continuing on the calendar, page 35, House Bills-  
Third Reading, we have House Bill 2459, Representative  
Manley. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2459, a Bill for an Act concerning  
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the new CPA licensure  
pathways to meet the needs of a changing profession bill.  
Pipeline issues, shifting demographics, and changing  
environments of financial and audit standards have been  
creating headwinds for the certified... the current certified  
public accountant licensure framework, an Illinois structure  
that's been in place since 2001 but presently not meeting the  
needs of the profession. Currently, the Illinois Public  
Accounting Act and Uniform Accountancy Act requires CPA  
candidates to, one, pass all portions of the CPA exam... and  
it's really, really hard, just so you know, ask Amy Elik...  
two, complete 150 credit hours of qualifying education; and  
three, gain one year of relevant work experience before  
becoming licensed. To be clear, House Bill 2459 will not alter  
this existing route to licensure. But what it does do, it's  
an attempt to address the profession's demands and some of  
the challenges in getting to licensure. This bill proposes to  
add two other ways to become an Illinois licensed CPA as well  
as establishing equivalency requirements for out-of-state  
CPAs to practice in Illinois without having to obtain an  
Illinois license. And I'll take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Manley: "I didn't bother doing all this. I thought you'd ask questions, and I could read the rest."

Windhorst: "That sounds good. Yeah."

Manley: "Okay."

Windhorst: "I appreciate where you started. That was... that was a good start. This appears from our analysis to be suggested by the Illinois Certified Public Accountants Society. It's their initiative. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Correct."

Windhorst: "So, my understanding is that they viewed different proposals that have been out there and came together with this package to address the licensure concerns that you outlined. Is that... is that accurate?"

Manley: "Correct. The two new pathways that this provides for licensure are also being done currently in Iowa, Missouri. Oh, they're being pursued as well legislatively around us, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky. They're also considering this as well. Currently, there are several states. I'm trying to find them. I know it's Alabama, Nebraska, Nevada, and North Carolina are now law. They're doing this in those states as we speak."

Windhorst: "And what are, just briefly, again, those two new pathways?"

Manley: "So, the two new pathways to licensure to able a person is to, one, have a bachelor's degree, 120 credit hours of qualifying education with an emphasis in accounting, and at least two years of experience and has passed the CPA exam; or

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has a master's degree, a bachelor's degree with 30 hours of accounting, at least one year of experience, and has passed the CPA exam."

Windhorst: "And then it also appears where this bill deals with those who are out of state seeking, I guess, a form of reciprocity. What changes are we making there?"

Manley: "The equivalency requirements for mobility are as follows: It establishes alternative equivalency requirements for out-of-state CPAs to avail themselves of an order to practice in Illinois. Essentially, if the issuing state's licensure requirements are equivalent to Illinois' existing and newly proposed licensure requirements, the non-Illinois CPA would not have to obtain an Illinois license. If the issuing state's licensure requirements are not equivalent, then they would have to get an Illinois... I'm sorry, if they're not equivalent, they would need to successfully petition the Illinois Public Accounting Registration and Licensure Committee for an equivalency determination in order to have accountant... Illinois accountancy privileges."

Windhorst: "And who will determine whether the state's requirements are equivalent?"

Manley: "Good question. The Illinois... the Illinois Public Accounting Registration and Licensure Committee. Those are the... those that would have to be petitioned for that."

Windhorst: "And I... I'm guessing they would at some point maintain a list of those states that are deemed equivalent and those that are not? Is that... is that accounted for in the bill?"

Manley: "Well, right now, they have Alabama, Nebraska, Nevada, and North Carolina are doing the same thing we're doing."

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Whether they keep a list of who is deemed equivalent, I would imagine they would do that, but that could change. But I think when somebody petitions the state and wants to practice here under their current license which is not in Illinois, they would then look into it before they would let them do that."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Manley: "You're welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2459 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 call... please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 39 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3345, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3345, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House Bill 3345, which is a very simple bill that extends the Hearing Instruments Consumer Protection Act to 2028. This is a completely agreed bill negotiated between the Illinois Hearing Society, the Illinois Academy of Audiology, and IDPH. It allows for a few updates, including allowing for applicants for hearing instrument dispensers to take the exam four times in a period of 12 months and it also allows the instrument dispenser trainee license to be renewed one additional time

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for a period of six months. It is, as I said, a negotiated, very simple bill, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3345 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward on page 40 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3650, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3650, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3650 is a Clean and Healthy Building Act, which in the building decarbonation packages update gas utility energy efficient standards and requires gas utilities to wind down greenhouse gas emission to zero by 2050. They're utilizing the state navigation program to educate our consumers on how to have... create better efficiencies within their homes. HB3650 also creates the standard to help people lower their gas... gas bills while reducing pollution. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. This bill is designed to create a... a navigator program to assist building owners with looking into programs around clean energy. Do I have that right?"

Lilly: "Correct. It... the navigator program creates a free to use state navigator program to help Illinois residents plan and access incentives and financing for home upgrades that help lower their energy costs."

Windhorst: "We are showing that the Illinois Manufacturers' Association is opposed. Have they expressed their opposition to you?"

Lilly: "Not to me."

Windhorst: "And as well, the Illinois Pipe Trades Association. Have they reached out to you about their opposition?"

Lilly: "They have not."

Windhorst: "And this came through the Public Utilities Committee, looks like on a partisan vote. Did that... is that accurate?"

Lilly: "I believe so."

Windhorst: "And had... are we anticipating there will be any fiscal impact to the... to the state with this bill?"

Lilly: "It's subject to appropriation, but we are hoping that this is a program that all Illinoisans can tap into, and when we need resources to do that, we hope the state will be courteous to help all Illinoisans."

Windhorst: "Do we know if... what appropriation will be needed for the program if it were made?"

Lilly: "At this time, no, because we have other funding that's making it available."

Windhorst: "Do we anticipate any cost to ratepayers?"

Lilly: "No."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Lilly: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Deering is recognized."

Deering: "Thank you, Chair. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Deering: "So, a follow up to Representative Windhorst's question.

You said there will be no cost to rate payers?"

Lilly: "Correct."

Deering: "So, is the navigator program simply data available, for example, online? Or will customers or individual citizens be able to have their home assessed?"

Lilly: "As I mentioned, the navigator program is currently funded through another stream of resources and the program can allow the state navigators to direct families to online services and resources that they don't know anything about that they can research on their own."

Deering: "Can you tell me a little bit about the other program that you're referring to as funded from another source?"

Lilly: "I have to get back to you. I don't know the name of it. We talked about it in committee."

Deering: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Crespo is recognized."

Crespo: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Crespo: "So, leader, I... I'm just trying to understand. You had mentioned that there are other funds that were used in the past. You... you just have no recollection of what they were?"

Lilly: "No, I said I don't know the name."

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Crespo: "Were they funds... were there other state funds? Were they federal dollars, federal funds, or... or GRF?"

Lilly: "Not GRF. No. It's other outside sources..."

Crespo: "Okay."

Lilly: "...that is being used for the state navigator portion of the program."

Crespo: "And... and so, moving forward, as I look at this bill, it... it does not identify a funding source. Has the department mentioned to you how they plan to fund this?"

Lilly: "Yes. It's current federal funding for it, and that's where we're getting our dollars at the current moment."

Crespo: "I'm sorry. So, there's current federal dollars used for what program?"

Lilly: "The state navigator program."

Crespo: "But you're creating the state navigator program."

Lilly: "Yes. We're expanding it."

Crespo: "You're expanding it, okay. And you're saying that the current navigator program is funded through federal grants or federal dollars?"

Lilly: "It's federal dollars."

Crespo: "And so, as expand this program, is then the intent to use federal dollars only?"

Lilly: "Current, yes."

Crespo: "Currently? But moving forward, as we expand it, are you contemplating using general revenue funds for this?"

Lilly: "We are not, but if... if that's something that the state feels we need because some of the programs that the state implements, they become very good programs and then they begin to say, oh, we need to do this. So, we're hoping that the

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departments come to that conclusion after they see how the state navigators are working with the citizens to curate their plans to help them reduce the carbon footprint while they're reducing their cost of utility."

Crespo: "So, has DCEO been involved in this process? Have... have you had conversations with DCEO?"

Lilly: "The Illinois Environmental Council has."

Crespo: "They have?"

Lilly: "Yes."

Crespo: "So, DCEO has been consulted in... in the... the expansion of this program, correct? Is that what you're telling us? And the reason I'm asking, leader, is 'cause we're going through appropriation process..."

Lilly: "So, in the... clarification. In the programing, it creates the navigator program for families, which is the purpose of the bill. So, it... I was just clarify that it's not expanding..."

Crespo: "It's creating."

Lilly: "...it's creating."

Crespo: "So, it's creating the navigator program, but you just... I'm a little confused. So, you mentioned that we're using federal dollars for a navigator program. So, is there a navigator program, or are you creating the navigator program?"

Lilly: "Yes. We're creating a free to use state navigator program to the citizens of Illinois."

Crespo: "Okay."

Lilly: "We don't know how long the federal dollars are going to support this effort, but, right now, the federal dollars are supporting the effort."

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Crespo: "As you're putting wish out... as you're putting..."

Lilly: "To create... to create free to use navigator programs to help Illinois residents plan and access incentives and financing for home upgrades that can help them lower their energy costs."

Crespo: "Okay. I'm running out of time, leader. I'm... I'm not sure I understand whether there's an existing navigator program, whether you're creating a navigator program, or you're expanding a navigator program. I'm unsure which federal dollars are being used, and it seems like we don't know. You have no recollection of how much..."

Lilly: "We don't how long the federal dollars are going to last. We do know that the federal dollars are created..."

Crespo: "So, when you're saying how long it's going last, how much money do we have from the federal government for the current program?"

Lilly: "Yeah. We don't... we don't have that exact number, but we do know it's enough to create the program."

Crespo: "Has DCEO..."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your questions to a close."

Crespo: "My last question, then. Has DCEO opined on how much they think this is going to cost?"

Lilly: "It's then... it doesn't cost them any money. We're not asking DCEO for any money."

Crespo: "Not asking, but there's a cost associated with it, whether it's federal dollars, other state funds, or GRF. Have they..."

Lilly: "They have not..."

Crespo: "They have not."

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Lilly: "...they have not weighed in on that."

Crespo: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halbbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the sponsor, please."

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Leader Lilly, can you tell me what the goal is here with this? I understand that you're trying to provide these navigator programs to lead to some level of decarbonization. What is the level of decarbonization that you hope to reach or retain as a result of this program?"

Lilly: "Well, according to the Clean and Healthy Bill Act, we're trying to get to what we call wind down to greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050."

Halbrook: "Zero five twenty-six. So, where are we at right now?"

Lilly: "What we want to say... I have... I do not have that information in front of me. I can get back to you on that. Again, this program creates the state navigator program, which basically gives free to use of a navigator program to help people or residents plan and access incentivizes and finances for home upgrades that helps lower their energy costs."

Halbrook: "Well, leader, with all due respect, we seem to hear this a lot, that questions are asked from this side of aisle to yourself and many other on your side of the aisle. We want definitions. We want to have the answers. We want to understand what this stuff means, and all we hear is, 'We'll get back to you.' I think it's really important that if we're going to spend these dollars and we're... we have a goal to decarbonize, to get down to zero point whatever, and you don't

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know where we're at. How... how do we know that we're going to achieve what you hope to achieve here?"

Lilly: "So, I'm going to say it one more time, and I'll say it a little slower."

Halbrook: "Go slower."

Lilly: "The... the state navigator program creates, and we're creating a state navigator program, a free-to-use navigator program to help Illinois residents plan and access incentives and financing for home upgrades that helps them lower their energy costs. That's what we're doing with this bill. And the reason why some of those questions that you're asking, and I will be happy to get back to you, they're not a part of this bill. What I do want to make sure that you understand that we are working with federal support to create the navigator program that allows families to lower their energy costs so that the state can get to the carbon emission by zero, 2025. These..."

Halbrook: "Well, to the bill. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, this is just another attempt to use our hard-earned dollars to help us lower our costs, and if we would just not take the money in the first place, our costs would be lower. This is a pie-in-the-sky idea that will never become reality, to decarbonize. And like we've spoke on this floor before, net zero means that life ceases to exist as we know it. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, please vote 'no.' Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3650 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

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wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 72 voting 'yes,' 42 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 22 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3255, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3255, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3255, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe is recognized."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3255 is a simple and critical bill that will affect a small number of people, surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty who choose to remarry. This bill allows surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty to keep their health benefits with the employee... excuse me, with the employer covering the premium even if they choose to remarry. So, we're talking about police officers, firefighters, probation officers, and Illinois Department of Corrections COs that are killed in the line of duty. Today, the surviving spouses can keep the health benefits until they remarry. Thankfully, we're talking about a very small pool of people. We ran the numbers at both the Chicago Police Department and for much of the rest of state through COGFA, and we found

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that at CPD, there are 68 current surviving spouses, three of which have remarried. Through the annual Public Safety Employee Benefits Act survey, 151 municipalities reported that fewer than 20 surviving spouses are receiving benefits. So, costs related to this bill would be extremely minimal. Happy to answer any questions if they exist."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I'm not sure if the... was a challenge to ask questions or... but I appreciate the opportunity to... to inquire."

LaPointe: "An invitation."

Windhorst: "An invitation, yes. As you outlined, this will apply to, did I understand, three potential people currently, or would it be the number 68 that you gave?"

LaPointe: "It's going to be a little bit more than that, but the numbers I shared were the number of people that are surviving spouses of... of CPD, Chicago Police Department, that's three. And then in terms of this larger survey that has been done with 151 municipalities around the state, not including Chicago 'cause they didn't respond to the survey, we're looking about at 20 surviving spouses right now."

Windhorst: "We show opposition from the Municipal League and the Association of Counties. Did they speak to you about their opposition?"

LaPointe: "They did not."

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Windhorst: "All right. And does not appear there is any fiscal impact to the state. Is that correct?"

LaPointe: "Very, very minimal, and I did engage with COGFA. I thought is really important to look into that and explore it and have them run a report, and they did. And they gave me the report, and it said a very, very minimal impact."

Windhorst: "And to be clear, this only applies to public safety employees or at least under that act?"

LaPointe: "That's right. Police, fire, probation officers, and correctional officers at DOC."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

LaPointe: "You are welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Any further discussion? Representative Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Tarver: "I have not been paying much attention, but you said about how many families does this affect?"

LaPointe: "In terms of Chicago Police Department, there's three surviving spouses today that have remarried that this would affect."

Tarver: "Got it. That's the... the exact department I wanted to know a little bit more about. Do we have any information as to whether any of these individuals had any open COPA, OPS, IPRA files at all? Do we know if any of these individuals had, I don't know, shot unarmed Black people in the back?"

LaPointe: "Well, the... the numbers that we're talking about are not the officers themselves. They are the surviving spouses."

Tarver: "Of who?"

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LaPointe: "Of officers. If you're talking about CPD, of office..."

Tarver: "That's... that's my question. I'm not... I'm not asking about the... the children or the spouse. I'm trying to understand, before we change the state law for... you know, I'm... I'm old enough to remember Jon Burge and... and people being tortured and people being murdered, like Laquan McDonald. So, I want to make sure that I understand before we change this for very limited people. And I don't mean to begrudge the... the families. Do we know anything about the actual officers, their history on the force prior to their untimely demise?"

LaPointe: "Yeah, I see what you're asking. So, for the 68... for the... for the officers that have been killed in the line of duty, for the 68 surviving spouses, do... do we as a body or me as the lead sponsor know the ends and outs if there were any pending COPA or IPRA investigations when that officer was killed in the line of duty? I do not know the answer to that."

Tarver: "Okay, that's what I wanted to know. I think that's... that's something that's important. For these correctional officers, in... in a former life, I used to represent the Cook County Sheriff's Office, and there were often allegations of sheriff's officers who were doing things like trading sexual favors for clean underwear and things along those lines. Do we know anything about their work history at all?"

LaPointe: "Well, this does not apply to the COs at the Cook County Sheriff's Office."

Tarver: "What correctional officers does it apply too?"

LaPointe: "DOC, Illinois Department of Corrections."

Tarver: "Same question."

LaPointe: "Same answer as I answered for CPD."

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Tarver: "Okay. So, across the board, we don't know anything about the individuals who we are paying these benefits out for."

LaPointe: "I, as the sponsor, don't know. That... that is probably something that is knowable if we make the right calls, ask the right questions, and dig into the right personnel files."

Tarver: "If you don't mind, I would appreciate if you would look... just look into it generally. That'd be helpful."

LaPointe: "Absolutely."

Tarver: "Thank you."

LaPointe: "Happy to do that."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3255 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 108 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 16 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2805, Leader McCombie. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2805, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2805, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie."

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McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. HB2805 closes a loophole. In short, if an insurance... if an insurance policy requires a copay on sexual assault exams, this would eliminate that copay. SASETA prohibits a victim from being charged for a rape kit. However, the Insurance Code does not prohibit a copay from being required. In closing, this makes sure victims are not victimized on any level. And I also just want to say thank you for the bipartisan support and the support of Speaker Welch on this bill as well. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2805 pass?' All those 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Attention, Members. We are moving to Short Debate. The sponsor has up to two minutes to explain their legislation, and one Member can rise up to two minutes to respond or ask questions of the sponsor. We are moving to Short Debate. Moving forward to page 33 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1447, Representative Kelly. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1447, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kelly."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1447 amends the State Treasurer Act to clarify that direct deposit payments or electronic funds transfers from the state treasury may be

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made without a warrant and also amends the Accountability for the Investment of Public Funds Act to require state agencies to update information regarding the investment of public funds by the end of each month instead of the 15th. It was voted 9-0 out of committee, and I'd respectfully ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that Representative Deering is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1447 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 111 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 2 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward on page 35 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2391, Representative Katz Muhl. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2391, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Katz Muhl."

Katz Muhl: "House Bill 2391 is an initiative of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. It seeks to add to the statute that currently explicitly expresses that treated municipal wastewater can be used for irrigation purposes to add

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industrial purposes. So, imagine, for example, if there was a large data center in your area, and rather than using potable drinking water to do the cooling, they could use instead this nonpotable treated municipal wastewater. It is a approach that will make explicit in statute what we presume is already likely from the way the statute's written but clear as day that these kinds of processes can be permitted. It was a unanimous bipartisan bill in the Energy & Environment Committee, and it was also a really lovely coming together of all different allies. We had environment at the table, people like IEC and Sierra Club; industry, like Illinois Commerce Commission, Illinois Manufacturing Association; on the government side, the Municipal League as well as good government people, like the League of Women Voters; and labor as well. So, this is one of those beautiful perfect storms of everybody coming together to preserve our wonderful Lake Michigan drinking water and finding great ways to use treated industrial wastewater from our friends from MWRD. And I appreciate your support and any questions. Thank you so much."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2391 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 30 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3756, Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3756, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3756, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones is recognized."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 3756 is an initiative of the Department of Insurance. This bill relates to a public act that we passed, Public Act 102-799, which allowed for easy enrollment. The changes in this bill concern allowing the Department of Insurance to notify taxpayers of easy enrollment 60 days after the notification letter is sent out from the Department of Insurance. Taxpayers will have the opportunity, if they filed their 1040 form, to easily enroll in this easy enrollment. The enrollment period is usually November 1 through January 15 every year. We're just allowing access for the Department of Insurance to not only do this special enrollment during the same period. This will not cost the state any money. The Department of Insurance currently has rulemaking authority and is not asking or seeking for further rulemaking authority. I would ask for an 'aye' vote in support of this bill."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3756 pass?' All those 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?"

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wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the top of page 35, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2350, Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2350, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2350 allows law enforcement agencies to seek funding from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, ILETSB, camera grant program for our auxiliary officers. This change would ensure that all officers who serve the public, including auxiliary personnel, have access to body-worn cameras, reinforcing transparency, accountability, and officer safety. The ILETSB camera grant program has been appropriated \$30 million this year, with requests over the last five years totaling \$20 million already distributed for officer-worn cameras, in-car cameras, data storage, and training. With three weeks remaining in the application period, the current total funding request amounts to \$5 million. The estimated cost of this measure to include auxiliary officers in the program would account for just 1.2% of the total appropriation, making this a fiscally responsible and practicable adjustment."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2350 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 23 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3294, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3294, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3294, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I'm presenting House Bill 3294 to make it easier for small composting facilities to be exempt from needing a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The bill passed out of the House Environmental Committee with no opposition, bipartisan support, 29-0. I know of no opposition, and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3294 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' voting 'present.' And the

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bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 36 of the calendar on House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2676, Representative Stewart, presented by Representative Norma Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Moving to page 18 in the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2952, Leader Hernandez. Lisa Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2952, 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2952, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 2952 will expand baby changing station accommodations to include more spaces and buildings where Illinois families with children gather. This is a request from a constituent of mine, Mr. Comstock. He shared with me that many times he was not able to find a baby changing table at many places visited by his family. We did some research and realized that many common places like parks, hotels, schools were left out in the original baby changing station legislation. This bill will improve both safety and public hygiene by increasing the availability of baby changing tables in the public spaces. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, talk briefly about the change in definition of public building. We're reducing the square footage required to be included as a public building from 5,000 feet to 3,000 feet if that building has a restroom open to the public. Is that accurate?"

Hernandez, L.: "It would... that would apply to restaurants. So, it was... restaurants would be 60 people originally with 5,000 square feet. The bill will change it to 40 people with 3,000 square feet... foot."

Windhorst: "We're also including retail stores as well as restaurants. Is that correct? With the square footage change?"

Hernandez, L.: "With the square footage change, no. This... this is all I have. It's just the restaurants. Yes, and retail."

Windhorst: "Yes, and retail. And then we have also included, as you went through, hotels, public and private schools, small entertainment venues, health care facilities. We show that there is opposition from the Retail Merchants Association and National Federation of Independent Businesses. Have they reached out to you about their opposition?"

Hernandez, L.: "Who's reached out to me is the... here I have it. The... is that the NFIB?"

Windhorst: "And what's the nature of their opposition?"

Hernandez, L.: "Basically, they were looking to... to work with me that any new structure... that they would prefer that it start up with like a new structure, and they would include changing

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tables. I... I simply told them that what I'm looking for, if it's a family space, and there's not really a heavy cost to it, if they would just honor that. So, we... we left it at that."

Windhorst: "And there were also the Catholic Conference of Illinois and the Illinois Coalition of Nonpublic Schools are opposed. Did... did they contact you about their opposition?"

Hernandez, L.: "They did, and really, for the most part, many of these places already have baby changing tables. So, this is just a... a strong push, encouragement to... to add these baby changing tables to their facilities where you would find families gather. That... that is the highlight, the emphasis, where families gather."

Windhorst: "And with regard to the... going back to the retail stores and restaurants on the square footage and the occupancy, how were those numbers chosen going from 5,000 to 3,000 and 60 to 40? Was there any analysis or study done, or how did you reach those numbers?"

Hernandez, L.: "Honestly, it was really per my constituent who actually is a very active parent who has gone to various municipalities around his... where he lives to promote or push the baby changing table efforts to try to mandate through the municipals. And, actually, he's the one brought to my attention, in some of the restaurants that he has visited, there is... there is none. There... he's experienced that. And so, it was just a... an effort to bring the... the occupancy just a little bit lower based on the conversations and the experiences that he has had. That is my constituent."

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Windhorst: "Were there... we have a list of places that have been added. Are there any other places that were considered to be added that were excluded for any reason?"

Hernandez, L.: "So, the adds that I have are hotels and lodging; public and private schools and educational institutions; small entertainment venues, including movie theaters and bowling alleys; health care facilities with public restrooms, which is... that I want to emphasize is what my constituent expressed. He had that experience where he went to a health facility and there was no baby changing table in the restroom. And then there is also the transit public parks with restroom facilities or stand-alone public parks with restroom facilities."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2952 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 75 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 16 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2783, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2783, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. A fiscal note has been requested on the bill and has not been filed."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez is recognized."

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Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Can we rule the fiscal note inapplicable?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez... Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the motion. We have fiscal notes in our rules and in the law for a reason. This bill is dealing with state government and will have a cost to state government. Given our current budget situation, I think it's important that we know what costs these bills will have on our state government before we vote on them. So, you know, I understand the... the majority party would like to push the bills through as quickly as we can and get them all passed. But this will have an impact, and it's going to impact us not only this bill but many bills we come to the end of May and are looking at a budget. So, I think it's better to take a slower approach, know what it's going to cost before we're... we're voting on these bills. So, I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez... Representative Hernandez has... has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 72 voting 'yes,' 37 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2783, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is very simple. It would add menstrual hygiene products in the Stratton Building and the Capitol, only women's bathroom. And this is a total of \$15,000. And it's not a lot, and the secretary of state is okay with this. They're neutral."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you had... had said, I just want to confirm. This is only in women's restrooms. Is that correct?"

Hernandez, B.: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Does it say that specifically in the bill, or is that up to the discretion of the secretary of state?"

Hernandez, B.: "I talked to the Secretary of State's Office, and they're aware that this should only be in women's bathroom. And if there's gender neutral, then gender-neutral bathrooms. But I... to my knowledge, there's no gender-neutral bathrooms in this building."

Windhorst: "And just to be clear, so the... the language of the bill though places it the discretion of the secretary of state, and he has told you that he is only going to place it in women's restrooms?"

Hernandez, B.: "His team has said only women's bathroom."

Windhorst: "His team. All right. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2783 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 72 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 32 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1270, Representative Hauter. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1270, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hauter."

Hauter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1270 is an initiative of ISMS. It provides for free licenses, no-fee licenses to health care professionals that continue to work after retirement on a volunteer basis. So, now nurses, doctors, nurse practitioners, PAs, podiatrists, dentists, and so on can continue to work for free. As long as they don't... don't get any compensation, they can continue to work. Fifteen states do this in some form. It's the same as active licenses. They will get the same CME. They'll do the same requirements to continue to maintain their license. They will just get a free license if they provide uncompensated care. The... there is no opposition. IDFPR, many free clinics, ISMS, ISDS, IHA all are proponents of this bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1270 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 24 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3409, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3409, 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3409, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. We deserve toxic-free body and beauty products, and that is why I am here today to present House Bill 3409. It simply bans and prohibits the sale, delivering, holding, or offering of certain cosmetic products with certain ingredients, including formaldehyde, mercury, and methylene glycol. All of these hazardous chemicals are currently banned by the European Union, California, Maryland, and Washington. And we just want to make sure that our body products are safe here in the State of Illinois because some of these contain dangerous chemicals and toxic metals that cause severe health issues, including neurological damage, skin rashes, kidney damage, and

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irreparable reproductive harm to a lot of the women and people that use them and work with them. I know of no opposition, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. You had mentioned that there are other states and the European Union that have similar bans. Is that accurate?"

Harper: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Are any of the chemicals listed currently in use to your knowledge?"

Harper: "I believe that they are. Yes."

Windhorst: "What is... what is the penalty for violation of the act? How will it be enforced?"

Harper: "This particular bill does not have a penalty."

Windhorst: "And so, if a company were to violate it, would there be a civil action that could be taken? Would the attorney general get an injunction? How... how would it be prevented?"

Harper: "Sure. I was going to allow JCAR to be able to come up with those rules and determination."

Windhorst: "And the..."

Harper: "And the agency..."

Windhorst: "...the list of chemicals that were chosen, was it just those were modeled after other legislation or..."

Harper: "Absolutely."

Windhorst: "All right. And was there... is that legislation the same in all of those other states? Do you know, like

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California, Maryland, and the ones you listed? Is it the same list or the lists vary?"

Harper: "It's the same exact list."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

Reick: "Representative, you made my ears perk up when you said that you would let JCAR handle the enforcement of this act. How do you expect to do that if there's no language in the statute that would allow for penalties? It's a question I have..."

Harper: "I think what I..."

Reick: "...as a member of JCAR."

Harper: "...meant to say was I... I would allow the agency to give us recommendations on what those rules are, on what the penalty would be. I didn't want to say what they were myself. I would like the experts to weigh in on that."

Reick: "But the fact is..."

Harper: "And if we're able to pass this bill through the House and get it over to the Senate, we can further get that feedback on what, if any, penalty should be here to make sure..."

Reick: "What agency? What... which agency..."

Harper: "...that this ban is placed."

Reick: "...would be in charge of doing that?"

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Harper: "Let me see here. That is also open to further discussion, though we have been getting some feedback from IDFPR on this bill."

Reick: "Professional regulations dealing with penalties on the harm that possibly could be done by these things, I don't think that's the appropriate agency you would want to talk to. To the bill. Once again, we have an issue here where... where the statute is incomplete with regard to what this sponsor is trying to do. Without naming any kind of penalty provision or the ability to do rulemaking, it isn't for JCAR to entertain a rulemaking from an agency, regardless of what that agency is, unsupported by statutory authority. This is the kind of thing that we deal with in JCAR every once in a while, and, frankly speaking, that is not why JCAR exists. This bill, for failure of having that kind of a provision in it, is absolutely toothless with regard to anything that could be done to enforce it. I would recommend that this bill be withdrawn, and if there's going to be any kind of agency action taken, that the agency be identified and the rulemaking that would be appropriate by that... by that agency should be then authorized within the... within the statute with a caveat that we do not have an emergency here..."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Reick: "...so therefore, no emergency rulemaking. But there needs to be a lot more done on this bill before... this is not ready for... this is not ready for prime time. Vote 'no.'"

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3409 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all

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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 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 28 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3645, Representative Hanson. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3645, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Kelly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hanson on the amendment."

Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment is crafted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the initial sponsor of the bill... the initial... yes, the initial sponsor of the bill. Creates some technical cleanup and also expands the language to support what the ambulance association was looking to do to come into a neutral position."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hanson moves the adoption of Floor 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?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3645, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hanson."

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Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 3645 expands an existing successful program known as ODMAP, or the Overdose Data Detection Mapping Application Program, from beyond the City of Chicago, which was implemented in 2019 here in our state, and will now apply to the entire state. This is a tool used for public health. This tool is used to target promotions and tailor them to communities that are suffering from an acute impact of the opioid crisis by using tools that are already in place in Chicago and 17 other states."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, we show that the Illinois College of Emergency Physicians was at one point opposed. Are they currently opposed? Did the amendment remove opposition? Do you... are you aware?"

Hanson: "I'm not aware of their position, but the ambulance association, which was originally opposed, has now gone to neutral spot after the amendment."

Windhorst: "Thank you, and that was my next question. And just overall, what are we hoping to address with this legislation?"

Hanson: "That's a great question, and that's what this is all about. Why are we doing this? So, Chicago's been able to effectively, along with 17 other states, collect data for those being transported in an overdose situation and provide that information to the Department of Public Health, and they can best use it to... to find out where... where programs are

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needed, when they're needed, and... and the most prompt response."

Windhorst: "And is there any concern about the areas outside of Chicago, the rest of the state being able to accomplish this?"

Hanson: "There are none. And... and we know this is... this... the program from 2019 was built for Chicago for it to be used successfully. No HIPAA violations, not being a tool used against anyone for... for a law enforcement investigation and to actually help neighborhoods in Chicago that... that are having the... the most acute opioid crisis. I think it's for... it's good for every small community, every big community, and every community outside of Chicago too."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3645 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 37 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3000, Representative Hammond. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3000, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3000 provides for schools to include the suicide hotline number on the administrators' ID cards so that they can share that

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information with a student if needed or for their own self-help if they need to support themselves. I know of no opposition, and I appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3000 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 35 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2361, Representative Haas. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2361, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Haas."

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2361 designates the month of March each year as French Heritage Month to be observed throughout the state as a month set apart to promote the study of French language and the study of French-speaking people. I know of no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2361 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 36 of the calendar, House Bills-

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Third Reading, we have House Bill 2545, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2545, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2545 is an initiative of the Supportive Housing Providers Association and the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI. This bill would allow for an expedited process at the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeals Board for appeals pertaining to the development of community-integrated living arrangements, or CILAs, as well as permanent supportive housing projects. This bill only applies to the 44 nonexempt local governments in Illinois. These are communities with very low percentages of affordable housing. We know there's an acute need for more housing for people with disabilities, so this bill would create an expedited process for a review of those projects. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, this is an appeal process from a municipality's decision on these housing units. Is that correct?"

Guzzardi: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "How will the appeal process work?"

Guzzardi: "There's a... there's currently an entity called the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeals Board, and they can

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hear appeals of certain types of projects. This would create a different process specific to these PSH and CILA projects at the board. It would require that the municipality demonstrate some sort of harm that would come to the municipality by approving a project."

Windhorst: "And what is the... that's what this bill does."

Guzzardi: "Yes."

Windhorst: "What's the current law on those appeals?"

Guzzardi: "The current law requires a petitioner to prove some kind of harm, and... and it applies to a wide variety of affordable housing projects. And, again, this is only in 44 specific municipalities determined by state law to have low amounts of affordable housing available."

Windhorst: "It appears from our analysis the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference as well as IML are opposed. Did they contact you about their opposition?"

Guzzardi: "They didn't contact me, but I... I can intuit the nature of their opposition, which is that this... this board does have the authority to override local zoning decisions in certain instances. So, I imagine that that's... that's the nature of their disagreement."

Windhorst: "And you had mentioned there were 40-some-odd municipalities this applied to. Are any of them in DuPage County?"

Guzzardi: "Yes, I believe they are. I think they're mostly in the Cook County suburbs, Lake County and DuPage. They're entirely in Chicago metro area, Greater Chicagoland, like the... the Cook County and the collars, if you will."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2545 pass?' All those... all those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 'yes,' 42 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 31 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3842, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3842, 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 Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3842, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 3842 amends and expands allowable use of tax levied on township police districts to include public safety services."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This would apply to Cook County townships. Is that correct?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "And it would allow those townships to enter into contracts with municipalities or counties for police protection?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Is that right?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes."

Windhorst: "But we are prohibiting the use of special district funds levied for purchase of red light cameras, speed cameras, automatic license plate readers. Is that right?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "You... you are correct, sir."

Windhorst: "All right. And it looks like this bill passed last year unanimously, or basically the same bill. Is that right?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes, similar. Yes, correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any additional discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3842 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 41 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3849, Representative Grasse. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3849, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Grasse."

Grasse: "Good afternoon, colleagues. House Bill 3849 permits authorized hospice or home health service employees to

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receive and deliver a patient's prescription order. With doctors and nurses already stretched thin, this bill allows trained health care employees to assist in the medication delivery process. This bill received unanimous support in committee, and I urge your support as well."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3849 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 36 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2724, Leader González. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2724, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader González."

González: "House Bill 2724 establishes the Family Amusement Wagering Prohibition Act, which, in the spirit of responsible gaming, will prohibit the facilitation of wagering on amusement devices that are located at family amusement establishments and it prohibits those establishments from engaging in advertising that promotes wagering on amusement devices."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2724 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr.

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Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 39 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3359, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3359, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3359 is a simple bill. It's an initiative of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association. It simply increases the number of petit jurors that may drawn to serve from 14 up to and including 16 and increases the number of alternate jurors from four to instead of one or two in the judge's discretion. So, again, this is in the... the discretion of the judge in complex cases to avoid a mistrial. I know of no opposition and ask for the Members' support."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3359 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 39 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3238, Representative Fritts. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3238, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Fritts."

Fritts: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3238 is a simple bill that comes from a local township road commissioner. The small technical change would allow road commissioners to pay up to 50% of their salary from either or both road funds rather than just one or the other as stated in current law. This will help them better balance their budgets while maintaining services. I know of no opposition. Township officials are in support, the bill passed committee unanimously, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3238 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 33 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1368, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1368, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to introduce House Bill 1368, which will ensure that the tenets of the statewide literacy plan that ISBE introduced in 2024

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are implemented by ensuring that professional development related to English language arts is aligned with the statewide literacy plan. We passed the statewide literacy plan in 2023. It directed ISBE to create a plan based on evidence-based reading practices that could be used as a tool in support for schools. That bill passed with wide bipartisan support. This bill, House Bill 1368, is the next step to ensure that that literacy plan that is grounded in evidence-based reading practices as a support for our districts and schools is followed with fidelity by ensuring that professional developments that teachers get credits for are aligned with that literacy plan. It's... appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1368 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 36 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2755, Representative du Buclet. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2755, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in strong and solemn support of House Bill 2755, which designates July 25 as Emmett Till's birthday... which happens to be Emmett Till's birthday in the State of Illinois. This bill's about truth,

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justice, and, most of all, his memory because before Emmett Till was a name the world came to know, he was a 14-year-old boy from the South Side of Chicago, a child full of life with dreams, laughter, and a spirt that should have been allowed to grow. But in the summer of 1955, Emmett traveled to Mississippi to visit his family, like so many of our other children do, and there, in the still of night, his life was taken by hatred. But he was not alone. As you all may remember, Mr... Dr. Wheeler Parker, Emmett's cousin, was here last week and... in support of this bill, was his best friend. He was there that night and in the house when Emmett Till was taken from his bed and killed. We owe him our gratitude and we owe Emmett Till our commitment. Designating July 25 as Emmett Till Day is not just symbolic. It is a declaration that says we will remember, we will teach, we will honor the past so we can build a more just and honest future. As a (unintelligible) of the South Side myself, I feel this story is in my bones, and as a legislator, I feel the responsibility to ensure that our state not only acknowledges his history but upholds it. This bill is for Emmett, it's for Mamie, it's for Wheeler, and it's for every child who grew up or ever walked the streets and deserved to grow old. Please let us pass House Bill 27. Let us remember, let us honor, and let's never forget. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2755 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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

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113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 4 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, House Bill 1278, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1278, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1278, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1278 amends the Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act to provide that an employer cannot punish an employee because the employee used employer-issued equipment to record domestic violence. Additionally, it ensures employees will have access to photographs and video recordings of domestic violence stored on employer-issued equipment. This legislation is supported by the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1238 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 110 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the

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bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 32 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 24, Representative Deuter. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 24, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Deuter."

Deuter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 24 is an initiative of the Illinois State Bar Association. The bill adds reciprocal attorney's fees provision to the Home Repair and Remodeling Act. This proposal levels the playing field so that a contract that allows attorney's fees to be awarded to any party will allow the award of attorney's fees to all parties to the contract. The proposed change is similar to a bill passed in the 103rd that allowed reciprocal attorney's fees in small claims matters. House Bill 24 applies the same logic to home repair and remodeling contracts. The bill passed committee unanimously, and I ask for your support today."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 24 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 35 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2506, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2506, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. DeLuca."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen. House Bill 2506 deals with the military series registration plates for veterans with disabilities. When issuing and renewing military series registration plates, there is both a standard registration fee and an additional fee collected for charitable purposes. House Bill 2506 provides clarity by stating that the additional charitable fee would not be included in the authorized fee waiver available to veterans. The bill is meant to codify current practice and ensure that these charitable donations are not waived. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2506 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 30 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3144, Representative... Leader Delgado. Leader Delgado. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3144, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Delgado is recognized."

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Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3144 adds administrative law judges to the definition of judicial officer in the Judicial Privacy Act. I am happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3144 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 8 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1861, Representative Davis, Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1861, 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 Will Davis."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Will Davis on the amendment."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The amendment is a technical amendment that further defines the school district that is impacted by the substantive of legislation."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1861, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen. So, House Bill 1861 is an initiative of an organization in my district called the Children's Habilitation Center. Please understand that the Children's Habilitation Center is a medical facility which provides long-term care to medically complex children. The children sometimes come there because there was an incident or a... a tragedy that happened, a car incident of sorts, and they are the... they are the medical care provider for them. Many of these children don't come by way of the school district, which, in some cases, is the way that children that need services, special education services in particular, are placed in... in private facilities or other type facilities. But remember, this is for medically complex children, and many of them come by... come there by way of, like, hospitals because the hospital's not a long-term facility or their incident that made them medically complex happened and they get placed there for care. Even though this is a medical facility, it is still mandated to provide education services to its residents, appropriate education services to its residents. And so, what we are trying to correct here is that in doing so, there is no current mechanism that allows this facility to get reimbursed for the education services that it provides. Unlike if a child is placed in a private placement or co-op placement by way of the school district, there's dollars that follow that child and the school district or

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facility can file claims to get reimbursed for the services. This is completely different, ladies and gentlemen. Again, they're not being placed there by way of the school district. They're placed there because of their medical condition, and it is even still a process. Many, if not all, of these children are on Medicaid, and so there are some Medicaid approvals that go along with the children being placed in this facility. So, what this bill is attempting to do is to create a pathway so that they can... they can apply or seek reimbursement for the educational services that they apply. The educational services that they... or receive, excuse me, that they receive, we're looking to be able to allow the facility to file claims under the special education... special ed orphanage line that it currently exists in state statute, currently exists in the state education budget. So, this is not a new line item or anything like this. It's part of the funding that comes out of the State Board of Education. The special ed orphanage line already exists, it's already there, and this mechanism is to provide a... a pathway for them to do so. Now, the unique thing about that is that..."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Davis, W.: "...is that some of these that some of these children are placed, and their parents are, in some cases, unavailable. They didn't register the child in the district. The parents are unavailable. And this also creates a pathway where their state board of education, the facility, along with the State Board of Education, are trying to contact the parents. They get three opportunities to do so. And then after... after not being able to contact the parent to try to either enroll them

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in the local school district where the facility is or the school district even where they may live, 'cause a couple of these parents live out of state, upon that and upon being rejected by the out-of-state facility or the fact that they can't enroll them 'cause they don't live in the district of the facility, they can then appeal to the State Board of Education for help and then subsequently apply to get... they can apply or submit claims to get reimbursed for those educational services. So, I'll stop there, Mr. Speaker, and answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Any discussion? Representative Wilhour is recognized."

Wilhour: "Thank you, Mr.... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Wilhour: "Representative Davis, thank you for... for bringing this. When we... when we heard this bill last year, there was... there was some concern with the State Board of Education and some other folks about the... the potential cost of it, that it could be taken advantage of because it didn't specify just the... just the one location. This bill is a... is a lot more clear. It's specifying that it's just the... basically just the one facility there in Harvey. There's a specific amount of students that can be enrolled in there that's not a... not a huge amount. So, I just want to clarify that we took care of that stuff and..."

Davis, W.: "Yes, we did."

Wilhour: "Okay. I appreciate that very much. We... we appreciate your work on this. We always thought that you were trying to

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do a good thing here and appreciate that you refined it in that regard."

Davis, W.: "Our pleasure."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1861 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the Bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Toward the bottom of page 40 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3699, Representative Davis, Lisa Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3699, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lisa Davis."

Davis, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3699 would require all group or individual health insurers and managed care plans to cover medically necessary prescribed vitamins. There was an amendment that brought some individuals to neutral. And in that amendment, what was decided is that it would not cover over-the-counter vitamins. So, at this time, I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Representative, and thank you for taking this bill on. I appreciate it. We had the chance to talk about this a little bit in committee. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

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Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, we talked a little bit on... in committee regarding the... the additional mandate on health plans and... and which health plans that are in there. This is still an added coverage. Are you aware of which health plans in the State of Illinois this coverage mandate is applicable to? Like is it... is it just the group plans? Is it Medicaid plans? Is it state government employee plans?"

Davis, L.: "I will tell you that from my understanding, Medicaid would not be covered, but I believe it would be private insured plans."

Keicher: "Okay. So, in general, folks... and I'll go to the bill. In general, folks, I... I appreciate what the Representative is trying to do here, very generous. But what we have done since 2022 is we have added 54 additional mandates on health plans in the State of Illinois, and we aren't even through this spring yet. I know that there are a couple others that we will be seeing in committee today and that will continue on. These are very cost consequential decisions that we're putting on the backs of every holder of every plan, and we can only impact about 20% of the health plans in the State of Illinois. We've got to rein in these little nickel and dime additions that we're doing to health insurance plans because they are nickel and diming the Illinois consumer who can't get an employer plan out of the ability to afford health insurance. So, while I appreciate the initiative, I know it comes from a wonderful part. I'm going to suggest a 'no' vote because it's an additional mandate on our health insurance that's already too burdened. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Please be aware that we are on Short Debate. Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3699 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 74 voting 'in favor,' 37 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And the Bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 25 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3470, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3470, 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3470, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3470 is an initiative of UFCW and the Teamsters. It would allow a union representative of an employee of a cannabis dispensary to be able to access the premises to meet with that employee. Because of IDFPR's licensing requirements, there have been incidences where a union rep. hasn't been able to gain access to an employee. This applies only to unionized dispensaries and does not usurp any type of collective bargaining or allow for a union representative to enter into a nonunionized shop

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or any circumstance like that. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Representative Croke, for purposes of understanding, I... I think an example was given to me. I don't recall if it was you who did it, as to the problems that are being presented. Maybe if you could elaborate a little bit, it would help some people over here understand why it's being brought."

Croke: "So, there have been a few examples of management at dispensaries putting cannabis into, like, a breakroom scenario, into a breakroom. And a union rep. is not a licensed employee, so they can't be in spaces where there is product, so cannabis. So, then when cannabis or product is in that meeting room that rep. isn't able to go meet with that employee. That's been... that's happened a few times. That's kind of the... the catalyst for this bill. And this then allows for a union rep. to meet with that employee without having to now go through a situation where we are licensing a union rep. That was another... that was an alternative that we could've gone down, but we felt like this was an easier option."

Ugaste: "Okay. And does this apply only to dispensaries or are cultivation centers included?"

Croke: "This is just for... for dispensaries."

Ugaste: "Okay. And I believe you said just for... to make certain, it has to be in a shop that's already unionized. It would not

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allow someone to go into a nonunion shop and try and unionized them, correct?"

Croke: "Yes, sir."

Ugaste: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3470 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 87 voting 'yes,' 25 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 26 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3528, Representative Crawford. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3528, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read it on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3528, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Crawford is recognized."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3528, we've been doing a lot of... we had a lot of discussion regarding student teaching, its requirements, and the financial burden that it places on student teachers a lot in this General Assembly. House Bill 3528 is a component of that discussion. Illinois requires, as you all know, student teaching to prepare its teachers, but student teaching is usually unpaid labor, which

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is a barrier that can prevent perseverance of preservice teachers, also known as student teachers, and prevent them from obtaining their professional educator's license. ISBE, specifically in Section 25.620 of its administrative rules covering student teaching, clearly states that student teaching may be paid, yet many programs prevent preservice teachers or student teachers from getting paid. This bill would support educators who are seeking licensure to strengthen their educator pipeline by prohibiting programs from preventing student teachers from getting paid, thus ensuring that student teaching can be a paid experience no matter where in Illinois a student teacher is attending a higher education program. There's no cost to institution of higher education, school districts, nor the state in this bill. There was ISBE rules regarding pay compensation for student teachers that was repealed in 2002. Their current language simply states that it can be paid."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Yesterday, we saw a bill regarding the student teachers' stipend. This is obviously different than that bill. This bill doesn't necessarily pay the student teachers but says the school... universities cannot have a policy against them being paid. Is that correct?"

Crawford: "Absolutely. And I... I've seen these policies in my experience, and, you know, and they have gone away. There is one that I can find from a public university here in Illinois. I don't know if they're enforcing it, but it's still in the

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books, in their student handbook. And I have seen in my experience students get dissuaded from completing due to barriers such as this."

Windhorst: "And this would be being paid for the student teaching work or for outside work or for both?"

Crawford: "This is for student teaching work, that 16-week experience that's full-time, all day, which is unpaid typically."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3528 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the Bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 33 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1576, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1576, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1576 is an... is an initiative of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. The bill does two main things. It's a cleanup bill regarding existing language that's outdated, and it has obsolete provisions. And it also allows the Secretary of State's Office to modernize the Court of Claims by allowing for electronic filing and remote participation. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1576 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 75 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ugaste, what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ugaste: "That was on the prior bill. I didn't realize the sponsor had finished speaking. Before I could hit my button, you called for the vote, so missed that. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 38 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3046, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3046, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung."

Chung: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. We passed this bill last year here in the House, so we're bring this back 'cause it got stalled in the Senate. What this bill does, it amends the State's Universities Civil Service Act and it clarifies that collective bargaining agreements can provide greater protections than those of the act. So, yeah, I know of no opposition, and I ask for your 'aye' vote today. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this bill was passed last GA?"

Chung: "Yes. Correct, in the 103rd."

Windhorst: "Is that correct? I believe it was on a..."

Chung: "Partisan, I..."

Windhorst: "...partisan vote."

Chung: "I... believe it was partisan line, yep."

Windhorst: "Yes. And, again, it... it's simple, but, of course, drew opposition. It looks like what we're attempting to do is nothing in the act, the State University Civil Service Act, will prevent parties to a collective bargaining agreement from agreeing to a provision that enhances employees' rights. Why is that a... a needed change in the law?"

Chung: "Yes. So, some university employers have argued that they can't bargain over certain employment issues like filling of vacancies, so this bill just sort of clarifies it and removes that ambiguity."

Windhorst: "And have the universities or university systems expressed an opinion on the bill?"

Chung: "Oh, I have... I've heard, like I... I said, I've heard no opposition from them. So, thank you."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3046 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 83 voting 'yes,' 30 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is

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hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 32 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1189, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1189, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. This is a very simple bill, and it has to do with the prevailing wage. And it indicates that if a state project, a state, or unit of a local government uses federal funds, they may... must pay the higher of the state or federal prevailing wage. It show... it... it's my understanding that, unfortunately, the federal prevailing wage is not updated near... near as much as the state prevailing wage. As a matter of fact, 41% of the federal prevailing wages have not been updated for two years and over 29% have not... 20% have not updated over the last four years. This simply says that... that the collective bargaining amount, which... which is... is the prevailing wage, will be what is paid on state and unit of local government projects. You become a federal project if you give more than \$2,000 of federal money is used on said project. There are several other states, including Missouri Department of Transportation, Minnesota, California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington, that have this similar law. This is good for workers. I think it's good for our state because it provides for ensuring that qualified workers do the job, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Ugaste is recognized."

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Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Appreciate that. To the bill. Ladies and gentlemen, the prevailing wage is set forth in federal standards. My understanding, from some of the opponents who I did talk to about this, have indicated it's updated routinely, as... as quickly or as... as possible once the information has been provided to them. So, I don't know the reason behind needing to... to update this when the federal government has their own policies in place when federal money is being involved. This is going to cause, if we're going higher only, that we'll have to pay more in cases where we could otherwise maybe do a bit more work on the project. I still think we'd have qualified workers' prevailing wages being paid either way, and there are some opponents to the bill, which speak to the need to keep things the way they are. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1189 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 82 voting 'yes,' 28 voting 'no,' and 1 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 14 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2589, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2589, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

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Speaker Evans: "Rep. Cassidy on the amendment."

Cassidy: "I'd like to adopt the amendment and debate it on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor vote (sic-say) 'aye'; all opposed vote (sic-say) 'nay.' The... 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2589, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 2589 comes out of a series of constituent issues where patients seeking injectable medications at a pharmacy were given the medication that they had a prescription for, but pharmacists expressed confusion over providing them the... the needles that are required for the injection without a prescription. Several years ago, many of us who were... who are still here were part of the work to make clean syringes available without a prescription in a harm reduction model. And so, this... the language of this bill simply clarifies that when someone has a prescription for an injectable medication, a pharmacist shall sell them the... the needles to go with it. Nothing here interferes with an overall pharmacist judgement on issues like this. And I ask..."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It appears, with the amendment, first, the pharmacy has to have the needle or syringe in stock. That... they don't have to go acquire them if they're not in stock."

Cassidy: "Exactly."

Windhorst: "And while they shall... the pharmacist shall sell the syringe or needle, they... the pharmacist can still exercise professional and clinical judgement in that determination?"

Cassidy: "Yes. Although, I would... I would question whether in somebody's judgement, they were willing to give them an injectable medication but not a needle. So, I... I believe this solves the problem."

Windhorst: "And what was the problem this language was intended to address?"

Cassidy: "A... more than one constituent, including in Representative Costa Howard's district, who were denied the needles but not the medication. I ended up having to connect a... a patient with a needle exchange on the West Side and arrange for transport for her in... from DuPage County to be able to get her needles."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Please be aware that we're on Short Debate. Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2589 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 108 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having

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received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 14 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, at the bottom, we have House Bill 2690, Representative Canty. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2690, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Canty."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Canty on the amendment."

Canty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment #2 to the bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Canty 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2690, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2690 clarifies and strengthens our laws preventing grooming and other forms of sexual exploitation and abuse. We can all agree that it's vital we protect our children and other vulnerable people from some of the most detestable crimes in our society. However, our current Illinois law in that area falls short and requires several technical changes to close loopholes and

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strengthen enforcement. Most notably, this bill broadens the definition of grooming, broadens criminal penalties for sexual exploitation of children, and increases the statute of limitations for prosecution of grooming to 10 years after the victim reaches 18. This is a redraft of a bill that last year this body unanimously passed before it went to the Senate without being assigned to committee. It's an initiative of the Cook County state's attorney and has the support of the Illinois Sheriff's Association and She Votes Illinois. I know of no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2690 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 111 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 38 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3164, Leader Buckner. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill..."

Speaker Evans: "Out... Mr. Clerk, out of the record. At the top of page 32 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1062, Representative Briel. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1062, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Briel."

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Briel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and all of our colleagues. This bill, HB1062, is an amendment to the Illinois Century Network Act in order to prioritize the most important aspects of the broadband rollout. That includes schools and libraries as the priority one; state owned correctional facilities as the second priority; park districts, forest preserves districts, conservation soil and water districts are the third; and the fourth are all other anchor institutions. I know of no objections, multiple support. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1062 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 37 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, towards the bottom, we have House Bill 2986, Representative Blair-Sherlock. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2986, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. House Bill 2986, don't let the title fool you, it has very little to do with the Holocaust. I don't know why they titled it that way, but it is ISBE's annual cleanup bill. So, what this bill seeks to do is reduce duplicative reporting requirements on school

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districts as well as streamline audit submission processes, repeal obsolete language concerning prior interagency board and programs that haven't been funded or operational for decades, addresses conflicts between state statute and federal law. It aligns the statute to current agency functions when it comes to operational judgements. It streamlines reporting; removes lingering references to No Child Left Behind; clarifies language pertaining to agency head or designee appointments for a set of councils, including the Holocaust genocide council. It address a drafting error in Public Act 103-0473 to clarify district policies beginning in the '23-'24 year. This bill passed out of committee unanimously, and I am open to questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2986 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 1 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 35 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2394, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2394, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I'm presenting House Bill 2394, which has to do with weight exemptions for hydrogen vehicles. Ended up taking it through committee, working

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through some of the language, brought an amendment that brought some folks to neutral. But this is something from my district, and happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Fritts is recognized."

Fritts: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Fritts: "Thank you. Representative Benton, we had a pretty lengthy discussion with this in committee, and I don't want to belabor it as we've been here today. But just a couple things. So, this allows a 2,000-pound weight exemption for electric semi-trucks, correct?"

Benton: "That's correct."

Fritts: "And it would raise the limit then to... it keeps it at 16,000 pounds an axle but raises it to a weight limit of 82,000 pounds, correct?"

Benton: "Correct."

Fritts: "Okay. Do you have any mechanism in place for what... will they have to pay any additional fees with regards to the registration? Is any of that addressed in this bill?"

Benton: "One of those... so that was addressed in committee. There were some conversations. This currently, right now, affects 47 trucks. Back in, I believe it was 2014, when we ended up passing the natural gas bill for the exemption to take it to 82,000 pounds, all of that was negotiated. This language mirrors it with the Illinois Truckers Association. And we haven't had any issues. We haven't had any folks that came to us and addressed that there was a deterioration or anything like that with the natural gas."

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Fritts: "But... but there's no additional funding with regards to helping out with maintaining roadways?"

Benton: "Well, currently, right now, the fees are higher if you end up having a... an electric vehicle or any of those licensures."

Fritts: "They are for an electric vehicle. How about an electric semi-truck?"

Benton: "Right. And there are... there has been ongoing conversations about that. Again, this affects 47 vehicles."

Fritts: "Okay. There still looks like a lot of opposition to this bill. Has any of that been alleviated?"

Benton: "The amendment alleviates a lot of that opposition."

Fritts: "Is ABATE still opposed?"

Benton: "ABATE is opposed to something that is not in this bill. It has to do with autonomous vehicles, and nowhere in the language does it address..."

Fritts: "Well..."

Benton: "...or talk about autonomous vehicles."

Fritts: "But autonomous vehicles are a part of electric trucks. And one particular company... and so, they have concerns about a 82,000-pound vehicle running them down, correct?"

Benton: "There's nothing in this bill that talks about autonomous vehicles and..."

Fritts: "But there's nothing that..."

Benton: "...and if we what to run a bill that... that..."

Fritts: "...prohibits... there's nothing that prohibits them either, is there?"

Benton: "And that's a conversation for another bill because that's not what this bill addresses."

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Fritts: "Well..."

Benton: "That's not where we're going with this bill. That bill, as we said in committee, we can run another bill that addresses autonomous vehicles..."

Fritts: "Yeah, but in the meantime, motorcycles are getting run down. Is the Association of County Engineers..."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Fritts: "...still opposed? Oops, I'm sorry..."

Speaker Evans: "We're Short Debate."

Friess: "I... can I get..."

Speaker Evans: "Short Debate. Please continue, but bring your remarks to a close."

Fritts: "All right. I'll just go to straight to the bill then, please. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, we have weight limits in Illinois and all across the country for two purposes. We have it for safety. The bigger a vehicle it is, the harder it is to come to a stop. All the farmers here know that. We abide by these weight limits every day. The second is road deterioration. And this bill in particular, when we talk about vehicles that do not pay any motor fuel tax or anything towards our roads, this is an incredible concern. If you come from a municipal background or you care about your local roadways, please... please vote 'no' on this bill. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2394 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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

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are 75 voting 'yes,' 37 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Williams, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Williams, J.: "Thank you... thank you, Chairman. Please reflect that on House Bill 29... 2986, I meant to vote 'yes.'"

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. The record will reflect. Moving forward to page 38 in the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3164, Leader Buckner. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3164, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Buckner is recognized."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB3164 is pretty straightforward. It gives cities in Illinois with over 500,000 people the ability to... to charge up to \$5 per phone line for their surcharge. This is already the law, but what this bill does is just it extends the... the deadline out a little bit. Right now, this authority expires at the end of 2025. What this would do is prolong it to 2027. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Buckner, if this sunset is not extended, what would be the impact on the surcharge?"

Buckner: "In the... in the cities in the state with more than 500,000 people would not be able to implement that surcharge on... on folks."

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Windhorst: "Would there be complete elimination or a reduction of the surcharge? Which happens?"

Buckner: "It would be a complete elimination."

Windhorst: "Would it be half or elimination?"

Buckner: "So, if... if the... if the sunset is not... let me get the exact wording here. If the sunset is not extended... I take that back. There is a... a step-down system where I think it... it would go down a \$1.10 and then it will go down a little bit more than that and eventually it would be wiped out completely."

Windhorst: "And my understanding is when the initial surcharge is negotiated, this was part of a step-down that was agreed to at that time?"

Buckner: "I wasn't here then, but that's my understanding as well. What this does is just give more runway so that there's not any disruption in the way it's collected today."

Windhorst: "And has the City of Chicago said why they need to extend it at the current rate rather than allowing for the step-down?"

Buckner: "Well, they... they just looked at their overall, I guess, budget situation, their financial and fiscal impact and outlook and thought that they needed at least two more years to figure this out before they made some new plans and negotiations moving forward."

Windhorst: "And how long will the sunset be extended?"

Buckner: "Until 2027."

Windhorst: "Two years?"

Buckner: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3164 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 75 voting 'yes,' 35 (sic-38) voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward to page 39 in the calendar, at the bottom, we have House Bill 3467, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3467, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB3467 is legislation that updates our state banking laws and amends the Illinois Banking Act to be more consistent with the Illinois Savings Bank Act and the Illinois Credit Union Act. This legislation is an agreed bill with no known opposition. It is an initiative by the Illinois Bankers Association, and the IDFPR is neutral on the bill. I worked diligently on this bill actually last year to ensure that the bill satisfied all concerns from all parties. It passed the House unanimously last year, but it got hung up in the Senate, and we want to pass it again, incorporating a few agreed changes from Senate leadership. So, I'll go over what the bill does. There are consistencies necessary between the Banking Act and Savings Bank Act. The Savings Bank Act regulates savings... savings banks, and at the same time, the Banking Act covers commercial banks that historically focused on business lending. These two type of

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companies now share broadly similar powers under federal law, and state laws need consistency so Illinois savings banks, which are typically small lenders, can survive and thrive. So, we are also making a couple of changes with these bills, including the following: It would allow for required notices to be transmitted electronically and allow remote board and shareholder meetings for banks and savings banks. It would also add provisions requiring fees collected under the Illinois Community Reinvestment Act to be counted against the standard fees imposed on banks for regular licensing and regulatory purposes. It requires that IDFPR conduct an analysis of the direct and indirect cause of implementing the Community Reinvestment Act and submit that to the regulated entities. It also modernizes outdated language within long-standing discrimination protections for loans to single females by expanding the scope to all single individuals rather than only single females as well as changing the term 'disabled person' to 'a person with a disability.' I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote on this bill, and I will be more than happy to take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Representative Gill is recognized. Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3467 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 20 of the calendar, House Bills-

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Second Reading, at the bottom, we have House Bill 3125, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3125, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Andrade."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade on the amendment."

Andrade: "Amendment #2 is a gut and replace and becomes the bill.

I would like to explain it on... once it's on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3125, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Andrade."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3125 is regarding qualifications to be a non-CDL driving instructor in Illinois. Right now, you must be of moral character, you must pass criminal background checks by Illinois State Police and federal... the FBI, be fingerprinted. You also must hold a valid driver's license for two years. This bill... what this bill does, it includes a... that those two years can be fulfilled with a temporary driver's license. But also, this bill adds

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language that you must and shall be... must be authorized to work in the United States. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There had been some concerns expressed about the possibility of those not lawfully in the country able to qualify under this bill. If you could explain whether that is a... a valid concern or how this bill addresses that issue."

Andrade: "Actually, I think that's very incorrect. There is actually language added into the bill that is not there currently and added into the statute which is not there currently that says... language is added that currently authorizes the work in the United States. So, without actually this bill, maybe just the opposite of what you said could happen. So, this bill actually codifies that you must be currently authorized to work in the United States. So, unless your side changed ideologies, I don't know."

Windhorst: "And what we're dealing with here is a license to act as an instructor for a driving school, not a license to... to actually..."

Andrade: "Correct."

Windhorst: "...be the driver..."

Andrade: "That is... that is..."

Windhorst: "...the license to act as the instructor?"

Andrade: "Right. To be an instructor for non-CDL."

Windhorst: "And was there any opposition that was expressed? Any of the advocates or stakeholders slipping against the bill?"

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Andrade: "No, I... I actually worked with SOS. Currently, SOS does follow this policy, but I thought to address any concerns, I... I added language that says currently shall be and must be authorized to work in the United States. Without this bill, it might be an opposite, so."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Members, please be aware that we're on Short Debate. Seeing no further discussion, 'Shall House Bill 3125 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 75 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. The clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several bills. If there is leave, we will take these motions together in one motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Gabel on the motion."

Gabel: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following bills can be heard in committee: House Bill 1862 in Appropriations-Health and Human Services, House Bill 2682 in Appropriations-Health and Human Services, and House Bill 2462 in Judiciary - Civil Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We request a record vote on the motion."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel has moved to waive the posting requirements. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 75 voting in 'favor,' 38 voting 'opposed,' 0 voting 'present.' And this motion, having received a constitutional majority, the posting requirements are waived. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon... this evening: Meeting at 6 o'clock is Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in 413; Revenue & Finance in D-1; Adoption & Child Welfare in 122; Agriculture & Conservation in Room 115; Public Utilities in Room 114; Appropriations: Elementary & Secondary Education in Room 118; Insurance in C-1. Meeting at 6:30 are Consumer... Consumer Protection in Room 115, Energy & Environment in Room 114, Financial Institutions in Room 122, Health Care Availability & Accessibility in C-1, Judiciary - Criminal in D-1, Veterans' Affairs in Room 413. Meeting at 7 o'clock is Cities & Villages in Room 122B, Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education in Room 118, Gun Violence in Room 115, and Appropriations: Human Services in Room 114. The 2 o'clock committees are at 6 o'clock, the 3 o'clock committees are at 6:30, and the 4 o'clock committees are at 7 o'clock."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 238, offered by Representative Smith. House Resolution 239, offered by Representative West. House Resolution 240, offered by Representative Niemerg."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the

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Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, April 9, at the hour of 10 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all 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 4038, offered by Representative Schmidt, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4039, offered by Representative LaPointe, a Bill for an Act concerning health. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2002, offered by Representative Cabello, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2372, offered by Representative Hauter, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 988, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1747, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3177. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 794. Representative Ness, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee

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action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2907 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3636. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2196, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2340, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3701. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 2849, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2863, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3282, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3312. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 35, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1864, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1931, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2371, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2584, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3248, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3796. Representative Meyers-Martin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor.. Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1763 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1763, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2435, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3021, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3677. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action

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taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 16... Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1699, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2384, Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2955, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3098, as well as Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3098, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3141, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3399, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3510. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions and Licensing reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 742 and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3554. Representative Manley, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Access reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 1332 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2464. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1628, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1836, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2548, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 2586, Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 2586, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3363, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3710. Representative Swanson, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1352. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports

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the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 22, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 663, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2790, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2894, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3405. Representative Hirschauer, Chairperson from the Committee on Gun Violence Prevention reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: recommends be adopted, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1316. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Health and Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 8, 2025: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1862. Second Reading of House Bills to be held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 1862, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."