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Speaker Morgan: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We will be led in prayer today by Representative Dave Severin. Members. 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. Representative Severin."

Severin: "Good morning, everyone, and I just want to share a little verse with you before I pray this morning. My favorite verse, Philippians 4:13, says, 'I can do all things,' and most of us politicians, we stop right there, but the final part of the verse says, 'through Christ who strengthen me.' So, let's pray this morning. Lord, I thank you for this week and I thank you for the... the time that we've been here that... and I don't say that tongue and cheek, Lord. I say that sincerely that we've been here through work, and I pray, God, that you would continue to give us wisdom and direction as we work this day. I pray that this coming week, when we're not in this building, but we're in our... back home with our friends and family and constituents, that you would give us a good week. I pray for safety, Lord, and, Lord, I pray that you would be with each one of us and we don't just make this a time of... of formality, but, Lord, this time to call upon you, we... we truly talk to you, Lord. And I pray that each one that hears my voice this morning, if they've never spoke to you or they just hear about you because we do this praying, I challenge each one that hears my voice this morning that would call out to God and see if he really exists. Because I know he exists 'cause he's in my heart and he works in my life, and I thank you for that, Lord. I thank you for the

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opportunity, again, to call upon you and know that you hear and answer our prayers. And, Lord, I don't just pray for Larry Walsh today, but I pray for everybody in this House. In your name, amen."

Speaker Morgan: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Leader Delgado."

Delgado - 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 Morgan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Guzzardi is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Ammons and Scherer are excused today."

Speaker Morgan: "Thank you, leader. Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, good morning. Please let the record reflect that Representative Sanalitro is excused for today."

Speaker Morgan: "Thank you, leader. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 115 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Leader Evans wishes to be in the Chair."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Benton, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Benton: "Thank you. While we have a little bit of down time, I just want to say congratulations on the first third-week deadline for Clayton Harris and Izzy. And I just want to thank

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staff on both sides of the aisle for this crazy, hectic week and the long hours you're putting in and you're coming back in early. So, thank you, and let's give staff a round of applause."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Bunting, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bunting: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "please speak your point."

Bunting: "Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I would like to introduce my page for the day, Trent Schmid. Trent is a junior at Cissna Park High School. He is very involved member of the Cissna Park FFA chapter, which I absolutely love, and is their current vice president. He enjoys completing community service and participating in contests such as agronomy, ag sales, parliamentary procedure, which I can learn a thing or two from, and record book interviews. He also participates in the Madrigal's performance around Christmas every year and is in the Cissna Park High School's musical. He was the manager of the Cissna Park basketball team and has been part of the scholastic bowl for three years. He is unsure where he would like to attend college. I'm twisting his arm, hoping we can keep him in Illinois. He would love to enter the agricultural industry and hopes to include ag in his career. Please join me in giving Trent a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Reick: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Reick: "It's been a long week, folks. We're starting to come to the end and... but we're looking at each other kind of funny. Not like we're clowns, but funny. We all want to go home. We all want to be done. I, too, have the fever, but there's a prescription for the fever. We need more cowbell. Give me cowbell. Hit it."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Blair-Sherlock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Blair-Sherlock: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Blair-Sherlock: "Hi. I have filed a resolution that has not yet come to committee, but I would like to read it out today. And I'd like to thank my colleagues on both sides of the aisle for joining and becoming cosponsors on this resolution. April is Deaf History Month.

WHEREAS, The National Association of the Deaf recognizes April as Deaf History Month to increase awareness of and express appreciation for the many contributions that deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made to our society; and... I'd appreciate it if the chamber would listen. I think this is important. I don't know how many of you realize that the Illinois School for the Deaf is in Jacksonville. Thank you. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, estimates are over 400,000 individuals in Illinois are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, Deaf culture is an important part of the fabric of our society; and

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WHEREAS, Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals have made and continue to make numerous contributions to their local communities, the state, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American School for the Deaf opened in Hartford, Connecticut in April... on April 15, 1817 as the first public school for the deaf in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by the meeting... by meeting an educated deaf man, State Senator Orville Browning introduced and championed the passage of a bill in 1839 to create what would become the Illinois School for the Deaf, which opened its doors to students in January of 1846 in Jacksonville, where it proudly remains located to this day;

WHEREAS, In April of 1964, President Abraham Lincoln, who as a state legislator in Illinois supported the creation of the Illinois School for the Deaf, signed a charter establishing Gallaudet University, the first college in the world for deaf students, named in honor of Thomas Hopkins... one second, thank you... Gallaudet, who acted as informal advisor to the first board members of the Illinois School for the Deaf; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 2025 and April 2026 as Deaf History Month in the State of Illinois and encourage Illinoisans to become familiar with and celebrate the contributions of deaf Illinoisans to our state and nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution... we'll get to that once I get it out of committee. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Members, we'll be calling bills on Third Reading. On page 21 of the calendar, under the Order of House Bills- Third Reading, we have House Bill 1632, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1632, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Rep. Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HB1632 is an initiative from the Illinois Department of Innovation Technology. This legislation seeks to amend the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act by providing more flexibility for government... governmental agencies to accept electronic records and signatures. In 2021, Public Act 102-0038 replaced the Electronic Commerce Security Act with the UETA, which I mentioned before, which established a legal equivalence of electronic records and signatures with paper writings and manually signed signatures to help reduce barriers to electronic commerce with the State of Illinois. In 2023, Public Act 103-0390 change DoIT's permissive rulemaking authority under UETA into a mandate to adopt administrative rules. So, this legislation seeks to return to the original intent of UETA by removing the requirement... the requirement, the rulemaking, and replacing it with language to provide flexibility for agencies to make informed business decisions on whether to accept electronic records and signatures and to do so in a way that meets their unique requirements in alignment with security considerations. I'm open to any questions."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1632 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back in the calendar, page 5, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1830, Representative Davis. Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1830, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1830, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1830 is an initiative, not necessarily a sponsored initiative, but also working with the State Board of Education. When we put in the evidence-based funding.. school funding formula several years ago, one of the components was called the Professional Review Panel. The Professional Review Panel is made up of wide variety of stakeholders whose job is to kind of protect and ensure the efficacy and the fidelity of the school funding formula. I know as Members we sometimes want to introduce bills that may have an impact on the

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distribution of dollars or impact the EBF in some way or another. And we're not suggesting that what you want to do is bad, but because it's a delicate instrument, if you will, we want to make sure that what you're doing, A, doesn't necessarily upset the apple cart, if you will, of EBF, but we want to make sure that it works within the confines of the way the formula is currently structured. So, what this bill allows for is for the permissiveness of, if a bill is filed, that they get to study it. Generally, in most cases, we ask for a joint resolution that would force that to the Professional Review Panel and then they would use a subcommittee structure in order to put some members on it and then study it and then make recommendation on whether or not it should move or not move. And it's just a recommendation. The Professional Review Panel has four legislators who are ex officio members. Currently, they are myself, Representative Wilhour, Representative... excuse me, Senator Bryant, and Senator Lightford. Now, we're ex officio and we don't vote, but our job is to kind of be there, just kind of hear how these things go, and listen to the recommendations of the review panel. In doing so, if we agree, based on the recommendation from the PRP that that bill should move, not necessarily saying that one of us should carry the bill, but certainly we would support that Member that may carry the bill and move it forward. So, this is just designed to make sure that those bills that are filed are looked at by the Professional Review Panel to determine what their impact on EBF could be. I'll answer any questions, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1830 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 the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, towards the bottom of the page, we have House Bill 3657, Representative du Buclet. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill. House Bill 3657."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3657, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3657, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative du Buclet."

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. House Bill 3657 is initiative of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Retirement Fund that would make three critical improvements to our Pension Code. Number one, it... the bill would require employees to receive... employees that are currently receiving ordinary disability benefits to undergo an annual medical examination by a licensed health care professional appointed by the MWRD board. Secondly, it would grant the MWRD Board of Trustees the authority to... to issue subpoenas for... for a variety of

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reasons, for medical reasons. And number three, it would clarify salary calculations for disability benefits. This bill is the same as House Bill 4784, which passed unanimously out of the House in 103rd General Assembly. And additionally, this amendment will return our article to the way it was previously before the restructuring in 1991. And I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you mentioned, we passed this bill out unanimously, or similar bill, last General Assembly. I believe that's correct."

du Buclet: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "Do we anticipate there's any fiscal impact or cost..."

du Buclet: "No fiscal impact at all."

Windhorst: "...that'd associated with the bill? You said no?"

du Buclet: "No, no fiscal impact."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

du Buclet: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3657 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 forward in the calendar, page 14, House Bills-Second Reading, towards the top of the page, we have House

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Bill 3148, Representative Fritts. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 21 in the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1869, Representative Hernandez. Lisa Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1869, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 1869 is an initiative of the Illinois State Board of Education that would allow the state superintendent to designate any regional office of education or intermediate service center as a learning partner in any iteration of the statewide system of support. Illinois law already codifies ROEs and ISCs as partners of the state in leading school improvement work, and they are an integral piece of our statewide system of support for schools. I have no opposition, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, why is this bill necessary?"

Hernandez, L.: "The change will recognize that ROEs and ISCs are an integral piece of the statewide system of support for schools and will give school districts more options in terms of who they may select as a partner in their school improvement work."

Windhorst: "And are the regional offices of education funded by ISBE?"

Hernandez, L.: "They are."

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Windhorst: "Yeah."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1869 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 18 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3646, Representative Norma Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3646, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3646, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez, Norma."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm here to urge the passage of HB3646, which extends the Generative AI Natural Language Processing Task Force to continue to hold public meetings in a hybrid format with both virtual and in-person options to attend as frequently as necessary to carry out its duties and shall convene and meet at the call of the co-chairpersons until 2027. This task force issued a report in December 2024, but we will... but will continue meeting and

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issuing additional reports with recommendations. There are no known oppositions and passed out of committee... committee unanimously. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, part of this bill eliminates the regional meetings that were occurring across the state. Is that correct?"

Hernandez, N.: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And it also is allowing for hybrid meetings. I'm guessing that's a change because there's been issues with having a quorum or having the meetings occur. Is that accurate?"

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

Windhorst: "And that's essentially the reason behind the bill, to make sure that the meetings can occur?"

Hernandez, N.: "Yes, to make it more accessible for people to attend."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3646 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby

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declared passed. Representative Niemerg, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Niemerg: "With us in the gallery today, we have Mr. Repking's Dieterich High School government class. Guys, go ahead and stand. Mr. Repking does an excellent job keeping his students informed on government relations and what's going on, not only here at the Statehouse, but in D.C. as well. Everybody, welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on page 20 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3796, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3796, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor... Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Huynh, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Huynh on the amendment."

Huynh: "Hi, Mr. Speaker. I move for Floor Amendment 1 to be adopted."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Huynh moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; 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 have been approved for consideration."

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

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3796, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3796 provides continuity of care for patients for in-network coverage. The bill passed out of the Insurance Committee unanimously. I know of no opposition. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the bill was initially partisan and then the amendment drew a unanimous vote. Did it also, the amendment, remove any opposition to the bill?"

Huynh: "Yes, that's correct. The amendment removed the opposition of the Illinois Health... Health Care Council and the Health Insurance Council."

Windhorst: "And what was done to remove their opposition?"

Huynh: "We looked at sort of technical language and just made sure that the continuity of care was just for scheduled appointments and not for the duration of... of the... of the time."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Huynh: "Great."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3796 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 the

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bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 10 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2682, Representative Jiménez. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2682, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2682, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jiménez."

Jiménez: "Hello. I would like to adopt the amendment. I'm presenting House Bill 2682, which expands TANF protections for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Currently, many survivors face work, education, and child support requirements that may force them to stay in unsafe situation. This bill allows them to apply for a good cause waiver, providing necessary flexibility to escape abuse and regain stability. We have no opponents to this bill, and we have support from the... the agency that oversees the TANF. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

Windhorst: "I will yield my time to Representative Davidsmeyer."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Davidsmeyer: "Representative, we had a good discussion on this bill, actually a couple times this week in... in committee. And, originally, when we first talked about it, it was our understanding there was \$2 million of federal money that had not been used. And so, it sounded like we were passing up on these dollars. And then yesterday, it sounded like... talking to the department, it sounded like those dollars were possibly being used for something else or there was a matching dollar amount. And I was trying to get... figure out what... where we were on this because I believe on Wednesday, we're... we were saying that there was no cost to General Revenue Fund. And then yesterday, we were told that there was a matching amount. And so, I... it's my understanding that this will cost the State of Illinois some money to receive the \$2 million."

Jiménez: "So, we... thank you so much. We... we did have that discussion, and so I appreciate your... your questions and your inquiry. We did speak to the department, and they confirmed that the dollars are federal dollars. So, TANF is a federal program. It's a federal block program where the dollars are appropriated for the crisis intervention, and that's the 2 million that we were referring to in committee. So, they did confirm to us after committee. There was a... a question, and they did confirm to us after committee here that the dollars are federal dollars, that there are... is no match and there will be no need for GRF. And I will add that the dollars that have been used in the last couple years have only been from zero dollars three years ago to \$55,000 last year, and we do have that 2 million appropriation that we spoke of. So, at

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this moment, it has been reconfirmed and... by the department that there will be no GRF dollars."

Davidsmeyer: "So, it is... it... it's an annual appropriation of \$2 million, correct? And up to this point, we've only used \$55,000 at max a year?"

Jiménez: "At... at this point, the... the 55,000 has been utilized for this purpose out of that fund and... and the allowable expenses are up to 2 million."

Davidsmeyer: "And... and this bill ensures that we do not exceed that amount as well, correct?"

Jiménez: "Actually, yes. That we did put in amendment to make sure that if, for whatever reason, the 55,000 went from one year to another and the need was so great that it hit that cap of 2 million, we put in amendment that we would not allocate any other... any more dollars after that, what has already been allocated."

Davidsmeyer: "So, just... I just want to ensure that I'm... I'm hearing this correctly. The... the department said there's no GRF and we are using only federal dollars that, for some reason, we weren't spending in the past."

Jiménez: "That's correct."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. I... I appreciate that confirmation. As... as we discussed after committee yesterday, I will join you in... in support of this... this bill. Thank you."

Jiménez: "I appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2682 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the bottom of page 19 in the calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3755, Representative Jones. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3755, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Jones, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones on that amendment."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is a Department of Insurance initiative. The amendment seeks to clarify language which was negotiated between the industry and the Department of Insurance. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones moves for the 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 Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3755, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, House Bill 3755 prohibits any policy of automobile insurance that carries comprehensive coverage from refusing to cover automobile theft. This bill

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is related to many of the autos that were easily being stolen. And then also, if a person left their keys in their car, for example, this allows for a lack of evidence of forceful entry. It also... that the insured were leaving their vehicles unlocked. This will have the full authority to deny a claim after investigation due to fraudulent acts. There are no known opponents at this time, and I will... prepared to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, I appreciate the description of the bill. It appears from our analysis that the Illinois Insurance Association and American Property Casualty Insurance Association remain opposed. Is that accurate?"

Jones: "That is accurate. I... I would like to clarify that. So, there was some discussion regarding some key words that they were opposed to. We tried to make it so they would come to neutral, but they didn't. So, hopefully, the... the negotiation will... will continue. We will take this in the Senate and hopefully... I know no one likes hearing it will be fixed in the Senate. So, that's... there was negotiation on this bill."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3755 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

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voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. We're at the bottom of page 6 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading. We have House Bill 1918, Representative Hammond. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1918, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1918, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 1918 is an initiative of the Health Options for Public Entities Trust, better known as HOPE. As health insurance costs continue to rise, some local governments started pooling their resources into a trust. State law does not explicitly define how these plans are defined, and so, there is some uncertainty. The goal of House Bill 1918 is to clarify that, explicitly excluding these plans from a category of the traditional health plans. Don't... I know of no opposition. Happy to take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1918 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared

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passed. At the top of page 17 of the calendar, House Bills-
Second Reading, we have House Bill 3499, Leader Delgado. Mr.
Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3499, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No
motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3499, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3499 is an initiative
of the Illinois Commerce Commission. It does not have anything
to do with net electricity metering. Let's just start with
that. It has to do with developing an Office of Retail Market
Development and Renewable Market Development. This is a bill
that is currently in negotiation with a number of different
folks. They did come to committee. We did have a conversation
about it. There are still some things that need to be worked
out. The commitment is that this... these groups will continue
talking in the Senate to get to a final product that will be
an agreed bill. So, this bill will come back to us on
concurrence as an agreed bill. We've had many conversations.
I would just ask that you all let us continue those
conversations, and, of course, I'm happy to answer any
questions."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Daidsmeyer: "Okay. I... I remember this bill coming through committee. This was... this came through a ways back."

Delgado: "Yes."

Daidsmeyer: "So, I had to review it just a little bit. So, we are creating the Office of Renewable Market Development... Office of Retail and Renewable Market Development. Is that correct? Or..."

Delgado: "That's... that is correct."

Daidsmeyer: "It sounds redundant. Did I say it correctly?"

Delgado: "That is... that is correct."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay."

Delgado: "So, it is the Office of Retail and Renewable Market Development."

Daidsmeyer: "Okay. Gotcha. So, at... at a time where we are talking about possibly cutting funding for different things, we're... we're going to create this bureau and hire at least two people and the bureau chief. Where's the funding for this coming from? Is this just GRF or... or is there a specific source?"

Delgado: "So, this is coming out of the Illinois Commerce Commission. The ICC is mostly self-funded because they get funds from other areas. So, I... I can't tell you if it's all GRF, but let me answer the specific question about the employees."

Daidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Delgado: "So, these employees already exist."

Daidsmeyer: "Oh, okay."

Delgado: "And while that... so, that's part of the reason that there still has to be some discussion around how this is drafted."

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But those employees already exist, and they're just being moved from one office to another office."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay."

Delgado: "So, this is really a... this a clarifying bill."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah."

Delgado: "The... the ICC is trying to put the CEJA pieces in place. And I know that there are... it's important that there is some negotiation around exactly how this language is drafted, which is why there's a commitment to continue working on it. We're not going to pass a bill that is not fully agreed to by everybody."

Davidsmeyer: "And... and I certainly appreciate that, and I take you at your word. When... when we were reading through the bill, we just saw that we were going to hire at... and it says at least two people. So, we had no idea what... how large of an office this was going to be. I think, at this point, we're probably going hold... I am going to hold off and vote 'no,' but I look forward to seeing the bill as it comes back. So, thank you for your work on this."

Delgado: "Absolutely. I appreciate your assistance."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3499 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 75 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 11 of the

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calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2827, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2827, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Costa Howard."

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

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt the amendment and debate it on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Costa Howard moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All 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. But several notes have been requested on the bill and have not been filed."

Speaker Evans: "The Chair recognizes Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'd like to hold the bill on Third Reading at this time."

Speaker Evans: "The Chair recognizes Representative Costa Howard regarding the notes."

Costa Howard: "I'd like to waive all notes on the bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Costa Howard moves to rule the notes inapplicable. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed... Representative Costa Howard has ruled the notes... excuse me, Representative Costa Howard has requested to rule the notes inapplicable. 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.

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Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 66 voting 'yes,' 41 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Any... anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving to page 16 of the calendar of House Bills-Second Reading. At the bottom of the page, we have House Bill 3493, Representative Mason. Representative Mason. Oh. Please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3493, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mason."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason on the amendment."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If it's okay, the Floor Amendment just makes some technical changes. I would love to pass that and then discuss it with the underlying bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor vote (sic-say) 'aye'; all opposed vote (sic-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. But a fiscal note and a home rule note had been requested on the bill as amended, have not been filed."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason on the... on notes."

Mason: "Mr. Speaker, I make a motion to declare the fiscal notes unnecessary. Inapplicable."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Spain is recognized."

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Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the sponsor yield regarding the notes?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Spain: "Representative Mason, could you just explain why you believe the fiscal and home rule notes on this legislation are inapplicable?"

Mason: "Because this bill does not change what has been common practice across Illinois, other than a few incidents. So, we are trying to clarify what that common practice has been. And therefore, it won't change financial implications to municipalities, and the Illinois Municipal League is in agreement with that."

Spain: "Thank you for that explanation. That would be a plausible explanation to why a response to a fiscal note should be delivered. It's... it would be perfectly acceptable to... on a fiscal note to say there is no or little fiscal impact regarding legislation. That doesn't make the question inapplicable. It... it means that an answer should be given. How about the home rule impact note?"

Mason: "Well, sir, if you use that explanation, then that would say that every bill should have fiscal note to determine whether or not there is a fiscal impact."

Spain: "Bingo."

Manley: "And we're not doing that with every bill."

Spain: "You got it. You got it. If there is a fiscal impact to a bill, we need to talk about it. But I asked you about the home rule note."

Mason: "Again, it doesn't change anything that's been in current practice, so there is no change to the fiscal impact."

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Spain: "What will the voting threshold be for your bill since it does make an impact on home rule powers?"

Mason: "It's the same... the same voting threshold. It does not have a fiscal impact."

Spain: "Ladies and gentlemen, I think these notes are applicable, and it's okay to answer a note and provide information. That is the purpose of the notes. So, I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. 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 74 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3493, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason on Third Reading."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3493 is... it's actually a clarification bill. It is a simple bill that codifies into law what the Capital Development Board and municipalities have been doing across Illinois for a long, long time. We have been working on this clarification for the last three years to make sure that we get it absolutely right. We have been working with stakeholders, with the Illinois Municipal League that is neutral. If this bill had an impact on our municipalities, the Illinois Municipal League would be

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opposed to this. So, I believe there's some misunderstanding about what this bill really does. So, let me tell you what it does do. It clarifies that when state construction projects managed by the Capital Development Board, they must abide by permitting requirements from local governments. Right now, state construction projects do not need to abide by local ordinances or zoning restrictions. This is based on several Illinois Appellate Court cases, which found that local governments should not be able to use their ordinances to block the construction of facilities that the residents of Illinois need and overall ruled that local ordinances do not apply to state construction projects. Even though the vast majority of the Capital Development Board's projects have, again, been managed for a very long time without any conflicts from local governments, there have been a few incidences where the Capital Development Board has struggled to move forward with projects at state facilities because of local governments trying to change that and trying to assess permit fees worth hundreds of thousands of dollars that aren't based on the impact the state facility actually has on the local infrastructure. That means, if they were successful, that the state would be using bond funds that taxpayer dollars will need to pay back with interest in order to pay a different level of government. We have worked with the Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies to craft the language that is here now. This bill clarifies that although local ordinances do not apply to state projects, the Capital Development Board will still coordinate and consult with local units of governments about their

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requirements. Additionally, the Capital Development Board will continue to pay local government for any impact that state projects have on local infrastructure or resources. It also requires the Capital Development Board to comply with the requirements of wastewater districts that are based on federal and state laws and requirements that are in place to protect the environment. The General Assembly, that's us, appropriates funding for Capital Development Board to build and renovate buildings on state property for state agencies, universities, and state parks. They follow best practices for construction, and they require their architects to review local requirements. This bill will allow the Capital Development Board to complete projects faster by reducing the conflicts that create delays and increase project costs. This does not allow the state to stop doing anything that they have currently been doing for years. Common practice. In fact, it has added additional collaboration and compliance beyond what the state is currently mandated to do. That's why this bill is supported by the Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies and makes the Illinois Municipal League neutral. I'm happy to share case law that has supported this legislation with anybody who is interested in, but I will not continue for this body unless you really want to know the actual case law. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

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Spain: "Representative Mason, first of all, I... I do appreciate what you're trying to do here, and don't interpret a few... I hope you don't, a few legislative notes as... as some kind of attack but a clarification that's really needed. First of all, you had a major problem in your district that seemed quite ridiculous. I think that was the... the genesis of... of this initiative. Is that correct?"

Mason: "Well, it was for me, but the Capital Development Board was already working on this, and they were involved in court cases in... in other areas where the local municipality tried to impose local fees, not impact fees, but local fees, and it went to court. And, again, I can give you the case law, but the courts every time ruled that the Capital Development Board was doing what is correct. And I will say, you know, in one ruling, they said the state has plenary power over state operated educational institutions and any attempt by a home rule municipality to impose burdens on those institutions in the absence of state approval is unauthorized. In another ruling, they determined a local government may not force the state to comply with a zoning ordinance when the state is carrying out a statutory duty encompassing a statewide concern. So, that's actual verbiage from the case resolutions."

Spain: "Yeah, thank you. I'm going to speak, Mr. Speaker, to the bill, just as we're on Short Debate..."

Speaker Evans: "To the bill."

Spain: "...and I'll do my best to be timely in my remarks. So, Representative Mason has experienced a problem in her district. There have been other examples of it as well, as

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when a local community would apply a disproportionate burden, perhaps through a building permit, on a State of Illinois project. That's... that's wrong, and that should be corrected. But this legislation today goes quite a bit further than that, and that... in that furtherance is what creates some concerns for me. Because while nothing in this legislation would preclude... if you're a community with impact fees on your road infrastructure, your utilities, you may still have those fees paid for state projects, but this legislation enshrines a practice that would allow the State of Illinois to not pay for building permits, which I believe is wrong. I think it sets up one standard for private development, on the one hand, and the State of Illinois exempted on the other. And when you ask the question, who does the inspections for these developments and projects? It's your local community. You are paying for and still responsible for the obligations and inspections associated with this work. That's what building permits are for. They shouldn't be used as a weapon against the State of Illinois, but the State of Illinois should not be immune from covering these services for our local communities. This legislation does one other thing that troubles me. It makes sure that, and this is why home rule is preempted and a higher voting threshold is required for this bill, that home rule units of government cannot establish their own building code and design standards that must then be followed by the State of Illinois. In other words, a state project may consider itself now exempt from some of the standards that have been put in place by your local leaders in your local communities. This is a solution that is overly

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broad. And I'm sympathetic to the problem you're trying to solve, Representative Mason, but this goes too far and gives too much further power to the Capital Development Board. I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3493 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 11, 2025: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 872, Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Bill 3148, and Floor Amendment(s) 1 for House Bill 3193."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing in the calendar of page 23, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3323, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, read the bill. Mr. Clerk, please place this on the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3323, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mayfield on the amendment."

Mayfield: "The amendment just changes the department from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Human Services."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Mayfield moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; 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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3323, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mayfield is recognized."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. This is an agreed bill. We actually worked with the Department of Agriculture, and what they recommended is, they're like... I was not aware that DHS already had a farm... a fresh farm to family program. So, they just asked that we move it over to DHS. Spoke with DHS, they were happy to take this on. DHS receives federal dollars to support the women, infants, and children's farm fresh program. And what this bill would do, it looks at, subject to appropriation, adding additional funds so that families may go to these local farms and actually purchase fresh fruits and vegetables directly from the farms. It is a win-win for everyone in the community."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This is concerning the WIC program. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "We moved it under the WIC program because they currently have a program that is federally funded."

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Windhorst: "And it... I believe it says that it's subject to appropriation."

Mayfield: "That is correct. We're looking to put a few extra dollars in there so that we can provide even more resources to these families to purchase directly from the farms."

Windhorst: "Do you have a... a dollar amount in mind for the..."

Mayfield: "We asked for 25... what did I ask for? I'm sorry, I got to look at my numbers here. Two hundred and fifty thousand. We're not asking for a lot of money, but what that would do, it would help us to... to market it more to the farmers to say, hey, this program is available. Please sign up so that we can let our families know that you have this and that we can send our families to you directly to purchase their fresh fruits and vegetables."

Windhorst: "Thanks."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3323 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 90 voting 'yes,' 25 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 11 in the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2802, Leader McCombie. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2802, a... a Bill for an Act concerning education. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Leader McCombie."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie on the amendment."

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McCombie: "If you would please adopt the amendment, please, Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2802, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. HB2802 was developed in partnership with the Illinois State Board of Education to clean up and clarify previously passed legislation. The original intent of the bill was to support and expand STEM opportunities for students through further conversations with ISBE and educational stakeholders. They saw an opportunity to strengthen language around excused absences for students who participate in worked-based learning experiences, especially those that are tied to FFA, CTE, and other youth leadership organizations. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2802 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared

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passed. We're on page 14 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3200, Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3200, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman on the amendment."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just ask that we adopt the amendment and debate it on Third Reading."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; 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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3200, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. This is agreed between the business and labor on the issue of unemployment benefits. It indicates that for certain cases of mental health issues that you would... you, for a three-year period, a pilot period, that you would receive unemployment benefits, you would be able to be diagnosed by a psychiatrist and receive the benefits, and then there are several technical changes regarding the collection of debts that may be due by individuals who received benefits in error."

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

Ugaste: "Good morning, Speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Leader Hoffman, you and I have had a little bit of a chance to talk about this amongst ourselves, but just in the larger picture, while business and labor did sit with IDES, this did not encompass the normal sit-down of where Republicans and Democrats from each caucus would sit down with the Governor's Office, business and labor, and.. and fully talk about this. Is that accurate?"

Hoffman: "That's accurate."

Ugaste: "Okay. So, like you said, it's agreed to between business..."

Hoffman: "We actually talked for 30 seconds right before this."

Ugaste: "You and I did. We actually did get that..."

Hoffman: "So... so, Democrats and Republicans did talk for 30 seconds."

Ugaste: "Okay, thank you. But... but not with business and labor as a whole and everyone together. Okay. Thank you very much. I appreciate that 'cause you're right, we did. As... as far as the bill itself, this would now make mental health a disability that would qualify for unemployment insurance under what appears to be sort of a three-year pilot. Is that accurate?"

Hoffman: "Yes, that's my understanding. Yes."

Ugaste: "Okay, thank you. To the bill. Members on this side, just so everyone knows, this is an agreement. It... it's my understanding business did have some input on the reach as to

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how far this would go. I do believe it is going to make some people eligible that may not have been previously. So, everyone's just aware of how they may want to consider voting. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3200 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 85 voting 'yes,' 30 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the bottom of page 13 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3078, Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3078, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly on the amendment."

Lilly: "Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen, I rise to adopt House Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. 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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3078, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 will allow the OIG to share substantial investigative reports and raw data with IDFPH upon written only... request only. Additionally, the OIGA shares unsubstantial and unfounded investigation report or death reports and raw data with IDFPR upon written request only. This is a cleanup bill from the administration, and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, this is a DHS initiative, this bill. Is this correct?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And I see that it drew some opposition in committee, and I believe that is around a change that removed the requirement that a person witness the signing of a consent form under the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act. If I... if you could, explain why you... why the bill removes a requirement that there be a witness to the signing of the consent form?"

Lilly: "Again, as discussed in the committee, and as well as DHS discussed with Members of the committee, that this is a cleanup bill that is required through standards. And that's all it is."

Windhorst: "Well, I... I believe, and I think others in the committee agree, that that witness section is an important section and should remain in the law. I appreciate you bringing this forward. Thank you."

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Lilly: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3078 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,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 16 of the calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3441, Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3441, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Please read on Third."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3441, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen. House Bill 3441 brings cohesive working-ship between DOC and DHS. We have had extensive conversations on how this is to be done. We will move the bill out of the Senate... I mean, excuse me, out of the House over to the Senate to do a little bit more work. I ask for your 'aye' vote. Basically, this bill will allow the reentry community to get greater resources from the Department of DHS and DOC with a soft handout. As you all may know, that the recidivism rate for the State of Illinois is 38% within three years. I'm hoping that this soft handout will reduce that recidivism rate for the citizens who are

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struggling within the correctional system. I ask for your
'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I believe the Department of Human
Services was opposed when the bill came through committee.
Are... do they remain opposed?"

Lilly: "They do not remain opposed. They did not slip... they remain
wanting to work with us. They have an amendment that we are
going to put on in the Senate."

Windhorst: "So, we should anticipate this bill to return?"

Lilly: "It will."

Windhorst: "Well, I appreciate the spirit behind the bill. I can't
support it today. I'll look forward to seeing the amendment
when it comes from the Senate."

Lilly: "Thank you, leader."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is,
'Shall House Bill 3441 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,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the
bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby
declared passed. In the middle of page 8 of the calendar,
House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2464,
Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2464, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Faver Dias."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on the amendment."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt amendment 1 and discuss the bill on Third."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias moves for the 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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2464, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 2464. This is a simple bill that clarifies language in... that is already in statute that neonatal intensive care is covered under the protections that prevent any health insurer from charging a patient out-of-network rates for neonatal care at any hospital. I appreciate the help of Laura Minzer and the Department of Insurance in drafting this legislation as well as the support of Leader Rita in clarifying... in this clarifying language. It passed unanimously out of committee, and there is no opposition. This is a simple clarification but a really important one for the families it impacts. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Hauter: "So, just remind me. It did pass unanimously out of committee? Or..."

Faver Dias: "Yes, that's my that... according to my memory, yes. If I've misspoken, I apologize, but I... yes."

Hauter: "I think the only reservation I had on this is the networks that are negotiated by different insurance companies with different neonatal intensive care units. It's part of the competitive advantage that a certain hospital has. For example, my hospital in Peoria, OSF Saint Francis, has a neonatal intensive care unit. That is a market competitive advantage that they have. This bill would take that away from them. What's your response to that?"

Faver Dias: "My response is that I'm not sure that we should be looking at competitive advantages as a right to health care when it comes to this kind of care. This is an... as clarified with the Department of Insurance and ILHIC, they believe that this is already in the intent of the statute that... that mandates emergency care be charged in-network rates. And so, neonatal care... it is the intent that neonatal care is part of that. This is a clarification."

Hauter: "It's just that you see where hospitals can put a great amount money and time into obtaining neonatal intensive care designation, and they use that to negotiate rates. And this makes... this takes away all the negotiations and says everybody has to pay the same rate. Do you see what I'm saying?"

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Faver Dias: "I do see what you're saying. I think the issue here, though, supersedes when you are... when it is an issue... often, you know, when a labor happens for parents whose children have to go in the NICU, it is... it is quick, it is fast, you go where ever you need to go. And... and in my situation, I just happened to go to my in-network hospital. I just happened to be at home, but I was 26 weeks. If I had been in... in Springfield, then I certainly wouldn't have been thinking about is this in network or out of network. But the impact of that is it could've cost my family tens of thousands of dollars. For an in-network NICU stay, we pay \$10,000 out of pocket for each child. So, if it had been a situation where I would've had to go to an out-of-network, it would've... the reports show, because families are... like I said, the intent of the law is this is already covered. But there is confusion in that families are having to pay out-of-network rates, which are close to \$100,000, the... the reports that we've read."

Hauter: "Okay, just reassure me again. The Illinois Hospital Association, they..."

Faver Dias: "Has... has not weighed in."

Hauter: "Okay, they have not weighed in. All right, thank you."

Faver Dias: "Thank you."

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

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Haas: "Can you tell us a little bit more, again, what brought the opposition to neutral?"

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Faver Dias: "Clear... I reached out as soon as I... I got this bill, I reached out to Laura Minzer with ILHIC, and she looked into it. She connected with the Department of Insurance, and they believe that this is already in practice. This should be already done based on the emergency protections in the Insurance Code."

Haas: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2464 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 84 voting 'yes,' 30 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Katie Stuart is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Stuart: "Thank you. I just wanted to take a minute to introduce to the body a couple of awesome pages that I have with me here today. So, I'll... first, I will start with Sid Girada. Sid is a very dedicated, high-achieving high school student at Edwardsville High School. He has a passion for political science, biology, and neurology. He's hoping to become a neurosurgeon, wanting to go to Brown University and complete their BS/MD program. Not only is he a pillar of academic excellence, he also has strong leadership. He's the president of the Model UN, founded the Mind & Matter Club, he's an active member of HOSA, the student council, the BPA, and the math team. Go math team. I was a mathlete. Sid has earned

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numerous accolades, including state qualifications in HOSA events, sixth place state finish in BPA video production, first place in the SWIC regionals in math. He's a three-time winner of the Edwardsville street banner contest, a recipient of the 2024 Illinois Principal Choice Award. He placed 10th in the state for IHSA track and field. He has a deep curiosity and a drive to serve others, and he's committed to make a meaningful impact through both science and public service. And all of that, and he's a freshman. So, just wait to see what comes after that. And then I would like to introduce his sister, and I hope I... I've practiced this a bunch of times, Amulya, Amulya Girada. She's also highly driven and a well-rounded high school student. She's a senior at Edwardsville High School and has a dedication to community service. She serves as the senior student representative on the District 7 Board of Education. She's the founder and president of Unplugged, which is a mindfulness-based environmental club. She's also the president of the Business Professionals of America, has a leadership role in the Key Club and the student council, a member of national honor societies. She's gotten state level awards in medical terminology and interview skills, top placements in art competitions and athletics, including MVP honors in lacrosse. She has a strong interest in medicine and public service. She's completed selective programs at Harvard and Saint Louis University, gained hands-on experience through internships and shadowing at some major hospitals. She's both CPR and OSHA certified, a first-degree black belt in Taekwondo, and a frequent volunteer in both health care and civic initiatives. She's intent... she's a

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senior, as I said. Continues to pursue opportunities that challenge her curiosity, leadership, and passion for making a meaningful impact. Right now, she's making the difficult decision of whether she's going to attend Washington University in St. Louis next year or do the six-year BA/MD program at UMKC. So, please welcome these impressive siblings to the Capitol today."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Weaver is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Weaver: "Guys, I just learned something recently, that our own Kevin Olickal has his last class of his JD program this weekend. And.. and I'm just so proud of you, man. I can't tell you how many times I said, Kevin, what are you doing this weekend? 'Studying.' Kevin, how was your spring break? 'Good. It was good. I studied.' And I think we all juggle a lot while we're down here, but to manage being a State Rep. and getting your JD simultaneously. I'm.. I'm really happy for you, man. Congratulations on the accomplishment."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing in the calendar, on page 21, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1928, Representative Hernandez. Norma Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1928, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I'd like to pass HB1928, which creates a commemorative day of.. in honor of Coach Gene Pingatore, whom had the most wins of any high school basketball coach. Over 50 seasons between 1969 and

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2019 at St. Joseph High School in Westchester, Illinois, Coach Ping established a record of 1,035 wins and only 383 losses, a 50-year win rate of nearly 73%. Pingatore trained and mentored thousands of young men, including Isiah Thomas, who went on to play college basketball for the Indiana Hoosiers and professional basketball for the Detroit Pistons. Pingatore led his team to two Illinois high school boys basketball championships in 1999 and 2015. He was featured in the acclaimed 1994 documentary film 'Hoop Dreams,' which won the Audience Award when it premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, and was ranked as the best documentary of all time in 2007 by members of the International Documentary Association. Pingatore passed away in June 2019, leaving behind a lifelong legacy of character, service to his community, and mentorship and excellence. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Representative Hernandez, and thank you to Speaker Welch for joining me and many other fans of Gene Pingatore. My nephew, Evan Turner, also played for Gene Pingatore and played in the NBA and went on, had a fabulous career with... career with a number of great NBA establishments. Gene Pingatore has really made a difference, not only in the talents of many of our basketball athletes, but that he has shaped families across this Illinois. The school, which is now retired, many of the students remembered all of the games they attended, all of the championships they won, all of the parents who were so

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proud of the success of their children, and that's because of Gene Pingatore. And this day should be recognized on his behalf because he's made a difference in the lives and family of youth that has gone on to celebrate the gifts that is given to them from God. So, please, at this time, rise and say yes to Gene Pingatore Day here in the State of Illinois. God bless you, Gene."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1928 pass?' All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the... I'm sorry. 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? On this... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 21 in the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2366, Representative Weaver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2366, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Thank you very much. This is your run-of-the-mill Weaver-Hernandez-Fritts bill. It requires the IEPA to be digitized by the year 2030. There is no opposition, and I would appreciate a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2366 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 115 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving forward on page 23 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 3405, Representative Severin. Mr. Clerk, please move it on the Order of Second Reading. Please read on Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3405, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Severin."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin is recognized on the amendment."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to present this bill, House Bill 3405. It allows... oh, you just... I'm sorry. We need..."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1."

Severin: "Sorry."

Speaker Evans: "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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3405, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin is recognized."

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Severin: "I was so excited to... to talk behind this bill that I forgot about we had to amend that. So, on this bill, House Bill 3405, what this does is it allows cities and municipalities throughout the state to pick up trash along the exits on freeways. This was brought to me by some mayors in my district that have a problem with trash along the exits on state freeways. So, this would allow them to clean those areas up. And I appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3405 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 in the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 1842, Representative Sheehan. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1842, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Sheehan."

Sheehan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to present House Bill 1842. This bill provides municipalities with greater discretion to address and enforce local code violations more effectively. This bill eliminates unnecessary expensive hearing processes while protecting both sides on every issue. This bill passed out of committee unanimously and has bipartisan support. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 1842 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 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving back to page 8 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2462, Leader West. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2462, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2462, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative West is recognized."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2462 is the Illinois version of Dillon's Law, an initiative first passed in Wisconsin to improve access to lifesaving epinephrine. This is an initiative that began in Wisconsin when Dillon Mueller was stung by a bee at 18 years old and died from an allergic reaction despite never reacting to a bee sting previously. A version of Dillon's Law was passed in both Wisconsin and Minnesota, and now it's our turn. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

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Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I appreciate you bringing this forward and the description. There was a provision regarding liability and maybe some limitations on liability. Could you explain how that will... will work?"

West: "Yeah, that's correct. I worked with Illinois trial lawyers on that portion to ensure that limited... the limited liability provision would be in place if... in the event that someone who is certified to carry epinephrine administers it and... and yet, the person is either... they either pass away or something bad happens, the person who administered it won't... they won't be held liable. And so, I worked with the trial lawyers on that."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2462 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, receiving a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. At the top of page 20 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3781, Representative Stava-Murray. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3781, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3781, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill. This bill is a simple trailer bill to a bill we passed last year that allows for cement masons to better protect buildings for our firefighters, and this simply puts a cap on the fees that we charge them at \$25. It passed out of committee unanimously with the help of Rep. Huynh, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3781 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted... have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. In the middle of page 5 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1763, Leader Tarver. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1763, a Bill for an Act concerning business. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Tarver."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Tarver on amendment 1."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I actually want to adopt Floor Amendment #2. It becomes the bill."

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Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw amendment #1. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Tarver."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Tarver on amendment 2."

Tarver: "Amendment 2 is a... it... just let me just make sure. Amendment 2 just clarifies which contracts are subject to the act if this is passed."

Speaker Evans: "Rep... Leader Tarver moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All in favor say 'aye'; 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 Bolin: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1763, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Tarver."

Tarver: "I apologize, Mr. Speaker. I misspoke. House Amendment #1 was a gut and replace, and #2 is necessary as well. I apologize about that. 2 clarifies the... the contracts that are subject to the underlying House Amendment #1. I apologize about that."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, any further amendments? Mr. Clerk, out of the record. In the middle of page 17 of the calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3508, Representative Williams. Jawaharial Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3508, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3508, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams."

Williams, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. House Bill... I'd like to present House Bill 3508. House Bill 3508 amends the Illinois Low-Level Radiation Waste Management Act. It establishes exemptions to two categories of low-level radiation waste. It also exempts generators that store waste contained or composed of radiation material with physical life of less than 120 days, as well as those that generate waste treatment residuals. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Any discussion? Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, why is this bill necessary?"

Williams, J.: "This bill is... thank you... thank you, Speaker... Leader Windhorst. This bill is necessary, just... just creates the generation... the... exempts the generations from the... the generational requirements for the registrations."

Windhorst: "And is there a component of this bill that's to... designed to mirror federal law?"

Williams, J.: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. And that's, I believe, why the Illinois Emergency Management Agency brought the bill forward. Is that your understanding?"

Williams, J.: "Yes, it is. It's a good bill. It's low... low-level radiation that they already register."

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Windhorst: "All right. Appreciate your answers. Thank you."

Williams, J.: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3508 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 77 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 22 of the calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2785, Representative Moylan. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2785, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "I'd like to do the amendment, please. Oh, there's no amendment? Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. This amends the Illinois Credit Union Act. Authorizes a credit union to furnish information to any person on a list submitted and periodically updated by a member who is an elderly person or person with disability or a specified... other persons if there is suspicion by the credit union that the member has been or may have been a victim of financial exploitation. I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

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Ugaste: "Representative, can you explain in any more detail why this is needed?"

Moylan: "It's important because certain elderly individuals have been taken advantage of, and this will provide the credit unions with a list of specified individuals who are authorized to let the credit union investigate if there is some fraud being committed by a thief or thieves."

Ugaste: "Representative, on line 30 though of Section 10, it state... I'm joking. It's a good bill. Vote 'yes.'"

Moylan: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2785 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 the bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Leader Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor an iconic American company, Caterpillar Incorporated, as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. This milestone is not just a testament to a century of innovation and resilience, it also highlights the profound impact that Caterpillar has had on our economy, both globally as well as locally. Caterpillar is a leader in the manufacturing and of construction in mining equipment, diesel, natural gas engines, and industrial gas turbines. With operations in more than 180 countries, Caterpillar has become synonymous with quality and reliability in heavy equipment. This company's commitment to

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sustainability in technology innovation is paving the way for a greener future. Their advancements in electrification and automation are not only setting industry standards but are making significant contributions to reducing the carbon footprint worldwide. Caterpillar plays a critical role in the United States' economy as one of the largest manufacturers in this country. They support thousands of households in diverse sectors across the country. The company's supply chain encompasses a vast network of suppliers and small businesses, creating a ripple effect that it fuels economic growth nationwide. In addition to the job creation Caterpillar contributes to, the tax revenues, which help fund essential services in many of our communities throughout this state. Their investment in research and development drives innovation and keeps the U.S. at the forefront of technological advancements. Here in Illinois, Caterpillar is not just an employer, they are a community partner. With their former headquarters being in Peoria, Illinois, my hometown, the hometown of Leader Ryan Spain as well as the hometown of Representative Travis Weaver, multiple facilities across this state, they employ thousands of hardworking individuals who contribute to our local economy. Caterpillar's presence has fostered a robust ecosystem of suppliers and service providers in our region, creating jobs and supporting families. Their commitment to workforce development has been second to none through training programs, ensuring that our residents are equipped with the skills needed for the jobs of the future. Caterpillar is deeply invested in giving back to communities where they operate through initiatives in

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education, sustainability, disaster relief. They demonstrate a commitment in making a positive impact beyond simply their four walls. Their dedication to diversity and inclusion in hiring practices reflects their understanding that a diverse workforce drives innovation and success. As we commemorate this significant milestone, let us acknowledge and celebrate Caterpillar Incorporated, not only for its remarkable history, but also for its ongoing contributions to our economy and our society. I urge my colleagues to recognize this company for their 100-year legacy and its bright future. Please let us all stand together to recognize the achievements of Caterpillar Incorporated and to reaffirm our commitment to fostering an environment where businesses like Caterpillar can continue to thrive, innovate, create jobs for generations to come. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Costa Howard is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to... I rise today to talk about the Homeschool Act. The intention of everyone involved in this bill was to create new protections for children and families. It truly is a simple form that can protect families from those nosy neighbors. They can demonstrate best practices in homeschooling, things that they're already doing, keeping records of a child's progress and the many different things they can learn. But most important, it provides a tool to make sure children do not go dark and missing. We want to know they are okay. There is

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nothing in this bill that requires a curriculum. There is nothing in this bill that requires and mandates a vaccination. The truancy laws that are included in this bill are the exact same truancy laws that we have here in Illinois right now, and so does Virginia, and so does the State of Wisconsin. We know we still have work to do on this bill. And based on the comments in committee, I look forward to the specific language that was recommended by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle and was said in their press conference, protecting our children is a moral imperative. But, finally, on a personal level, I am deeply sorry and disappointed that some people would use this as an opportunity to sow seeds of anger and fear by actively spreading misinformation to make people afraid rather than work together on the real issues. And that is to make sure children receive an education and that they don't disappear until tragedy strikes. Remember, Illinois is an outlier in this area. Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, 38 states care enough about these kids to make sure they're okay. We are an outlier. To the victims who are out there, we see you, we hear you, and we will keep fighting for you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Elik, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Elik: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Elik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to discuss the previous Representative's comments on the homeschooling bill. The fact of the matter is, this bill was doomed from the beginning. A simple form was not so simple, was it? It created burdens on families across Illinois, our entire school system, and nobody seems to care that that was going to cost our schools and our families valuable resources that could be spent instead on fixing our public schools system that often fails children. So, instead, the sponsor has blamed misinformation instead of listening to families. The over 130,000 times that families went to the website and filed in opposition, they just want to be heard, they just want to be listened to. The sponsor blamed families instead of fixing the broken DCFS child welfare system. Good homeschooling families are not to be faulted for the problems of childhood abuse and neglect. Thinking that a form was going to fix this was never going to work. The bill was doomed from the beginning. I'm glad that she has agreed to hold it on Third, that was important, but I can tell you our families still feel like they are under attack and walking on egg shells... egg shells in Illinois. That happens all the time in this chamber. Let's start listening to our families. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader West in the Chair."

Speaker West: "West in the Chair. Proceeding to Order of House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 3309, Leader Evans. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3309, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3309, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this assembly. House Bill 3309 allows statewide unions representing public educational employees to receive information and access to employees on the same basis as their locals. This bill will be effective immediately. Currently, the local unions who represent public educational employees are required to be given reasonable access to employees in bargaining units they represent, including the ability to meet with employees on the premises during the workday and conduct meetings on site, though not in a way in which would impede the employer's normal operations. This would streamline the process to free up the burden of managing these lists on educators, make sure the data is shared in a timely manner, reconcile lists with statewide databases. Please support this bill. I'm available for questions."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker West: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I... just so we understand on our side the aisle. This bill would require lawyers... I'm sorry, employers to provide to the state labor organization a copy

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of information that they're providing to the exclusive representative locally. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Yes."

Windhorst: "So, rather than that representative providing it to the state, the employer is providing it to the state?"

Evans: "Yes, that's my understanding."

Windhorst: "And if you could, just describe why this is necessary, why the local representative can't be charged with supplying it to the state."

Evans: "Well, yes. Due to the many responsibilities that educators have on their plate, having this list sent directly to the statewide organization allows them to focus on the most important aspect of their work, which is educating our students. So, it's really a streamline bill."

Windhorst: "And just to be clear 'cause I was a little loose in my terms, we're talking about the state organization, not... state labor organization, not the state itself."

Evans: "Yeah, it's the state. Yes. If I didn't make clear, my apologies. Yeah."

Windhorst: "Yeah. Thank you."

Evans: "Thank you."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3309 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 'yay,' 37 voting 'nay,' 0 voting 'present.' And the bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to Order of House Bills on Third Reading, on page 23 on the calendar under

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Third Reading, we have House Bill 3654, Leader Evans. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3654, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Third Reading. Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this assembly. This bill is initiative of the Department of Natural Resources. We're going to help all of our communities. It aims to update the Open Space Land Acquisition Development grants, OSLAD, project matching amount by expanding the amount of funding available to distressed communities and locations. Currently, the law only allows the department to use 10% of total amount of OSLAD funding to cover 90% of the funding opportunity for the distressed community. This proposal would, if you allow, redefine the metrics used to determine what communities would qualify as distressed community. This bill would also expand the ability of the department to award a higher amount of appropriated funds to distressed communities so they will receive a higher level of assistance. Additionally, defines distressed location projects. This new metric, in definition, will incentivize units of local government to develop and apply for OSLAD funding. We want this money to get to our communities. This proposal calls for no more than 10% of the total allowed fund to be utilized for the distressed location projects that are located in a nondistressed community. This bipartisan legislation will undoubtedly provide for a greater opportunities for distressed community and distressed locations to access OSLAD funding to provide much-needed

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beautiful outdoor recreation space for our children and seniors. So, I request your support and available for questions."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker West: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is... or, leader, this is designed to help distressed communities under the OSLAD grant program. Is that correct?"

Evans: "Yes, and distressed, you know, some low-income communities, some that, you know, that need the additional development."

Windhorst: "Yeah, we have quite a few of those downstate. I show here that the bill grants emergency rulemaking powers to IDNR. Is that accurate?"

Evans: "Oh, the answer from us is yes, the rulemaking, yes."

Windhorst: "Yes. That is provided as part of... or provided to DNR as part of the bill? I... I appreciate you bringing this forward, and thank you for your presentation."

Evans: "Yeah. For clarity, it will be taken out. That was the understanding that was given to Leader Delgado and Tarver."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Evans: "Thank you."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3654 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote... 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 is 113 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 1 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the

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constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to Order of House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 872, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 872, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Kifowit, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker West: "Representative Kifowit on the amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt amendment #2. It becomes the bill and debate it on... after its adoption."

Speaker West: "Representative Kifowit moves the House Amendment #2... I'm sorry, Representative Kifowit moves for the 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 West: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 872, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2 is identical to House Bill 2708. Due to a technical issue, we moved that language from 2708 to this bill, 872. In short, you might... those of you that were here last year might get deja vu. We passed this bill unanimously out of the House. It stalled in the Senate. What this bill does, it's initiative from our state liaison for the Department of Defense, and it establishes a Domestic Violence Shelter and Service Fund in

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the state treasurer so that individuals who are serving in our state, many of them are here on orders, might be away from their families and their support network, but it establishes this fund for victims of abuse and military sexual trauma. They can use these moneys in the funds to support these victims, including providing funds for transportation and other needs that they might have that they might not have the moneys for. The bill also allows private donations to be taken for this fund as well. It is in compliant with GATA accounting... or our GATA process as well. So, I ask for your support."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker West: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, thank you for the description. As you said, this was originally House Bill 2708 or at least the language in the bill. Was that... and that bill passed unanimously out of the Judiciary - Civil Committee?"

Kifowit: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Is that correct? And... but it's been placed on this House Bill 872."

Kifowit: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Is there any opposition to the bill?"

Kifowit: "There... there's no known opposition, sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Kifowit: "Thank you, sir."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 872 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

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all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, 109 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to Order of House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 3148, Representative Fritts. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3148, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fritts, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker West: "Representative Fritts on the amendment."

Fritts: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 2 is a definition change that was requested from the opposition. I move for its adoption."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3148, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Representative Fritts."

Fritts: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, House Bill 3148 is a constituent initiative that seeks to prohibit additional fees for requesting paper monthly statements for bills and for choosing not to enroll in

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autopay. This is a newer issue that unfairly discriminates against those who live in rural areas with limited access to technology and our senior populations who aren't always the most technologically sound. I have worked through much of the opposition in amendment 2. The bankers' association is still in opposition. However, the amendment relieved the opposition of community bankers, Comcast, and AT&T. In full transparency, I had made the commitment to bring this back to committee, but with the blessing of the Speaker, the committee chair, and the Republican spokesperson, the amendment was referred directly to the floor. There are over 30 bipartisan sponsors. I'm happy to answer any questions you may have and, Mr. Speaker, at your discretion, I would request Standard Debate on this, as it was referred directly to the floor. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3148 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 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, J.: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Chairman. For... can I have a point of personal privilege?"

Speaker West: "State your point."

Williams, J.: "Good evening, everybody. Thank you all for being here. I just want to give a... a warm Springfield welcome to a school in my district that came down to see the great work

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that we do for our state. Please, give a warm welcome to St. Stanislaus. They're students from my district, from the 10th District of the great City of Chicago coming down to see a favorite Representative and the hard work that I do. So, let's please give them a Springfield... a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker West: "Welcome to your House. Representative DeLuca is recognized."

DeLuca: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There was a motion to rule notes inapplicable on House Bill 2827. I intended to vote 'no.' Thank you."

Speaker West: "The record shall reflect. Proceeding to Order of House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 3193, Representative Canty. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3193, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Canty, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker West: "Representative Canty on the amendment."

Canty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we adopt the amendment and discuss the bill on Third Reading."

Speaker West: "Representative Canty 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: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3193, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker West: "Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3193 combines the provisions of two technical corrections bills initiated by the State Universities Retirement System into a single bill. The technical corrections bills, those were House Bill 3193 and House Bill 3194, passed out of House Personnel & Pensions Committee on March 20 unanimously without any opposition. These bills clarify provisions of the SURS Article of the Illinois Pension Code to codify existing interpretations and practices and to provide increased transparency in retirement system operations and procedures. They do not materially impact anything the retirement system does, and they do not have any fiscal impact to the retirement system or the state. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Representative Reick."

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

Speaker West: "She indicates she will."

Reick: "Yeah, Representative, we did have a discussion of both of these bills in committee and, yes, they did pass out unanimously. I, however, am not convinced that it doesn't... doesn't entail a benefit increase. I have some questions here. Starting off, what if... there's a waiver of benefits provided in this... in this bill, and my question is, what if a person is unable to waive those benefits? For whatever reason, they can't provide a written proof of waiver. How do... how do you address that... that particular issue?"

Canty: "If they're unable to meet the time limit, then they're going to automatically start receiving those benefits."

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Reick: "Okay. Thank you. Do these changes that we're anticipating here, do they conform to the other systems or do they create a better... better benefit system... better benefit than other systems?"

Canty: "These are conforming provisions."

Reick: "These are conforming... will there be a windfall for any individual with regard to the change in the final average salary calculations?"

Canty: "There will be no windfall."

Reick: "Do you have a... do you have any kind of fiscal note or any kind of representation from... from the plan itself as to that being the case?"

Canty: "There is no fiscal impact as a result of this legislation."

Reick: "And you've received word of that from whom?"

Canty: "The State Universities Retirement System."

Reick: "Can you provide me or the Members of the committee or the Members of the General Assembly with proof of that... of that statement?"

Canty: "We can."

Reick: "Thank you. Why would someone waive the benefit that they're entitled to that was included in HB3194?"

Canty: "If they're getting disability benefits that could outweigh the one that they are opting to waive."

Reick: "Okay. This... these... this bill is not intended to... is this bill intended to pass, go over to the Senate, and become a part of a larger omnibus pension bill that we've heard all... all heard rumors about?"

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Canty: "No. There have been no conversations with the Senate regarding an omnibus bill. And as I mentioned, this bill does not apply to benefits or to any changes in Tier 2. It's a technical bill, and it's a priority of SURS to make this cleanup this year."

Reick: "To the bill."

Speaker West: "To the bill."

Reick: "I take issue with that last comment because I had a discussion just yesterday with the director of the State University Retirement System, who told me that if this bill, if it does go over to the Senate, it will become part of an... of a pension omnibus that is being currently constructed in the Senate. I'm not going stand in the way of the... these... this bill here going over there because I think it does make reasonable changes, and I... and I'm confident that proof will be given that it doesn't provide a... a benefit increase over and above where we are right now. But I would be very concerned if and when that omnibus comes back over here to see if any changes were made to this that would provide for such a benefit increase and, of course, any other things that would be in an omnibus that would be objectionable in terms of our attempt to actually reform the pension systems in Illinois, which are such desperately needed. So, while I'm not going to stand in the way of this... of the passage of these two... of this bill, I would strongly urge us to keep a... keep a close eye on what comes out of the Senate because this is going to be part of a much, much bigger piece of... piece of legislation. Thank you."

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Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Stephens. For discussion, Leader Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

Speaker West: "On this question, 'Shall House Bill 3193 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 85 voting in 'favor,' 26 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Stephens is recognized."

Stephens: "Point of personal privilege, sir."

Speaker West: "State your point."

Stephens: "I have, up in the Speaker's Gallery, the sixth-grade class from Rosemont Elementary School with their teachers, Mr. Place, Mrs. W; their chaperones, Officer Roosh, Mr. Cajigas, and my wife, Suzi. There's Damian, Max, Joey, JC, Manny, Omar, Ivanina, Eshaan, Maja, Benjamin, Alexis, Jenna, Ariya, and Maja, and last, but certainly not least, and no stranger to this place here, and actually an advocate for being on the floor, my son, Joseph. So, please welcome the Rosemont School sixth grade."

Speaker West: "Welcome to Springfield. Leader Guzzardi is recognized."

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

Speaker West: "State you point."

Guzzardi: "I just want to wish a fond farewell and many happy returns to a dear friend and someone who's helped make this place run for several years now, our... our dear staffer Lowen

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Ogan... oh, my God, Logan Owens. I'm so nervous talking about them today. Logan Owens, who's been such a wonderful contributor to this body. They have... I got to know them in their role of staffing the K-12 appropriations committee, and they are such a kind, warm, caring person, and also, whip-smart and know that budget inside and out. They've been a tremendous contributor to our work here on this side of the aisle and to this entire chamber. We're very sorry to see them go, but we know that they're not going far because they're going to be moving up to Lake County and working in my colleague, Representative Mason's district office. So, they're a... a valuable part of our team. We're very, very grateful to all of their service, and we wish them all the best in the next chapter. Thank you."

Speaker West: "You will be truly missed, Logan. Leader Elik is recognized."

Elik: "Thank you, Speaker. I just also wanted to commend Logan and congratulate Logan on the new position at Rep. Mason's office. Logan will be very much missed, and we have very much appreciated Logan's just willingness to work across the aisle on... on communication with our staff and helping everyone be the best that they can be in those education committees. Best of luck to you, Logan, and I'm sure we'll see you again. Thanks."

Speaker West: "Leader Lilly is recognized."

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

Speaker West: "State your point."

Lilly: "'A lady of virtue is not a perfect woman, but she strives to be the best that she can be in every aspect of her life.

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She knows that all things are possible through faith, perseverance, hard work, and a willingness to succeed.' These are the words of the founder of Jamila Trimuel of the Ladies of Virtue, who was created... which was created October 2011. This... their mission is awesome. It is to instill purpose, passion, and perseverance in girls ages 9 to 18, while preparing them for college, career, and to become a change agent in their community. Ladies of Virtue, affectionally known as 'LOV,' have a nine-month program for their participants. They... they create... or complete 35 hours of leadership and development. They have opportunities to attend at least three college tours. They're exposed to five different careers. They earn 12 service hours for coming out and participating in their community. They receive their own personal journal and binder to remember all the things they're planning for their future. They are assigned mentors that are devoted to their success, and they access a network of mentors who are there to offer assistance and direction. Their job placement is only a few things they get to participate in. They are with us today, the founder and at least, I'm going to say, 20 of their participants. Please rise so that we can give you a... a warm welcome to the Springfield family who makes a difference in your lives. This is the LOV participants and their founder, Jamila. Give them a round of applause for a warm welcome. Thank you for coming, and please come back."

Speaker West: "Welcome to your House. Representative Davis, Will Davis, is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I have a point of personal privilege?"

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Speaker West: "State your point."

Davis, W.: "Ladies and gentlemen of the House, and if I'm redundant, I apologize, but I understand and appreciate the fact that it's tough for us to do some of the work we do without the members of staff who come to support and be with us, and to guide us, offer us information. It would just be... it would just be difficult. And over the past couple of years, I've had the pleasure of working with Logan. Now, if any staff person has ever had a conversation with me, one thing that I do tell them is that I used to work for a member of Congress. So, I have been staff, and I know how tough that is. Because that Member is that Member, they're doing whatever they're doing, whatever that is. And as staff, our job is provide that support, that help, carry stuff, if necessary, and I used to wind up carrying a lot of stuff, and I did a lot of driving. While this is a little different, and we get the benefit of their knowledge and expertise and subject matters, it's tough still to know absolutely everything. Now, maybe some of you do, or at least pretend like you do, but I'm not one of them. And having the benefit of Logan being the lead staff person on my appropriations committee has made that job so much easier, so helpful. She... she calls. There are texts that come all times of the night and day because Logan is processing, reflecting, and also thinking forward about things in this space. I was sharing yesterday with the young lady that was with Leader Manley about sometimes what we do is based on the sum of our experiences. And we don't always know what everyone's experiences are, but those experiences come, and sometime they manifest themselves in what we do and

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how we do those things. If you've ever had the opportunity to hear Logan's story, you'll know that the work that she does in K-12, her lived experiences certainly impact the work that's being done in that space. I am eternally grateful for Logan over the past couple years that she has been the lead staff person in this space. And as Logan embarks upon the next phase, if you will, I will certainly miss her. We have grown together, learned a lot about each other, and have had great opportunity to talk and to share, and I know K-12 appropriations is better because of Logan. And I'd be remiss if I didn't take an opportunity to share my thoughts about Logan and the work that she does, the work that she's going to do in the future, and how Logan is going to be impactful in whatever space that Logan lands in. So, Logan, thank you very much, and I appreciate you and will always be here to support you. Thank you."

Speaker West: "Representative Mussman is recognized."

Mussman: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker West: "State your point."

Mussman: "I know that we have already had a couple of rounds of applause, and I know that I said a couple of words in committee yesterday. I'm going to do a little bit of double time as... as chair of Education Policy and also speak on the behalf of Sue Scherer, who is chair of the other Education Policy. But everyone knows the base of a good committee is a good strong staff team, and Logan has really been the linchpin that has really kept everything running on time, running on schedule, running according to parliamentary procedure. And I think, also, you know, this is an incredibly special body,

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and... and your ability to be here for some moment in time, I think you always wonder if you made a significant mark, if you left a lasting impression, if the state and the statutes that we've passed are a little better for the work that you have done. And I would absolutely say we are all in a better place because Logan was here to micromanage, to monitor, to... to follow through on the important details that made our bills and our ideas and our ability to present those ideas even better. And I know that they are going to do an amazing job wherever they go next and they're going to carry us and our love and support with them. But I also wanted just to acknowledge how... how important our relationship was and my gratitude for everything that they have done to... to support all of us."

Speaker West: "Representative Mason is recognized."

Mason: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker West: "State your point."

Mason: "Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, at the beginning of the last General Assembly, I became a new committee chair. And I had the privilege of sharing the Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education Committee, and I met my two new staffers, Gabby, who is amazing, and Logan. And I remember talking to my family and saying, wow, these staffers seem great. And Logan is brand new, but Logan has so much amazing experience in that space, and I'm... I'm just so excited, and I think that this is going to be a great committee. And now, I feel like Logan has been working here forever, and it's hard for me to imagine that they only started at the beginning of the last General Assembly. I have seen Logan do amazing

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things, help so many people, craft so much legislation, been a trusted advisor to me. And, you know, everyone's journeys take them to different places at a lot of... a lot of moments in their lives, and Logan's journey is taking them to Lake County, Illinois. And I just want to tell y'all, I won the lottery. Thank you."

Speaker West: "Leader Evans is recognized."

Evans: "Just point of personal privilege."

Speaker West: "State your point."

Evans: "I just wanted to add to the order of Logan. You know, I don't work in a lot of the education issues, but I'm passionate about the children of the City of Chicago having free rides to school. Right now, the... the students in Chicago still got to figure it out, catching a bus or whatever. So, I came to Logan, and I said, 'I want you to help me craft some legislation because I want kids to have free rides to school.' And Logan knew good as well this bill was not going to pass. But I'm telling you, the passion that Logan had. Logan researched information, we crafted a bill, wasn't supported by anybody, and it did not pass, okay? But the passion, Logan planted the seed. One day we're going to pass a bill to give free rides to all the kids. But that's the passion I'm talking about that you have, Logan. Don't lose that passion. Even when it looks bleak, Logan fought, gave me all of Logan's energy. She did it. She didn't have to do that. She could have disregarded the request. So, I got a bill to work on, and that's your bill too, so one day it passes. But thank you for doing that because you gave me the spirt to say, maybe not today, maybe the bill won't pass next year,

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but if I keep working, it'll eventually pass. So, thank you for your work ethic, Logan. I appreciate you, and you got a friend for life on the southeast side of Chicago."

Speaker West: "Representative Moeller is recognized."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to lend words to the praise for Logan. I'm the vice-chair of the K-12 policy committee and stepping in for Chair Scherer for the... for the time being, hopefully for not too long. But Logan has been such a critical support in that during this time. And from the minute I met them on this floor right after they were hired, I... you could tell that she has a... that they have a huge passion for public policy, for serving the state, for making Illinois better, and for helping us in our jobs and helping us do the work that we do. And Representative Mason is absolutely right. She has won the lottery in... in having Logan. And I... I have... I take comfort in knowing that Logan's going to be still out there helping in some way with the General Assembly through Representative Mason, and just so appreciative of all that you contributed here to this body. So, the best of luck to you and look forward to seeing you up in Lake County one of these days. Take... thank you."

Speaker West: "Leader Gordon-Booth is recognized."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise on the order of Logan. In the... when I got introduced to the budget space, Logan was one of the first individuals who came to me and sat with... with me and to share their wisdom that they had garnered in this space. And as I calls a part of Peoria delegation, I will always be forever connected to Logan. As a working parent in this space, as many of us know, it can become incredibly

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taxing because the hours become incredibly long, but the work is so purposeful. And Logan has always leaned into that work with the intent to make Illinois and make all of our communities so much better. And so, I just would be remiss if I did not also take a stand and say thank you so much, Logan, for your hard work and, more importantly, your heart that you lean into this work with. Because, you know, there is no more important job than we have as legislators and as staff than ensuring that our communities are safe and keeping our children educated. And there is no one who has leaned into that work more than Logan. So, Logan, I love you, we all love you. Thank you so much. Onward and upward, Logan."

Speaker West: "Representative Lilly is recognized."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, Logan, just want to say thank you for House Bill 473. It makes a difference when you put your work into the heart of the kids and youth here in the State of Illinois. And so, thank you. We will miss you, we appreciate you, and know your family is only a call... a phone call away. God bless you."

Speaker West: "House Bill 1763, Leader Tarver. Mr. Clerk, move this bill back to Second. The clerk is in receipt of a Motion to Reconsider from Representative Tarver on the adoption of House Amendment #2 to House Bill 1763. Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker West: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, just for the knowledge of our side, this is a bill we saw earlier today and there was, I believe, maybe some confusion on the amendments that were adopted. So,

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at this point, we're doing a Motion to Reconsider the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And what do we hope to accomplish in the next couple procedural votes we're taking?"

Tarver: "Ultimately to adopt House Floor Amendment #1, which is a gut and replace, and then to adopt House Floor Amendment #2, which clarifies the time period of the contract... of contracts."

Windhorst: "And so, after this vote, if it succeeds, there will be another motion on Floor Amendment 1 that we will take up. And then after those votes, we will adopt both amendments. Is that the... the plan?"

Tarver: "That's the plan."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Tarver: "Thank you."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall the vote on... on the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1763 be reconsidered?' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this motion, having received a majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Tarver on House Amendment #1."

Tarver: "Mr. Speaker, I move to take Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1763 from the table."

Speaker Tarver: "The question is, 'Shall Floor Amendment #1 be taken from the table?' 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 111 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this motion, having received a majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read this bill on Second Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1763, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This bill was 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 Tarver."

Speaker West: "Leader Tarver on the amendment."

Tarver: "This amendment is a gut and replace that seeks... that sought to allay some concerns of my friend over there, Representative Weber, but I understand that he's going to grill me on it anyway."

Speaker West: "Leader Tarver moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed vote (sic-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 Tarver."

Speaker West: "Leader Tarver on the amendment."

Tarver: "Floor Amendment #2 just clarifies what contracts are subject to the underlying bill."

Speaker West: "Leader Tarver 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?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1763, a Bill for an Act concerning
business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Leader Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is a consumer fraud
bill that seeks to ensure that individuals who are delinquent
in payments to social clubs are not charged for the time that
they are unable to access the premises to said club. I'm happy
to answer any questions."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1763 pass?' I'm
sorry. Representative Weber for discussion."

Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the sponsor yield?"

Speaker West: "He indicates he will."

Weber: "Representative Tarver, I know we talked a lot about this
bill in committee, and I know you did a lot of hard work.
Could you explain... I think one of the major issues we had was
that social club involves so many things, from YMCAs to health
clubs to everything else. Could you explain what... how the
amendments change this?"

Tarver: "Sure. The first amendment, based on your... your feedback,
makes clear that fitness clubs are not subject to it or
community pools."

Weber: "All right. So, fitness clubs do not fall under this. Does
that include YMCAs, swimming pools, et cetera?"

Tarver: "The other change in the amendment for House... for House
Floor Amendment #1 is to specifically exclude community
pools."

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Weber: "Okay. So, it looks like the amendment says, 'a private establishment that is a premises of formal organization of members for pleasure, recreation, or other purposes.'"

Tarver: "Well, would you like an... I know that's not a question, but if... if it'll help..."

Weber: "I... I'm just reading it. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "...I can provide an example for you."

Weber: "That's... that's what the amendment does..."

Tarver: "Yes."

Weber: "...to... to define..."

Tarver: "Yes."

Weber: "Okay."

Tarver: "That is accurate."

Weber: "All right. So, I know that does narrow the scope a little more. And then could you explain what amendment 2... so, that just says it applies to contracts, not preemptively, but any contracts entered into after this date. Is that true?"

Tarver: "So... what amendment #2 seeks to do is, if there's a contract that's already on the books, but it's amended in some kind of way, it would be subject to the act."

Weber: "All right, thank you. To the bill."

Speaker West: "To the bill."

Weber: "I understand what Representative Tarver's trying to do. I think it's a good cause. I do think there's a little more work to define what social clubs are. And I know some of our Members have issues with putting ourselves in the middle of a contract between an individual where possibly people are offered discounts for having a year contract and then having

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that altered in the middle of the contract. So, thank you.
Have a good one."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1763 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 78 voting in 'favor,' 34 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 1862, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1862, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1862, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Representative Mussman."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 1862 amends the Home Illinois Program within the Department of Human Services Act, providing that a service provider shall not have to fulfill the current 25% matching funds requirement in order to receive funds from the Department of Emergency and Transitional Housing Program or the Supportive Housing Program. We had passed similar... we had similar legislation to remove the state match for providers providing community-based youth services just last session. What we are finding is that the match forces nonprofits to

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dedicate significant staff resources to chasing down matching dollars of in-kind donations. This can be especially difficult on smaller entities or entities in rural or depressed communities, which do not have access to many donors or particularly wealthy donors, making it hard for these dollars to flow into the areas of the state that are most in need of this kind of financial support. This particular match was made in rules, and DHS is following the long process to amend those rules to remove the match. That process will mean, though, that without this legislative intervention, the matching requirement that will be required through the rest of this fiscal year. The state actually increased funding to the Emergency and Transitional Housing Program and Supporting Housing Program budget lines last year so providers could address the rapidly escalating problem of homelessness, but the match makes it hard to get the money out the door and to the providers doing the work on the ground in these most challenged areas. We would like to assist DHS in lifting the match requirement as quickly as possible while they work on the rules so that providers can more readily access and utilize these grant funds. I am aware of no opposition. I'm happy to answer questions. I would appreciate your support."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker West: "She indicates she will."

Davidsmeyer: "Representative, this came in front of our committee.

And... and I... I was... I was kind of questioning because one section says you're getting rid of the matching part and the other one says that you're making sure that there are private

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funds, and I appreciated your explanation. You said sometimes that 25% is too much for those smaller entities, those smaller providers to get involved, but the department still wants to be able to ensure that the state is not their only funding, right?"

Mussman: "Correct."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So, I... I think this is great. I think this allows more individual... or more groups that are providing services to be involved in these grant dollars. So, I appreciate you bringing this forward. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Mussman: "Thank you."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1862 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Fritts is recognized."

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

Speaker West: "State your point."

Fritts: "While we're just sitting at ease, I want to take this moment to recognize and thank somebody who works tirelessly hard, especially on these third deadline reading weeks, knows the bills inside and out, backwards and forwards, asks the most intelligent questions, doesn't have a chair, so stands all day long, misses meals. He is incredibly hard worker and somebody that I... I try to strive to be as a legislature

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because he is so unbelievable. Please join me in thanking Patrick Windhorst for all of his hard work. Thank you."

Speaker West: "Leader Windhorst. Proceeding to House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 3081, Representative Ortíz. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3081, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3081, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Representative Ortíz is recognized."

Ortíz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3081 amends the School Code, creating a new section about out-of-school time. This bill creates the Out-of-School Time Advisory Council, for which the purpose is to inform and advise the governor and state agencies about funding issues, as well as state and federal policy, and to receive input from the... from providers directly. The bill describes the makeup of the council as well as stating it... stating that it needs to meet at least four times per year. House Bill 3081 defines community school and out-of-school time. The Out-Of-School Time Advisory Council will provide information around accessibility of programing, grant... grant management and reporting requirements, researching and evaluation, licensure. And the members of this council would be General Assembly Members; out-of-school time providers; community leaders; principals

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and superintendents; representatives from the following agencies: ISBE, IDHS, ICJIA, and the Department of Early Childhood; philanthropy; a researcher or evaluator; and public members with interest in out-of-school time, whether it's law enforcement, business, or youth advocates. I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "Leader Windhorst for discussion."

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

Speaker West: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you outlined, this is an advisory council that we hope will provide us important information about out-of-school time. Can you tell us some of the things you hope will come forward from this council that will... will help us?"

Ortíz: "Absolutely. Some of the things that we're hoping is to get a better understanding of all the different after-school programs that exist. We want to maximize the dollars that we are getting from the federal government and the dollars that are being spent by the state as well and just making sure that if there's any... making sure there's overlap and just, again, just making sure that we are making the most use of our taxpayer dollars. And we also want to make sure that we are providing just quality after-school programs for students of the State of Illinois."

Windhorst: "And each legislative leader will have an appointment to the council. Is that correct?"

Ortíz: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

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Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3081 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 107 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 2584, Representative Cassidy. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2584, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker West: "Representative Cassidy on the amendment."

Cassidy: "I'd like to adopt the amendment and debate on Third, please."

Speaker West: "Representative Cassidy moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk? Representative Cassidy, do you want to withdraw your notes?"

Cassidy: "Yes. I thought that they had all been filed. I thought they had all been filed, so those that haven't been, yes, please."

Speaker West: "The notes are withdrawn. Mr.... Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

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

Speaker West: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2584, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading this House Bill."

Speaker West: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 2584 pretty simply removes any ability to... for insurers to... impose prior authorization on access to HIV and AIDs medication, both treatment and... and prevention meds. The second amendment that we adopted today, I want to... I want to be completely transparent with the House. I did seek the fiscal notes because I was concerned about what the costs might be. I've gotten conflicting answers from departments about the cost. And, in addition... so, DHS came out with a pretty high number, which is why we filed the amendment to take Medicaid out. At the same time, they said you don't need to include Medicaid because we are already doing this. Because of the late hour of getting the... the notes late, in committee I did say I would like the... the department to show me their math 'cause their math ain't mathing. I don't understand how it can be \$50 million while also not being necessary because they're already not allowing prior auth in Medicaid cases. So, if in fact that math does not add up, it is possible that this will come back here on concurrence with Medicaid back in it. So, I want to be very clear about that. I don't like it when we get conflicting information and we can't be clear. I kind of... is a bit of horse's patootie, frankly, but here we are. The bottom line is, if Illinois is going to get to zero new cases of HIV, we have to remove barriers to treatment. And prior auth is one of the... the most egregious of the barriers to treatment. The sooner someone can on medication,

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the sooner they can get a zero viral load, and the sooner they can... can be incapable of transmitting to someone else. So, getting to zero cases is a goal that we should all share, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Keicher."

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

Speaker West: "She indicates she will."

Keicher: "Excellent. So, Representative, we had a little bit of a discussion in committee, and I know you were a little surprised. Can you remind the body what the concern was with the HSF, I believe it was, right? Or IDP... HFS, right?"

Cassidy: "Yeah, yeah. So, in... the thing that doesn't make sense is that HFS initially said \$50 million, CMS told me \$2 million, and at the same time, HFS is saying that we are already not allowing prior auth in Medicaid cases. So, those things just don't align in a way that makes sense to me. But I'm moving forward with the amendment because that's what I said I would do. But I'm going to do my due diligence and find out what the real information is."

Keicher: "Can... and can you help us understand why we need to remove prior authorization this? Wouldn't we want folks in consultation with their doctor and their insurer about perhaps a better pathway forward?"

Cassidy: "What we know for a fact is that, these medications, the sooner you get on them, the sooner you're at zero viral load, the sooner you are incapable of transmitting the disease. This is not something that you need to delay. When you get a... when you get a diagnosis of HIV, even though..."

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Keicher: "But I believe... isn't the drug, right now, you're authorized for full year? So, once... once you're on it, all... all that... that would be involved would be an additional annual follow-up with the physician."

Cassidy: "I would love to put... love for you to put yourself in the place of someone who just received a diagnosis that... that is deadly and being told that you have to wait until an insurer can determine whether or not they're worthy of getting that medication. This is a very... there are no questions about whether or not..."

Keicher: "But... but we're already..."

Cassidy: "...these meds prevent..."

Keicher: "...we're talking about something, as you had said, is already covered. So, what we're looking at is we're looking at having somebody involved in the process, holding their hands as they're working through this. So..."

Cassidy: "That's the job of the physician... "

Keicher: "I'll... I'll go to the bill..."

Cassidy: "...not the insurance company."

Keicher: "...real quick, if I could, please. We have fiscal concerns that our own government, out... our governor's HFS shared, and... and I think it is... if it's at \$50 million potentially for what the government is suggesting government plans are going to be, this is going to potentially have that cost consequence on employers and individuals who, again, folks, you've heard me say it multiple times this week, we continue to pass cost-consequential mandates onto individuals and business owners. This is going to continue to drive health insurance premiums up. The title 'Affordable Care Act' is now a joke because it

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is no longer affordable when you're purchasing it on the individual market. I appreciate the sponsor's passion for the issue, but with questions out there that remain unanswered, I think we need to hold this off. We need to have a more diligent discussion, and I would encourage you for now to vote 'no.' Thank you."

Speaker West: "Members, this is Short Debate. Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "Thank you. While some may choose to sympathize with the insurers, I choose to sympathize with people whose lives are at risk and in need of medication as quickly as possible. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2584 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 78 voting in 'favor,' 35 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Proceeding to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading is House Bill 3374, Representative Norma Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3374, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker West: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3374, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker West: "Representative Norma Hernandez."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3374, it changes the expired.. expiration date of the Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Coal Resource Developmental Law of 1997 from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2030. This also extends sunset of the Renewable Energy Resource Trust Fund and the Energy Efficiency Trust Fund, fee collections for which are already in statute and are not being changed. This program provides grants, loans, other incentives to foster investments in and.. and the development and use of renewable energy resources. The program and.. the programs and funds themselves are not being altered. This bill purely extends their sunsets. There are many proponents, including IEPA and the Illinois Environmental Council, as well as Sierra Club Illinois. I know of no opposition. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker West: "Indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. As you mentioned, this is a sunset extension from the end of this year until the end of 2030. Is that right?"

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

Windhorst: "That's a five-year extension. How was that time frame chosen? Basically, why was it a five-year extension?"

Hernandez, N.: "I think it was a conversation with stakeholders and they.. that was the date that best fit for the extension for them."

Windhorst: "And the programs that are included in the extension, ultimately how are they funded?"

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Hernandez, N.: "Give me one second. It's a fee that's through utility services, and the money's already there, so it doesn't cost. Not an extra cost."

Windhorst: "But ultimately the ratepayers pay the cost of the program."

Hernandez, N.: "Correct. It's only five cents."

Windhorst: "And how much does this generate annually?"

Hernandez, N.: "Last year, it was 10.9."

Windhorst: "You said 10.9? Million? All right. Thank you."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3374 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 74 voting in 'favor,' 39 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 251, offered by Representative Ford. And House Resolution 253, offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker West: "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 Tuesday, April 22. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion

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of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 248, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 249, offered by Representative Huynh. House Resolution 250, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 252, offered by Representative Ford. House Joint Resolution 26, offered by Representative Harper. House Joint Resolution 27, offered by Representative Harper. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introductions of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 13, offered by Representative Chung; and Senate Joint Resolution #25, offered by Representative Hammond, are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 8, offered by Representative Hirschauer, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Senate Bill 19, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 25, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 42, offered by Representative Tarver, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 93, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 108, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 189, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 213, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 328, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 408, offered by Speaker

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Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 634, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 784, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1173, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1181, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1241, offered by Representative Coffey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1261, offered by Representative Jiménez, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Senate Bill 1346, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1383, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1411, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1422, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1507, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1551, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Senate Bill 1559, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1602, offered by Representative Cassidy, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1667, offered by Representative Blair-Sherlock, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1723, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1784, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 1797, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, a Bill for

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an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1859, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 1939, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1954, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning the recall of countywide elected officials. Senate Bill 1958, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1988, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1999, offered by Representative Deuter, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2008, offered by Representative Ortíz, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2108, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2111, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2129, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2153, offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2201, offered by Representative Johnson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2247, offered by Representative Ortíz, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House (sic-Senate) Bill 2285, offered by Representative Jiménez, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Correction, Senate Bill 2258, offered by Representative Jiménez, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2318, offered by Representative Croke, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2339, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act

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concerning employment. Senate Bill 2394, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Senate Bill 2437, offered by Representative Morris, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2456, offered by Representative Deuter, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2463, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2466, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Senate Bill 2487, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."