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Speaker Guzzardi: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We will be led in prayer today by Imam Hassan Aly. Imam Aly is with the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago in Willowbrook, Illinois. Imam Aly is the guest of Representative Stava-Murray. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Imam Aly."

Imam Aly: "Thank you. In the name of God, the most merciful God. [Speaks in Arabic.] All you who believe, stand firm for God, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just, that is nearer to righteousness. O God, you are al-'Adl, the most just. You are al-Raḥīm, the most merciful. You are the source of all justice, all wisdom, and all mercy. You commanded us to uphold truth, even if it be against ourselves, and reminded us that aiding the oppressed is not a charity, it's obligation upon us. Make it today. Bless this assembly, O God, these lawmakers, and this land. Make it a place of sanctuary for all who seek peace, protection, and dignity. We ask you to guide the heart of our leaders in our state and our country towards compassion and fairness. Grant them the strength to stand firmly with the oppressed; the patience to hear the cries of the refugees, the orphans, and the poor; and the moral courage to legislate the justice that uplift the vulnerable. Let not fear shape our laws, nor hatred cloud our decisions. Replace fear with understanding, hatred with empathy, division with unity. We are gathered today in a state that strives to open its doors to... to those who seek hope,

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healing, and new beginnings. Now more than ever, we ask you to strengthen our resolve to lead by example so that this state and this nation may become more welcoming, more just, and more open to all people. As you taught us, and we ask you, O Lord, the Lord of all worlds, to spread peace to every corner of the Earth. Let no child sleep in fear. Let no family be torn by war. Protect the innocent, the... the voiceless, and every living soul from harm. O God, instead of turning our backs on those in need, make us the voice that defends them, the hands that uplift them, and the hearts that serve them, today and every day. Amen."

Speaker Guzzardi: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Michael Kelly."

Kelly - 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 Guzzardi: "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 Representative Ammons and Scherer are excused today."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record will so reflect. Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Severin is excused for today."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 115 Members

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answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Cassidy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Cassidy: "You know, when we're down here, we... we miss a lot of things when we're not around our family. So, I want to wish my oldest son, Joshua Islets, a happy 24th birthday. The very cool thing about being here is that we form a family ourselves, and we become a family. And so, I also want us to... to come together and wish one of our very own, Jackson Paller, a happy 30th birthday. Happy birthday, Jackson."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Happy birthday. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Pensions & Personnel reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2378. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Education Policy reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to House Bill 1237, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1358, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1787, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2337, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2390, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2502, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2827, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2927, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2960, Floor Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 2976, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2997, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3037, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3247, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3252, Floor Amendment(s)

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1 to House Bill 3275, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3503. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2418, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2423, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3078, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3160, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3761. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 2462; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2562, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 2568, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2708, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2994, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3352. Representative Mason, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3446 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3772. Representative Stava-Murray, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Health reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2346 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3286. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1540, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1598, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1807,

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Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2517, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3019, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3373, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3435, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 3850. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2139, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2352, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3187, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3339, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3493, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3730. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2461, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 2857, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2962, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2983. Representative Ortíz, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2458. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 242, offered by Representative Cabello, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 235, offered by Representative Didech. Please proceed."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the body's attention, please. I rise today to present House Resolution 235 to congratulate Terry Moons on the occasion of her retirement after 40 years of dedicated service as a board

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member of Adlai E. Stevenson High School District 125. I have presented a number of resolutions like this before. I have never presented one that is this long. This... and that speaks not only to the years that Terry Moons has dedicated to the Stevenson High School community but the substance and the significance of all the accomplishments that she has brought. I'm not going to read the entire thing. I know we have a lot of business to get through today, but I do want to note some highlights. Terry Moons played an instrumental role in shaping district policies throughout four decades of service, making impactful decisions and ensuring the continued growth and success of the district, all while maintaining a legendary ability to recall the details of board meetings from decades past. Thirty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirty-six students have graduated under her leadership. Her leadership was instrumental in overseeing four major additions to the Stevenson High School facilities. She played a key role in the hiring of five superintendents and eight principals, ensuring strong and effective leadership for generations of students. Terry Moons helped introduce the development of professional learning communities during her tenure. She served as board secretary, in addition to her many other roles. She was a founding board member and has been the only board secretary of the Exceptional Learners' Collaborative, the special education cooperative for the district and other school districts in the community. Terry Moons' excellence in leadership is reflected in the district being only one of a small number of schools in the nation to receive the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence five

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times. On a personal note, one of the first political campaigns I ever worked on was in 2011 when I worked a polling place for Terry Moons' reelection campaign. That was a year where a small number of people had the poor judgement to question her leadership, and the voters spoke loud and clear that we are proud of the work that Terry Moons has done for our community and we supported the leadership she brought for us over the past 40 years. When I was 3 years old, my family moved to Buffalo Grove because of Stevenson High School. And when people ask me what is my agenda for education as a State Representative, my answer is always the same, that every single child in the State of Illinois should have access to the same world-class public education that I had as a Stevenson High School student. Terry Moons, that is because of your leadership. I thank you for everything you've done for me, for our entire community, and your legacy will be felt throughout the State of Illinois for many, many years and by many, many children, some of whom are not even born yet. Your accomplishments are substantial. You have a legacy to be proud of, and I am so happy to present this resolution today. Terry Moons and her family and colleagues are in the gallery today. I would ask the Speaker for the courtesy of a roll call vote on this resolution. And I would like to ask the body to provide a very warm welcome and thank you to Terry Moons for her years and decades of service. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Didech moves for the adoption of House Resolution 235. 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, take

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the record. On this question, there are 115 'ayes,' 0 'nays,' 0 voting 'present.' And this resolution, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby adopted. Congratulations. Representative Windhorst. Leader Windhorst, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please proceed."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I'm honored today to have my page for the day, Emersyn Clark from Herrin. Emersyn is a junior at Agape Christian High School, but she will be independently completing her final credits and graduating this summer. Emersyn will also complete her associate's degree in political science from John A. Logan College in December before transferring to a four-year university to pursue a bachelor's in political science and advocacy. Then, she aspires to attend law school and work in politics and child advocacy. In high school, Emersyn has been the starting catcher for her softball team. She is a cheerleader and plays volleyball. She is the vice president of the student senate; a member of the Beta Club; on newspaper, yearbook, and the homecoming-prom committee. At John A. Logan College, Emersyn is a member of the student senate, a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the political science club. She recently participated in Model Illinois Government simulation with John A. Logan College and served in the House of Representatives. She was a member of the Judiciary Committee, a favorite of mine. She was also a semifinalist for Illinois

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in the United States Senate program. Please join me in welcoming Emersyn here to the Capitol."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol, Emersyn. Glad to have you. Representative La Ha, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

La Ha: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

La Ha: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I'd like to introduce my page for the day, a fellow queen. Her name is Shelby Stone of Davis, Illinois and was recently named the 2024 National Petite Miss Agriculture USA. Miss Agriculture USA is a national non-for-profit organization that focuses on positivity, promoting agricultural, featuring queens of all ages that promote, celebrate, and educate about all the diverse aspects of agriculture. Shelby is the 11-year-old daughter of Michael and Kate Cross of Davis, Illinois. She's going into the sixth grade, and she is a proud member of the Snazzy Snappers 4-H Club with projects in cats, rabbits, goats, horses, and theater. Shelby Stone loves to advocate with everybody. As the daughter of a FFA advisor and agricultural teacher, Shelby is no stranger to the world of agriculture. She's a proud big sister, teaching her little brother, Ben, all about barn life. Shelby is the proud 4-H member, showing rabbits, goats, and horses at the local fair. She was named Top First Year 4-H member for her eagerness and dedication to learning. She also loves to dance, sing, especially in the barn. Please help me welcome Shelby Stone."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome, Shelby. Glad to have you. Representative Rashid, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Rashid: "Today, I give... I rise to give recognition to the incredible folks who are joining us today from the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago on their... for their 17th annual Illinois Muslim Action Day. They are with us in the Speaker's Gallery. The council is an amalgamation of over 70 diverse Muslim-centered organizations that range from schools to community-based advocacy groups. For more than 31 years, they've given a voice to the over half a million American Muslims who call Illinois home. And on this day, they bring hundreds of students, advocates, leaders, and other community members to Springfield to make their voices heard. Please join me in welcoming everyone from the Muslim community with us today to Springfield."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol, everyone. Representative Syed, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Syed: "I just want to take an opportunity to also... I had two points actually. I want to take an opportunity to recognize my pages from a... for the day that are here with the Illinois Muslim Action Day program, Fiza, Ayah, and Zoya. They are here in the gallery, so please give them a huge round of applause. There you go. And then my... my second point was also

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recognizing students from Harper College. They are here with the student government association, with their student trustee, Liman Lei. So, we have them in the gallery as well. We have Kenneth. We have Ashley, Liman, Isabella, Kisaa, Jeanetta, Giovanni, and Victoria. It is always incredible to have young people here in the halls of the Capitol. This is your home, so thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol, everyone. Representative Benton, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Benton: "I would just like to welcome my page for the day, Qasim Saiyed. He's from MCC Academy. He's a junior there, where he plays varsity basketball, and he's looking to go into college, undecided right now, for a business degree. So, let's give him a... a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Vella, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Vella: "I'm here to acknowledge Grace Anderson, who is up in the gallery, if you could stand up, along with her dog, Lane, who is also here. He doesn't want to get up, but Lane is... there's Lane, all right. Lane is here. Grace and Lane will be representing the United States at the Junior World Agility Team alongside Lane, her border collie. Together, they will be competing in the prestigious World Agility Championship in Portugal, an incredible honor that only a select group, 24

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people total from the whole country, and she comes from Rockford, Illinois. For half of her life, she has honed her skills as a competitive trainer at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center in Dixon. She's also volunteered her time as a certified therapy dog handler for the 17th Judicial Circuit as a therapy dog, going into schools and into the court systems to calm people down with their dog. Grace is also an honor student at Rockford Lutheran High School, where she somehow finds the time to play varsity soccer. Today, Grace is joined by her family who has come to support her. We in the 68th are incredibly proud of Grace for all that she has done, not only for her athletic accomplishment, her dedication, and her hard work and her kindness, but because she is a role model for the peers and shining example of what it means to be a great person. We wish her well and give her good luck in Portugal. Good luck, Grace, and thank you very much."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Good luck to you, Grace. Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, and I promise to be brief."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

McLaughlin: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Briefly."

McLaughlin: "Before we begin today, considering all the important bills on the docket, I just rise with one simple question: Why are so many of my colleagues actively opposing a bill that would place commonsense regulations and safeguards for our children on delta-8 products being sold throughout our

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state and our cities? Am I missing something here, or have we simply gone silent from protecting our children from these unregulated, chemically altered substances? Is the real reason because the budget's stretched thin, the cupboard's bare? So, we're at the point now, thanks to unchecked spending, that we're not going to protect our children and we're going to allow these dangerous products to enter the markets and stay there as a political convenience. In my four and a half years in this chamber, I constantly hear we need to protect the children. And on this issue... I rarely agree with the governor... governor. Ninety-nine point eight percent of the time I'm against you, but I'm with you on this one. The governor's right. We have well-established regulatory system for legal cannabis. So, why the hesitation here, my friends? Why is this even a debate? Why hasn't this come forward? Why aren't we regulating? Why aren't we protecting our children? The long-term effects of vaping and exposure to unregulated chemicals through delta-8 remains unknown. What is known is that the risks are serious and immediate. This chamber is quick, quick to lecture and to legislate on issues regarding children. Let's not be blinded by the money, people. The silence from too many, especially my colleagues in Chicago, Rockford, Naperville, Batavia, and many of these other communities across this state is deafening. When politics and profits speak louder than public health, we all lose. And finally, this is a moment for leadership amongst this body, not excuses. Let's put the safety of our kids above the influence of lobbyists, special interests, short-term budgets. Let's do the right thing for the health of our

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children. Let's pass regulations, and let's regulate delta-8 products now. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for your indulgence."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Avelar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Avelar: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please proceed."

Avelar: "Thank you. I'm here to give a big Springfield welcome to my two pages for today. We have Mariam and Aaminah, both from the MCA... MCC Academy. They love history. Mariam wants to become a businesswoman, and Aaminah wants to become a therapist. So, I'm so glad to have them here with me today, and I hope that everybody can give them a big Springfield welcome. Welcome to the House."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Deering, for what reason do you seek..."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Deering: "Yes. In honor of Ag Legislative Day here in the Capitol, I wanted to inform my colleagues about House Resolution 177. The hardworking families and ranchers of this country feed the United States, yet the bureaucrats of Washington, D.C. who control agricultural policy are out of touch with the realities of rural America. It is imperative that the U.S. Department of Agriculture be located where the real work of American agriculture happens. Rather than being based in the swamp of Washington, D.C., the department should be in the heartland of the United States among farmers, agribusiness, and rural communities that keep this country running. Illinois is one of the top agricultural states in the nation,

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leading the way in corn, soybeans, pork, and livestock production, and Bloomington-Normal and Decatur are the center of that action. Central Illinois, particularly Bloomington-Normal and Decatur, are home to major agricultural research institutions, agribusiness, and food processing companies, including Archer Daniels Midland, Primient, GROWMARK, and the Illinois Farm Bureau. Bloomington-Normal serves as a hub for agricultural innovation and agronomic research, and Decatur is known as the 'Soybean Capital of the World.' Central Illinois is a natural fit for USDA, offering lower costs, a skilled workforce, and easy access to America's farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness, unlike the overpriced, disconnected bubble of Washington, D.C. Illinois is centrally located in the United States and offers excellent transportation infrastructure, such as major highways, railways, and airports, which would facilitate USDA operations. Moving the USDA to Central Illinois would create significant economic opportunities for the region, improve coordination with farmers and agribusiness leaders, and provide taxpayers with a more effective and cost-efficient department. Congress has recognized the urgent need to move federal agencies closer to the communities that they serve, as demonstrated by the Strategic Withdrawal of Agencies for Meaningful Placement, yes, that's SWAMP Act, introduced by Congresswoman Ashley Hinson, a Republican from Iowa, and Congressman Jared Golden, a Democrat from Maine, which seeks to decentralize federal agencies, ensure they are placed in regions most relevant to their missions. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Kifowit: "I, too, am proud to have a page for the day. Her name is Hajra Begum and she is also with the Muslim Community Center Academy College Prep, and she is a junior. She's amazing because she hopes to maybe think of apply at Northwestern and become a neuropsychologist. She lives in Lincolnwood. For those Members who are in the Lincolnwood area, she's right there with you. And believe or not, she likes reading. I like reading. But she also like crocheting, which is really funny 'cause my mother used to crochet all the time and I never even thought of crocheting. So, the younger generation is crocheting, and she likes to try and solve the murder mysteries that we all see on TV. So, with that, Mr. Speaker, can we give a round of applause for my page of the day?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative du Buclet, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

du Buclet: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise today with great pride to welcome some very special guests to the chamber. Our dedicated MWRD commissioners, please stand. We have President Kari Steele; Vice President Theresa Flynn; Chairman of Finance Marcelino Garcia; commissioner... Commissioners Precious Brady-Davis, Yumeka Brown, Cam Davis,

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Beth McElroy, Eira Corral Sepúlveda, and Sharon Waller. Welcome to your Illinois House of Representatives. And then, finally, MWRD is having a reception this evening. I just wanted to let you know it's going to be at the Abe Lincoln hotel this evening from 5 to 7, and then Thursday a breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Stratton. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Niemerg, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Niemerg: "With us today we have some FFA kids from my district, as well as other folks' district here in the chamber, and I want to thank them and welcome them to Springfield. And every year, I look forward to their gift basket and the lunch. It's always excellent. Also, Representative Miller and Halbrook and I have some kids up from Lake Land Community College in Mattoon. We want to welcome everybody in Springfield, and welcome to your House."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome. Representative.. Leader Spain, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I'm pleased to welcome a very special guest here to the House floor today. Johnna Fulcher is our 2025 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen. Johnna is from Geneseo, in my district in Henry County, and she is the daughter of Margo and David Hohe. They are making their way up to the gallery. Do you see your parents somewhere? Well, we'll... let's stretch this out so

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that mom and dad can be recognized as well. Johnna is currently attending Blackhawk College and will graduate with her associate's degree in arts this spring. She plans to transfer then to Illinois State University in Representative Chung's district to pursue a degree in marketing. Johnna works at the Geneseo Park District and Four Seasons clothing store. And in her free time, she loves spending time with family and friends, shopping locally, hiking, and fishing. It's always a great pleasure to have our constituents who've achieved great things here joining us in the House in Springfield. So, please give a very great Springfield welcome to our 2025 Miss Illinois County Fair Queen, Johnna Fulcher."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Members, proceeding to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading. Members, we will be operating under Short Debate. The sponsor will have two minutes to present the legislation. One Member may rise for two minutes to respond. Any additional speakers rising on the bill will not be recognized. On page 34 of the calendar, we have House Bill 2857, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill. Please move the bill to the Order of Second Reading for an amendment, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2857, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Andrade, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Andrade on the amendment."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the request of the transit district in Bloomington-Normal, Connect Transit, I'm amending

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construction zone speed camera bill to include a measure that would allow, with federal approval, public transit agencies to use an electronic rearview monitoring system. That's amendment #3."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2857, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Andrade on the bill."

Andrade: "Thank you. House Bill 2857 creates the Highway Work Zone Safety Act. There were 295 work zone fatalities between 2012 and 2021. Please note that this legislation previously passed the 103rd, both time receiving unanimous vote of approval. The only difference is amendment 3. Speed cameras are already authorized in Illinois work zones. However, the program administration needs to be updated to allow IDOT and ISP to move forward with implementation. This bill also addresses constitutional issues with our current law. House Bill 2857 will move violations from a criminal traffic violation to a civil traffic violation that may only result in administrative fine. I respectfully request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

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Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you mentioned, this bill has passed in a similar form previously, I believe, in the last General Assembly, 107-0. There is that amendment 3. What is the purpose of amendment 3?"

Andrade: "The purpose... the purpose of amendment 3... on the... to increase the spirit of safety. The transit district in Bloomington and Normal called Connect Transit asked me to amend the bill and to add that public transit agencies are allowed to use electric rearview monitoring system. Right now, they can... public transportation cannot use them. But... and the reason they would like to use them is, you know, e-mirrors actually have the capability of night vision. And so, public transit, as you know, operates 24/7, and this would increase the visibility for drivers to see if anyone's behind them, even at night. So, that's the purpose of this bill, to accommodate Bloomington and Normal."

Windhorst: "And part of, I believe what you mentioned with amendment 3, is to ensure we are compliant with federal law or... or those..."

Andrade: "Well, with federal approval."

Windhorst: "Yeah. Correct. Thank you."

Andrade: "Thank you very much. Much appreciate it."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Andrade to close."

Andrade: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2857 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

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matter, there being 115 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Second Reading, on page 6 of the calendar, we have House Bill 1699, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1699, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Avelar, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Avelar on the amendment."

Avelar: "Thank you. We're adopting amendment #2 to HB1699, which becomes the bill."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1699, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you. HB1699, this bill is actually a measure that would help address our state's critical shortage of skilled water and wastewater operators while ensuring that safe, clean water remains accessible to all communities in Illinois. The original bill actually created a new training

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program for operators. However, after conversations with stakeholders, we thought it would make better sense to codify the existing operator-in-training program for wastewater and community water supply operators by the IEPA. An operator-in-training program is the first step to becoming a fully certified drinking water operator in Illinois. I am not aware of any opposition, and I am ready for any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Is there any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Are there currently any educational requirements for this position?"

Avelar: "For the operator-in-training program, there are some training requirements, and part of it is also passing a certification. Without that certification, you cannot become a water operator in a municipality or privately owned entity."

Windhorst: "I guess my question is, do we currently, in the current law, require that a person have a high school diploma or equivalent?"

Avelar: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "So, we're removing that requirement to allow for the training program?"

Avelar: "Actually, let me correct that on the record. We... we don't have a requirement that you need to have a high school diploma, but you do need to pass the certification test."

Windhorst: "And this bill will say that those operator-in-training programs will not require the high school diploma or equivalent. Is that accurate?"

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Avelar: "The operator-in-training program will remain with the same requirements that currently exist by the Illinois EPA."

Windhorst: "So, I... maybe I'm, apologize, a bit confused about what we're trying to accomplish. What will the bill do as it relates to this program removing the high school diploma or equivalent requirement?"

Avelar: "Hold on, let me get that to you really quick because that was part of the conversation we had. Let me check. Okay. Okay. Let me see here. So, what the applicant would have to do is they would have to meet skill-based criteria and pass a require exam to receive a provisional operator certificate under the supervision of a fully certified operator. So, we're leaving the program requirements as is. We're just codifying them into law."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Representative. I... I agree that we should reexamine a lot of our educational requirements and other things requiring certificates or licensure, whether they are appropriate or not or if they're just excess regulations. However, I feel like this one is one where the high school diploma or equivalent should remain as a requirement. So, I'm not going to be able to support your bill. Thank you."

Avelar: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1699 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,' 39 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to

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page 24 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3444, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3444, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3444, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Benton on the bill."

Benton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 3444 is a child care act. What this is doing is it's a technical amendment to House Bill 5596 that went through last year, went out unanimously. This is an agreed bill with DCFS, Early Childhood to help clean it up."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3444 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 113 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' and 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 2562, Representative Blair-Sherlock. Mr. Clerk, please move this bill to the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk..."

Clerk Hollman: "House..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "...read the bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2562, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on the amendment."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. The amendment provides for the suspension of powers of attorney in the event that the Office of the Public Guardian or the state Office of the Guardian are appointed as guardians. So, it just suspends the power of attorney. I would like it adopted. Thank you. Oh, and it passed committee unanimously."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Blair-Sherlock 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2562, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Blair-Sherlock on the bill."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. So, this bill has two parts to it. The original part provides for training for guardians. A guardianship training program, which is a bit bifurcated, as there's guardianships of the person and guardianships of property. Additionally, the amendment provides for the

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suspension, as I just said, the suspension of powers of attorney when a public guardian is appointed guardianship. I'm open to questions, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2562 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'opposed,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 13 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2548, Representative Briel. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2548, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This bill was read a second time previously. No committee amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Briel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Briel on the amendment."

Briel: "I'd like to adopt the amendment first and then present the bill, please."

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

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

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

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2548, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Briel on the bill."

Briel: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Today, I'm talking to you about HB2548. This bill is designed to protect women and men who have been victims of sexual assault from the predatory practice of at-home sexual assault collection evidence kits. They are not admissible in any court of law. They have a reliability rate that is less than acceptable. And, most importantly, victims of assault, survivors of assault, will lack the care that comes from the programs that we have put in place as a General Assembly prior to this. What it does is basically provides a civil remedy for victims who have been marketed, advertised, or bought a kit of \$1,000. And I'm open to questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2548 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 113 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'opposed,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 27 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3710, Representative Cassidy. Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3710..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "No running, Representative."

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Clerk Hollman: "...a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Cassidy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Cassidy on the amendment."

Cassidy: "I'd like to adopt the amendment, as it becomes the bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Cassidy moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3710, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Cassidy on the bill."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3710 came about as the result of a visit to the Children's Advocacy Center of Chicago that I... I had participated in, along with our colleague, Representative Tarver. And in the course of that... that visit, we were shocked, disgusted, frustrated to learn that very often survivors report being misled in the course of an investigation. A few years ago, this body saw fit to prohibit using deception techniques in investigations involving juveniles. So, building on that, we sought to provide protections for victims. In the course of working on the bill, further frustration came about when members of law

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enforcement went to great lengths to try to preserve their capacity to use deceptive techniques in investigations. We continued to work through that with Illinois State Police and the state's attorney of Kane County to come up with the language that you have before us here that clarifies and gives law enforcement certainty of who is and isn't a victim and ensures that victims will not be subjected to lies and deception, further traumatizing them. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Is there any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you've hit on part of this.

I just want to make sure it's clear for folks on our side looking at the analysis. Initially, the bill went through committee, and I believe it was a partisan roll call. And then there was an amendment, which you worked out with stakeholders."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Is that accurate?"

Cassidy: "That is accurate."

Windhorst: "And you've brought law enforcement at least to neutral on the..."

Cassidy: "I brought them to neutral, yes."

Windhorst: "Yes. And what we're seeing now is this amendment. The version we're voting on is a product of those negotiations."

Cassidy: "Exactly. This reflects the... the desire on the part of law enforcement to have clarity about who... who is and isn't subjected to the protections against being lied to."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Representative Tarver."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't want to let our good friends in law enforcement off as easy as Representative Cassidy did. I was on those phone calls. I was in... part of discussions, and it was particularly embarrassing to hear the Kane County state's attorney talking about how law enforcement needed, needed, to be able to deceive people who have been raped, sexually assaulted, and otherwise. I'd like... I'd like the attention of the body please, Mr. Chair. I want to be very clear about that. It was only when we started to discuss the fact that several of us on a call are elected, and if they felt that way, they should speak publicly about that, not put in an email, not privately. So, I want to say again, it was absolutely gut-wrenching to hear the Kane County state's attorney, in all of her splendor, talking about how she needed the tools and law enforcement needed the tools to talk to people who have been raped and to deceive them. And it was pretty embarrassing to hear her talk about the fact that the Illinois Supreme Court has upheld the ability to deceive individuals who have been raped. I think she forgot somewhere along the way that we actually make the laws that they interpret. So, I thank Representative Cassidy for bringing this bill. I enjoyed the tour to learn more to see how we can help individuals, particularly children. And I want to say again on the record, I think it's absolutely distasteful, disrespectful, and I now have an utter disdain for the Kane County state's attorney for what she did. And I

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don't want it to be hidden on a phone call. I want it to be public. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3710 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 being 110 voting 'yay,' 1 voting 'nay,' and 1 voting 'present,' the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 35 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3360, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3360, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Chung on the bill."

Chung: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, House Bill 3360 is a very simple bill. It's an initiative of the Illinois State Veterinary Medical Association. What it does is that it clarifies the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004 concerning the title protection for certified veterinary technicians. It's really simple. Passed unanimously in committee, and I ask for your support here today. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3360 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

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voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 3 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1168, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1168, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Costa Howard, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Costa Howard on the amendment."

Costa Howard: "Sorry. Mr. Speaker, can we adopt the amendment and then debate it on... on Third Reading?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Costa Howard moves adoption of House Floor Amendment #1. All 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1168, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Costa Howard on House Bill 1168."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1168 is an initiative of the Morton Arboretum as well as families in my community. What House Bill Amendment 1168 does is it changes

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the definition of the term 'day care center' to... that already includes athletics, recreation, and different types of instructions, but also includes now our arboretums from that exclusion... or the definition of 'day care center.' This amendment brought all the parties to neutral, and it was a great opportunity for many organizations to work together to promote nature and outdoor education amongst our early learners."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Is there any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you pointed out, this amendment brought stakeholders to neutral on the bill."

Costa Howard: "Yes, it did."

Windhorst: "And it appears that we've returned the word 'periodic'... 'on a periodic basis' to the bill. What was the importance of that being returned?"

Costa Howard: "Absolutely. So, Representative, I know you have... I'm sorry, Leader Windhorst, I know that you have young children. And... and so, one of the things that we wanted to make sure that we did was to not have to restart the clock. We know that programs, whether they're arboretums or park districts, those types of programs that are every few months, we don't want to have to restart the clock and go through that process again. So, this allows the... the continuum and for our organizations to be able to meet those needs in an effective way."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1168 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 in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional amendment (sic-majority), is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, on page 30, we have House Bill 1226, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1226, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1226 deals with the issue of senior drivers, and I believe that the secretary of state, Alexi Giannoulias, has joined us on the floor of the House. This is his initiative, and he has pushed this to make sure that we in Illinois join all other states, once again, join all other states, in not having an age-based driving test. We also will provide in this bill the ability of family members to indicate to the secretary of state whether an individual is an impaired driver and should not be able to drive. Only... only five other states in the nation don't have that. This would allow us to do just that. I would like to also thank Leader Keicher. Leader Keicher brought this forward several years ago, and I believe brought this to the forefront. Study after study indicates that senior drivers are the most safe amongst us,

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and there's really no need for this onerous test to be administered in... when you are a senior. I would like to once again thanks to Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias for all his efforts. I'd like to thank Leader Keicher for his efforts. And this truly is a bipartisan piece of legislation with over, I believe, 82 cosponsors. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the floor, Mr. Secretary. On this question, any discussion? Representative... Leader Keicher, please proceed."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and... and I'll go directly to the bill. I..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "To the bill."

Keicher: "...I want to bring my attention... our attention to... I also want to call out Representative Mason for doing such a fantastic job at laying a lot of groundwork on this issue before it was brought to me by one of my constituents. We have had a persistent issue with discriminating against older folks in this state. This bill goes part of the way towards resolving that, but we have further to go. I want to thank Leader Hoffman for nearly doubling the number of cosponsors on the measure that we had last year and hopefully getting it over the goal line this year. So, kudos to you. And to the seniors that keep calling my office, the hundreds and hundreds of you out there, relief will soon be on the way. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "In honor of Marty Moylan, I would like for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1226 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting

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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 'opposed,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 25, offered by Speaker Welch."

Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You look really good in the Chair up there, sir. Looking real good. Members, I rise today to present House Joint Resolution 25. House Joint Resolution 25. It honors a good man, a good friend, and a good governor, Governor Jim Edgar. It honors Governor Jim Edgar by creating the Jim Edgar Reading Room in the Illinois State Library. This was an idea that our current secretary of state, who's with us today, called me about a couple of weeks ago and said, 'Speaker, I have an idea. I'd love to get you behind it. What do you think?' And I said, let's do it. And I'm just honored that he's with us today. Let's recognize our friend, the current secretary of state, who's doing a heck of a job, Alexi Giannoulias. You know, there's a lot I could say about Governor Edgar, and I know a lot of people in this chamber have similar stories to share about his commitment to collaborative leadership, to integrity, and the model of statesmanship he continues to provide. I got to meet Governor Edgar when he was serving and I was just entering the political arena as a new staffer for the last Republican Cook County state's attorney, Cook County State's Attorney Jack O'Malley. But like many here, I really got to know him through the Edgar Fellows Program, and that experience helped me as

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a new lawmaker, as a committee chair, and still today as Speaker of the House. Governor Edgar shared a philosophy with our 2016 class that sticks with me today, every day I walk into this beautiful Capitol. He said, 'We are here to solve problems. We are here to solve problems. We might disagree on how to get there or how to get it done, but we are all here to solve problems I think it's a pretty powerful testament to his legacy that decisions... that decades after leaving office, he's still inspiring, mentoring, and guiding generations of new leaders on how to solve problems. But I think the greatest tribute we can offer to Governor Jim Edgar is on the board right now. Take a look at that board. While the Jim Edgar Reading Room is a fitting honor to a man who we know values knowledge, understanding, and quiet reflection, that's actually not what I'm talking about when you look at that board. What I know he'll find most rewarding is to see that the House Speaker and the dynamic Republican Leader, Leader McCombie, both former Edgar Fellows, sponsoring this resolution together. Leader, it's an honor to join you in the dedication of the Jim Edgar Reading Room. As you read through the list of sponsors, you see veteran lawmakers who have spent decades working to foster collaboration and emerging leaders who are pursuing new ideas. You see people from different backgrounds, different communities, and different perspectives who have all been shaped by his example. And that's the greatest tribute we can offer to someone who has spent his career bringing people together and solving problems. The Jim Edgar Reading Room is one small way we can say thank you. It's not just a tribute to his name, it's a

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recognition of his legacy, the work he has done, and the work he continues to do. And it's a reminder that we continue that work every single day, together, as Democrats and Republicans. While Governor Edgar is engaged in his own fight right now, if there's one thing we know about Jim Edgar is that he's a worker, he's a fighter, he's a winner. Winners do the work. That's Governor Edgar. So, as we honor Governor Edgar, it is my hope that our well wishes today bring the best to someone who always worked to bring out the best in others. In honor of a good man, a good friend to us all, and a damn good governor, I ask for an 'aye' vote on House Joint Resolution 25. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I'm sure others may want to say a few words here today. And I would certainly welcome all others to join us in sponsoring this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Speaker Welch moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 25. 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 110 'ayes,' 0 'nays,' 1 voting 'present.' And this resolution, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby adopted. Moving to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, on page 11 of the calendar, we have House Bill 2435, Representative Crawford."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Mr... Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2435, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2,

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offered by Representative Crawford, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Crawford on the amendment."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment is a gut and replace and becomes the bill. I ask for adoption and debate on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Crawford moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2435, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Crawford on the measure."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2435 seeks to curtail our state's out of control auto dial and robocall problem by prohibiting automated voice solicitation over a telephone unless specific consent has been given or authorized... otherwise authorized under the law. This bill was a request from an elderly constituent and seeks to address this type of marketing that pesters seniors, the disabled, and families with constant automated phone calls asking them to sign up for whatever good or service they're selling, sometimes after they've been specifically asked to be removed from call lists. This specific senior indicated that she's been solicited to, to change her insurance, upgrade her... her plans, or buy specific services from people she never heard

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of. For the elderly, this can be confusing and could potentially lead to a loss of coverage or other financial obligation. So, this bill creates a private right of action for damages up to \$500 per violation, which is alternative to any damages awarded under federal law. The amendment to this bill simply clarifies the definition for a robocall as upheld by the United States Supreme Court, as well as removes a cap on damages for class action lawsuits, as we don't have those in the State of Illinois. This is a bipartisan bill. I've worked with organizations, companies big and small, as well as industry, and on both side... most importantly, on both sides of the aisle to bring us here today. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Any discussion on this question? Leader Hammond. Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To... will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Hammond: "Representative Crawford, I want to commend you. As I made mention last night in committee, when you first brought this bill forward, you had some hiccups, but you were not deterred. You went directly to the folks that had some issues with your bill. You also were kind enough to reach out to me, and you and I worked together to smooth out those hiccups. And what you are presenting here today is an agreed bill and a great job, and I commend you very well for your work. Thank you, Representative."

Crawford: "Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2435 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting

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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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Tarver...
Leader Tarver, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Tarver: "A point of personal privilege, please, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Tarver: "Thank you. And this will not be about the Kane County state's attorney, I promise. Up in the gallery, we have the Kenwood Academy girls basketball team who recently won the IHS... IHSA Class 4 state championship. A round of applause for them, please. I... I think it's important for the body to know that on March 8, Kenwood defeated Fremd, Syed's alma mater, down in red burn... Redbird Arena at Illinois State, where Chung is the State Rep. And I just want to make sure I at least not only congratulate them, but mention the young ladies by name and the... and the head coach as well. So, congratulations to Ariella, apologize if I mispronounce, Danielle, Diann, Jada, Laila, Jasmine, Kyra, Zoe, Laila, Jada, Briana, Kyla, and looks like Demon. And thank you to head coach Andre Lewis for all of your guidance and mentorship. Congratulations to you all. Welcome to the Capitol."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Congratulations, team. Condolences to Rep. Syed. Moving on to the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, on page 32, we have House Bill 1823, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1823, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1823 is a joint initiative of the public guardian and the public defender's office. It makes a conforming change regarding youth that are being detained in JTDC past their court-ordered time because of DCFS failure to find placement, regardless of whether... to find placement. Regardless of whether a child's protection... protection petition was filed or a delinquency petition was filed, DCFS will have to submit a report to the court on behalf of the youth detailing the efforts that DCFS has taken to place the youth in an appropriate setting. There is no opposition to the bill, and it passed committee unanimously."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1823 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 4 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1316, Leader Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1316, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The bill was read... read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Davidsmeyer."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Davidsmeyer on the amendment."

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Davidsmeyer: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment just takes law enforcement out of the process, and I'd like to adopt it and debate it on..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Davidsmeyer 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 Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Davidsmeyer."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Davidsmeyer on amendment #2."

Davidsmeyer: "Floor Amendment #2 is... it just changes a... the word from 'immediately' to 'notify as soon as possible.'"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Davidsmeyer 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1316, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Davidsmeyer on the bill."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill, I had a... a parent contact me to say that their child was threatened with gun violence in school. And gun violence, especially as a law-abiding gun owner, is something that I take extremely serious. We want to all put an end to gun violence, especially in schools. So, this puts in a framework of what needs to

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happen when somebody is notified of a threat of gun violence. It just says that... that the... the principal of the school has to immediately notify the child's parent to ensure that there is not access to a firearm by that child who made the... the threat. I want to thank the Chairman Hirschauer for her help getting this through... through committee. It was a really collaborative process, and I really appreciate it. So, open to any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1316'... ope, pardon me. Hold, please. Representative Hirschauer for a question."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Hirschauer: "Thank you. Leader Davidsmeyer, which committee did this bill come out of?"

Davidsmeyer: "I... I'm as surprised as you are that I had a bill come through Gun Violence Prevention, which is the goal to stop gun violence."

Hirschauer: "That's right. This was a really good bipartisan bill to come out of our inaugural Gun Violence Prevention Committee. I've stated from the beginning that our committee is going to look at the entire picture of gun violence throughout the state, and I'm really glad that we could collaborate on this. It's a small piece of the puzzle, and I look forward to collaborating more with you on bills in this committee. Thank you."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1316 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting

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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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 31 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1750... 1715, Representative Lisa Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1715, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Lisa Davis on the bill."

Davis, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 17 is a simple, straightforward bill. It repeals the Department of Children and Family Services' power to appoint police and security forces to act as peace officers. What it does not do is restrict the department's ability to collaborate with local law enforcement officers. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Buckner. There being no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1715 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 4 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1224, Representative Will Davis. Representative Will Davis on House Bill 1224. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1224, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Will Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Davis on Floor Amendment 3."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #3 is kind of the technical. It does become the bill, but I think it adds some of the definitions with regard to satisfactory progress and also speaking specifically to what retainage actually means with regard to what we're trying to do. And I'll be more than happy to discuss the bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Will Davis moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3. 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1224, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also, what I should have included previously was that amendment #3 moves the Capital Development Board to neutral. There have been some questions about the role of IDOT or IDOT's participation in this, even though IDOT does not retain for its projects. We're going to file an amendment, if we get to the Senate, that completely

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takes IDOT out of the bills. This follows federal rules for when a state agency can withhold retention from contractors 'cause the federal government has a process as well. Retention is holding back 10% of the money owed until the project closes out. That is months or sometimes years after many subcontractors and trades are complete. The bill and the feds only use retention when there is a portion... or problem on the job. The state currently retains on every job, and that is partly... partially what we're trying to change is that we only retain if there is a reason to retain. Some jobs don't need retainage. So, we're just trying to change that if there is a need to retain that retainage can be used in certain circumstances. So, this does not eliminate retainage, but also just creates the pathway that agencies can make the decision when to retain and when not to retain. With that, I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It appears the... that when the bill initially came through committee, it was unanimous. And then the amendment 3 brought partisan opposition. It appears that there are opponents from the Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association, Southern Illinois Builders, Associated General Contractors, Illinois Road and Transportation Builders. Did any of those entities reach out to you on their opposition or explain why they were opposed?"

Davis, W.: "Well, amendment #3 didn't bring the opposition. We did start hearing about opposition, and I'll start with the

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roadbuilders in particular. When I heard that they were opposed, I reached out to their president via text and asked him to either call me or send me an email with their opposition, and he did neither. It's my understanding that he did engage a little bit later with some of the other stakeholders. And, basically, his lobbyist told me that their opposition was philosophical. So, philosophical isn't an amendment or any language that I can change anything to. So, that's what we know. And I think where they've landed, they were concerned about IDOT. Even though they don't retain, they said, 'Can you take IDOT out the bill?' And we did take IDOT out the bill. I think there's still a little more... maybe some more work to be done. You mentioned the mechanical contractors, and we aren't really sure what their opposition is. Sometimes, we were finding that groups just don't like not having retainage as a hammer to work with subs. But when you have retainage and it's not... it's not afforded back to the subcontractor in a timely manner, as we all know, in our effort to support small businesses, that's money, cash, that small businesses don't have that they could use to put on the... the next project, if you will. So, what we've learned is that some groups just don't like retainage... excuse me, don't like the idea of removing retainage. But, again, we're not eliminating retainage. We're only suggesting that it can't be used in certain circumstances. I know you're talking, but I hope that maybe answers some of your questions."

Windhorst: "I appreciate... appreciate that. It appears that amendment 3 removed provisions pertaining to the Prompt Payment Act."

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Davis, W.: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Why were those removed?"

Davis, W.: "Well, the Prompt Payment Act also brings on interest. And if the... if there's retainage being held for a long period of time because that portion of the job is done and they're not paying that subcontractor back, the idea of using the Prompt Payment Act that brings on interest, we don't feel the state should be collecting interest on retainage when they're delaying, and that's my word, delaying, giving it back to the subcontractors appropriately."

Windhorst: "And if I understood your presentation correctly, there will be anticipated further changes in the Senate? Is that..."

Davis, W.: "Well, the only change that we have right now is the fact that we're removing IDOT from the bill completely. And the Senate sponsor has agreed to make that change."

Windhorst: "Appreciate you answering our questions."

Davis, W.: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1224 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 79 voting 'yes,' 35 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Buckner on House Resolution 199."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of... point of personal privilege and to present this resolution, HR199. Colleagues, please join me in honoring and welcoming the Dyett High School Eagles boys basketball team who made history by winning the

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2025 IHSA Class 2A state championship for the first time in school history. Give them a round of applause, please. On March 15 of this year, the Ides of March, the Dyett Eagles defeated Belleville Althoff Catholic High School 52-41 at the State Farm Center in Champaign, Illinois. Led by head coach Jamaal Gill, the Eagles finished their seasons with a remarkable 27-7 record. In the title game, senior Jayden McKinnon led the scoring with 17 points while players like Rickey Coleman, Aramis Brown Jr., and Matthew Wilson helped set the toe of... tone with grit, defense, and leadership. Every player had a big hand in this triumph. The team effort was one in the truest sense, and I want to proudly recognize the full coaching staff whose dedication, mentorship, and tireless preparation made this victory possible. As I said, head coach Jamaal Gill; coaches Christopher Williams, Darrell Bullock, Ronald Thomas, Nathan Townsen Jr., Kimani Harris, DiVonte Lumpkin, Jamaal Gill II; the managers, Kalya Barton, Raelynn Bosley, Nevaeh Gilbert, and Shariyah Nicholes. And we know that behind every successful team, there's a school culture that nurtures excellence. So, I also want to recognize their incredible school leadership that helped build that foundation, Principal Dori Butler, whose leadership has been instrumental in elevating Dyett's vision, and director of student life, Cinque Cullar. I also want to recognize, obviously, the young people by name who actually won this championship: Amari Brown, Matthew Wilson, Christian Lowe, Ahmari Taylor, Rickey Coleman, Jahmir Brown, Aramis Brown Jr., Cornell Dunbar, Jayden McKinnon, Mikai Harris, Devon Shelton, Johntae Duncan, Jacob Johnson, Zaire Tobar, and

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Dillion Fountain. These young men are more than just athletes, they are scholars, leaders, and living proof of what's possible when a community refuses to give up on its youth. This championship belongs to the entire Bronzeville community, which refused to let Dyett's light go out. So, to the team, to the coaches, the administrators, and supporters, you have made the 26th District proud, you've made your city proud, your state proud, and your ancestors proud. Congratulations, Dyett's... Dyett Eagles, 2025 champions. May your victory echo for generations to come."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Congratulations, Dyett High School. We're proud of you. Moving to page 16 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2801, Representative Deering. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2801, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendment. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Leader McCombie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Deering on the amendment."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I ask for the adoption of the amendment and then a debate on the bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Deering moves 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 amendments are adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2801, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Deering on the measure."

Deering: "Thank you. House Bill 2801 is a bill aimed at expanding career and technical education opportunities for high school students across Illinois. This initiative originally stemmed from a broader effort to promote STEAM-related opportunities. Under this legislation, the State Board of Ed will establish and maintain a publicly accessible online list, updated annually, featuring externship, internships, and volunteer opportunities submitted by organizations. Our hope is that these experiences will align with CTE career pathways, ensuring students have greater access to hands-on learning in high demand fields. I'm open for questions, but encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2801 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 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 1 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 16 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2772, Leader Delgado. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2772, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2772, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Delgado on House Bill 2772."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm very proud today to stand up on House Bill 2772, which I think brings women's professional sports to the forefront once again. House Bill 2772 prohibits gender-based discrimination towards those participating in sports activity programs under the Illinois Sports Facility Authority Act. It also adds professional women's sports under the definition of 'facility' in this act, and it makes some additional technical grammatical changes. But why I'm so proud to stand up here today is to talk about treating women's professional sports in the same manner that we have been historically treating men's professional sports, and I look forward to seeing some great progress from those amazing women who go out there and play every day. So, thank you very much. Happy to answer any questions, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2772 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 111 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 10 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2336, Representative DeLuca. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2336, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative DeLuca, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative DeLuca on the amendment."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt amendment #1, and we'll discuss it on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative DeLuca moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2336, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative DeLuca on the bill."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen. House Bill 2336 allows for the reimbursement for lift-assist services. Municipalities may collect reasonable fees from the assisted living facility or nursing home facility for every lift-assist service after the sixth lift-assist service provided to that assisted living facility or nursing home that year rendered by a municipal fire department, firefighter, emergency response unit, or public safety employee of a municipal department in connection with providing lift-assist services to a patient or other individual. The fees may not exceed the actual personnel and equipment costs for all

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services rendered by the municipality in connection with providing lift-assist services to a patient or other individual. Thank you. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate the explanation. There were some slight changes with the amendment. One of them is removing individual residents from the requirement. Is that accurate?"

DeLuca: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And this would apply after the sixth lift-assist. Do I have that accurate?"

DeLuca: "That is correct, after the sixth."

Windhorst: "And this was, as you said, initiative of the fire.. or at least proponents from the fire chiefs, DuPage mayors, south suburban mayors, and Illinois fire districts association."

DeLuca: "Yes, I believe those are some of them."

Windhorst: "Appreciate you answering my questions. Thank you."

DeLuca: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2336 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no.' 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the order... moving to page 34 of the calendar, on the Order of

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House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2874, Representative Deuter. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2874, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Deuter on the measure."

Deuter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2874 preserves patient and medical practitioner rights in Illinois with respect to ephedrine products. Broad language in the current law causes confusion and affects a medical practitioner's ability to prescribe ephedrine products for legitimate medical purposes and affects a pharmacy's ability to appropriately label the products. The change eliminates confusion and allows patients to obtain these products for legitimate medical purposes and use them safely. The bill passed committee unanimously, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2874 pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no,' please. 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jacobs, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jacobs: "I wanted to vote, now you ask me. What was the bill? DeLuca's bill. Was it 2336? Wanted to vote on that 'yes.'"

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record shall reflect your intent, Representative."

Jacobs: "Okay. Thank you, sir."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Moving to page 15 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2747, Representative Coffey. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2747, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2747, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Coffey on the measure."

Coffey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2747 authorizes the secretary of state to issue grants to libraries to improve or enhance security. The secretary of state already issues a variety of grants to libraries, including grants for planning and construction and technology. This legislation would allow grants to enhance security and safety. This would be included in existing appropriations for library grants and not require any new funding. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2747 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this measure, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 30 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 22, Representative Didech. Mr.

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Clerk, please read the bill. Mr. Clerk, please return the bill to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 22, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Didech, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Didech on the amendment."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 1 guts the bill. It's now a... a new proposal. It makes a technical revision to the Illinois Municipal Code. I'll... I'll explain it in detail on Third Reading."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Didech moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 22, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Didech on the measure."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 22 provides a process for when new school building construction is contemplated by a developer donation implementing ordinance. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On the measure, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. And you said this, but I want to clarify. We are not dealing with Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week with the... with the amendment. Is that correct?"

Didech: "The introduced bill was too stinky, so we're... we're doing something different."

Windhorst: "Very good. Very good. Ouch. So, what we're doing now is providing that the... that developer donations and impact fees in... contemplated in implementing ordinances may include amounts to pay for the cost of constructing a new school under certain circumstances. Is... do I have that accurate?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And what is the reason behind bringing this forward?"

Didech: "Yeah. So, the feedback that we've gotten from stakeholders working on that is that the current statute that contemplates the impact fees and developer donations for school grounds had some vagueness to it as to whether it also contemplates new school construction. In the School Code, we have some provisions that treat new school construction different than other infrastructure improvements on school grounds. So, we're bringing this section into alignment with those other provisions in the School Code."

Windhorst: "And it does not appear this drew any opposition, either in committee or from any stakeholders. Is that correct?"

Didech: "Not... not that I'm aware of."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 22 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 31 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills on Third Reading, we have House Bill 1700, Representative du Buclet. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1700, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative du Buclet on the measure."

du Buclet: "Thank you. House Bill 1700 amends the Deposit of State Moneys Act and the Public Investment Act to add a requirement that a... that a financial institution must have a satisfactory or outstanding rating under the Illinois Community Reinvestment Act in order to be eligible to... to receive deposits or public funds. House Amendment 1 specifies that the government funds that have not been deposited may not be withdrawn from a financial institution prior to the date of maturity solely on the basis of a less than satisfactory Illinois CRA rating. The amendment addresses concerns from the Community Bankers Association of Illinois, who now support House Bill 1700. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It appears that there was some opposition in committee around the fact that this program has been around since the 101st General Assembly but is just now being

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implemented. Do you know why there have been delays in implementation?"

du Buclet: "IDFPR implements it. They were in the JCAR for over a year working out with the financial institutions."

Windhorst: "And I think part of the concern with this bill, in particular, was implementing... I'm sorry, bringing forward changes before the original bill was implemented. How would this bill improve the implementation of the act?"

du Buclet: "Thank you, Representative. The rules were adopted in May of 2024, and IDFPR expects to begin their examinations under the act, under the Illinois CRA ratings, in 2025. And it goes into effect in January of 2026."

Windhorst: "I appreciate you answering my questions, and... and thank you for that information."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1700 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 84 voting 'yes,' 30 voting 'no,' and 1 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 10 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2179, Representative Elik. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2179, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Elik, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Elik on the amendment."

Elik: "There we go. Thank you, Speaker. Do I need to withdraw amendment 1?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please proceed with amendment 2, Representative."

Elik: "Okay, great. We'll adopt amendment 2. House Bill 2179, amendment 2, clarifies when an assisted living facility needs to report an incident or accident. Amendment 2 brings Department of Aging, the long-term care ombudsman to neutral. IDPH is neutral. Those agencies worked with LeadingAge on this language. So, I'm happy to take any questions and would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Elik moves adoption of 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2179, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Elik on the measure."

Elik: "Thank you. Same thing as I said before. This bill is related to assisted living facilities' reporting of incidents and accidents and is agreed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2179 pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the

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record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Miller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted the record to reflect that I wanted to be a 'no' vote on HJR25. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record will reflect your intention. Moving to page 32 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1908, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1908, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 18 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2977, Representative Gill. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2977, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gill, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Gill on the amendment."

Gill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment #1, which makes this just for cities over \$500,000 and then also just ensures that any funding currently going to our fire department, this is in addition to."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Gill moves adoption of House Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2977, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Gill on the measure."

Gill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2977 amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality of 500,000 or more must set aside, in a dedicated account, 10% of the funds the municipality receives from an insurer on account of ambulance or fire services provided by the municipality. Provides that they may only use the funds in the dedicated account for purchasing and maintaining our ambulances, fire engines, and other vehicles used to provide emergency services. Our fleet in Chicago is in dire need of help from us, and this bill will help. And I appreciate... I'm here for any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this measure, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, has the City of Chicago expressed an opinion on the bill?"

Gill: "They have."

Windhorst: "What is their stance?"

Gill: "They are in opposition right now, but we are open to talking to Senator Cunningham and I, who have been working on this bill in the Senate, when it goes to the Senate."

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Windhorst: "So, conversations are continuing?"

Gill: "The conversations are still happening, yes. But I really believe in this bill, and I don't want to change it much."

Windhorst: "All right. And this applies, as you said, now only to the City of Chicago."

Gill: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2977 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 35 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3178, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3178, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz on the measure."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3178 is a trailer from House Bill 4762 from the 103rd. It really just conforms language to the California statute that passed subsequent to our passing House Bill 4762. It's really just some clarifying language to ensure that the use of the digital replica is consistent with the terms of the contract for performance of personal or professional services and

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consistent with the central character of the photograph or soundtrack as recorded or performed. I know of no opposition. This was agreed language between SAG-AFTRA and the MPA. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Just to... to clarify for our side, this... part of what this bill is doing is making sure the requirements of the act apply to new performances, not anything that happened previously. Is that correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And that is, as you said, puts us in line with California law."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Puts us... puts us in line with California law and ensures that we're not interfering with existing contracts."

Windhorst: "Now, sometimes we hear, particularly side... our side of the aisle, being in line with California law is not something we would like to do. But why would being in line with California law be important with this bill?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "In this case, the motion picture industry, you know, as we all know, is... is a strong center of gravity in California but also a very important industry here in Illinois. We just want to make sure that as we are protecting artists in their contract negotiations and ensuring that their image and likeness is protected that we don't have language in one state that is different than another state when, generally speaking, the folks who are... we are aiming to

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protect here want to just make sure that they understand what the law is."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3178 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no.' The voting's 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 2 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 742, Leader González. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 742, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative González, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 31 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1712, Representative Grasse. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1712, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Grasse on House Bill 1712."

Grasse: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. House Bill 1712 creates standardization for the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment, or POLST, forms. And that document... they are documents that guide emergency and long-term care

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for patients who cannot advocate for themselves and that honor their medical wishes, especially in the case of an emergency. This bill would establish clear oversight, uniform training, and accountability measures within the Illinois Department of Public Health to ensure health care providers follow POLST forms correctly. And this also will ensure that people's own end-of-life wishes are known and followed and honored. I urge your support."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Representative Hauter."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Hauter: "So, in... in committee, we just had a problem with the form being maybe duplicative. And also, the question I have is, is this a mandatory training? Is this mandatory training for health care work... workforce?"

Grasse: "So, the training is going to be on the IDPH website, and it will be available for all those who are tasked with helping others fill out those forms. There is no cost for it. It will... and all those who are... all those health care providers who... who are to present the forms to others and make sure that they have universal training and understanding of the form."

Hauter: "I just wasn't clear if this would be... would be mandatory and would it be every year. I'm just trying to get a picture if the work... or our health care workforce in Illinois is now have another additional mandated training from the state on something that they should be well aware of and they've previously... I mean, this is what they do, as you know, Representative, for a living. And now, they're going to have

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additional training that's mandated from the state. Is it... is it a mandated every year activity?"

Grasse: "Well, I think that would up to the individual health care facilities to determine for their own staff. It will be present and available, and it will be a universal training. So, that would be up to... to the individual health care facilities. What I... what I can say is, is my own experience as a hospice chaplain shows that many health care providers do not understand this form well enough to truly explain it to those people who are wanting to make their end-of-life wishes known. So, this is providing an option for them to have that available to all who are tasked with helping others fill it out."

Hauter: "Okay. So, my understanding is that it will be the discretion of the individual facility if they want their health care workforce to be trained in it, and it's not a mandate from the state that it... it has to be part of their yearly CMEs."

Grasse: "That is my understanding."

Hauter: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1712 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 76 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 32 of the calendar, on

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the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1908, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1908, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Evans. Leader..."

Evans: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this assembly. This bill is an initiative for of the water reclamation district. It adds a deputy executive director to help with government efficiency and processing for them. Statutorily, in order to add the position, they need us to make the change, so I request your support."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Leader, this bill would allow the appointment of a deputy executive director for MWRD. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Not necessarily. It's the... the ability for them to create the position. They could potentially fill it this year whenever they vote on it, or it could be something done in the future, but it gives them the flexibility and the opportunity."

Windhorst: "So, it allows it to happen?"

Evans: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Do we know if... if it does occur, if there's any associated costs, either with the district or with the state for it?"

Evans: "No, I mean, we haven't heard any bad news from them for a long time, so they're really great with their fiscal management. This gives them the flexibility to add for

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government efficiency. But, you know, they've been within their levy or under it for many, many years. So, no they're... so they've been managed well, so we don't... we don't expect a huge change in the budget."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Evans: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1908 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 this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Crawford, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Crawford: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I... I rise to recognize the SGA leaders, the student government leaders from the City Colleges of Chicago, who are in the Speaker's Gallery today with us. They're here in Springfield for Student Advocacy Day. And I think they look good in their white shirts, and they're doing a great job at it. Can I have all of the State Representatives who have a City College of Chicago in their district, one of the seven City Colleges, please rise. If you need a reminder, those colleges are Daley College, where I worked for eight years; Kennedy-King College, where I worked for a few years; Malcolm X College; Harold Washington College; Truman College; Wilbur Wright College. Did I leave anyone

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out? Olive-Harvey College, oh... the... on the far South Side. Absolutely. I want to recognize their... a few graduates that are here. Absolutely, please do. So, we have SGA leaders gradating this year: Mr. David Ramirez, just raise your hand if you're here; Laisha Garcia; Zixuan 'Zoe' Zhang; Glory Daniels; Ameer Longe; Kaitlyn Espinoza; Jordyn Murray; Jovannae Magallanes; Valerie Dutan; and Conception Vega. Congratulations from us here in the Illinois state House of Representatives on your accomplishments. As a former student government leader and your advisor for eight years, I know the hard work and dedication that you all put together in advocating for yourselves, your fellow students, and your community. And I am saving a seat here in the House of Representatives for some of you upon your election. Thank you all."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "State your point."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "So, I have the privilege of having Daley College in my district, and I just want to welcome the students, and it's great to see you here. And at some point, I'll be out in the college to visit you. Thank you so much."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Moving to page 34, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2983, Leader González. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill. Mr. Clerk, please move the bill to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Please read the bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 28... correction, House Bill 2983, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative González and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On the amendment, Representative González."

González: "It's a gut and replace amendment to become bill. I'll talk about it when it's on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative... Leader González moves adoption of House 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2983, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader González on the bill."

González: "House Bill 2983 is an initiative of the Secretary of State's Office and is their driver's omnibus bill to address several issues within statute. It came out of committee unanimously, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. As you hit as the overview, this is the secretary of state omnibus for driving services. Is that accurate?"

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González: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Could you hit some of the highlights of what the bill does?"

González: "For sure. It expands the... the seasonal restrictive permit from 180 to 210 at the request of farmers. It clarifies that submitting to a driver's license exam while providing answers to an applicant remotely is cheating. Allows cyclists who came to a red light after waiting 120 seconds, which is a standard time for a traffic light to cycle, to proceed through the intersection if there's no other oncoming traffic, and clarifies that there's a standard traffic light and a bicycle traffic light that the cyclist must obey the bicycle traffic light. And there's a bunch of other technical issues in the bill."

Windhorst: "And it appears under, I believe, amendment 1, the trucking association was opposed but... or expressed concerns, but that was removed with amendment 2. Is that accurate?"

González: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And to your knowledge, is there any opposition to the bill as it's presented now?"

González: "As far as I see, no."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2983 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a Constitutional majority, is hereby declared

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passed. Moving to page 5 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1441, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1441, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. And no motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1441, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar on the bill."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Speaker, I'd like to adopt amendment 1."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 36 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3428, Representative Haas. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3428, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Haas on the bill."

Haas: "Thank you, Mr.... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3428 would have the Department of Public Health hold semiannual training sessions for surveyors, nursing home providers, and assisted living providers. This joint training session should include, but are not limited to, regional citation patterns relating to complaints, standards, and outcomes in nursing homes and assisted living survey processes. There was no opposition to this in committee... or there was no opposition

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to this bill. It passed committee unanimously, and I would a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3428 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional amendment, is... excuse me, this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 28 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 3743, Representative Hanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3743, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hanson and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Hanson on the amendment."

Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I recommend the adoption of House Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3743. The amendment makes a couple of minor changes to points number four and five and, more importantly, makes it crystal clear how a school board may opt-out of the requirements."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Hanson moves adoption of House 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?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3743, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Hanson on the bill."

Hanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen of the General Assembly, this is a... a public and a child safety bill. This bill amends the School Code and requires that each school district shall include railroad safety messaging in its handbook for students kindergarten through grade 12. This messaging, it's kind of rudimentary, and it takes things that are sometimes included in voluntary operations and puts it into the... the day in, day out student-parent handbook that goes to every school. And through the amendment, it does offer up language. If a school board and a school district wants to opt-out of it, they may."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you outlined, this has a provision requiring railroad safety messaging for K through 12 handbooks, but there is a opt-out for school districts. Is that essentially it?"

Hanson: "That is correct. There are some school districts that actually have committees that do nothing but focus on that handbook. That would be a way to feed the information into the school board. Should they not have such a committee, the school board themselves can go ahead and... and choose to opt-

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out. And... and it does align with the... with the... the traditional school calendar year, which begins on July the 1st."

Windhorst: "We are showing the principals association is still opposed, even with the amendment. Do you know the nature of their opposition?"

Hanson: "I appreciate their minor input. They believe it should be in everyday curriculum. I don't blame them, but I also know that's an incredible burden to ask on our teachers right now to... to include more things in an... a everyday school day. I think this is a noncumbersome beginning point. I'd love to work with them going forward to build in a curriculum."

Windhorst: "Thank you for the explanation."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3743 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 13 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2551, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2551, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 was offered by Representative Kelly."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar on the amendment."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. I believe we have to adopt an amendment. We're good?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar moves adoption of House Floor Amendment #1. All 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 Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar on the amendment."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "The amendment is just a technical change."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar moves adoption of House Floor Amendment #2. All 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2551, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Guerrero-Cuellar on the measure."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 2551 is to reinstate the task force for study recommendations and mechanism to reduce the risk and the rate of suicide among first responders."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2551 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 30 the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1331, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1331, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Harper on the measure."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 1331, which is an initiative of the Illinois Rare Disease Commission. It would require the Department of Insurance to consider establishing ratios for genetic medicine and genetic counseling providers. I know of no opposition. The Illinois Society of Genetics Professionals support this bill, and I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1331 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 32 of the calendar, on the Order of

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House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2351, Representative Hauter. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2351, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Hauter on the measure."

Hauter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2351 is an initiative of ISMS. It directs the State Healthcare Workforce Council to coordinate with the state health care workforce to work with GME training programs to meet health care needs in the state and creates the Medical Residency Education Fund to increase state-controlled, state-controlled, residency positions for physicians. There is no opposition. There is strong support from health care, higher education, including Southern Illinois and University of Illinois. This increases physician residents staying in the.. in the state and returns millions of dollars in investments to physicians. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2351 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 16 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2771, Representative Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2771, a Bill for an Act concerning health. This bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2771, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Barbara Hernandez on the measure."

Hernandez, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB2771 allows the Department of Public Health to charge a fee of \$65 for a certificate of free sale rather than \$10. They haven't changed this price since 20... 2003, and currently they're losing close to \$130,000. So, I... I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is a fee increase from \$10 to \$65. Do I have that accurate?"

Hernandez, B.: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "How was the figure of 65 arrived at?"

Hernandez, B.: "It was due to inflation. Like I said, this hasn't been changed since 2003. The 65 will be able to have a little bit more cushion for the next a couple years from now."

Windhorst: "And, specifically, was there a cost study performed by the department that led them to the figure of 65, or was that an estimate they just used internally? How did they arrive at that fee?"

Hernandez, B.: "I believe it was an estimate that they provided."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2771 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 76 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 33 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2676, Representative Norma Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2676, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Norma Hernandez on the measure."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to amend amendment 1, please."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Please proceed, Representative."

Hernandez, N.: "Well, I'm here to urge the passage of HB2676. Ensuring that sufficient providers are available in Illinois communities is a critical part of any program to promote access to care. When certain specialties are lacking, costs rise and barriers like travel distance make it... make it so that some families are less able to access all the kids... of all the kid... of care that may need. The legislation that I'm presenting today would help to address one of these shortages by adding ophthalmologist to the list of eligible health care providers who can qualify for loan repayment through the

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Department of Public Health in Underserved Health Care Provider Workforce Program. This program assists people in locally scarce specialties who are willing to practice full or half time in designated shortage areas, which are designated by the director of the Department of Public Health. Participants receive assistance repaying educational loans in exchange for service in underserved areas. This is common... this is a commonsense measure that enhances and incentives for needed specialists to practice in areas currently suffering from reduced access or no access to ophthalmology services. Passage will make it easier and likely cheaper for Illinois families to care for... to take care of their vision. The Illinois Optometric Association is a proponent, and there are no known opponents. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Are we anticipating there will be any fiscal impact to the state if this bill passes?"

Hernandez, N.: "I believe... one second. Give me one moment. From my understanding, there isn't."

Windhorst: "It... just so I have it correct, is it... appears that the program is funded by federal funds through the HRSA with a state match from tobacco settlement funds. Is that accurate?"

Hernandez, N.: "Correct."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry, I didn't hear. Was that yes?"

Hernandez, N.: "It's not new."

Windhorst: "I apologize. What'd you just say?"

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Hernandez, N.: "It's already been in existence. All we're doing is adding a new group of people, a... a profession."

Windhorst: "But by adding it, there would be some impact, potentially, but it appears those costs are covered by either a... a federal program, plus the state match, which we use to tobacco funds for. If... do I have that... that part correct?"

Hernandez, N.: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Okay. And it appears last year, I believe, we added chiropractors and now were adding optometrists. Is that accurate?"

Hernandez, B.: "That's... that's correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2676 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 4 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1341, Representative Jacobs. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1341, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1341, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jacobs on the measure."

Jacobs: "Well, let me apologize first, Speaker, for being a little asleep last time I think, but I wasn't. I was just talking with Clayton. This bill, House Bill 1341, I appreciate it. I brought this bill up in '23. It was passed unanimously here. We brought it up again last year. It didn't get called. This is an excellent bill for our district. There's a little place down there called Tamms. Tamms prison was built for about \$71 million in 19... well, in the 90s. Then it was promptly closed in 2013. So, it sits down in our district, raising rattlesnakes and many, many other products, mold, etc. We want to create a team, a task force, to find out what we can do with this particular building. It's... it can be used for anything: a mental health facility, training for fire, training for police. There's any number of things. That's what we want a task force to do. If it needs to be pulled down, torn down, we want the construction trades learning there. There are many things that we can do with it. I need to get it passed and get the task force working and maybe get this thing removed from the government and even put back on the tax rolls. Thank you, and that... I'm willing to take any questions on it at this point. I do ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. Representative Jacobs, am I have deja vu? Have I seen this bill before?"

Jacobs: "You saw in your committee. Yes, ma'am."

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Blair-Sherlock: "Okay. And did it pass unanimously out of committee?"

Jacobs: "Yes, ma'am, it did."

Blair-Sherlock: "And did we have a similar bill on the floor in the 103rd?"

Jacobs: "I'm sorry?"

Blair-Sherlock: "We... we had a similar bill on the floor in the 103rd as well, didn't we?"

Jacobs: "Yes, it passed. Yes."

Blair-Sherlock: "And that passed the House as well?"

Jacobs: "Unanimously, yes."

Blair-Sherlock: "Okay. Thank you."

Jacobs: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1341 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? Vella. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 1 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 31 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1577, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1577, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Huynh on House Bill 1577."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1577 is a trailer cleanup bill from last session brought to me as an initiative of NH... NAHIP as it pertains to student health care coverage."

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It's a carve out for student health care plans. The bill passed out of committee unanimously with bipartisan support.

I know of no opposition, and I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1577 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... Vella. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative DeLuca, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

DeLuca: "Point of personal privilege, please, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

DeLuca: "Please join me in giving a warm Springfield welcome to a group of social work students from Governors State University. Please state up. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol, future social workers. Moving to the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, page 21 of the calendar, we have House Bill 3248, Representative Jiménez. Representative Jiménez. Out of the record. Moving to page 33 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2488, Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2488, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Johnson on the bill."

Johnson: "Hello? Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2488 changes the term 'intentional violation' in the Illinois Occupational

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Safety and Health Act to 'willful violation' to match federal OSHA language and increases the penalty cap for a willful violation to \$70,000 from \$10,000. Due to the egregious nature of the willful violations, the increased penalty is necessary to deter violations and hold the back actors... bad actors accountable for risking the health and safety of public servants, such as firefighters, public works employees, water and sewer department employees, and many others. To be clear, this bill only applies to public employees and employers, as federal law prohibits the state from enforcement in the private sector. Over the past 10 years, there was been 18 willful violations, 12 of which have resulted in either serious injury or death. The effective date is October 1 to match the federal fiscal year. This is a Department of Labor initiative, and there are no known opponents."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "The gentlemen indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is, as you mentioned, a civil... civil penalty increase from 10,000 to 70,000. Do I have that correct?"

Johnson: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Has the \$10,000 penalty shown to be inadequate?"

Johnson: "Yes, it has."

Windhorst: "And how has that shown to be inadequate?"

Johnson: "When we were even discussing this in committee, we... this... first of all, I... I think we should have always matched the federal level anyway. But the reality is, \$10,000 is... is, I... I would assume, a... a public employee... bosses, at times, do

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a risk reward as well, just like other agencies, other businesses do. And the \$70,000 would clearly be a much better deterrent. Even when it was brought up in committee, Representative Benton brought this up in committee that when you start looking at fines that are instituted against public bodies and you see a \$70,000 fine, it tends to stand out a heck of a lot more than a \$10,000 would, which then stops the bad actors and also starts an accountability process."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate that explanation. There is a, as you know, a large debate, not only on this bill, but other bills, about whether penalty enhancements are effective. Do they deter conduct or not? And there are many bills we see come forward in the General Assembly on both sides of aisle. Some are allowed to be voted on and passed because it's said that those penalty enhancements do deter whatever conduct, and then there are others that are not allowed to go forward and pass because, quote-unquote, 'penalty enhancements don't work.' So, I don't know that I'll be supporting your bill, but I do appreciate your statement that there are times when penalty enhancements do deter certain conduct. Thank you."

Johnson: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2488 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 79 voting 'yes,' 37 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 35 of the calendar, we have

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House Bill 3339, on the Order of Third Reading, Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, please move the bill to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an amendment and please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3339, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Jones, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On the amendment, Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Floor Amendment #2 to the bill is a simple bill that seeks to clarify the Criminal Code. There was some issues from the ACLU and others regarding that. So, this is what amendment 2 does, and I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jones moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please return the bill to the Order of Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3339, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jones on the measure."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I begin, I'd like to thank Governor Pritzker, Speaker Welch, State Police Director John Kelly, Sergeant John Thompson of the Illinois State Police, Representative... Leader Ann Williams, Members of the Executive

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Committee, Representative Kelly for assisting with this bill. This is an important piece of legislation. Many of you know, in 2021, we passed the Tamara Clayton act, a postal worker who was shot and killed on I-57. At that time, the... the bill was a pilot program, and it allowed the state police to put a camera on the expressway to prevent expressway shootings. And part of that, just to read some stats, 82% of the internet... interstate shootings last year, the cameras have helped the state police not only capture the individuals who involved or had people who witnessed the shooting work with the state police. And I'm happy to report to this General Assembly that since 2021, there's been a decrease in shootings, a 31% decrease in 2023, 53% decrease from 2022, and a 71% decrease when we implemented the bill. And last year, the state police announced a hundred percent of the shootings on the expressways in 2023 resulted in arrests, and that is a good measure and a good result for this General Assembly and everyone who supported this bill. I know that there's opposition on the side from the ACLU. We attempted to not only quell that but also work with them. But this is a great bill, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote. And I'm happy to take any questions, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Question of the sponsor."

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will yield."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Representative. I just wanted to make sure, because we had some back and forth and we worked... I don't why I was looking all over. You're sitting in the same seat you've sat in forever. Hi. You look great today. We had some back

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and forth about this, and you... you amended the bill and removed the ACLU's objections. Is that correct?"

Jones: "That's correct."

Cassidy: "I really appreciate your willingness to work with us on this and make sure that our shield remains strong. So, thank you so much for that, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3339 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 20 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3141, Leader Keicher. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3141, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Keicher, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Keicher on the amendment."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of the amendment, which clarifies the agreement between all parties involved in the legislation on the Senate side."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Keicher moves 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3141, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Keicher on the measure."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a... actually, a bit of cleanup on defining which responsibilities belong to the IEPA, which belong to laborers, and which belong to plumber. Cleans up a little bit of confusion that was causing delays in construction projects in the State of Illinois. And I move for its unanimous adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3141 pass?' All in favor say... 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Grant, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Grant: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Grant: "Okay. I have this woman with me, and I rise today on a point of personal privilege, of course, to recognize a very special guest joining us, Julie Bickelhaupt. She is participating in The Lincoln Series, the premier leadership development program for Republican women. The... The Lincoln Series is dedicated to preparing and empowering more women to run for office and serve in government and politics. Through...

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thought it is unique, leadership, empowerment tracks, the program equip... equips women from across the state with the tools, knowledge, statewide network needed to become purposeful and effective leaders. Julie is a shining example of the kind of talent and dedication that The Lincoln Series cultivates, and I'm proud to welcome here to the Capitol today. Please join me in recognizing Julie Bickelhaupt. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Moving to page 32 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2335, Representative Michael Kelly. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2335, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Kelly on the measure."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2335 is a vehicle service omnibus that contains the following provisions: It modifies the definition of 'expanded-use antique vehicles.' It corrects an error conflicting language regarding the fees for antique vehicles that antique plates shall not exceed \$6 per registration year. It provides that a highly.. that highly restrictive personal information contained in a vehicle title registration records may be so disclosed only to the individual to whom the information pertains, law enforcement, secretary of state personnel, or pursuant to a court order. It allows for the printed proof of registration to be valid for 30 days from... from the expiration date of the previous registration sticker or 30 days from the purchase date of the new registration sticker. It corrects a discrepancy regarding

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the mandatory insurance verification notice and registration suspension requirements by clarifying that the vehicle owner who does not provide proof of insurance or proof of an inoperable vehicle within 30 calendar days in... is in violation of the mandatory insurance requirement and their vehicle's registration will be suspended upon expiration of that 30 calendar days. And this also clarifies that short-term permits may only be used for... be issued by VSD to licensed rebuilders of the purpose driving... salvaged and rebuilt vehicles to be inspected by the SOS under the IVC, Section 3-308. And happy to answer any questions, and respectfully ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you stated, I think at the start, this is the secretary of state's vehicle services omnibus bill. Is that correct?"

Kelly: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "I show that there was some opposition in committee, and I think the opposition related to some of the disclosure of information prohibitions specifically relating to immigration enforcement."

Kelly: "Correct. That's what they stated in committee."

Windhorst: "And, under the bill, that would be prohibited, that release, except by court order, judicial warrant, or subpoena issued by a state or federal court. Is that accurate?"

Kelly: "That's... that's correct."

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Windhorst: "And this provision is essentially what is required by the state's TRUST Act. Is that correct?"

Kelly: "Correct. This just clarifies that the secretary of state has to comply with this TRUST Act, which they already do."

Windhorst: "And I know you're aware, but several Members on our side have issues with the TRUST Act. So, if there are 'no' votes on our side, I think that will be issue that we're expressing."

Kelly: "Understand. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2335 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 75 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 5 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1362, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1362, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. This bill was a read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 27 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3677, Representative La Ha. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3677, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This bill was read a second time previously. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative La Ha, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative La Ha on the amendment."

La Ha: "I'd like to adopt the amendment and debate on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative La Ha moves 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 Hollman: "No further... no further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3677, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative La Ha on the measure."

La Ha: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I bring forward House Bill 3677, which is the Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act. Because when someone's mobility and full livelihood depends on a device, waiting weeks or months for a basic repair is unacceptable. Mobility is not a luxury, it's an absolute necessity. This bill does two things. First, it gives independent repair providers the ability to fix complex wheelchairs by requiring manufacturers not to share the necessary tools, parts, or information. Second, it takes out the equation of unnecessary insurance delays. Insurance... insurers will no longer have to require prior authorizations before a repair of a previously approved piece of equipment can begin. This is a practical, consumer-focused solution

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brought forth by NCART, and I'm extremely proud to carry this legislation. And I respectfully ask for your support."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3677 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 25 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3511, Representative LaPointe. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3511, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3511, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative LaPointe on House Bill 3511."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You're looking great up there. House Bill 3511 is a bill that would make some small changes to our School and Municipal Social Work Loan Repayment Program that's administered by ISAC, and the bill would establish the Nonprofit Clinical Supervision Grant Program to be overseen by our Department of Human Services. Both components of this bill take aim at the same problem, which is our pervasive behavioral health care workforce shortage. Recruitment and

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retention into the field is vital. That includes loan repayment, and it also includes far better access to clinical supervision hours to speed up access to clinical licensure for our LCSWs, who provide... of all the professionals, they provide the most mental health care in Illinois. We want them to work at the top of their licensure. We want them to be able to bill. So, very briefly, the bill changes this social work loan repayment program because its undersubscribed. There are funds available and people are not actively going after the funds. So, we're increasing the available amount to incentivize people to go after the funds from 6500 to 8,000. We're including social workers that are employed by counties, and then we are establishing the Nonprofit Clinical Supervision Program so a nonprofit association can run a program by employing LCSWs to provide efficient and effective supervision so people can accelerate to full licensure more quickly. Although this bill is subject to appropriation, which makes lots of folks very nervous, it actually moved out of the Higher Ed Committee unanimously. And that's because there is a 6 million approp that's GRF to the school social work program that we have been appropriating for three years, and it's in the governor's introduced budget. And so, our proposal is to take a million of that and put it towards the supervision program. Thank you for your indulgence. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. We show the Department of Human Services is opposed. Is that accurate, number one? And number two, what is the nature of their opposition?"

LaPointe: "That is accurate, and we have been in several conversations with their legislative team, and they have been directed to be opposed to anything that adds to their budget. However, the conversations are now happening with higher level people in the administration to make clear that this is not new money, that the intention is to take a million from the 6 million approp that we've had for three years to use it towards this."

Windhorst: "And do we have an overall price tag for this program if it... or this bill if it passes?"

LaPointe: "Yeah. The supervision component, the... the price cap, is a million. And then for the actual student loan repayment, for each applicant, it would be 8,000."

Windhorst: "And that universe, is it known or unknown? How many would get the 8,000?"

LaPointe: "The known universe is the history of the numbers of school social workers that have been applying. So, we do have that data, and it is undersubscribed. And... and, if you want, just like my other bills, I'm happy to give you that data, Leader."

Windhorst: "That'd be good."

LaPointe: "Okay. So, for state Fiscal Year '24, for example, there were 224 recipients of the school and municipal social work shortage loan repayment, and that price tag was about 1.2 million."

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Windhorst: "So, to summarize, DHS concern is a potential increase to their budget, but you believe that the money is already there and it would not be an increase. Is that accurate or fair to say?"

LaPointe: "That's a great outline."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3511 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 32 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1927, Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1927, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Lilly on the measure."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of the General Assembly. I rise to present House Bill 1927. It amends the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act to provide that, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, moneys in the OSLAD space and the development fund may not be appropriated, signed, or transferred to another state fund. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Has the Department of Natural Resources expressed an opinion on the bill?"

Lilly: "They have not."

Windhorst: "And we show that this was your initiative bringing forward. What caused you to bring this forward?"

Lilly: "Well, yes, I've passed this bill out of the general... the 103rd General Assembly last year, and it kind of stalled in the Senate. But we want to make sure that one of the state's most precious programs and most successful program stays intact. And from time to time, the state takes money from good programs for other good things, but it puts the programs for the state park districts in jeopardy. So, we want to make sure we're... our parks throughout the State of Illinois have what they need to balance the mindset and the hearts of the children of Illinois."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1927 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 102 voting 'yes,' 11 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, on page 35, we have House Bill 3343, Representative Mah... Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3343, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Mah on the bill. Leader Mah. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Moving to page 24 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3435, Representative Manley. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3435, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Manley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Manley on the amendment."

Manley: "I'd like to adopt the amendment and discuss it on Third, please."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Manley moves adoption of House 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3435, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Manley on the measure."

Manley: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 3435, the amendment is a gut and replace. It would allow health and mental health practitioners from other states or territories to act in Illinois while under the auspices of the American Red Cross. These individuals are volunteers who perform these services at no charge during disasters or emergencies, or in anticipation of such disasters or emergencies, such as a solar

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eclipse, in anticipation of a severe weather storm or major event, such as the Democratic National Convention. Many times, disaster incidents, such as floods, tornadoes, or apartment fires, receive no disaster declaration when a mental health worker or nurse might be needed from across state lines in the Quad Cities or in the Metro East area to assist in a Red Cross shelter or to help with replacing medications lost in a disaster. There are no known opponents, and I'm able to take any questions you might have."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this measure, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, just so people on my side are clear, this is no longer related to health care violence prevention but..."

Manley: "Correct. Correct. It..."

Windhorst: "...it's gut and a place... replace amendment. Is that correct?"

Manley: "It was a gut and replace totally, yes."

Windhorst: "And it did the... basically, the simple thing that you outlined relating to individuals with a valid license of another state or territory operating under the auspices of the Red Cross, primarily on a volunteer basis. Is that..."

Manley: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And, as you said, there's no known opposition to the bill."

Manley: "There is... as far as I know, there is no known opposition."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3435 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Elik, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Elik: "Thank you, Speaker. I think we're on now. I just wanted to have the body note that I have a page on the floor today. I am super pleased to have Nicholas Miller with me today. He's a 9-year-old fourth grader who attends Canongate Elementary School in Sharpsburg, Georgia. He is here this week while visiting family for spring break. This is his first visit to the Illinois State House. Nicholas loves social studies and history, including information and facts about world history, Greek mythology, the State of Illinois, and Abraham Lincoln. He plays piano and trumpet. Wynton Marsalis and Miles Davis are two of his favorite trumpeters, and I bet he didn't know Miles Davis was born in my hometown. So, he also enjoys tennis. He enjoys gaming and coding, he has his yellow belt in his coding program, and listening to various music, very cool music too, from Jimi Hendrix and Lenny Kravitz to Teddy Pendergrass and Samm Henshaw. In Nicholas' spare time, he likes to play board games with his family, build worlds on 'Minecraft,' and catch 'Pokémon.' Welcome to Springfield, Nicholas. We're happy to have you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to Springfield, young man. You play an eclectic set of hobbies. Representative LaPointe, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

LaPointe: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want go back and explain what that rousing applause was after I presented HB3511. You were hearing from a whole bunch of social workers and social work students that are here for advocacy day with the National Association of Social Workers of Illinois. There are about 450 social workers or students or professors at the Capitol today. And for them to witness a bill that is going to make the pathway into that career and to allow them to be retained in the career for years, so they can provide support and behavioral health treatment to people in all of our districts, was really meaningful to them. And so, I just want to say, thank you for being here today. Thanks for the rousing applause, and I hope that all of my colleagues find the time to have conversations with them while they're here today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Welcome to the Capitol, social workers. Representative Briel, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Briel: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Briel: "I would like to introduce the House to two amazing young pages. These are the Nagele twins, Gunnar and Everly. They are in the district. Their dad is the... an incredible innovator when it comes to agriculture. He... his family had a farm, and

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they realized that they couldn't make what they were making before, and if the farm was going to survive, they had to do something different. Nick decided, with the family's support, to... to turn their corn acreage into a sustainable growing operation that creates some of the best whiskey you're going to get. They are located in DeKalb. I am so incredibly proud. Everly and Gunnar are awesome. Can we please give them a big round of applause?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Moving to page 24 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3439, Representative Mason. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3439, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mason, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mason on the amendment."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment just clarifies some of the provisions in the underlying bill, and it removes the requirement for... for reports to be given to the General Assembly."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mason moves adoption of House 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3439, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mason."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3439 really addresses something that we have been talking about in early childhood for, I don't know, the last... in the last General Assembly and now. It's about the clarification of background checks and how that pertains to staff and whether contingent employment is allowed, once... once a provisional employee is hired, whether they can work as a contingent employee until the remainder of their background check goes through. So, this really codifies into law... law the understanding as it should be. If an employee is hired on a contingent basis, pending the final results of their background check, they must be supervised at all times. This bill passed out of committee unanimously from both sides, and I appreciate your support."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3439 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 10 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2338, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2338, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Mayfield, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mayfield on House Floor Amendment 4."

Mayfield: "The amendment just corrects drafting errors and puts the bill in the correct section."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mayfield moves adoption of House Floor Amendment #4. 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2338, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mayfield on House Bill 2338."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. This is a very simple bill, as... it actually came from a senior constituent of mine who had purchased a third-party warranty. And when she took her car in to have it repaired, they refused to give her a copy of the warranty that she paid for. So, this bill is an agreed bill. I worked on it with the automobile dealers, and it just basically says if you purchase one of these warranties that... and the consumer requests it, you have to give them a copy."

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It's commonsense, but, unfortunately, we have to legislate type of things."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Representative Weber."

Weber: "To the bill. I just wanted to give..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "To the bill."

Weber: "...Representative Mayfield a congratulation. Good job on working out all the opposition. She... we had a lot of questions in the beginning, and all we heard was good things from the opposition that she was more than willing to work things out. So, great job, and please add me to bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2338 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? Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Staying on page 10 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2196, Representative Meier. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2196, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Meier, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Meier on House Floor Amendment #1."

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Meier: "Floor Amendment 1 brings everybody that we've negotiated with to neutral, and I'll explain that all in the bill if that's possible."

Speaker Guzzardi: "More than possible, Representative. Representative Meier moves adoption of House 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2196, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "2196 is a bill that was brought forth to me from the Illinois Stewardship Alliance. This bill mimics closer to the Indiana regulations that they currently use. We've worked with the Illinois Department of Ag. We've worked with farm bureau. We've worked with health departments. This does not take our small family farms up to Indiana's standard yet. But for fresh food, fresh from the farm, this bill allows the farmers that have been processing up to 5,000 chickens a year on their farm to process up to 7500. It will also allow them to go and sell these at a farmers' market. They will have to pass the farmers market's health standards for that. It will... they will have lettering boards put up in front of their signs saying that this was processed on a farm, not in a meat factory. We have lost another one of our small processors for our poultry in the State of Illinois, and we're losing options

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for these farms to come and bring fresh food to the... to the Illinois families. And so, this bill is going to give them that opportunity. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2196 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Leader."

Hammond: "Yesterday, I was fortunate enough to pass House Bill 3000, a... hopefully a suicide prevention bill. The lady that brought that initiative to me is with us here today in the gallery with her sister, Amy Evans, and her sister, Teresa. Ladies, thank you for being here, and thank you for all you do for suicide prevention. God bless you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you for your important work, and welcome to the Capitol. Staying on page 32 of the calendar, House Bill 2340, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, 2340, Leader McCombie. Mr. Clerk, please move this bill back to the Order of Second Reading for the purpose of an amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2340, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Leader McCombie, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader McCombie on the amendment."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. On the amendment, this... well, the amendment... floor 1 amendment, okay. This... the floor 1 amendment just removes one word, and I'll speak to the bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Leader. Leader McCombie moves adoption of House 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2340, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader McCombie on the measure."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. This bill is concerning chronic wasting disease in the deer herd. There are 20 counties in Illinois, and the DNR sharpshoots deer herds. And, obviously, as you can imagine, constituents have an issue with that. So, this is to try to help resolve part of this. In the... in the areas, the 20 acre... or the 20 counties that have CWD, if you have an ownership of 20 acres, you would be... you can go ahead and get a hunting license rather than 40 acres, only in the CWD district... or counties. So, we have agreement from DNR and the farm bureau on this bill. It's agreed, and I will take any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2340 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 4 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1332, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1332, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was... was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Meyers-Martin on the amendment."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. Amendment 3 merely clarifies the elements of the underlying bill, which therefore addressed all of the concerns of the committee and passed out of committee unanimously."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Meyers-Martin moves adoption of House Floor Amendment #3. 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1332, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Meyers-Martin on the measure."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1332 amends the Hospital Licensing Act. Provides that a hospital licensed under the act must, at the time of a patient is checked in, give the patient the opportunity to designate an emergency contact and then requires consent if that contact would be communicated any private information. Amendment 3 then created a clear hierarchy of the hospital's notification in case there is a legal representative and an emergency contact. It streamlines the language of the emergency contact, as well as makes a technical change in the definition of health information. It focuses on the notification process in the case of a patient having died versus a life and death threatening event. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. You mentioned this, just want to make sure to highlight it. Amendment 3 brought IHA to neutral. Is that correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "It brought... well, the hospital association was the author of the amendment as well as a witness in committee. So, the committee, then, was neutral and supported it fully."

Windhorst: "What was the committee vote on amendment 3? Was it unanimous?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "Okay. And we had a note that IHA actually preferred different language from AARP. Is... was that communicated to you?"

Meyers-Martin: "Well, there was a conflict between AARP's amendment, and so we floored that amendment. And then amendment 3 clarified all of that information, including the information in amendment 2."

Windhorst: "And so, with amendment 3, what is a... IHA's position? Are they supportive then?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you for that clarification."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1332 pass?' All in favor say 'aye'; all... 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 87 voting 'yes,' 26 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 9 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1910, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1910, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moeller on the amendment."

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Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 makes some technical changes to the liability language of the bill, and ask for its adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moeller moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1910, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moeller on the measure."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am very pleased to present House Bill 1910 this afternoon in the House chamber. This bill came to me from a constituent who is a senior at the Illinois Math and Science Academy in Aurora. She, at a very young age, has already devoted a lot of her passion and time to harm reduction in public health. And in that cause, she's... she developed this language for this legislation that would require libraries in Illinois to have on hand opioid antagonists in the case of an opioid overdose occurring in... in one of their facilities or at... at a library event. The bill requires that libraries shall take necessary steps to have these antagonists available. It specifies that library staff and authorized personnel are immune from liability for the administration of the opioid antagonist, except for willful or wanton misconduct. And it also provides that the

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Department of Public Health would assist with identifying training for the personnel who would be applying the antagonist. Again, just very pleased to present this bill. This represents a lot of time and effort and just care on the... on the part of this young student. And this is one more step that our state can take to take a harm reduction approach when it comes to the opioid epidemic and ensure that we have resources in the community to keep people safe in the event of an opioid overdose. Happy to answer any questions and would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Are there any costs associated with this to the libraries?"

Moeller: "There... there is... there's no direct cost. Narcan or opioid antagonist is available right now to libraries through programs administrated through the Department of Human... Human Services and... and other outlets. So, there... there is no cost anticipated with this bill."

Windhorst: "And I know this may be sometime in the future, but if those programs go away, there may be some cost to the libraries if this law remans as is."

Moeller: "There may be a minimal cost. The cost of Narcan runs roughly 30 to 50 dollars per... per box. So, the... the cost is not significant."

Windhorst: "And it appeared that the amendment 2 brought a unanimous vote in committee. And that dealt with certain

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provisions, including liability. Could you explain how the liability provision is drafted?"

Moeller: "Sure. The... the language specifies that the library and its personnel who are administering or who may be administering the antagonist are immune from liability in the administration of the antagonist, except for willful or wanton misconduct. So, you know, if they're... and it's my understanding these, Narcan in particular, is a... is a very safe medication. It's very difficult to misuse or mis-administer the antagonist. But... but there will be training involved and... and offered, as I mentioned, through the Department of Public Health. There are many resources out there for training for the administration. And... but in the bill, we do specify that personnel are... are not liable if something were to go wrong unless it was willful or wanton misconduct."

Windhorst: "And we are providing some rulemaking authority to DHS. What do we anticipate the rules that they would be adopting? What would that center around?"

Moeller: "I don't have rulemaking authority in the language."

Windhorst: "I apologize. I failed to read an important word. It said 'removes.'"

Moeller: "That's okay."

Windhorst: "Is that... yeah, that's a very important word. Thank you for your answers."

Moeller: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1910 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who

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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 this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ryan, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ryan: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please state your point, Representative."

Ryan: "I would like to welcome, up in the gallery to my right, the Queen of Martyrs grammar school, who took a three-hour bus ride to be here today. They wanted to come and visit Springfield. They want to learn about the General Assembly. And I'd like to welcome them and if everyone give them a big Springfield welcome on behalf of myself and Representative Gill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Hope you're enjoying the proceedings today. Representative Jacobs, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jacobs: "Thank you, Speaker. I wanted to change my vote on House Bill 1332. It should have been a 'yes'... no, it is a 'yes.' It should have been a 'no.' Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record will reflect your intention. Representative Ugaste, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ugaste: "Just quickly, in follow up to Representative Ryan's shoutout. My niece attends Queen of Martyrs School, and she is up in the crowd. So, special shoutout to my niece, Maira Kovak and just to welcome them to the Capitol. Thanks."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. On page 4 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1352, Representative Moore. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1352, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moore."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moore on the amendment."

Moore: "Mr. Speaker, thank you. Asking for the adoption of the amendment, which fixes a clerical error on my part and was adopted unanimously by the committee."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moore moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1352, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moore on the measure."

Moore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues. House Bill 1352 empowers small counties who... we have found there's a desert in Central and Southern Illinois when forming a veterans assistance commission. This bill allows them, voluntarily, to join together via judicial circuit if they come to an agreement. And I ask my... there was bipartisan

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support in committee, and I ask my colleagues to support this important initiative. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no... on this question, Representative Ryan."

Ryan: "Mr. Moore, is this your first bill."

Moore: "It sure is, Representative."

Ryan: "Oh, and I'd love to have heard about these deserts you speak of."

Moore: "Very, very important deserts in... in West Central Illinois and Southern Illinois. Perhaps, if you want to take a trip to... down I-80, I'd show you a few of them."

Ryan: "I'd be willing to go down there if you changed it to desserts rather than deserts."

Moore: "We'll be sure to do that."

Ryan: "All right. Thank you, Representative."

Moore: "You bet."

Ryan: "Congratulations."

Moore: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1352 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 this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Congratulations. Moving to page 2 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 35, Leader Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 35, 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 Morgan."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Morgan on the amendment."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #1 just provides some additional clarity based on feedback we got from proponents and opponents to make it a better bill. Ask for its adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Morgan moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 35, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Morgan on the measure."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, appreciate it. You're doing a great job. We are here today to talk about something that it was over two years culmination of reviewing the way that artificial intelligence is being used in health insurance to deny your claims. We've been working on this bill with the department, with stakeholders, with the Attorney General's Office, with the ACLU. And ultimately, at the end of the day, what we have to make sure is that AI is not denying your health insurance claims. It's that simple. Here in the Illinois House, we have taken extraordinary steps to make

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sure that health insurance is protected, that we're helping consumers throughout the State of Illinois get their claims approved, and not denied, so that you have an insurance company standing in between you and your health care provider. We have amended this bill to address a lot of the concerns. We have narrowed this legislation to make sure that it's targeting the true focus, which is health insurance providers, health insurers, not other types of insurance. This is really focused on health insurance payers. We have a number of supporters of this legislation. It's not only going to protect you from having your insurance claims denied from AI, it's also going to provide new disclosures to the Illinois Department of Insurance and, most importantly, new disclosures to you as a consumer. You have the right to know if AI's being used to deny your health care. I ask for your... your support, and, Mr. Speaker, back to you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Keicher. Leader Keicher."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Keicher: "Excellent, thank you. Representative, thank you very much for your work on this. I appreciate it. I know it's been a long slog brining this forward. And... and I think I speak for myself, a lot of us on the other... on our side, as well as the industry, when we say we're not philosophically opposed to the Department of Insurance regulating the use of AI. And we believe the bulletin that was published a little bit ago applies broadly and uniformly and reinforces the department's authority and all of the tools they currently have to regulate

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the use of AI, whether it's a health insurance product, a home insurance, or auto insurance product, or even a life insurance product. So, we've got a couple things that... that I know members of the industry are still opposed to that they've got some concerns on. I'd like to clarify some of those with... with you today. Yesterday, you had mentioned that you don't want AI denying a claim without human oversight. And in that vein, are you referring to the thousands of claims that are processed every day that may be rejected because a billing code is not covered by a plan?"

Morgan: "Thank you, Leader. That's a great question. You know, this is really targeting, literally, what we defined in the law, adverse consumer outcomes. In that situation, you're talking about administrative processing. And AI can be a wonderful utilization, wonderful tool in a lot of ways in health care. It can help in consumer protection and... and just consumer response when you go onto your website for whatever your payer is to ask questions of whether or not you have coverage or not. So, like customer service functions, right? But we're really getting at the adverse consumer outcomes. So, no, it would not get to billing back and forth between a provider and an insurer."

Keicher: "And... and so, just to clarify that that kicking out of a billing code issue by an automatic scan wouldn't trigger what you're seeking to regulate, correct?"

Morgan: "So, that... that is not the intent of bill. I think it's important, and... and you know this, for those of us who work in insurance, you know, these are the types of matters that Illinois Department of Insurance looks at all the time

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already. But, ultimately, the focus of this legislation is, in fact, those claims that are being denied or impacted or delayed because of an AI review, not a human review. That is the focus of this legislation."

Keicher: "And in that example that we used concerning the billing code rejection, you would not consider that an adverse consumer outcome in your opinion, correct?"

Morgan: "Correct. And sometimes the department has found that some of those routine reviews and denials, though, are actually based in discriminatory practices from insurers. So, while that is not the intention of my legislation, I don't want to mislead anyone to think that the department doesn't care about that. And we all should care if billing is being automatically denied for somebody because of their race or their age or their credit score or what have you. So, there are things and functions today in law that the Department of Insurance has. That is not what we're trying to get at with this legislation."

Keicher: "Excellent. And.. and one last question. Would you clarify your intent around the inclusion of expected benefits and if you intend to include them and.. and maybe some context as to why if you do?"

Morgan: "Sure. Without boring the body, the question really, at... at the core of the leader's question, is whether or not we're just limiting the review to a health insurance payer or some of the other ancillary services that are involved with these kinds of reviews of your health insurance claim. Third-party administrators are increasingly reviewing your insurance claim. So, it might not be the insurer, but it might be an

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ancillary service. That's really what we're trying to get to. So, accepted benefits and accepted services are something that we talk about in short-term limited duration plans and a variety of other insurers. This is intended to include that because it does impact your consumers and whether or not your claim is approved or denied."

Keicher: "Thank you, Representative. I think our side will probably still continue to be a 'no.' I assume that, while it... it doesn't necessarily need to be fixed in the Senate, you would be open to any solutions the Senate might propose to... to refine this to address the concerns of industry."

Morgan: "I'm always open to making it a better bill, but I would say the priority here is the consumer, not the industry."

Keicher: "Thank you, Rep."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 35 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 79 voting 'yes,' 35 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 14 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2688, Representative Morris. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2688, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moeller."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Morris on the amendment."

Morris: "Hi. I... I ask to move floor... House Amendment 2 to be adopted."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Morris 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Representative Morris."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2688, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Representative Morris on the measure."

Morris: "This is a simple bill. This House amendment removed all opposition, as we negotiated with the Illinois State Medical Society. House Bill 2688 is a certified nurse midwife bill, will... will allow them... will allow them to have a collaborative agreement with a physician who does not provide home birth services in a health care professional shortage area or material health desert. In licensed birth centers, certified nurse midwives can't provide services without a written collaborative agreement if granted clinical privileges by a clinical director of a birth center. In a health care... in a health care provider shortage area, a maternal care desert, a certified midwife can collaborate with a Full Practice Authority. And I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'm willing to take any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2688 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote

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'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 this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Congratulations, Representative. Moving to page 15 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2751, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2751, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moylan."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moylan on the amendment."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. The amendment just a technical change."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moylan moves adoption of House 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: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Moylan."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moylan on the amendment."

Moylan: "Yes. Am I going to read... I am reading the bill or just the amendment?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "Floor Amendment 2, Representative."

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Moylan: "Okay. It's just another technical change. We're making changes to make the bill better."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moylan moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2751, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Moylan on the measure."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that if a vehicle is displayed for sale or for transfer of ownership with a vehicle identification number that has been destroyed, removed, covered, altered, or defaced, it's removal by a towing company may be authorized by law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. Prohibits a motor vehicle dealer or a person acting as a motor vehicle dealer from parking a motor vehicle for a primary purpose of displaying or selling ownership without paying our state taxes. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, in addition to what you outlined, does this also create a task force?"

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Moylan: "Yes. Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Relating to unlicensed motor vehicle dealers?"

Moylan: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "And what do we hope that task force will accomplish?"

Moylan: "Hopefully, it stop these curbstoners... people from... individuals from parking vehicles on the side streets and then not paying the proper taxes like all our other authorized dealers are doing."

Windhorst: "So, would... just so I understand, would this... an individual wants to sell their own personal vehicle and they have it parked with... with a 'for sale' sign in their yard or in..."

Moylan: "Well, that... that's a different story. This is about dealers from other... out of the state that come and park a vehicle on the side of the road, on side of streets, it's called curbstoning. They... it's all over the City of Chicago and all over the suburbs, and then they sell it. Now, the person that buys it doesn't get any kind of a warranty and thinks they're buying it from a private party, but actually it's a dealer from out of state. And thus, they avoid paying all the proper taxes like all the legalized dealers are doing. And plus, I... I would like to mention that all the dealers... all my dealers' association and all the other agencies in the state are all aboard on this bill."

Windhorst: "And just so I'm clear, this applies to those who are coming from out of state as dealers and not complying with Illinois law, paying the appropriate taxes?"

Moylan: "Yes, sir. Correct."

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Windhorst: "And how do you differentiate... or does the bill differentiate between individual who sells two or three cars and someone who's actually a dealer?"

Moylan: "Well, that's... that's just in the details."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry, what'd you say?"

Moylan: "I'm working on that, that's it."

Windhorst: "And appears that amendment 2 was to address the concerns of the Automobile Dealers Association."

Moylan: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "And how were those concerns addressed?"

Moylan: "They wanted additional members on the board.. task force."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2751?' 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 116 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Morris, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Morris: "I want to do a point of privilege. I want... I would like everybody to look at the Speaker's Gallery. The bill that I presented today was on behalf of the certified midwives that stand there today, and I would like... and I would like to first say thank all frontline workers for all the work that you guys do to provide help for our vulnerable population. And I would I like this body to give them a round of applause. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Welcome to the Capitol. Moving to page 34 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3050, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3050, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Mussman on the measure."

Mussman: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 3050 extends the permit length for the construction or alteration of a public accommodation swimming pool facility for two... to two years. Currently, any construction or alteration to a swimming pool, other than a private swimming pool, must receive a permit from the Department of Public Health, and these permits last for one year. A constituent brought this concern to my attention. His business was struggling for a variety of reasons that were outside of his control to complete the construction of their pool for a hotel he was opening within the one-year scope of the permit. While IDPH indicates this kind of delay would generally only impact about 10 percent of the clients buildings their pools, for those businesses who are running into problems and delays, this expense, combined with, as it might be with other fees related to these delays, such as the major alteration permit fee, the plan resubmittal fee, and eventually, the license fee once the pool is finally approved to operate, can feel very overwhelming and very business unfriendly and add to the stress and the financial pressures they're already experiencing as they try to deal with everything else related to the project that is clearly not going according to plan.

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We will continue to have discussions and steps to consider how we can improve the permitting process for our businesses and also for the small but hardworking staff in this department of IDPH working to create a safe water environment for our residents and tourists. But we believe this is small but important step we can take right now to alleviate some undue pressures. I'm aware of no opposition. I am pleased to answer questions. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3050 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 being 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present,' this bill, having achieved a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 20 of the calendar, on House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3098, Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3098, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Olickal."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Olickal on Floor Amendment 1."

Olickal: "Floor Amendment 1 makes a technical change to ensure the underlying bill works as intended. I move for its adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Olickal moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say

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'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Olickal on Floor Amendment 2."

Olickal: "Floor Amendment 2 adds a sunset provision. I move for its adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Olickal moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3098, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Olickal on the measure."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3098 is an amendment to the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act, which was passed in 2017, replacing Illinois' original electronics recycling law. CERA will be repealed in... on December 31, 2026 if it's not amended. What it does, it provides a stable, reliable access to manufacturer-funded electronics recycling. The program amendments are proposed to remove the sunset, add more covered devices, expand access to collection sites, waives underweight trailer fees, and best practices to... for opt-in to encourage all counties to participate, and increases consumer awareness with improved website resources

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and practices to educate consumers. With the amendment, there are... they've been negotiated with a diverse stakeholder group, and there's no known opposition to the bill. And I... happy to answer questions, but ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It appears that the main focus of the bill is consumer education. Is that accurate?"

Olickal: "It also... that's part of it, but it also expands access to collection sites and also removes the sunset. Just makes the program more accessible."

Windhorst: "And that last part said removes the sunset. Is that..."

Olickal: "Or extends the sunset."

Windhorst: "Extends the sunset, rather."

Olickal: "Yeah."

Windhorst: "And you had mentioned that the amendments took away opposition. What did the amendments do to remove that opposition?"

Olickal: "There was no opposition to begin with, but it... it ensured that there... there remained no opposition to it."

Windhorst: "So, that... they were a product of those stakeholder conversations."

Olickal: "Stakeholder meetings, yes."

Windhorst: "And this received a unanimous vote out of committee. Is that accurate?"

Olickal: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Including the amendments?"

Olickal: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3098 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 18 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2955, Representative Rashid. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2955, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill... the bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Rashid."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Rashid on the amendment."

Rashid: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment adds a stakeholder to the committee. I ask for its adoption and debate on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Rashid moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2955, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Rashid on the measure."

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Rashid: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2955, the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Act, is an important step to addressing PFAS contamination in Illinois' wastewater. PFAS are forever chemicals, are toxic and costly to remove from the environment. Wastewater agencies do not create PFAS, yet there is an expectation that they, at some point, will bear the burden of managing it. So, this bill creates the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee to develop an action plan for PFAS remediation. It finds that the manufacturers or producers of PFAS, not taxpayers, should bear the cost of PFAS mitigation. It requires ongoing research and policy recommendations to protect public health, and it sets the stage for us to complete a science-based, responsible set of proposals for PFAS regulation that'll set the stage for future policymaking while protecting our communities and utilities. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is creating the PFAS Wastewater Citizen Protection Committee. Is that correct?"

Rashid: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And the committee will submit a PFAS action plan to the Governor's Office, the General Assembly, and EPA within one year of the effective date."

Rashid: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And they'll meet periodically. After that, submit annual reports with certain requirements."

Rashid: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "And then we're going to use the Prairie Research Institute's Illinois Sustainable Technology Center to provide technical assistance. Is that correct?"

Rashid: "That's all accurate."

Windhorst: "All that, okay. First, is the Prairie Research Institute supportive of taking on that role? Have they accepted that, or have they expressed an opinion on it?"

Rashid: "I believe that the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies is in touch with them and did not... did not receive any opposition or... or opposition to the bill."

Windhorst: "And we show that Illinois Manufacturers' Association is opposed. Did they express that opposition to you?"

Rashid: "We recently heard from a member of IMA about some prospective changes. We had our first meeting yesterday morning."

Windhorst: "Are we anticipating, if this passes, there'll be changes in the Senate, or is it... can you tell that at this point?"

Rashid: "I... I don't know. I'm... I'm open to continued conversations."

Windhorst: "You know, we have, of course, quite a bit of legislation related to PFAS currently pending before this body. This is a committee to study an action plan. Is... do you view this as the action this body should take this year to address PFAS, or will there... do you anticipate other things coming forward in that area?"

Rashid: "Well, there... I can't speak to other bills, but I do think that this is an appropriate thing for us to do to make sure

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that our wastewater is being... that we're cleaning it from PFAS."

Windhorst: "Appreciate those answers. Mr. Speaker, if this vote... or this bill should receive the required number of votes, I request verification."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Members, Representative... Leader Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. For further discussion, Representative Canty."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Canty: "Thank you so much. Representative, I am not really familiar with wastewater and PFAS. Can I get you to walk through one more time? What is a PFA exactly?"

Rashid: "Yeah. Thank you for that question, Representative. PFAS are forever chemicals that are... that have been found to be carcinogenic. And I want to share some data that was recently released by the Environmental Protection Agency indicating that more than 158 million people across the U.S. have drinking water contaminated by toxic forever chemicals. They're... it's hard to pronounce, perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. Drinking water is a major source of PFAS exposure, and the sheer number... this is a Environmental Working Group quote, 'The sheer number of contaminated sites shows that these chemicals are likely present in most of the U.S. water supply.'"

Canty: "So, that is incredibly helpful information. I noticed that you're talking also about drinking water. And there is a difference between wastewater and drinking water, right?"

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Rashid: "There's a difference. However, when our... when our wastewater is contaminated, it ends up in our drinking water."

Canty: "Okay. And then, as we're talking about this drinking water being contaminated, is this something that might impact children at all?"

Rashid: "Absolutely. PFAS bioaccumulates in the body, so it's particularly problematic when... with young children, if they're exposed to it, if they drink water that is contaminated, if they... if it ends up in their system in any other way. It is bioaccumulative, meaning there is no natural biological mechanism for them to rid their body of that PFAS, and that can have really detrimental effects, including be cancer causing. It impacts thyroids. It has a range of other impacts."

Canty: "And how many studies do you think have been conducted over time? Is this just something that's happened recently?"

Rashid: "There has been extensive, extensive study of PFAS. And, you know, PFAS isn't just one thing. There are more than 9,000 known PFAS compounds. More than 600 of them are used in a wide variety of products. However, I want to focus on the water. Water, we... every one of us drinks water. I hope we all drink water every single day. And if we have PFAS in that water, then we are exposing ourselves to... to some... to unfortunate health risks."

Canty: "And thank you so much. And it... is it still harmful if you have a water filtration system in your home?"

Rashid: "Yes. That's a great question. These are not easy to clean. These are not easy to clean, which is exactly why we're bringing this bill forward. The... the cost of... of cleaning

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this up, because traditional filters will not catch PFAS 'cause they are very small compounds, the cost can run into the billions and billions of dollars. And we're expecting.. we know that when that cleanup happens, we are going to be asking our wastewater agencies to be doing that. And so, do we want to be putting taxpayers on the hook for that cleanup or do we want to put polluters on the hook for that cleanup? And I've maintained, and I hope that we all would agree, that it should be the.. the polluters, the manufacturers of PFAS, who are paying the price for contaminating our water and not this.. not the average person, not the taxpayer here in Illinois. And this bill makes it clear, as I said in my introduction. It finds that the manufacturers or the producers of PFAS, not taxpayers, should bear the cost of PFAS mitigation."

Canty: "Thank you so much for that. And you may have mentioned this in you opening remarks, what are some of the groups that are supportive of this measure?"

Rashid: "This measure was brought to me by the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies, which has the wastewater agencies from across our state, including the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District also supports this bill, as does the Illinois Environmental Council and other groups as well."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative, please bring your questions to a close."

Canty: "Thank you so much for taking the time. You know, this is a really critical issue. As a parent, as a person who lives here in the State of Illinois, I care very much about protecting our water, protecting all others, and the drinking

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water that they enjoy. And I appreciate you taking the time to answer questions on this critical topic today. To the bill, Mr. Speaker. I encourage everyone to vote 'yes' on this measure. Thank you so much."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Members, this bill has been moved to the Order of Standard Debate. Further discussion, Leader Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. And thank you, Representative, for bringing this forward. I just have a couple questions. Will the... will the Representative yield? I'm just going to ask. Are PFAS... are these... I asked will the sponsor yield."

Speaker Guzzardi: "My apologies, Leader. The sponsor has indicated that he will yield."

Stuart: "Thank you very much. PFAS, these are the things we often hear referred to as 'forever chemicals.'"

Rashid: "That's correct, yes."

Stuart: "And that forever means they linger forever. If they're in our bodies, they could be there forever. They will stay in the ground forever. So, forever meaning forever?"

Rashid: "That's exactly right."

Stuart: "Okay. And we are... we are finding these forever chemicals in our wastewater?"

Rashid: "They are, and in our drinking... in our wastewater, which then ends up in drinking water. That's right."

Stuart: "So, I don't want to go too detailed into, like, biology and gross anybody out who's maybe eating a snack or something. But if you're finding these PFAS in the wastewater that means they have found their way into our bodies somehow."

Rashid: "That's correct."

Stuart: "And we excreting them through our systems."

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Rashid: "That's exactly right."

Stuart: "So, would you think that that means that's pretty strong evidence that some of these forever chemicals, which I understand are quite toxic, which means dangerous to us as humans, those are still living in our bodies?"

Rashid: "They are, and they are bioaccumulative. Your body does not naturally get rid of them. And so, they... and they have been found... study after study has found that they are carcinogenic and have numerous other health impacts."

Stuart: "And you... that wording you just said, carcinogenic, that means, as I understand it, cancer causing, right?"

Rashid: "Yes."

Stuart: "Like things we have found in cigarettes and other things that have warning labels on them it's because..."

Rashid: "Yes, they are cancer causing."

Stuart: "Cancer-causing chemicals. Okay. And for some reason, we're not all concerned about the fact that we're finding cancer-causing chemicals from the vast majority, if not everybody, in this chamber and in the rest of the state in our wastewater, which means that it's coming through our bodies and living in our bodies."

Rashid: "That's exactly right. This should..."

Stuart: "Does... does it..."

Rashid: "...be a major concern for every one of us. And they don't end up in the wastewater or in our bodies just because we naturally produce them. No, these are chemicals that are being manufactured, which will then end up in products. They'll end up in our bodies. They will cause significant health impacts. And then we will be expecting government agencies to remediate

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that impact by cleaning up the wastewater and at a great cost, at a very significant cost. And..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative, your time's expired. Please bring your remarks to a close."

Stuart: "Thank you. I... thank you very much for bringing this to our attention. I know there's lots of different groups investigating this, and I appreciate you trying to keep all of us healthy and safe. I hope everybody's going to vote 'yes' on this bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Further debate, Representative Cabello... Leader Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move the previous question."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader, there are no further Members seeking recognition. Are you comfortable with us proceeding to a close? Members, Leader Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members will be in chairs and vote their switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2955 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.' Mr. Clerk, please read the names of those voting in the affirmative. Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you. It's great to see everyone, and I withdraw my verification."

Speaker Guzzardi: "It's great to see you as well, leader. On this question, there are 75 voting in 'favor,' 40 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a

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constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Hoffman in the Chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, we are returning to Short Debate. On page 8 of the calendar appears House Bill 1864, Leader Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1864, 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 Rita."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd ask for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 and then we could talk about the bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1864. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1864, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1864 is an agreed bill now with the amendment that we just put on. It requires dental insurance plans and carriers to establish an online portal. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, as you highlighted, the initial vote in committee was partisan, it appears. The amendment drew a unanimous support. And if you could, just briefly describe what the amendment did that was voted on that was unanimous."

Rita: "Yes, and... and we talked about that there was going to be an amendment coming, and that's why they went on a partisan roll call. So, they see the amendment. It went to committee, and I believe it came out unanimously on it. It does a number of things, but what it did was... the way they implement the plan... and I could go through all these different points. It looks like there's about 11 different points that changed it in how they establish the portal, how they set it up. It moves some exemptions and set it up so they actually could do this both for the dentist, the patients, then the insurance so that it could all work for this portal and submitting. Right now, they don't submit it through the portals or electronic, the billing and/or claims."

Windhorst: "And, initially, it appears that the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council was opposed, but with the amendment..."

Rita: "That... that was on the underlying bill that we changed, or in the beginning, it's my understanding."

Windhorst: "And now, the State Dental Society worked on this agreed language with Delta Dental and the Life and Health Insurance Council. Is that accurate?"

Rita: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita to close."

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Rita: "I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1864 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Ryan on House Bill 2371, on the Order of Second Reading, on page 11 of the calendar. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2371, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Ryan."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ryan on Floor Amendment #2."

Ryan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Members. Today, I'm presenting House Bill 2371, which fine-tunes our dental insurance system.."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative. Representative, let's... let's adopt the amendment, then we'll... we'll debate it on Third Reading, okay? Representative Ryan moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2371. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2371, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ryan on House Bill 2371."

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Ryan: "I apologize, Mr. Speaker. I thought we adopted this in committee yesterday. My apologies."

Speaker Hoffman: "Okay."

Ryan: "Today, I'm presenting House Bill 2371, which fine-tunes our dental insurance system by aligning with existing health insurance payment structures in Illinois by simply ensuring direct reimbursement to dental providers. Under the current law, health insurers are required to make direct payments to health care providers when a claim is assigned. Yet, dental insurance operates under a different, more burdensome structure, forcing patients to pay up front and navigate reimbursement for themselves. House Bill 2371 would eliminate that payment hurdle by directly providing providers... or directly paying providers, excuse me, cutting red tape for both patients, who want timely care without out-of-pocket costs, and providers, who won't have to chase down payments. By mimicking the existing health insurance payment structure for dental insurance, House Bill 20... 2371 ultimately streamlines reimbursements, reduces administrative burden, and makes visiting the dentist office more affordable for patients. This is an initiative on behalf of the Illinois State Dental Society, and amendment #2 was provided for the Illinois Department of Insurance concerns and has rectified their concerns. There is no longer any opposition to the bill. Thank you, Members. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, similar to the prior bill, this bill initially was a partisan vote in committee, and then with the amendment, it was unanimous support."

Ryan: "That is correct, Leader."

Windhorst: "And I believe the reason it was partisan was because they were waiting to see the amendment, and with that amendment, there was unanimous support."

Ryan: "That is absolutely correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ryan to close. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2371 pass?' All those in favor say.. or 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2777, Representative Schweizer, on the Order of Second Reading, on page 16 of the calendar. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2777, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2777, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Schweizer."

Schweizer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to thank Representative Kifowit for bringing this important matter to the floor. So,

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this bill, as current statute reads, allows veterans four days off, that does not count towards their sick leave, to be able to visit a veteran hospital or clinic to... to be able to be seen for a ailment that they received for a service-related incident. It changes that language to allow four days off to visit any medical facility or medical clinic of their choosing so they can go and do that. So, it just changes that wording in that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2777 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Vella. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3663, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3663, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3663, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter on House Bill 3663."

Slaughter: "Good afternoon. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of the House. Honored to be before you with House Bill 3663. I want to take a moment just to highlight the career of one of our former colleagues, State Representative

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Mary Flowers, who was at the forefront of these efforts for many, many years. It's important to note Illinois law provides restitution in the form of compensation to exonerees who have proved in court that they are actually innocent and did not commit the crime for which they were in prison. The current Illinois statute scheme has proven to be irrational, as it discounts awards to exonerees who have served lengthy terms versus those who have served fewer years in prison. Current Illinois law caps recovery at approximately 286,000 no matter how long a person was wrongfully in prison. On average, Illinois pays \$11,190 per year for each year of wrongful imprisonment. This is well below the poverty line. The federal recommended minimum standard is 50,000 for each year an innocent person spent wrongfully imprisoned. It's important to note that other states actually paid more than this 50,000. House Bill 3363 will bring Illinois in line with the federally recommended minimum standard of \$50,000 per year for wrongful imprisonment and help these innocent women and men as they recover and better their lives outside of prison. This bill is prospective only. It is not retroactive. I also want to note that while this bill is making substantial substantive policy changes, we... there will be an associated fiscal component to this initiative that must get finalized for the Court of Claims. We voted this bill out of our chamber unanimously in the 103rd General Assembly. HB3663 came out of committee this year unanimously. We had bipartisan support from leadership in the Senate on this bill. I urge a 'yes' vote on House Bill 3663."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Just to highlight a couple things you said for our side, we passed, essentially, this bill in two forms last GA. Both passed unanimously."

Slaughter: "That's accurate. Two bills. We've consolidated everything into this bill, House Bill 3663, this session."

Windhorst: "And the compensation that a person who has proven their innocence and they have a certificate of innocence in order to receive the award. Is that correct?"

Slaughter: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Not just a finding of not guilty or a dismissal. It's an actual innocence demonstration."

Slaughter: "Right. You must be proven innocent in... in court."

Windhorst: "They... if they're... they... that person would receive \$50,000 for each year wrongfully incarcerated and 25,000 for each year on parole or probation or required to register as a sex offender. Is that correct?"

Slaughter: "I believe that's accurate, yes."

Windhorst: "And as you said, but just to highlight, this only applies to cases moving forward. It's not going to provide retroactive relief."

Slaughter: "That's right, leader. And you and I wanted to work on that to just ensure that this is prospective and not... not retroactive as well."

Windhorst: "All right. Well, I appreciate you bringing this forward, carrying it again this year, and thank you for answering the questions."

Slaughter: "Thank you, leader."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3663 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' and 1 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 22 of the calendar on the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 3290, Leader Smith. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3290, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill was read for second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Sorry... sorry, leader. Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk. I got ahead of myself."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3290, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Smith."

Smith: "Thank you again, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Your turn."

Smith: "House Bill 3290 amends the Environmental Protection Act concerning underground storage tanks, makes an adjustment to the reporting requirement, and lowers the deductible for more compliance. This bill passed out of committee unanimously, and it has no opposition. I urge a 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3290 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Second Reading on page 29 of the calendar appears House Bill 3781, Representative Stava-Murray. Representative Stava-Murray. Out of the record. On page 33 of the calendar appears House Bill 2631, Representative Swanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2631, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3388 was brought to me by the..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader, we're on House Bill 2631."

Swanson: "Oh, 2631."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Swanson: "Sorry about that. Sorry about that, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2631 was brought to me by the Illinois National Guard. Occasionally, or pretty much on annual basis, the Illinois Army National Guard or Illinois National Guard has to align their Uniform Code of Military Justice with the Department of Defense or United States Army's Uniform Code of Military Justice. What this piece of legislation does, it brings those two together so they're aligned with each other. Thank you."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2631 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Mah seeks recognition."

Mah: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members, I'd like to bring your attention to the gallery behind me. I want to acknowledge the presence of an amazing advocacy group, Restore Justice. They're here in Springfield today as part of an advocacy day for the Second Chance Coalition. These are members of an organization that worked tirelessly to improve and bring more justice and fairness to our correctional system. They advocate for the families of those who are justice-impacted and returning citizens, and, in fact, they employ many returning citizens as part of their advocacy, which is, you know, something that is something we should acknowledge as to the possibilities of rehabilitation and justice. So, I want to thank them for their advocacy and for being here in Springfield with us today. Please give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ford, for what reason do you rise?"

Ford: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

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Ford: "Mr. Speaker, will you please make sure the record reflects that on House Bill 3663 the intent was to vote 'yes.'"

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall so reflect. Representative Deering seeks recognition."

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Deering: "I rise today to recognize a very special guest joining us in Anne Dawdy. She's participating in The Lincoln Series, which is a premier leadership development program for Republican women in Illinois. The Lincoln Series is dedicated to preparing and empowering more women to run for office and serve in government and politics. Through its unique leadership and empowerment tracks, the program equips women from across the state with tools, knowledge, and statewide networks needed to become purposeful and effective leaders. Anne is a shining example of the kind of talent and dedication that The Lincoln Series cultivates, and I'm proud to welcome her to the Capitol today. Please join me in recognizing Anne Dawdy."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. On page 6 of the calendar on the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 1628, Leader Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1628, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Guzzardi."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi on Floor Amendment #1."

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Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 reflects a compromise between all stakeholders. It brings all parties to neutral. I'll describe it in further detail on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Guzzardi moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1628. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment's adopted. Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1628, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Guzzardi on House Bill 1628."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1628 is an issue that I've been working with a variety of stakeholders for... this is my, I believe, my third year in the General Assembly working on this particular topic. This is a follow-up to some considerable reforms that we passed in 2017, of which I was the sponsor, around civil asset forfeiture, a process by which law enforcement can seize individuals' property if they suspect that property was involved in criminal activity. When we passed that original reform, there were a number of data collection provisions in that bill, but the data that has been produced by those provisions has been inadequate. So, the bill before us today reflects an attempt to strengthen those data collection provisions. As I just mentioned, the amendment that we just adopted is the result of, as I said, several years of negotiations with the law enforcement community, the sheriffs' association, the state's attorney association, the state police. And all stakeholders from law enforcement have removed their opposition to this bill. It's

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been a long time coming, but I believe we've... we've gotten to a really good place. I'm very grateful to all the folks who came to the table to make this amendment happen. And I would ask for the body's support."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Guzzardi. On this question, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Don't know we've ever been confused with each other before, but I... I don't know who should be insulted by that. But will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Leader, this bill is dealing with the reporting by law enforcement group, the local law enforcement and state's attorneys, of asset forfeiture. Is that correct?"

Guzzardi: "That is correct. And for the record, leader, I'm flattered by the comparison."

Windhorst: "Well, that was kind."

Guzzardi: "I note your conspicuous failure to reciprocate."

Windhorst: "I was also likewise flattered there."

Guzzardi: "I fished for that one, but I'm glad I got it."

Windhorst: "Well, you know, I felt obligated."

Guzzardi: "Please proceed, leader."

Windhorst: "Yeah. Does... this doesn't count against my time, does it? Does this change anything about the forfeiture process or what can be forfeited under current law?"

Guzzardi: "Not at all, leader."

Windhorst: "And, as you mentioned, this amendment was a part of a negotiated process with law enforcement groups that brought them to neutral."

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Guzzardi: "That's correct. Yeah, when we originally introduced this language a couple years ago, the reporting provisions were much more detailed, you might say. The law enforcement community said onerous. And so, we worked with them on paring these provisions down so that we can capture the data we needed without overly burdening any stakeholder with collecting and processing data."

Windhorst: "And the reporting will be by the seizing law enforcement agency as well as the local state's attorney."

Guzzardi: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And if you could, just briefly describe what each are going to have... what they... steps they'll take in the process."

Guzzardi: "So, the seizing entity..."

Windhorst: "That what... what changes by this. Go ahead."

Guzzardi: "Thank you. Yeah, the... the seizing entity already is required to do some reporting. We made some clarification about what that means. For instance, the original bill said they had required to report the location of the seizure, but we didn't say what we meant by location. So, this bill now says county, municipality, and zip code. We also added a couple of additional provisions, such as demographic data of the individuals whose possessions are forfeited. And.. and I think really the key provision here is the annual reporting on behalf of state's attorneys. And it's... it's very minimal, but the goal is to see where civil asset forfeitures are connected to criminal proceedings. So, the state's attorneys are reporting three numbers basically: the police report number; the asset forfeiture proceeding number; and if there is a criminal proceeding, the... the criminal case number as

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well. So, we can try to find the nexus between asset forfeiture and criminal activity."

Windhorst: "And, ultimately, what do you hope will be done with this information once it's received?"

Guzzardi: "Well, you know, when we passed this original reform, it was quite comprehensive. And one of the reasons why we had data collection in the bill was to see how that reform was going to work. Was it going to improve asset forfeiture, was going to lead to increases or decreases in the amount of assets forfeited? Where were the jurisdictional changes that might happen? And we just didn't get enough information to understand the effects of that original reform. So, our goal really here is to see what's happening, what's the current landscape, is this law working as we intended, do we need to make changes in one direction or another. And in order to evaluate that, it's important to have good data, and we just don't have that data at the moment."

Windhorst: "I... I appreciate you answering my questions. I supported the amendment in committee. I plan to support it again today, but you'll probably see a mixed vote on this side of the aisle. Thank you."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, leader."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1628 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 82 voting 'yes,' 30 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this Bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page

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28 of the calendar appears House Bill 3739, Representative Syed. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3739, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no... seeing no one... Third Reading. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3739, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Syed."

Syed: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3739 is brought to me by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and it addresses concerns from U.S. EPA about Illinois' regulation of public water supplies under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Current law needs to be changed because federal law requires that all states implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act must have statutory authority to impose administrative penalties against all public water supplies, including noncommunity water supplies. So, basically, this bill grants the IDPH the authority to impose civil penalties on noncommunity water supplies that violate drinking water standards. Without this change, Illinois risks losing federal funding and regulatory authority. This bill has no known opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. You hit on this point, but I just want to highlight it. The reason this bill's coming forward is to bring us into compliance with federal law."

Syed: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "And what happens if we are out of compliance with federal law? What are the ramifications?"

Syed: "We could potentially lose federal funding. The federal government could come in and regulate our noncommunity water supplies if we don't regulate them ourselves."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Syed: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3739 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 23 of the calendar appears House Bill 3363, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3363, 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 Vella."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella on Floor Amendment #1."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace. I'd like to argue it on Second... or on..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3363. All those in favor

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signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3363, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella on House Bill 3363."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3363 is a simple but important bill. It brings the Illinois public defense system up to standards of 48 other states, the ABA, and reports... the ABA, and the reports prepared for the Illinois Supreme Court, along with the majority of the public defenders in Illinois. This is not a bill, to be... to be clear, for the state to take over any public defense or to turn any county employee into a state employee. It only meant to provide an even playing field for public defender clients inside and outside the courtroom. This is commonsense reform that came about from discussions with state's attorneys, public defenders, circuit judges, survivors' groups, the ISBA, the ACLU, and other advocates. The amendment removes oppositions from the ACLU and incorporates proposals from chief PD appointments made by the ISBA. Although they're still... while that would not bring them to neutral, they're still against, and we're still willing to work with them. The point of this bill is to create an Office of the State Public Defender, per the Supreme Court study, which is to collect data, which will help us figure out where we need to send our resources to help severely underfunded and understaffed PD systems, to provide resources to these county PDs once we get that data, and to come up with an alternative appointment model in order to balance the

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necessity of independence while making sure that we keep local control and local practice. This will provide diversity of applicants, diversity of local control, and remove the appearance of any impropriety at all from sole judicial appointments. I do want to point out that this is a bill with a lot of moving parts, and we are still meeting with the state's attorneys' offices and the judges to make sure that we understand all of their concerns. We have heard from many, many people on this, and I have had many, many discussions. There is more work to be done in the Senate, but it is my intention to keep working on this nonstop until it's done. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Vella: "Yes."

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There... the amendment attempts to address an issue that has been raised about local judicial circuit control over the appointment of the public defenders in each county."

Vella: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "How does the amendment address that local control piece?"

Vella: "So, currently, we and Mississippi are the only two states that allow chief judges or circuit judges, along with chief judges in county circuits, to pick who the public defender is. Thereby, the public defender has to argue in front of the person who hires them and could potentially fire them, which causes at least the appearance of impropriety. What this does

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is it sets up a commission that is headed by the state PD and the circuit judge... or the chief circuit judge, and they pick who the next PD is."

Windhorst: "And once the commission makes that determination, they'll be... the state commission will be approving that local decision. Is that... do I have that correct?"

Vella: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Are we affecting or changing the way the... the local public defender is paid, the... the amount of their salary?"

Vella: "We are. We're raising their salary to 95% of the state's attorney salary."

Windhorst: "And it's currently 90%. Is that accurate?"

Vella: "That's correct. And that's... that's in relation to the fact that we are giving them a lot more responsibility from a lot of the legislation we've put in place here, and the fact that it's hard to get people to... it's easier to get people to run for state... state's attorney and harder to get people to want to be PDs, especially in smaller counties."

Windhorst: "Do we anticipate that there will be changes in the Senate if this passes?"

Vella: "I envision there'll be some change in the Senate. If they do, it'll come back here, yeah."

Windhorst: "Well, I... I'm going to, I guess, when it comes back, reconsider my vote. But at this point, I'm going to be a 'no.' I appreciate you bringing this forward."

Vella: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella to close."

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Vella: "So, I want to thank the chief judges of Illinois, all the public defenders who weighed in, in particular the Illinois Council of Chief Defenders and the Illinois Public Defenders Association, the Illinois State's Attorney Association, the sheriffs' association, and the ACLU, the northwest Pritzker... I'm sorry, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Children and Family Justice Center, the Illinois Justice Project, and the Illinois Network for Pretrial Justice for all the hard work in this. And mostly, I do want to thank Sharlyn Grace, who has done hours and hours and hours of work on this. This bill would not be done if not for her. Thank you, Sharlyn, and thank you for everybody who's done this. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3363 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' 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 72 voting 'yes,' 41 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the calendar appears House Bill 3492, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3492, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3492, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill allows the Illinois State Police to send verification letters for sex offenders' status electronically instead of requiring it to be only a nonforwardable hard-copy letter. It also allows for the registered person to notify ISP of whether they'd like electronic or hard-copy service of their verification and registration letters, as well as adjust where the moneys collected go."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is a Illinois State Police initiative to address changes to the Sex Offender Registration Act?"

Stava-Murray: "Correct, to modernize it."

Windhorst: "And there's also, I believe, an element on the Offender Registration Fund to address prior audit findings. Is that accurate? And we do show there was an amendment related to... it restores a provision that the sex offender registration information 'may' rather than 'shall' include the sex offender's fingerprints. My understanding that amendment was necessary because the underlying bill, it made an inadvertent change and this is actually placing that in... consistent with current law."

Stava-Murray: "Yes. Correct."

Windhorst: "Yeah, so there's... we're not reducing the standard. We're just keeping the current law the... the same."

Stava-Murray: "Absolutely."

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Windhorst: "All right."

Stava-Murray: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And... and this received a unanimous vote in committee.
Is that yes?"

Stava-Murray: "It did."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry. It did? Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 3492 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the calendar appears House Bill 663, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 663, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walsh moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 663. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 663, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. House Bill 663, as amended, is a bill that would allow the

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Southeast Joliet Sanitary District to be dissolved and transfer its assets, liabilities, responsibilities to the City of Joliet and, if necessary, the County of Will. Happy to answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 663 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 32 of the calendar appears House Bill 2359, Representative Weaver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2359, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you. House Bill 2359 is an initiative of a local EMS chief, which allows them to put EMS chief plates on their personal vehicle to bring them into parity with fire chiefs and other similar designations. There is no opposition. I would appreciate a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall House Bill 2359 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "Moving to page 30 of the calendar, House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 1305, Representative Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1305, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Williams on the measure."

Williams, A.: "Thank you. Many of you will remember this bill from past years. It simply raises the fees that a corporate entity can apply for when it comes to getting an exemption under the Pollution Control Board. Happy to answer any questions you may have. Again, this has been before the General Assembly at least two times in the past. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This is a filing fee increase, do I have correct, with the EPA?"

Williams, A.: "It's... under the Pollution Control Board, a company is able to apply for a waiver from an environmental regulation to allow it to circumvent the regulation if it needs to for a practical purpose. The Pollution Control Board will then weigh the application and make a determination whether it's in the best interest of... the best interest to move forward and grant the application. It's only when they wish to get exempted from an environmental regulation, so it's not on consumers in any way. It's just on a company wishing to circumvent an environmental regulation."

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Windhorst: "And we're going from 75 to 250. Do I have that accurate?"

Williams, A.: "Yes. It's not been changed, I think, since the '80s. And, as you can imagine, the Pollution Control Board is hoping to streamline operations, go to online permit applications, et cetera, rather than filing through piles of paper. So... and there... also the publication notices that are required bring in fees, but not enough to cover the costs of modernizing operations since the '80s. So, these will make a dent in some of those increased operational costs."

Windhorst: "How was the amount of \$250 determined?"

Williams, A.: "I think we looked at what the costs were when initially set in the '80s, or the last time it was raised, and just anticipated what it would cost to streamline and run those operations. I don't believe the fee that is set is going to cover all the modernization costs, but it's an effort to allow companies the opportunity to operate efficiently. And, again, we're talking about corporations here wishing to circumvent environmental regulations. So, it's certainly not something that is going to be incurred, hopefully, very frequently. But when a company needs to... to get an exemption, has a practical reason for it, and it doesn't hurt the environment, the Pollution Control Board is there to weigh in and make a determination on whether that's appropriate."

Windhorst: "Thank you for your answers."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1305 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 76 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 28 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3751, Representative Jawaharial Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3751, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. But a fiscal note as been requested as well as a state mandates note, and those notes have not been filed."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jawaharial Williams for a motion."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Chairman... thank you, Chair. House Bill 3751 is a simply... it simply..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "One moment, Representative."

Williams, J.: "Sorry. Okay, okay, Chairman. I'm sorry. I want to move my notes and make my notes inapplicable."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jawaharial Williams has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the motion. Again, we've had a request under the rules for notes that should be complied with. It shouldn't be waived. These are in law and in our rules for a reason. We have made an appropriate request, and therefore I would say we should vote 'no.' Let those notes be responded to and then we can take up this bill later in the week. Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jawaharial Williams 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, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'aye,' 39 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3751, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jawaharial Williams on the measure."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Chairman. House Bill 3751 simply.. simply makes an adjustment. All it simply does is to ask that the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity allow civil administration codes to be amended. Basically, what the bill does is add language stating that the Office of Economic Equity and Empowerment may use vendors to enter into contracts to carry out the purpose of this section, including to, but limited to, engage in employment social enterprises as service providers for workforce development, business training, and economic empowerment programs."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, there is a term added in the statute, 'employment social enterprise.' How is that defined?"

Williams, J.: "Well, it's defined is that, you know, basically, it's the people who are just creating workforce development and job opportunities."

Windhorst: "And this employment social enterprise will be added to the activities of the Office of the Economic Equity and Empowerment. Is that... do I have that correct?"

Williams, J.: "Yes, that's correct. It doesn't create any... any additional funding. It doesn't create any new staff. It just simply allow for these people to be... it was never in the law defined what... exactly what they are. So, what this does is this would allow them to start being able to apply for grants with a definition of what they are and what they doing and what are they... what their services are and what they... what they... what their job is."

Windhorst: "Well, I think the concern is that there may be additional costs and administrative burdens on the Office of Economic Equity and... and Empowerment by taking on a new group of businesses. That's a concern I've heard expressed. If you want... if you could address whether you think that concern is legitimate."

Williams, J.: "Yes, it's... it's a legitimate concern, Leader Windhorst, but it does not create any new work for them. It just simply allows these people who will... who are doing this kind of work already to simply apply for grants that the state are already issuing now or the state is already funding."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3751 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 76 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' This measure, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 19 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3037, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3037, 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 Yang Rohr."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Yang Rohr on the amendment."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt the amendment and debate it on Third Reading."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Yang Rohr moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3037, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Yang Rohr on the measure."

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Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The... House Bill 3037, as amended, is the Right to Play Act, and it came from me... came to me from student-athletes in my district and in districts throughout our state. The original bill passed with 12 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes. And I believe it passed with that margin, at least to some extent, because Members just inherently recognized the absurdity it is that our Illinois students are bound by rules that have resulted in, for example, an autistic cross-country runner being disqualified from his cross-country season for participating in a 20-minute charity run on behalf of his hospitalized sister. Since introducing the bill, it's... I have received countless messages from students, from student-athletes, their families, their coaches about how the bill would help them. In addition to runners, I've heard stories over and over again from dancers, soccer players, wrestlers, cheerleaders, gymnasts telling me about how this bill would finally give them a chance to be heard and address the issues that they have felt ignored on. At the same time, I... I, and maybe many of you, have heard from constituents about some of their concerns about the original bill and, in particular, the concern that club and travel teams would potentially be able to find loopholes through this bill that will allow them to take priority over their school teams. And so, to prevent that possibility, this amended bill narrows the legislation, and the amendment allows principals or athletic directors the option to give up to two waivers per student per school year to participate in a nonschool athletic event without losing their student-athlete eligibility. Any school that would

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choose to do and to give these event waivers would have to... would have to report them to the IHSA. I want to make sure to thank executive director Craig Anderson from the IHSA for the generosity of time that he spent in talking with me about this waiver idea and for saying that IHSA would be willing to take this waiver information so that they can make better data-informed decisions when they decide how to change their bylaws. I want to also thank the coaches, the athletic directors, and the principals who worked with me on this amendment so that we could create a tool that's useful to them and that lets them make these far more localized, more nuanced decisions that are right for their schools and their student bodies."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Thank you, Representative, for going through the amendment. I'm going to have a... a few questions about it. First, just so I have clarity, the current blackout dates that are... that apply through the IHSA, are they changed or affected in this bill in any way?"

Yang Rohr: "This does not change any blackout dates."

Windhorst: "So, a student who wants to participate in a nonschool related sporting activity that would be implicated by that time period can seek a waiver to participate in the event. Is that... do I have that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "The student could ask for their principal or their athletic director for a waiver for a single event."

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Windhorst: "Mr. Speaker... Mr. Speaker, I request Standard Debate on this bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "We'll move to the Order of Standard Debate."

Windhorst: "Thank you. So, the... would the waiver apply to a singular event, or would it apply to a sport? For instance, a basketball player plays on a basketball team and also would have a club team, and they seek a waiver. Is the waiver to play on the club team for the season, or is the waiver to play in the one game on a one Saturday, a one-time event?"

Yang Rohr: "It is for the latter."

Windhorst: "The latter. And the waiver can apply also to an all-star team event as well as up to two waivers per student in the course of a school year. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "A principal or athletic director could issue up to two waivers per student, per school year, and that... one of those two waivers could be an all-star game."

Windhorst: "And is the granting of the waiver discretionary with the principal or the athletic director? Meaning, if they want to say no, they could say no, or are there certain objective criteria that are met they must grant the waiver?"

Yang Rohr: "It is up to the principal or athletic director to make those decisions. And so, it is a tool that they can choose to use or not use."

Windhorst: "And does one trump the other? Meaning, if the athletic director says no, the principal says yes, is it yes or do both have to... basically, do both have to agree on the decision?"

Yang Rohr: "One or the other is able to make the decision. As I understand, school management, I believe principals, are the

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managers of athletic directors. And so, the principal would have to agree in that case."

Windhorst: "And I believe there was a concern expressed by the Illinois Principals Association about principals being involved in the process. They feel like they may be put in a difficult position if they want to deny a waiver or grant a waiver. And then also, I don't know that there would be potential liability concerns, but some unintended consequence in granting a waiver that could come back on them. If you would address those concerns because I'm sure you've heard them."

Yang Rohr: "Yes. Thank you for that question. I am, again, very thankful to the principals, to the athletic directors, to the coaches who worked with me on this amendment. And one of the things that they wanted to make sure I expressed on the record was that the Illinois Principals Association did not speak on their behalf, nor did the Illinois Principals Association consult with them before registering their opposition. And to that end, if there are principals or... or athletic directors who believe that there are risks with issuing a waiver, they are free to not use the waiver."

Windhorst: "I show the IHSA is still opposed. What is the nature of their opposition?"

Yang Rohr: "Without having heard them in committee, I... I do not know. But what I can tell you is that in my conversations with IHSA, I believe that they have said that the amendment is better than the original bill. I will also say that on principle, they have told me that they do not believe that Springfield belongs in their business. I will say, though,

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that when we talk to the student-athletes from all around our state, when we hear the stories about these... these runners, these wrestlers, gymnasts who are not allowed to compete in these one-off events, and when we hear how the IHSA does not respond to them in the same way that we are required to... to respond and to take into account our constituents' concerns and issues, to... to say that Springfield does not belong in their business, I think, is a great disservice to our student-athletes and their families."

Windhorst: "As it relates to waivers or just the bill's purpose in general, I can see a difference between a team sport and an individual sport. Individual sport, while there are still training concerns and... and health concerns, oftentimes everyone is allowed to compete or there's very few times when there are cuts made, for instance, on a team. Whereas, with a team sport, a lot of times there are select positions on a team that are taken up, and if individuals are allowed then not to participate on a team, participate in a club sport, basically they've taken up a spot on the school's team, and then now are not participating. How do you believe this amendment addresses that concern as it relates to team sports versus individual sports?"

Yang Rohr: "The concern on the original bill was that a student-athlete would be able to participate in both. This amendment makes sure that the IHSA rules completely stay intact. But if there is a special event, if there is that charity run, that they... the student-athlete will be able to do it."

Windhorst: "Appreciate you answering my questions. Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Members, we will... we've moved to the Order of Standard Debate. We're going to continue to make use of the 2-minute timer. Members, of course, may yield time one to the other, but please make your best efforts to be concise with your questioning. We'll move to the gentleman from Cook, Representative McLaughlin."

McLaughlin: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the Representative, I've got a question. And first of all, I want to thank you so much, Representative, for bringing this bill forward. It was an incredibly brave thing that you've done. And as a father of five daughters and as a coach of 21 years from travel sports, I have had to take young athletes to Iowa and Wisconsin so that they could participate, not only for college exposure, but also that they can participate in their high school athletic events. And to me, this is an incredible unfairness, and I feel for you because it's obvious that the IHSA has done nothing but put pressure on you to amend this bill. And to your statement, which I think is incredibly telling, that the... Springfield has no authority and should stay out of the ISHA's business is amazing to me. The IHSA should, frankly, do what they were originally intended to do, and that was to be fair with all student-athletes. So, the question I have is, the two events, are those events special events or would they be the regional, the sectional, the super-sectional, or the final of any soccer, basketball, softball?"

Yang Rohr: "The events can... with the waiver, the great... I... I think that the... the very useful thing about the waiver is that it can be applied to... to any applicable event. And so, for a

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lot... for actually most athletes that will be that local run, that will be that local golf scramble. But it could also be for our most elite athletes. Our athletes, right now in Illinois, have to decline invitations from FIFA, from the Olympic Development Program, from offers of... to play with national teams in Canada, in Scotland because these IHSA rules compel the organization to deny their waiver requests. This legislation will finally be able to let those student athletes participate in those events too."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative McLaughlin, your time's expired."

McLaughlin: "Thank you. I think we've got..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "You can bring your remarks to a close. Representative Miller yields some time. Representative Miller has yielded you two minutes, but please bring your remarks to a close when you can."

McLaughlin: "I've got a number of questions. I appreciate it, but this a bill of which I'm on that's changed significantly."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Please proceed. Please proceed."

McLaughlin: "Mr. Speaker, thank you. So, as it relates to your point, I think it's incredible here that the discrimination that the IHSA to limiting student-athletes' ability to get financial scholarships is disgusting and a gross overreach by a nongovernment agency. As it relates to the two events that you mentioned, I would like to remind this body and I'd like to remind the IHSA that just to get to a state tournament requires at least, at least, to get to a championship, five or six events. So, this is well below what we need. And so, I want to thank you, Representative, for bringing this bill

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forward. Incredibly brave. And I... and I will work with you, and I'll remind the ISHA to stay in their lane and allow our children... God forbid Jim Thorpe or Babe Didrikson was in a high school today. The ISHA would make sure they play one and one sport only. To remind people, Jim Thorpe was not only a professional football player, but he won the Olympics numerous times, as did Babe Didrikson. So, this is a... an unfortunate... this is an unfortunate turn with your amendments, but I completely appreciate, Representative, what you had to do to get this started. But, frankly, let's next year, and I'll join you, get this completely wiped down, get the IHSA back in the lane where they should be, which is to be fair and to allow all these students to have every equal opportunity for scholarships that they can get. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative. Further discussion, Representative Elik."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Elik: "Thank you so much. Representative, we have talked about this a couple times in committee. I think I want to clear up just a couple questions that I have remaining after my colleague spoke. Well, maybe one... one statement is that you mentioned that you had heard from principals that were in favor of this and that principals association was not speaking on their behalf. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "That is correct."

Elik: "Okay. So, I have heard the opposite. So, I have heard from both principals, athletic directors, and coaches that have

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said, you know, we appreciate what the principals association is... is doing, essentially, in... in sticking up for us on this. So, I think there just may be... I think just what we're going to see in the chamber today, there's probably some 'yes' and some 'no,' and it's probably bipartisan 'yesses' and 'no' on either side. But I think that they are doing the best that they can in listening to their... and to their members. So, I wanted to ask, too, you mentioned about kids not being able to take part in national events, but it's my understanding there are actually waivers in place so that kids can attend national events. Is... and I... I thought that's what you mentioned in committee this morning."

Yang Rohr: "The IHSA has a rule, a bylaw, that allows their executive director to issue up to three waivers for events that are sanctioned by the sport's national governing body. So, for example, that means youth soccer, if it is a U.S. youth national soccer, if it is an event that is sponsored, sanctioned by them, it is then possible to issue... to have IHSA issue a waiver. On the other hand, if it is an invitation from FIFA or from the Canada national body or from the Scotland national body or the Olympic Development Committee, we have had Illinois students that have had to decline those invitations because of these rules."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Elik, your time is expired."

Elik: "Okay, let's see..."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Fritts yields his time. Please proceed."

Elik: "Thank you so much. I... and I'll... I'll wrap up here in just a second. I wonder if there's maybe a different... so, those

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waivers have to go through IHSA, not the principal and not the coach... or AD?"

Yang Rohr: "Those waivers have to be requested on behalf of the student from the official designee of IHSA from those schools."

Elik: "Okay. So, this is now making it very broad, putting it in the hands of those local school officials to make those decisions, and, obviously, it's going to be... it's going to happen a lot more. So, I think that I was originally with you in the original committee. And based although on the feedback that I've gotten from my district from lots of different folks, I... we were partisan leave in committee this morning and think I'm going to have to stay that way. But I just wanted to let you know that I think it's going to be a little bit of a mixed bag here. So, thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Yang Rohr to close."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you. I... I would just like the body to... to note that 40 out of 50 states have athletic... student athletic regulations that are... that would allow this already. Illinois remains in the 10 states that have regulations that are this strict. With this bill, if it were to become law, we would remain in that bottom 10. While that is not something to brag about, it is at least a step forward, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3037 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."

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On this question, there are 68 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 2 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 18 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2966, Representative Katz Muhl. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2966, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2966, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Katz Muhl on the measure."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you. House Bill 2966 is an effort to make the state's process for giving consolidation grants to school districts smarter and more effective. The State Board of Education currently maintains a grant fund for school districts who want to study consolidation. This is the first step in any district's analysis, but the fund is underutilized. So, the first thing that this bill does is ask the State Board of Education to more effectively advertise the availability of grant funds to school districts and school boards across the state. When we see those application numbers rise, the second thing this bill asks the State Board of Education to do is strategically prioritize giving grants to school districts who have financially similar profiles. Specifically, we're looking at districts that have similar

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equity-based funding percentages as well as similar tax rates. The goal here is to find districts where the consolidation is a win-win so that if the boards make the decision to go to referendum, voters will review the data and see that it's a situation where they'll be able to strip out duplication, but without having significant transfers between the districts. Our hope is to encourage school boards to look at this as a sound fiduciary responsibility, to take a look at their fiscal situation vis-a-vis their neighbors, and if appropriate, put in for one of these grant studies and give it a serious good look. It's carrots, not sticks, as we're making an effort to take consolidation steps forward here in Illinois, and I'd be happy to take any questions from the chamber. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2966 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 this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 5 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1362, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1362, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2... Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Kifowit on the amendment."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt the amendment, as it becomes the bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Kifowit moves adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1362, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Kifowit on the measure."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill corrects what could be called a loophole or an oversight with regards to military men and women that serve in our reserve and National Guard components. If that individual works for a public sector employee, they are entitled to differential pay, which is a pay between what they get paid in the military and the pay in which they get paid from their private sector job. The loophole, or the error, as it would be, would... it occurs when an individual in the public sector works a shift that is not an 8 to 5 shift. Our... our police and fire are examples of shifts that span two days, for example, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift, and those individuals were getting, in a sense, half of the time of differential that an individual would get if they worked a normal 8 to 5 job, and this corrects that error."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Ugaste for discussion."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. Will the sponsor yield.. or the speaker?"

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Representative, first of all, I want to thank you for the work you did on this in addressing some concerns I had in making certain that I... at least in my mind, the math worked out, and I'm assuming everyone else must've ultimately saw it that way 'cause we're there. I do have one question for you I wasn't able to quite figure out, and I... I know I voted to... to get it out of committee. But as far as the compensation that can be paid for both annual training orders and orders in lieu of annual training, could you just explain what that refers to?"

Kifowit: "Well, annual training orders are orders where an individual is called up, in essence, for training, such as my daughter's husband is in the Army National Guard. He got caught up for training for four months to go to Georgia to be trained in his skill that he has in the Army. So... and then reservists, National Guardsmen get called up one weekend a month to do their... their skills with the Illinois National Guard. So, that... that's the... the differential components of training. It could be two weeks. It could be four months. It could be a weekend. It could a week. It's... it's the needs of the unit."

Ugaste: "Okay. And what is the order in lieu of annual training? Is... did you address..."

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Kifowit: "An order in lieu of annual training is... is simply, again, to use my son-in-law as an example, he's on orders. He's not in training. He's overseas in Africa."

Ugaste: "Okay."

Kifowit: "So."

Ugaste: "Understood now."

Kifowit: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Thank you very much for clarifying that. Appreciate it. Appreciate your work on the bill. Thank you."

Kifowit: "Thank you, sir."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1362 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 35 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3343, Leader Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3343, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Mah on the measure."

Mah: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3343 is an initiative of the Illinois Association of Acupuncturists. It's a measure that we have already passed twice in this body, both times with overwhelming bipartisan support. But both times, the bills were not taken up in the Senate. The bill simply allows for acupuncture services in a noninvasive

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fashion to be provided via telehealth. This would only include the services like consultations on herbs, traditional Chinese medicine, pressure points, not anything that has to do with needling. And, again, simply, it would allow these services to be available through telehealth. We've passed this already twice, as I mentioned. I would just ask that we support it once again. Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3343 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 112 voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 16 in the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2849, Leader West. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2849, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative West."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader West on the amendment."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 becomes the bill. Would love to debate it on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader West moves adoption of House 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?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2849, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader West on the measure."

West: "Thank you so much. House Bill 2849 is a bill that came from a constituent of mine that I met during canvassing. As we discussed, House Floor Amendment #2 is a gut and replace that becomes the bill, and it talks about prohibiting a park owner from requiring a tenant to pay for utility services in common areas of manufactured homes where a public utility company is charging for those services, where a public utility usage is not separately measured, and the owner may not charge tenants for more than 80% of the public utility service. And park owners must annually provide tenants with a written explanation of how the tenants' share of the utility charge was calculated and must provide a copy of the park's monthly utility bills to tenants for any charge separately billed upon request of the tenant. This is agreed language that I was able to get to with the Illinois Manufactured Homes Association. I know of no opposition, and I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader C.D. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Leader West. I... I believe that we had some issues with this bill when it first came through committee, and... and I appreciate you working with the

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opposition to come to an agreeable finale, and... and here it is in front of us. I think that this is a good bill, and... and I hope everyone can support it."

West: "Thank you, sir."

Speaker Guzzardi: "There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2849 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, on page 25, we have House Bill 3503, Leader Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3503, 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 Tarver."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Tarver on the amendment."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment becomes the bill. It is negotiated language with ISBE. Happy to answer any questions about it."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Tarver moves the adoption of House Floor Amendment #1. 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3503, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Tarver on the measure."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This creates the Illinois Curriculum Overview and Alignment Act. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this measure, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative... Leader Tarver, it appears that initially the vote was partisan in committee and the amendment received unanimous support. If you could, explain how... how the amendment changed the underlying bill."

Tarver: "I would like to explain that I woke up this morning, I came to committee, and I said I had one goal today, and that was to get Blaine Wilhour to vote for my bill. One of two. And he voted for this bill, and everybody else followed suit, and that's how it came out. No, really. It was a gut and replace. I talked with ISBE, took some of their language, and we brought the bill forward. Happy to answer any more specific questions, but, yes, we removed the opposition, and both sides voted... voted out on leave."

Windhorst: "So, just hit the highlights. We're... beginning January 1, 2026, ISBE will conduct a comprehensive review of all mandated units of study every five years. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "I believe it's every 10 years. So, the amendment should make it 10 years."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry. Yes, I see that now."

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Tarver: "No, no... yeah, no problem. And so, if... if you want a little bit more background, the bottom line is that a lot of times we pass bills, we put things into the curriculum. ISBE is saying they don't necessarily know where to put certain things. And when I tried to move a bill based on financial literacy, there was no room. And so, part of the conversation we had was about when is the last time they did kind of a overview of all the mandates. It had not been for some time. This is to move them along in doing so. And, again, it's agreed with them. I hope that's helpful."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Members, we've returned to the Order of Short Debate. We've heard from the bill sponsor and Leader Windhorst. With that, we'll move to a vote. There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3503 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 22 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3300, Leader Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3300, 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 have been approved for consideration. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3300, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Stuart on the measure."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3300 is... it's not as big as it is some years, but it is the omnibus type of cleanup bill from our Board of Higher Education. It basically does some things to improve transparency and enhance data collection and analysis. I'm happy to answer any specific questions to any of the details. It did pass out of Higher Ed Committee unanimously."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, there was a Floor Amendment 3, which I don't believe passed out of committee and is not part of this bill. Is that your..."

Stuart: "Correct. And in speaking with IBHE, it's... it's okay to go in the form that it's in."

Windhorst: "All right. So, we should ignore Floor Amendment 3 for... for this vote?"

Stuart: "For this vote, yes."

Windhorst: "With regard to the I... IBHE is going to also identify certain low-performing programs for higher education. Is that part of this bill?"

Stuart: "Yes. And it's actually... it's a practice that does exist already, and we're just clarifying it and fine-tuning that practice."

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Windhorst: "And that is at the request of IBHE?"

Stuart: "Yes. And I want to make it clear, it does not compel a university to act on anything that comes out of that reporting."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3300 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.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 30 of the calendar, House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 3851, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3851, 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 Yang Rohr."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Yang Rohr on the amendment."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment updates a few definitions to conform with existing statute, and I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Yang Rohr moves adoption of House 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."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3851, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Yang Rohr on the measure."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3851, it confronts one of the more disturbing trends that we have seen taking root in our schools in recent months and years. Using artificial intelligence, we're seeing middle and high school students creating sexually explicit images and sharing those... those doctored pictures amongst one another. The... this use of exploitative AI apps is so new that a lot... oftentimes, schools are unprepared to address these issues. They are unsure and unprepared for what to do. So, House Bill 3851, it gives schools the framework for dealing with this by clearly including it in the bullying prevention and cyberbullying part of the School Code. And in doing so, it puts policy and procedure in place for reporting. It informs parents and guardians of incidences, and it sets up a framework for investigating and addressing these issues. This bill also passed unanimously in the previous General Assembly. It passed through committee unanimously, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3851 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 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And

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this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 27 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3662, Representative Jawaharial Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3662, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3662, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. On page 4 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1302, Leader Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1302, a Bill for an Act concerning victim rights. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Ann Williams."

Williams, A.: "Okay, we are double-checking on the amendment. We believe we only mean... need amendment #2."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Floor Amendment #1. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Ann Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, a few years ago, you may recall, we created a new offense, organized retail theft."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Williams, on the amendment, please."

Williams, A.: "Oh, the amendment? It's a gut and replace, and it makes some changes at the request of the state police and other stakeholders. And I'd be happy to explain in the context of the full bill on Third."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Ann Williams moves the adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1302, a Bill for an Act concerning victim rights. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Ann Williams on the measure."

Williams, A.: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. A few years ago, you may recall, we created a new offense, organized retail theft, in response to concerns we heard from retail stores in many communities. This bill that we're doing today is the culmination efforts by Representative Kelly Cassidy, who worked in conjunction with the original stakeholders, state's attorneys, and retail merchants, to recalibrate and realign some of the tenants of the original legislation to ensure parity between the rights afforded to retail victims of crime and individual survivors of crime, including survivors of

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domestic and gender-based violence. First, current law grants corporate victims of organized retail theft the right to seven days' notice for any court dates while other victims in the state, including gender-based violence and other violent crimes, are only afforded timely notice. The stakeholders have been working on this issue to bring parity, and we don't have final language yet, but all stakeholders have agreed to address this in the Senate. It will likely involve some sort of elimination of a time certain for notice and instead provide some sort of prescreening process to determine what reasonable notice is. So, that's the first piece. Second, the ORT law and data provision, law enforcement officers cannot refuse to take a written report. Here, we are correcting the inequity and ensuring that police adequately respond to survivors of gender-based violence by requiring written reports and prohibiting officers from just being... discouraging people to file reports in cases where there exists a bona fide allegation. And finally, since we are striving to ensure parity and justice for all, the bill adds a section in response to concerns from the Illinois State Police which would allow expedited relief so that human trafficking survivors have a real and meaningful opportunity to expunge or seal criminal records based on offenses that were incurred during the course of being trafficked, often retail theft related. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "She indicates that she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, on the underlying bill, the sheriffs' association was opposed. The amendment brought them to neutral. What was done with the amendment to bring them to neutral?"

Williams, A.: "That is... that is the third piece. That is the section related to the survivors of human trafficking. The way the process worked, it needed to be cleaned up and streamlined. And you can see in the language that we tightened up the language pertaining to the expungement process for those crimes."

Windhorst: "And then with regard to the Retail Merchants Association, I believe they're still opposed because of the organized retail crime piece, which you mentioned. Is that true, they're still opposed to the bill?"

Williams, A.: "They are working closely with Representative Cassidy, who has been involved in negotiations for some time, and they are okay with us moving it to the Senate and committed to working toward agreement, as is the primary sponsor... previous sponsor."

Windhorst: "So, we should expect this to come back after a vote in the Senate."

Williams, A.: "Yes, we expect it to come back agreed and to resolve the issues that were still outstanding from the original ORT bill."

Windhorst: "Well, I hope that occurs. I'll be a 'no' today until we see that amendment, but I appreciate your presentation."

Williams, A.: "Sure."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Williams, A.: "Thank you."

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Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1302 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 76 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 21 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3248, Representative Jiménez. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3248, 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 Jiménez."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jiménez on the amendment."

Jiménez: "I would like to adopt amendment 1."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jiménez moves for adoption of House 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 Guzzardi: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3248, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jiménez on the bill."

Jiménez: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise today to present HB3248. It's the Medically Necessary Hair Removal Coverage Act. This

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bill aims to ensure that laser hair removal is covered by insurance when it is deemed medically necessary. That is important to note because the amendment that we offered did clarify that it would have to be medically necessary, not cosmetic. Many individuals with these conditions, when medically necessary, suffer from excessive or problematic hair growth, and laser hair removal is often the most effective treatment. I urge my colleagues to support this bill, as it will improve the health, dignity, and quality of life for many of our constituents."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "I'm just going to go quickly to the bill, Speaker."

Speaker Guzzardi: "To the bill, leader."

Keicher: "As I've talked about before, we have this habit lately of continually adding more and more cost consequential items to our health insurance plans, the 20% of health insurance plans that we can regulate. Since 2022, we have passed 54 of them. If you don't think this is impacting the affordability of health insurance, you're wrong. We don't see any sign of this slowing with the other mandates that we have coming before us. We need to be judicious and preserve affordable health insurance for consumers in the State of Illinois. I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question, is, 'Shall House Bill 3248 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 71 voting 'yes,' 42 voting 'no,' 2 voting 'present.'

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And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 27 of the calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3662, Representative Jawaharial Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3662, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Representative Jawaharial Williams."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Chairman. House Bill... I'm sorry... thank you, Chairman. House Bill 3662 is a bill where, basically, we already give people with substance abuse and drugs addiction uses, we all give them... in a penitentiary, when they leave the prison, we give them naloxone and naproxen to help them if they've been identified with a substance abuse. We don't give it to everyone, people who've been identified as substance abuse. And what we're going to do now is give it to people who are in the county... leaving the county jail who have been identified with the same substance abuse as a form of drug treatment in... in the event that they find theyself relapsing on the drugs. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Guzzardi: "On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Guzzardi: "He indicates that he will."

Williams, J.: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you. Representative, the naloxone will be provided to releasees from DOC and from county jails. Is that accurate?"

Williams, J.: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "That qualify, that either have a drug related charge or show signs of drug abuse. Is that accurate?"

Williams, J.: "Not... more of the drug addiction than necessarily the drug charge. You know, some people get drug charges don't necessarily have an addiction. Some sell drugs, and some do drugs. So, we want to put the focus on those who have a substance abuse addiction."

Windhorst: "Who's going to pay for the naloxone?"

Williams, J.: "Most of this money will come from the... the opioid fund... opioid fund... funding program."

Windhorst: "And when that fund no longer has money, will there be an anticipated payment from the state to our local governments to cover that cost?"

Williams, J.: "It's... it's also federal money, where they could take over... take over the cost if... once the opioid funding exceeds its limits. But the opioid fund has enormous amounts of money, so it... it should be completely funded for a while. And you could have these on hand. So, we not giving them to everyone who leaves the county jail or the penitentiary. We only... we only going to hand them out to people... we going to give them to people who been identified as substance abusers, not everyone who goes in out the penal system or the county jail. People who are having addiction, people who are having substance abuse... abuse, and people who actually may request for just in event of needing some help in the event that they may have a relapse."

Windhorst: "The bill had been voted... or a similar bill had been passed last year. Is that correct?"

Williams, J.: "Yes."

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Windhorst: "Or last General Assembly. And I believe the vote was 92 to 17. Does that sound accurate to you?"

Williams, J.: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Does the... you'd mentioned that the opioid settlement funds would be used to cover the cost in... for county jails. That money would be available through grants or other programs. Is that spelled out in the bill, or is that how you believe it will work in practice?"

Williams, J.: "It's really going to have to work in practice for the most part."

Windhorst: "And the same would apply to DOC. They will be able to use those funds, but ultimately the state would bear the cost if the funds aren't there or in the future dates when the funds aren't available."

Williams, J.: "Possibly."

Windhorst: "Well, I... I appreciate you bringing this forward. I... we had a split vote on the Republican side in committee and... and the last time it was voted on, on the floor. I appreciate you answering my questions. Thank you."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Leader Windhorst."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3662 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all the 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,' 42 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Moeller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that I had intended to vote 'yes' on House Bill 3248."

Speaker Guzzardi: "The record will reflect your intentions. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this evening. All committees are delayed... have been delayed from the original scheduled time by 2 hours. So, the 3 o'clocks are at 5 o'clock, 3:30 are at 5:30, 4 o'clock are 6 o'clock, 4:30 are at 6:30 now, and 5 o'clock are now scheduled for 7'clock. The following committees will be meeting: At 5 o'clock, the Judiciary - Criminal Committee will meet in Room 115; Revenue & Finance will meet in D-1; Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools will meet in Room 115; Labor & Commerce will meet in Room 114; State Government Administration will meet in C-1; the Housing Committee will meet in Room 413; Immigration & Human Rights will meet in Room 122B. Meeting at 5:30 is Agriculture & Conservation in Room 122B, Consumer Protection in Room 413, Health Care Availability & Accessibility in Room D-1. Meeting at 6 o'clock is Adoption & Child Welfare in Room 115, Energy & Environment in Room 114, the Gaming Committee in Room 413, Higher Education in Room 122B, Appropriations-General Services in D-1, Appropriations-Public Safety & Infrastructure in C-1. Meeting at 6:30 is Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in Room 413. Meeting at 7 o'clock is Public Utilities in Room 114, Cities & Villages in Room 122B, and Insurance Room 413. Once again, all the committee scheduled times were delayed by 2 hours."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 241, offered by Representative DeLuca. House Resolution 243, offered by Representative Mason. House Resolution 244, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth."

Speaker Guzzardi: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, April the 10th, at the hour of 10 a.m., 10 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those 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. Committee Reports. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 1836, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 2727, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3281, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3572, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3632. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2521, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2970, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3039, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3096, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3097, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3377. Representative Evans, Chairperson from

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the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1056, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2961, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2973, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3396, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3541. Representative Blair-Sherlock, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1788, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2588, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2833, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2980, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3574, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3790. Representative Jiménez, Chairperson from the Committee on Housing reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1843, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3526, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3616. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3323. Representative Ness, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1872, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3365. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2419, Floor Amendment(s)

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4 to House Bill 2516. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3062, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3385. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1821. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3349. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1441, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3725. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 9, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3755, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3799, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3800. Second Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2462, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. It will be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 26, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 27, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning families. Senate Bill 31, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 39, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill

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for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 69, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 90, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 104, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 119, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 128, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Senate Bill 175, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 188, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. Senate Bill 212, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 224, offered by Representative Keicher, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 243, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 291, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 407, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 849, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1195, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1249, offered by Representative Ugaste, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1256, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1288, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1289, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning

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regulation. Senate Bill 1301, offered by Representative du Buclet, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 12... correction, Senate Bill 1310, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1331, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1344, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1348, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1380, offered by Representative Benton, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1418, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1446, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1467, offered by Representative Olickal, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1491, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1519, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1524, offered by Representative Grasse, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House (sic-Senate) Bill 1537, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1550, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1555, offered by Representative Hirschauer, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House (sic-Senate) Bill 1563, offered by Representative Jawaharial Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House (sic-Senate) Bill 1583, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill

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for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1584, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1594, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1599, offered by Representative Moore, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1607, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1614, offered by Representative Tarver, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 1701, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1738, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1740, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1742, offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1752, offered by Representative Huynh, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 1764, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1774, offered by Representative LaPointe, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1777, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning finances. Senate Bill 1793, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1799, offered by Representative Olickal, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1814, offered by Representative Swanson, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1827, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1883,

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offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1909, offered by Representative Ugaste, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House (sic-Senate) Bill 1932, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House (sic-Senate) Bill 1941, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1947, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1953, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1983, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1989, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2019, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2044, offered by Representative Bunting, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2075, offered by Representative Sanalidro, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2102, offered by Representative Elik, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2149, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2154, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2156, offered by Representative Huynh, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2164, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2179, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2194, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning State

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government. Senate Bill 2220, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2266, offered by Representative Syed, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2280, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2306, offered by Representative Syed, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2323, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning human trafficking. Senate Bill 2351, offered by Representative Swanson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2408, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House (sic-Senate) Bill 2427, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2431, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2455, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Senate Bill 2457, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2492, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2493, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2494, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2495, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2496, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2500, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate

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Bill 2503, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2506, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."