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Speaker West: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Duncan Smith. Pastor Smith is with Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln, Illinois. Pastor Smith is the guest of Representative Severin. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off their cellphones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Smith."

Pastor Smith: "Let's pray. Our gracious and almighty God, we bow before you today as a needy people, before an all-sufficient God. You are the sovereign Lord over all of the earth, the maker of heaven and earth, and the one who sets up rulers and brings down kings. As your word declares, 'The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.' And so, Father, we humbly ask that you would direct every heart and every mind gathered here in this chamber today according to your perfect will. We thank you for the freedom we enjoy in this land and for the rich heritage that we have of faith, justice, and sacrifice that has shaped our state and our nation. We thank you for the blessings of liberty, for the gift of law, and for the opportunity to live in a land where our leaders are chosen by the people and accountable before you. We are especially grateful for the Illinois House of Representatives, for these men and women who have answered the call to serve. And may they never forget that leadership is a stewardship, and that they will one day give an account not only for their constituents but to you, the righteous judge. Lord, we invite your presence into this chamber today, and may this be more

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than just a meeting of minds. Let it be a moment where hearts are aligned with truth. And we ask that you would grant these lawmakers a wisdom that surpasses human understanding, a wisdom that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, as the book of James would remind us. Father, let there be no room for selfish ambition or pride, but instead may humility, charity, and truth reign in this place. Father, your word tells us in Proverbs 14:34 that 'righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.' So, God, we pray that you would guide these servants to legislate with righteousness as their compass, justice as their standard, and compassion as their... as their companion. We pray for unity amid diversity, for civility amid debate, and for clarity amid complexity. Let no voice of division take root, but let a spirit of cooperation and honor prevail. And above all, may everything that's said and done and decided in this place today be done not for self, not for party, not even for popularity but for the glory of almighty God, the good of the people, and the testimony of righteousness. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. And we pray all these things in the precious and powerful name of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Speaker West: "We'll be led today in Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Ford."

Ford - 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."

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

Morgan: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Scherer is excused today."

Speaker West: "Leader Windhorst is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Windhorst: "All Republicans are present and ready to do business on adjournment day. Thank you."

Speaker West: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 116 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you rise? Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker West: "State your point."

Cassidy: "For the better part of this session, we have spent a great deal of time hearing from folks on the other side of the aisle talking about a fraction of a fraction of a percent of the population, demonizing trans people, and, in particular, targeting trans youth. And, yes, I have expressed anger and frustration and heartbreak at it, so much so that our colleagues spent the better part of a week attempting to erase words, words that made them uncomfortable. Just as at the federal level, the Republican administration, led by your fearless leader, Donald Trump, is attempting to erase people from history: whether it is foolishly deleting a picture of the Enola Gay because it said 'Gay' from a Department of Defense website or mandating harmful, abusive treatments as

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appropriate treatments for transgender folks. And that's bad enough on its face, really. But something happened last week that made me even more questioning of the humanity of the folks who express their obsession with trans youth on this floor. In a conversation that I would call a last-ditch effort to rescue a collegial relationship, one of my colleagues replied, 'Come on, Kelly. You know the game.' Another colleague recently shared with me overhearing another one of our Republican colleagues referring to what they call 'the game.' They call the game 'fishing for Cassidy.' I want to tell you what the outcome of your game is. Your game involves sharing the likeness, name, and location of a child. The child in Naperville that y'all have spent more than a week banging the drum about, you shared the images of this child. It became international news. This family has been faced with countless death threats because you think it's a game. Since January, the organization Trans Up Front that serves families of trans children reported... has had reports of 21 suicides and attempted suicides by trans youth. This is the outcome of what you call a game. You can fish for Cassidy all day, every day, baby. But when you come for kids, you're going to catch the car and get dragged. You have blood on your hands. The blood of these children is on your hands. You are driving children to suicide. Imagine your... examine yourselves. Examine your humanity. You have blood on your hands."

Speaker West: "Point of order."

Cassidy: "You can't erase those words."

Speaker West: "Point of order. There's a point of order. Leader Windhorst."

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Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that the Representative on the other side of the aisle be prevented from speaking. She has violated Rule 51. This is a violation of decorum. She needs to be cut off from speaking, and we need to move on to other business."

Speaker West: "Thank you, Leader Windhorst. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 38, offered by Representative Rosenthal."

Rosenthal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... House Resolution 38 recognizes Congressman Rodney Davis, who graduated from Taylorville High School in 1988 and... with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Millikin in 1992. Congressman Davis worked as project director for Congressman John Shimkus for 16 years, and he was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 2012 to represent the 13th District, where he served for 10 years. What I would like to highlight, though, is that in 1992, they started the... the expansion of Illinois Route 29 between Taylorville and Rochester, and it took over two decades of planning and construction. On December 23, 1992, Congressman Davis witnessed the crash that took the life of Melody Traughber when her car hit a slick spot on the two-lane road and slid into oncoming traffic. Melody Traughber was one of seven people killed on Illinois Route 29 between Springfield and Taylorville from 1988 to 1995, and her death helped spur the creation of Project 29, a grassroots citizens group that lobbied for the widening of the road to four lanes. Congressman Davis was instrumental in planning and public engagement that led to the widening of Route 29; and therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Route 29 from Cardinal Hill Road in Rochester to East 1600 North Road in Taylorville as the 'Congressman Rodney Davis Superhighway.'

Speaker West: "Representative Rosenthal moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 38. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 'ayes,' 100... 0 'nays,' 0 voting 'present.' And this resolution, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby adopted. Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 9, offered by Representative Sheehan. Representative Sheehan is recognized."

Sheehan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to speak on House Resolution 9, which declares July 2025 as Systematic Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis Awareness Month. This resolution is very personal to me. My youngest son, Gavin, lives with SJIA. I've watched him battle through pain, fatigue, and the unknowns that come with a rare autoimmune disease that most people have never even heard of. SJIA affects organs, growth, and everyday life. And for far too many families, the path to a diagnosis and treatment is long, confusing, and filled with uncertainty. Through this resolution, we not only raise awareness, but we call for more funding, more research, and more hope. Because our kids deserve answers, they deserve better treatments, and one day, they deserve a cure. Thank you to the resolution sponsors. And on behalf of my family

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and the many others walking this journey, I ask for your support on House Resolution 9. Thank you."

Speaker West: "Representative Sheehan moves for the adoption of House Resolution 9. All in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Hauter, for what reason do you rise?"

Hauter: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker West: "State your point."

Hauter: "Well, I didn't expect to do this on the last day of session, but I feel like it's really important that we respond to the accusations, kind of vile accusations, that we just heard. Mr. Speaker, I highly respect the Representative, and I'm friendly with her and... and so many on the other side. I really, truly respect the opposition. I want Illinoisans, I want them to know that this side wants transgender children to have a good life, a full life, a just life. I don't want them and this side does not want them to be bullied. We do not hate them. There are two points. This side will stand opposed, strongly opposed to the mutilation, the surgical mutilation of children, the chemical castration of children. You talk about blood on your hands? We will stand opposed to that. And when the opposition wants women and girls to sit down and shut up, we will stand for their opportunities, their awards, their trophies, their scholarships, and their safety in locker rooms and bathrooms. So, we don't have blood on our hands. We stand.. we take a principled stand for real women. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker West: "On page 8 of the calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 3760, offered by Representative Walsh. Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1. It's just a technical change that took care of a drafting error in the original bill, and I'd ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker West: "For discussion, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker West: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this... the intent of the bill with the changes from the Senate remains the same. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "That is correct. There's... it... the whole intent was to regulate the population of the gray fox, give the DNR the availability to do that. There was just a drafting error in the original bill."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker West: "The question is, 'Shall House... shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3760?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. The question is... this question, there are 116 voting 'aye,' 0 voting 'nay,' and 0 voting 'present.' The House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3760. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Hoffman in the Chair."

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Speaker Hoffman: "On page 8 of the calendar appears House Bill 3800, Leader Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3800 is the Illinois Department of Insurance cleanup bill. We call it the admin bill. This passed out of this chamber with a couple tweaks that needed to happen in the Senate, particularly removing a few sections that we identified with the other side of the aisle to make sure that we cleaned this up for clarity for the insurance industry. We, in particular, removed language with regards to dental insurance that they'll work together on over the summer. At this point, my understanding is an agreed bill, and I ask for a concurrence."

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

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. To the bill real quickly."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Keicher: "For those of us on our side, you'll see that some Senators were 'no.' We cleared that up with the Senate. It is a misunderstanding. This is a good bill. There's no problem saying 'yes.' They thought there was a surcharge added in here. There is not. It's good to vote 'yes.' I encourage an 'aye.'"

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3800?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3800. And this bill, having received the constitutional

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majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to page 9 of the calendar, under the Order of Resolutions appears House Resolution 59, Representative Hirschauer."

Hirschauer: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Hirschauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 59 recognizes October 2025 as Military Toxic Exposure Awareness Month and honors the sacrifices of members of the armed forces who have been impacted by toxic exposure. This resolution is an initiative of my veterans advisory committee that meets monthly to discuss state legislation, and it's also part of a nationwide push to support a national designation for Military Toxic Exposure Awareness Month. For many Illinoisans, this is a very personal issue. And when we were in committee, I learned it's a personal issue for many of our colleagues here in the General Assembly. Representative Rosenthal spoke about his family's personal experiences, and many of my other committee members did as well. I'd like to speak just briefly about my brother-in-law. His name is Kevin. He's one of the healthiest and most active people I know, but he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma last year. He has attacked his cancer with the same grit that he brought to his military service as an officer in the Navy. He was deployed to Afghanistan in the early 2000s, and we don't know exactly if his exposure to burn pits was the cause of his cancer, but we are grateful for the passage of the PACT Act and the services at the VA. After nine months of treatment, my brother-in-law was given a clean bill of health and is back to his active self. This is a really important resolution

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that I hope we can all support here and support our veterans.
Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hirschauer moves for the adoption of House Resolution 59. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Going to page 10 of the calendar appears House Resolution 81, Representative Mason. Representative Mason."

Mason: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. My apologies. Earlier this session, we all wore red in support of the American Heart Association Wear Red for Women Day. So, this resolution is after the fact but declares Wear... Red Wear Day that we celebrated. I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 81. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. On page 11 of the calendar appears House Resolution 89, Representative Kifowit. Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This resolution that I am presenting today honors the retirees of the state university retirement plan. So, we understand that our retirees work really, really hard and that we believe that they need to be appreciated. So, on June 13, 2025, we want to recognize our retirees from the SURS system, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 89 be adopted?' All... Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House

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Resolution 89. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. And the resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 90, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 328, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1331, Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 1989; Motion to Concur... recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 1631 and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3339. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Fritts, is referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit on House Resolution 103."

Kifowit: "My good friend is right here next to me for House Resolution 103. So, House Resolution 103 declares November 10, 2025 as Marine Corps Day and the month of November 2025 as Marine Corps Month. As we know, the Marine Corps was founded in Tun Tavern in 1775 on November 10, and we would like to honor it every single day of the year but especially on November 10 this year and in the month of November. So, I ask for your support and the adoption of this resolution."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House... House Resolution 103. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving to page 12 of

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the calendar appears House Resolution 124, Representative LaPointe. Representative LaPointe. Proceed."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This resolution designates a week in the spring to raise awareness for tardive dyskinesia. And tardive dyskinesia is an involuntary movement disorder that is actually a function of primarily first-generation psychotropic drugs. So, this is a condition that people with severe mental health issues, severe mental illness who have taken psychotropic drugs to mitigate symptoms of the SMI end up having another condition that is very stigmatizing, much like serious mental illness. We all know what an involuntary movement disorder is. You might think about people you've seen making involuntary movements. And so, this resolution seeks to raise awareness not only of the condition, but there are actual treatments out there for tardive... tardive dyskinesia as well. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe moves for the adoption of House Resolution 124. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Going to page 13 of the calendar appears House Resolution 151, Representative Avelar. Leader Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Give me just a second. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you for the opportunity to present House Resolution 151, which urges the state of Illinois to confront a crisis that has gone unaddressed for far too long, the... and that is the instability of our human services workforce. Across Illinois, frontline workers, which includes social workers; home care providers; youth mentors;

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addiction counselors; housing case managers; in my case, you know, a social worker that was working with people on their pathway to citizenship, they carry out critical services that keep our communities healthy, safe, and thriving. Yet, they do so under immense strain, low pay, insufficient benefits, and contract structures that fall to meet the true cost of service delivery. This resolution highlights how state funding has declined by 25% over the last 27 years just as demand for services, inflation, and administrative burdens have increased. Community-based organizations are being asked to do more with less, and the results are burnout, workforce attrition, and serious barriers to care, especially in communities of color and rural areas. We can't claim to value strong communities, mental health, violence prevention, or economic stability and then continue to devalue the people and organizations that deliver those outcomes. So, I respectfully ask for your support on House Resolution 151, and I would ask for a recorded vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this resolution, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the sponsor requested a record vote, so that eliminated one of the things I had to bring up. If we could have Standard Debate on this resolution."

Speaker Hoffman: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Leader Avelar, for bringing this resolution, which I know you and I and others hold the words in this resolution very deeply in our

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heart. So, I want to take a moment to talk about not just what this means for frontline human service workers but what it means for people in our chambers. And I'm going to start with this. Last year Catholic Charities of Chicago, which we all recognize as a nonprofit provider that does a lot of core frontline human services, they walked away from 70 public sector contracts, 70 contracts. And this is how we do human services. We contract with nonprofits. And when I was talking with them about why they walked away from all those contracts, they said, 'The money that we're getting from the public sector is nowhere near enough to cover the cost of care.' And the administrative burden and the red tape they have to face with the paperwork is just too much. So, on paper, those contracts added up to \$12 million that they walked away from, but the true cost of that was \$36 million. Actually... actually, I got that wrong. Sorry. I've said this a lot. Twenty-four million dollars was the total, but it added up to a true cost of \$36 million. So, that's a \$12 million gap. And who carries that gap? It is the frontline workers. So, as legislators, when we go out and meet with our nonprofits that are doing human services, I urge you to ask the leaders of those organizations, 'What are you able to pay your frontline workers?' Not what you want to pay them, but what are you able to pay them. And you will hear things like \$17 an hour, \$19 an hour, 42 grand a year for licensed clinical social workers that have master's degrees. This issue is not going away. It is not going away. We're going to have more nonprofits walk away from public sector contracts, and it is not the fault of the leaders at the community-based

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nonprofits. Let me be clear, 'cause there's a lot of stuff in the ether around here that people are hoarding money. You can't pay your frontline workers what they deserve if you are not getting what you need in state budgets and city budgets. I know this is going to be a long haul. Thank you, Leader Avelar. These frontline workers are burning the candle at both ends. Cost of living is up. It is just not acceptable to pay them 35 grand a year, 40 grand a year, 45 grand a year anymore. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Avelar has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 151. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this resolution, there are 79 voting 'yes,' 34 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And House Resolution 151 is adopted. Representative Harper on House Resolution 152. Please proceed."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House Resolution 152, which simply declares that May 11 through May 17 as Black Farmers and Growers Week in the state of Illinois. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of House Resolution 152. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution's adopted. Representative Harper on House Resolution 153."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Resolution 153, which recognizes March 5 as Rare Disease Day in the state of Illinois. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of House Resolution 153. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Remaining on the Order of Resolutions, on House... on page 15 of the calendar appears House Resolution 166, Representative Lisa Davis. Please proceed."

Davis, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today, I rise regarding House Bill (sic-Resolution) 166, which declares April 7, 2025 through April 7, 2026 as Little Palestine Day in the state of Illinois. What this does is it invites all Illinoisans to celebrate Little Palestine Day by supporting businesses and cultural initiatives in Little Palestine and attending or hosting events showcasing the contributions of the Arab American community to the United States. I'd urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Crawford."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to encourage everyone, I share the other... the south end of Little Palestine in the Bridgeview community, as well as going into Palos. I just want to invite everyone out. There are 200 small businesses that encompass this corridor with 10 or less employees each. These are thriving businesses with some of the best food that you'll find on the southwest suburbs in Chicago. So, I invite everyone here to come out. If you're like me, if you go to Midway Airport and you park in the cheap parking lot, then you're very close to Little Palestine and the city of Bridgeview. So, take your time to... take time to

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check out what we have to offer in the 31st District. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this resolution, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Mr. Speaker, we request a record vote on the resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis moves for the adoption of House Resolution 166. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this resolution, there are 78 voting 'yes,' 35 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And House Resolution 166 is adopted. On page 15 of the calendar appears House Resolution 174, Representative Grasse. Representative Grasse. Please proceed."

Grasse: "Thank you. I offer a resolution for recognizing Prescribed Burning Month that is an important part of maintaining our environment. I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, Representative Grasse moves for the or the adoption of House Resolution 174. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Leader Haas on House Resolution 178."

Haas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 178 declares October 24 as United Nations Day, which coincides with the date on which United Nations was formed following World War II. This resolution is an initiative of the Zonta Club of Kankakee County. Zonta International holds consultative status with the United Nations. When women's issues arise on

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an international stage, the United Nations seeks Zonta's input on the situation. The Zonta Club of Kankakee recognizes that their voice and concerns are heard as Zonta International representatives engage in dialogue with the United Nations. For these reasons, the Zonta Club of Kankakee is eager to have their relationship with the United Nations recognized through this resolution. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Miller."

Miller: "Yeah, I'd like to request a recorded vote, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall do a recorded vote. Seeing no one seeking recognition... further recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 178 be adopted?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this resolution, there are 96 voting 'yes,' 19 voting 'no.' And the resolution is adopted. Going to page 15 of the calendar appears House Resolution 170, Representative Canty. Proceed."

Canty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 170 recognizes the various days throughout the year in which women achieve parity with men in their pay. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Canty has asked for a recorded vote on House Resolution 170. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has all... have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this resolution, there are 1... are 80 voting 'yes,' 27 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the resolution is adopted. Leader Hammond, I

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totally apologize. I didn't see that you had pushed your button. I apologize. Please proceed."

Hammond: "It's... it's an early morning and a late... following a late evening, so no apologies."

Speaker Hoffman: "Has nothing to do with the morning. Has everything to do with my ineptitude."

Hammond: "I would just like to call attention. I am a firm believer in equal pay, and I am a firm believer in equal pay for everyone, for every position. And I would invite anyone to join me on my equal pay resolution, House Resolution 336. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "On page 15 of the calendar appears House Resolution 181, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present... present House Resolution 181, which simply honors the lives of all individuals that we have lost to gun violence in 2024. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Harper... Representative Harper moves for the adoption of House Resolution 181. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution's adopted. Representative Andrade on House Resolution 192. Representative Andrade. Out of the record. On page 5 of the calendar appears Senate Bill 2418, Representative Slaughter. Representative Slaughter on House Bill 2418. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2418, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have

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been approved for consideration. Floor... Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Slaughter."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter on Floor Amendment #1."

Slaughter: "OK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Are the... is there just this amendment on this bill?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, I believe there's three amendments. Please don't withdraw any amendments. I made that mistake yesterday."

Slaughter: "What?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Just take our..."

Slaughter: "OK."

Speaker Hoffman: "Let's just take our time."

Slaughter: "Thank... all right, thank you, and good morning, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table amendment #1."

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. Moving to page 12 of the calendar, on the Order of Resolutions appears House Resolution 135, Leader Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 135 is asking us to recognize the need for real reform and a real solution when we talk about the teacher shortage crisis and the struggles that we're having in our public schools. We need to recognize that teachers need an appropriate amount of time during the workday for teachers so that they can plan their meaningful lessons. There's also a lot of evaluative work that they need to do to check student progress to make sure that they meet the needs of their individual students. I want the body to recognize that we hear a lot about the unfilled positions in our districts and how many openings there are

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that are unfilled and staffed by substitutes or whatever they're doing. We have to realize that's only the positions that the districts have money to pay for or space to put in their buildings. To meet the needs to provide adequate planning time, they actually need a lot more, and that would allow for the collaboration and the preparation that teachers really need. So, this resolution is simply urging our districts to do much more to provide this time for our teachers, but we have to step up and do our part. We are going to have to do better at getting the resources and the funding to the districts so that they can do this. Our teacher shortage is only going to get worse if we don't start to work to solve this problem. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Stuart moves for the adoption of House Resolution 134... 35. All in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving back to page 5 of the calendar appears Senate Bill 2418. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2418, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Slaughter."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter on Floor Amendment #1."

Slaughter: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to table Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter withdraws Floor Amendment #1. Any further amendments?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter on Floor Amendment #2."

Slaughter: "I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #2. Makes a change to the bill. I'd like to discuss this on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2418. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Slaughter."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2418. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2418, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Slaughter on Senate Bill 2418."

Slaughter: "OK, Mr. Speaker. Is this the bill? Did we... OK."

Speaker Hoffman: "It is."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the House. Listen, no matter what side of the aisle you're on and no matter what your governmental and political ideologies are, we all can agree that our children

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are our state's future and our youth are our state's greatest and most precious asset. And that's why I'm honored this morning to present Senate Bill 2418. This is an initiative that's 14 years in the making. I want to take a moment here just to lift up and highlight the efforts of Leader Robyn Gabel, who's also carried this bill throughout the years. Senate Bill 2418 is really a humanitarian bill. It raises the juvenile detention age from 10 to 13 years old. Based on the documented harm to young children from even a short stay in detention, including increasing the likelihood of repeat offending, the Legislature has spent considerable time debating this measure. And finally, a compromise was reached in 2023 with the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association to gradually implement and raise the age based on a plan for system collaboration to ensure alternatives to detention are available. This compromise bill passed the House in 2023 with IPCSA as a supporter, and Senate Bill 2418 reflects that same 2023 compromise, as it has already passed out of the Senate. In regards to the gradual implementation, I'd like to highlight two critical components. First is the phase-in approach. Detention will stop for 10- and 11-year-olds on July 1, 2026, and detention will stop for 12-year-olds on July 1, 2027. It's important to note here for the 12-year-olds, there is an important agreed carve-out for the most serious offenses, which include murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, aggravated battery with a firearm, and aggravated vehicular hijacking. Secondly, the bill allows for one year to develop final planning for implementation, building on the great work that has already been done

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throughout the years by the Juvenile Justice Commission. Most importantly, this planning phase will create an accountability to address service shortfalls throughout the state where identified. This includes critical monthly reporting and data collection for the Juvenile Justice Commission to develop statewide action plans that emphasize local system collaboration and professional training. Many of you may be wondering, 'Well, what are the alternatives to detention if this bill passes?' Since this bill was introduced in 2011, our state's youth and social services network has significantly evolved and developed into one that is more robust and one that can adequately address this population. If you're talking about emergency and crisis intervention services, our CCBYS partners are equipped to handle these unique situations. In regards to behavioral health, our state continues to make these critical mental health services more accessible and available for our youth. In extreme cases, if it's about housing, there are several host home options for our short... for short-term placement. This could happen through DCFS or other community-based housing options. Keep in mind, if this particular youth needs a cooling-off period, they could stay at a relative's home or even a family friend's residence. The main point that I want to drive home here is that our state is at a point where we should be doing everything that we can to use a least-restrictive, last-resort approach. Why is this so important? Well, I'd be remiss if I didn't highlight the data and the research. Of course, many of you all know we're talking about young Black and Brown boys mainly. The research and data is clear: Detaining

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children ages 10 to 13 poses significant risks to their mental health, development, and safety. Studies have shown that younger children in juvenile detention are particularly vulnerable to the adverse consequences of detention, including worsening of preexisting mental health challenges or creating new ones that continue to affect youth even after their release, including depression, anxiety, and self-harm. The dramatic nature of detention interferes with healthy development and increases the risk of future criminal involvement. Detention stays disrupt the education and social learning critical to youth development, leading to academic setbacks that can impact their long-term success. Detention can increase the chances of recidivism, and younger children in detention are even more vulnerable to this risk. It's time that we raise the age. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a... a moment also to highlight two other significant components of this bill. Senate Bill 2418 also creates the Child First Task Force. This task force will continue to study the use and conditions of juvenile detention in the state and make strategic recommendations for systemic improvements. Lastly, Senate Bill 2814 allows and empowers the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to establish a youth nonviolent crime resource program. This program will allow IDJJ to provide critical resources to youth who have been adjudicated delinquent for nonviolent charges. These resources are extremely important and will include vital services, such as mentoring; access to educational resources, in collaboration with the State Board of Education; employment training opportunities; behavioral health services, including trauma-

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informed services; parent supports, including assistance applying for public health programs available through the Department of Human Services and other state agencies; and other resources that the department deems helpful to youth convicted of nonviolent crimes. This program will start July 1, 2026. Listen, with this bill, what we are saying is let's hold our youth accountable when they run afoul of the law but also be a state that focuses on restorative justice, healing, and nurturing our at-risk youths so they can embrace a transformative period in their life so they can be inspired and aspire to be positive, productive citizens. I urge a 'yes' vote on Senate Bill 2814. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Here to answer any questions."

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

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, we request Standard Debate on the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Your request is granted."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative Slaughter, this bill, in its current form with the amendments, basically combines three different bills that we've debated in different..."

Slaughter: "Right. Right."

Windhorst: "...times in committee."

Slaughter: "Yeah, that's right. These bills, or the components of these bills, came both through House Judiciary - Crim as well as Restorative Justice Committee."

Windhorst: "The first part of the bill, before the amendments, dealt with providing resources to persons under 18 years old."

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That would be a requirement of the Department of Juvenile Justice. That portion of the bill was agreeable, received unanimous support. The other two portions, I think, we had opposition with. First, on the... you did a... a thorough job explaining the bill. I just want to hit why we have issues with the other two parts. First, on the detention age, raising that. I think everyone agrees we don't want any juveniles detained that do not need to be detained. The issue we... we see and why there's objection from law enforcement is there aren't sufficient social services to address the juveniles who commit offenses but either can't go home, can't be placed because DCFS is unable to place them, there aren't social services available for placement. How do you envision those minors who violate the law in a serious way but have nowhere else to go, and I'm not talking about the most serious offenses, but still serious offenses, have nowhere else to go, how law enforcement is to handle those situations?"

Slaughter: "Thank you. I certainly appreciate the question, Leader Windhorst, and just want to take some time to unpack this. First of all, ladies and gentlemen, the reality is that we are not really dealing with a lot of youth. It's under a hundred youth. Currently, we have 70... 77 youth that would be impacted by this bill. Also... and it's important that you brought this up, Leader Windhorst, and I'm glad that you did. When you talk to law enforcement, when you talk to professionals in this space, they don't want to detain youth. They really do want to be able to deflect, and they want to be able to keep these youth in the community. It's also important that youth can still be held accountable. This is

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pretrial. In regards to a youth at the police station, you could have a police station adjustment where there could be an option to refer for services, right? Even if the youth is adjudicated delinquent or found guilty, it's important to know you don't have to detain. You could communicate and collaborate with your probational services. But to your... your question, leader. Since 2011, we have definitely evolved in regards to our youth-in-social-service network. I think what I want to really bring out there is that we do have crisis intervention, emergency intervention services that our CCBYS partners specialize in. It's important to note if the youth is demonstrating or showing extreme health or mental health issues that youth probably needs to be in a hospital, not detained in a juvenile detention center. So, hospitalization is also something that is... is at the forefront here. In regards to housing, we do have a robust network of housing options, whether that's DCFS, whether that's some of our other community-based housing options. It's important to know. It's also very, very critical here that we observe that we are taking a year for planning, right? So, in regards to reporting to the Juvenile Justice Commission, in regards to collecting data, the objective, leader, is to make sure that we are identifying those service gaps and then doing the action planning to make sure that we're doing statewide action planning but also to highlight and to emphasize that this takes local collaboration, right, with... with local... with local partners."

Windhorst: "And to your point, I think, as it relates to these individuals or minors that are under consideration for this

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change, most everyone agreed detention should be a last resort, but we would be removing that last resort. And there were just concerns about what will happen with these juveniles. I've... I've made my point, so I'll move on to the next one. With regards to the task force... with regards to the task force, local law enforcement, such as the sheriffs and chiefs of police, do not have a seat on the task force. They have opposed this measure for that reason. You know, those are the entities that are dealing with juveniles before they are sent to detention, and they have to deal with this on a day-to-day basis. Why are we not including the sheriffs' association and chiefs of police on this task force?"

Slaughter: "Well... well, I certainly appreciate the... that question as well, leader. It's important to note that we do have law enforcement on the task force, though, which is represented by the Illinois State Police. They've... been a tremendous partner in regards to being a liaison to the law enforcement coalition of stakeholders. We feel good that they're going to be able to represent law enforcement because they are a statewide entity that will be able to be utilized as a partner to... to help bridge those gaps with local law enforcement."

Windhorst: "And the concern is the state police is not the entity handling the transportation of... of juveniles to detention facilities. They're not typically the ones dealing with the reporting of incidents that occur. They're oftentimes a secondary responding agency, not the primary responding agency, to juvenile cases. I think I've explained my position of why I'll be a 'no' vote on the bill. Thank you for answering my questions."

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Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Cabello: "Ladies and gentlemen, on August 3 of 2001, William Buck, age 19, shot and killed Kevin Rice. He shot him five times. Kevin Rice was an honorable, decent man, one of the finest Rockford police detectives that I ever worked with, one of the hardest-working family men that I knew. This was not William Buck's first murder. William Buck murdered somebody else when he was a juvenile and was let out. He shot the other man in the back, in the middle of the street, as he was leaving. Ladies and gentlemen, I respect immensely the sponsor of this bill, and I will work with him on a lot of stuff. I'm afraid that we are going to do the same thing that we always do here in this dome. We move a little bit here today. We're going to move a little bit further tomorrow. We're going to move a little bit further the next day. I'm sorry, I cannot support this bill. Not everybody is going to qualify or be William Buck. But for Kevin Rice, in my opinion, we need to say no. Kevin wasn't even working when he was gunned down savagely. He was working on laying carpet at his new house that he worked countless overtime hours for to provide for his family. He was driving to his old house and saw some people doing some things that they probably shouldn't have been, so he stopped because that's the type of man he was. He didn't even get out of the car. William Buck walked up and shot him five times. I will work with you, Representative Slaughter, but I can't on this bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis. Lisa Davis."

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Davis, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Davis, L.: "Chairman Slaughter, this bill is for youth nonviolence, correct?"

Slaughter: "Yes. Thank you, Representative. It... it is, but, again, I wanted to highlight the agreed carve-out that is at the center of this bill that does allow youth to still be detained for serious offenses: murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault, aggravated battery with a firearm, and aggravated vehicular hijacking."

Davis, L.: "Thank you for that. And would an individual 19 years or older, would they qualify under this bill?"

Slaughter: "No."

Davis, L.: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2418 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye;' all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'yes,' 41 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 5 of the calendar, on the Order of Concurrences appears House Bill 22, Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur on House Bill 22. Amendment 1 from the Senate just adds an immediate effective date from the bill. The rest of the bill's identical to what passed earlier in the session."

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

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

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Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as you said, this amendment from the Senate adds an immediate effective date. The underlying bill discusses developer donations and impact fees and implementing ordinances. Those may include amounts to pay for the cost of constructing a new school building, if necessary. What... just so to remind us, what brought that forward? What was the issue we're trying to resolve?"

Didech: "Yeah. So, that... that statute provides for how municipalities can impose impact fees for school districts. There was some confusion over whether that provision of the code also allows for them to be imposed for the purposes of new school construction when specifically and uniquely attributable to the development, like all other impact fees. So, we are clarifying that it does encompass those projects as well."

Windhorst: "And I don't recall this initially when the bill came through, but now opponents show to be the Illinois REALTORS and the Home Builders. Is that accurate?"

Didech: "So, when this bill went to the Senate, those stakeholders indicated their preference to pursue a more comprehensive approach to revising the impact fees statutes. We had a series of conversations after the bill went through the Senate, and I agreed with them to... to work with them over the next year to pursue the comprehensive approach that their preference is. I do think that this minor clarification is important to do at this time. But I have had a series of good conversations with them, and we will continue to work together over the next year on... on their project."

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Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech moves for the concurrence of House Amendment #1 to House Bill 22. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in House Amendment #1 to House Bill 22. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Didech on House Bill 32, on the Order of Concurrence, on page 5 of the calendar."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur to Senate Amendment 1 on House Bill 32. The Senate Amendment removes two provisions from the bill. It removes a technical change to the Open Meetings Act. It also removes some technical changes to the Downstate Forest Preserve District Act. The other underlying provisions in the bill remain in the bill: One, to clarify that the ministerial functions of a deputy township supervisor include administering the general assistance program; and, two, providing that township park and rec departments will be treated the same way as park district and municipal park and rec departments for purposes of the provisions of the Child Labor Law. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to ask for, before I start, if I could, please, for Standard Debate. There may

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be a couple others that may have some brief questioning, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Your request is granted."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, we've been kind of back and forth on this. I've... we asked you to change the definition or to add to improve this situation. And I'm sorry, it's a little bit early in the morning here. The Senate stripped out some additional language that we did not ask for as we worked this through earlier this spring. Can you just further define exactly what is in this bill and... and how that affects general assistance with this appointment?"

Didech: "Right. So... so, in the... the general assistance provisions, it clarifies that the ministerial functions of the deputy township supervisor includes the administration of the general assistance program. The reason why that's important is because under current law, when there is a vacancy in the office of township supervisor, there is some vagueness as to whether anybody could administer the general assistance program, including emergency assistance, which is assistance designed to alleviate life-threatening conditions. So, the purpose of those provisions is to ensure that those life... that those emergency assistance payments can continue to proceed to alleviate life-threatening conditions, even if there is a vacancy in the office of township supervisor."

Halbrook: "OK. The other questions came up, and I don't know if we discussed it, and I don't know this was a part of the discussion that... that we had a few years ago when we put the

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provision in the law about how there would be a temporary supervisor, would be appointed amongst the four trustees, will this trigger the audit? My understanding is in the Township Code, every time there's a supervisor change, there's to be an audit. Is... how do we grapple with that in this situation?"

Didech: "Well, the answer is no. This... this would not trigger an audit because there would not be a... a change in township supervisor."

Halbrook: "But you're appointing a temporary one."

Didech: "We are appointing a deputy township supervisor who will serve temporarily until the board fills the vacancy. And... and that's why, under the current law, his authority is limited to those ministerial functions. So, there's a whole host of things that the deputy township supervisor is not able to do that are not falling under that umbrella of ministerial functions, which is why I think it's appropriate that they're not subject to the audit because they don't have the full spate of authorities and responsibilities that a township supervisor has."

Halbrook: "Right. So, again, I..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative..."

Halbrook: "Yeah, I..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Miller gives you your two minutes."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, I think this is duplicative. I've asked you to kind of get to the bottom of why we needed to do this because I think we changed to allow the township board, a few years ago, to appoint amongst themselves a

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supervisor and a temporary role to fill these roles because you still are not going to be able to write checks to any other functions. You're going to take care of general service. So, I'm just kind of curious why we need to do this just for general service. Because until you appoint a... a temporary supervisor to get to a permanent supervisor, you're still unable to write those checks."

Didech: "It's... it's because the provision of emergency assistance under the general assistance program is designed to alleviate life-threatening conditions. Now, I think you're raising an important point that we're balancing a few different interests at play. I think this bill is an appropriate approach to protect taxpayer funds while also to make sure that people are not literally dying because there is a temporary vacancy in the office of township supervisor."

Halbrook: "Yeah. Well, thank you. Again, I... I know that I have supported this bill in the past. I'm not sure I'm a big fan of it today. I'm probably not going to support it today. May sound like a good idea. Again, I think this is already provided for in the law. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I have no further questions, and I yield the balance of my time to other speakers on this side of the aisle. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Bunting."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Bunting: "I'm kind of with Representative Halbrook on this here, Representative. How long will this deputy supervisor be able for check writing? Are we going to wait until the next election? Is it going to an appointment process with the

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trustees? Or how... give me the timeline on how this works out to where we can have that... that permanent supervisor put in place and the audit started."

Didech: "Under state law, a vacancy in a township supervisor has to be filled within 60 days of the vacancy being created."

Bunting: "OK. And the reason, as you had stated before, for the deputy supervisor that's going to be chosen, are we still going with the most senior trustee there, or are we letting them, township trustees, make the decision on who the deputy supervisor's going to be?"

Didech: "The township... or, under this statute, the township board can appoint any of their members to be the deputy township supervisor."

Bunting: "OK. Thank you. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 the House Bill 32?' 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's 77 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 32. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 6 of the calendar appears House Bill 2667, Leader Spain."

Spain: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate... Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2667. This is an initiative from JCAR to increase transparency. It creates a

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14-day public notice and comment period for a type of rulemaking called required rulemaking and clarifies that only proposals that meet the definition of a required rule are applicable. For the purposes of legislative intent, when discussing the term 'procedures,' as used in Section 5-15(b) of the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act, this does not include ministerial functions, an address change, a contact information change, and changes in FOIA officer designations. This bill passed the Senate unanimously and is, again, a JCAR transparency initiative. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2661 (sic-2667)?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote... 2667. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Are we good? Darrin, are we good? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2667. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting at 11 a.m.: Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & Information Technology will meet in Room 115; the Executive Committee will meet in Room 118; Higher Education will meet in Room 122; Human Services will meet in D-1; Insurance will meet in C-1; Labor & Commerce will meet in Room 114; Personnel & Pensions will

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meet in Room 413. Meeting at 11:15 in the morning is Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education in Room 115."

Speaker Hoffman: "The... the Chair's in... the clerk is in receipt of a Motion to Expunge. We shall acknowledge the receipt of the Motion to Expunge. It is hereby referred to Rules. The House will remain... the House will remain in recess as we go to committee to the call of chair."

Speaker Morgan: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative González, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3851. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3493. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3385 and the Motion to Concur with House... Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3709. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2437. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 3 to House Bill 2785.

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Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3638. Representative Yang Rohr, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3657. Representative Mason, Chairperson from the Committee on Child Care Accessibility & Early Childhood Education reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3446."

Speaker Morgan: "Members, on page 7 of the calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 3193, offered by Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit is recognized."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1, 2, 3, and 4."

Speaker Morgan: "Representative Kifowit to explain the amendments."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3193 is a pension omnibus bill that has virtually minimal cost or no cost. So, this is a technical bill that came over from the Senate. And while I appreciate and understand that minority spokesperson does not care for omnibus bills, this is a package in which the Senate passed over to us. And I realize that several Members had bills that they wanted to run on their own. And I... I do appreciate that, but, again, this came over from the

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Senate. So, the pension omnibus bill contains several Senate Bills and House Bills into one bill, along with some requests from organizations and one from a constituent. So, in the omnibus bill, there is Senate Bill 1188, which amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Pension Code and provides that retired teachers who return to work over their allotted days will have the benefits reduced on a pro rata basis rather than being canceled in their entirety. This section is really at fault of the employer because an individual comes back to work, they expect the employer to keep track of this calculation. And when they go over, their... their pension payment for that month is completely eliminated, and it's causing great hardship. And so, we would like it just on a pro rata basis. Senate Bill 1269 provides that elected officials who have failed to file an opt-out paperwork shall receive service credit for their time worked as an elected official in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. This is... corrects a situation where an individual might be an elected official for IMRF, and then starts working for IMRF, and they believe their IMRF credit just transfers naturally, but there's actually paperwork they have to fill out and individuals did not realize that. Senate Bill 1421 amends the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Pension Code. The bill clarifies that the definition of salary for an employee on a disability benefit, 'salary' means the salary on which the disability benefit is based. Mandates that to continue receiving disability benefits, an employee must undergo an annual examination by a licensed health care professional appointed by the board, and increases the board's authority

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by granting it the power to compel the production of records and issue subpoenas. Senate Bill 1450 established a service credit in the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund is the greater of one day of service credit for each day a contributor was paid salary, partial or full, or 10 days of service credit for each 10-day period of employment in which the contributor worked 50% or more than the regularly scheduled hours. What this is, is individuals are scheduled at various different time frames. An individual could work two eight-hour days, having 16 hours, and then partial days following, and would not be given time for the hours in which they worked. So, this is looking at if you worked over 50% of the time in a 10-hour period, then you should be given those hours and those days' credit. Senate Bill 1710 amends the General Article of the Illinois Pension Code and establishes that system shall, rather than may, protect the employees, trustees, and staff from damages and suits. It also may protect consultants. So, it's a... a bit of a change from being an all 'may.' It's a 'shall' with the 'may' component on the consultants. Senate Bill 1712 amends the Chicago Firefighters Article of the Pension Code, adding breast cancer to the list of occupational diseases disabilities of which a fireman is entitled to benefits for if they have at least seven years of service. Senate Bill 1894 amends the State University Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that survivor insurance benefits have six months from the date SURS notifies the beneficiary of the ability to waive survivor benefits, rather than six months from the date of the member's death, taking into account the emotional situation that's going on right

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when the member passes away. This gives the ability of some space in which it is six months from the date SURS notifies the beneficiary of this ability. Now, Senate Bill 1925 is... is in here. This provision is... is multiple, so... and it's similar to SURS and TRS. They have it. But Senate Bill 1925 provides that in the provision requiring a participating municipality to pay additional contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for earnings increases above 6%, 1.5 times, this makes the payments conclude within seven years. Right now, the penalty must be repaid within three years. So, this gives a little breathing room with regards to the funds, mostly with regards to the employers who might be in violation, might have a penalty, gives them seven years to pay this penalty rather than three years. Senate Bill 1933 is a technical cleanup bill for the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan clarifying who is allowed to participate in TRS Supplemental Savings Plan. It's... it's purely technical in... in nature and looks at members who are automatically enrolled and chose to withdraw within 90 days. They forfeit the employers' matches, making other nonsubstantive changes as well. Senate Bill 1986 opens a six-month window starting from the effective date of the act for participants in the downstate police pension fund to transfer their service credit to IMRF. Senate Bill 1895 incorporates the Tier 2 final average salary provision from the General Article of the Pension Code into the State Universities Article of the Pension Code. Just technical in nature. And then we have House Bill 3757. Representative Deuter was very passionate about this... this provision, and it opens, again, a six-month service

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credit transfer period that allows participants of the downstate police fund to transfer up to eight years of service credit from the time served under the downstate firefighter fund. Senate Bill 1752 allows the Chicago Municipal Pension Fund Board to reproduce records through photography, microfilming, or digital electronic means under the Local Records Act. Senate Bill 1937 is incorporated in this bill. Provides that a member who is eligible to receive an alternative retirement annuity must begin receiving payments no later than 30 days after their last day of work or 30 days after they filed for retirement, whichever is later, even if it means the estimate... even if this payment is estimated while they are awaiting SERS to calculate the actual payment amount. Then we do had a request from Senator Rose, which regards to EIU, Eastern Illinois University. What happened is an annuitant caused a penalty in the last three years, and that penalty actually accumulated to over \$300,000. And this bill would just ask that... they have already paid the... they've already acknowledged that they went over, and requires SERS to give them a credit in this huge amount that it has ballooned to. Then some requests that were... are in the bill that did not make it into legislative form. We amend Article 22C of the... Firefighters' Pension Investment Fund of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill charges... changes the number of signatures required to nominate a trustee for the board's election. Right now, it's 400, and it's very difficult to get. So, it does lower that number and allows them to use alternative methods by phone, through mail, and online, collectively, with regards to that process. Then we have a

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provision that for SURS and TRS in the provision requiring a participating municipality to pay additional contributions. Again, this is similar to what I read earlier, giving them seven years instead of three years for any increases above the 6% threshold. We do have a change to Article 7 in IMRF of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill allows for payments to labor unions to be withheld from pension annuity and clarifies that these withholdings can be for more than just dues. So, in other systems, you can set aside funds to go to a foundation or for some other cause, and this will allow them to do that. Then we amend the Teachers' Retirement System Article to allow a service credit purchase period ending June 30, 2028, which allows career technical education teachers to purchase up to two years of service. Representative Ugaste had bill... House Bill 2443. It amends the Downstate Police Article of the Illinois Pension Code. The bill opens up a six-month service credit transfer, similar to what I mentioned before, for the downstate fire fund to transfer up to eight years of service credit from time served under the downstate police fund. And then Senate... House Bill 2478 amends the Cook County articles to allow members to elect to purchase up to two years of credible service for active military service. As you can imagine, that was my legislation. And so, with that, Mr. Speaker, I present the technical pension omnibus bill for the body."

Speaker Morgan: "Is there any discussion? Representative Reick is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

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Reick: "Thank you. Representative, where are you these days? Oh, there you are."

Kifowit: "I moved... I moved a couple seats, not many."

Reick: "There you go. The reason... we went through this bill pretty... pretty thoroughly, and, in fact, COGFA has come out with a... with an analysis of it. And COGFA's pretty well comes to the conclusion that the revenue impact on this or the cost impact on this is... is minimal. It is really a cleanup. Where did all these bills come from?"

Kifowit: "Well, they came from the Senate and.. "

Reick: "Where did all these provisions come from?"

Kifowit: "The Senate. I... I read out the Senate Bills that were filed in the Senate. And then we had one, two, three, four, five technical cleanup changes that came to us from various services... various organizations and including the one that was a constituent that requested to be able to... to purchase the two years of service if they had career technical education in their background. So, that actually came from a constituent."

Reick: "OK. You... you swerved into something here. The... the provisions in this bill that require or that allow for transfer of service credits from one plan to the next, do all of these... do all of these provisions require that they... they be paid for by the person doing the transferring?"

Kifowit: "Correct. All these... as we've done in the past, the... to buy into credit, the employee has to pay the employee cost, the employer costs, and the interest that would accrue. So, each fund would make the calculation and give it to the participant, and they can make up their mind with their

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financial advisor if that's something they choose to do. It's not automatic."

Reick: "Right. So, specifically, can you discuss the... the part-time versus full-time provisions as they deal with the Chicago Teacher Pension Fund, please?"

Kifowit: "Yes. So, thank you for that question. And... so, what you have is individuals working the same number of hours, and they're assigned a different shift schedule. So, therefore, they potentially could get a different credit. For example, if somebody works five days a week and averages, you know, their hours in that week, let's just say 20 out of the 40 hours, they worked 50% of the time, they would get credit for five days. If you have an individual that's assigned a different schedule, now, again, these are assignments, they're not chosen, a different schedule that would accrue those 20 hours over three days, then they would only get the credit of those three days. So, what this is looking at... and it's an 'or,' they look at both. So, in the 10-day payment period... 'cause each payment... payroll is every... every 10 days, every two weeks. In the 10-day period, they're looking to say, if in that 10-day window, this person's cumulative hours equaled 50% more than the... the hours of the payroll, so 20 out of the 40 for the week, both times, then they should get credit for 10 days in their... in their pension."

Reick: "OK."

Kifowit: "And it's an 'or,' so it's... it's really up to how the calculation is... is going to be decided."

Reick: "And if I recall correctly, in committee I think it was discussed that as far as accruing the calculation for

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contributions into the plan, the actuaries for CTPF treat the contribution as all full time. So, they're contributing, whether it's part or full time, they're contributing at a full-time rate. Is that... is that correct?"

Kifowit: "That... that is correct. And... and if Members would recall, maybe not 'cause it's not everybody's pension, for say, but as you recall, last year we had a bill that did a similar thing with the SURS system."

Reick: "Right."

Kifowit: "They are already counting for it as a full time. And then after the individuals would retire, they would actually get a diminishment of the retirement because they had believed that they had worked all this time. So, this is, of course, bringing it in line with the other systems. So, you are correct."

Reick: "OK. Very good. To the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Reick: "We went through this, staff and I went through this, on... on each one of these and went through the CGFA report. And CGFA is confident and I trust them to... to say that the revenue impact or the... the impact to the... to the state for payment into the funds and benefits out is irrelevant to the point of nonexistent. I know that there are many Members on our side of the aisle who object as a... as a matter of course to omnibus bills. And if you're a... an antiomnibus... omnibite, as they would say on 'Seinfeld,' you're probably going to vote 'no' on this. But, frankly speaking, I saw nothing to object in this bill. Thank you."

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Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur to Senate Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4 to House Bill 3193?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'aye,' 12 voting 'nay,' 1 voting 'present.' The House does concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 4 to House Bill 3193. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6 of the calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 1697, offered by Representative Manley. Representative Manley is recognized on the... on the bill."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with amendments 1, 2, 4, and 5. I'd like to do that and discuss them on Third."

Speaker Morgan: "Go ahead and explain the amendments, Representative."

Manley: "Sure. Amendment 1 was a gut and replace, which becomes the Prescription Drug Affordability Act. Amendment 2 makes some small technical changes. Amendment 4 creates the... amendment 2 creates the... the pharmacy benefit manager funded program for pharmacies. Amendment 4 is a page and line amendment, does several different things. And amendment 5 removes one line at the request of the Senate minority."

Speaker Morgan: "Thank you, Representative Manley. For discussion, we have Leader Spain."

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

Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

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Spain: "And, Mr. Speaker, is this a discussion on the amendments or to the overall package? I'm happy to yield to Leader Manley for opening comments, if that's her desire."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill, Representative."

Spain: "OK. To the bill. Well, some questions, then, for the sponsor. Representative Manley, could you talk... this is a culmination for PBM reform that has been years in the making, and I thought it'd be useful... in addition to your work in leadership this session, you began exploring issues in the space of pharmacy benefit managers for many years. Could you talk to us about the... the work that's informed your decision-making and approach to this legislation, please?"

Manley: "Yes. Thank you. Through a lot of subject matter hearings and, quite frankly, we had a chair for the... the House Health Care Availability & Accessibility Committee left. I was the co-chair, the vice chair and was asked to take over, and this issue dropped squarely in my lap. The Speaker asked me to take this issue on, and in doing so, found out this was a fascinating thing but very, very complicated. And if I... if I could, I would explain the entire bill as we go through. And what led us here was all the subject matter hearings and the input of many Members and people around this topic. House Bill 1697, known as the Prescription Drug Affordability Act, is a comprehensive effort to address pharmacy benefit managers, otherwise known as PBMs, their practices, the lack of transparency that drive up costs for plan sponsors and consumers alike. This bill specifically does the following: It bans spread pricing; it prohibits mandatory steering; it creates the Prescription Drug Affordability Grant program,

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which will be funded by the PBMs, applies fully... applies to fully insured and ERISA plans, other than Taft-Hartley plans; it prohibits PBMs from charging consumers more than the value of discount cards or manufacturer vouchers; it establishes a standard definition of specialty drugs; and it requires a hundred percent pass-through of the rebates to the plan sponsor, employers, or covered individuals. Currently, House Bill 1697 also includes nation-leading transparency requirements so that the Department of Insurance can verify that the PBMs are abiding by these changes. This is huge because in the past we've had several bills surrounding PBMs requesting transparency. But the copies and the data that we received was all redacted, and it was virtually impossible to trace any of the information. So, this requires unredacted information. It also audits the rights for plan sponsors, annual detailing reports on claims, rebates, and payments flowing from the PBMs. As I mentioned, the unredacted copies. Market conduct exams every five years. It enhances fines from \$1,000 per day per violation to \$10,000 per day. Requires Department of Insurance to conduct a pharmacy dispensing cost study in partnership with the state university. What this really does in the long run is we can finally now peel back the curtain and find out what's been happening in the... the drug distribution chain and the role that PBMs play. PBMs were created in the '70s, and they were a good thing. They helped insurance companies manage their prescription drug claims and seemingly was fine, but they have grown their reach. And so, what we want to know now is are they contributing to the higher cost of drugs? We do know that we

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are seeing every year more and more small pharmacies in... in various parts of the state. There's nobody that's left unscathed by this. And it's primarily because of the lack of reimbursement to pharmacies. I could go on and on. There is a thing called vertical integration, so I will. I will go on and on. Vertical integration is when there is... there's three vertically integrated companies that own 80% of the market, and the PBMs are what's driving the wealth there. Last year... you're back with me. I was... I was just doing some... I was giving you some time to finish your conversation. That, in a nutshell, is what this bill does. I can explain other details as questions come."

Spain: "Well... no. And I... I... first of all, I think you deserved the opportunity to... to present us with that overview because this is a big bill. This is a hugely important bill that, Leader Manley, you've worked on for so many years, and you've also involved so many others in this action with you. I think this is going to be one of the most important and bipartisan examples of... of legislative collaboration that we'll see this session. So, I want to thank you for that. Just going back to a few of these high points... and, Mr. Speaker, I'd request Standard Debate. We have just a couple more people that would like to weigh in."

Speaker Morgan: "Standard Debate is granted."

Spain: "Thank you. So, going back to the ban on spread pricing, this is the practice where PBMs charge health plans more for prescriptions than they actually reimburse to the pharmacies. This... this always becomes a point of... of consternation,

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especially with some of our smaller community pharmacies. And so, that practice is banned now. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Are you speaking about spread pricing?"

Spain: "Correct."

Manley: "Yeah. Spread pricing, for everybody's edification, is when the PBM charges a health plan one price for medication but reimburses the pharmacy at a much lower amount and, quite frankly, creates an unsustainable business model. And what that... what we've seen is pharmacies close, people that have made it their life's work, second- and third-generation pharmacists, family-owned businesses have to close because they cannot maintain that business model."

Spain: "And then the bill also prohibits steering, where you may have a patient that is engaged with a local pharmacy, that's their trusted pharmacist, and all of a sudden, there is a change and a new medication. And that patient is steered away from their trusted local pharmacy to a pharmacy owned by a PBM, a mail house pharmacy, something that is outside of that patient's control. And that practice would be prohibited, correct?"

Manley: "Correct. Gives consumers the choice to where they want to get their prescriptions filled, how they want to receive them. Mail order is still an option. They can go to whatever pharmacy they feel more comfortable going to."

Spain: "One of my favorite parts of the bill, and you've been so gracious to be engaged and receive feedback on this, is on the notion of rebates. And so, drug manufacturers often have very lucrative rebates that come with certain drugs. Those rebates can sometimes be confiscated, obscured, redirected

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within PBMs. We've seen actions on drug rebates in other states. Sometimes states have required that 80% of that full value of rebate would go to the plan or to the consumer, sometimes 90%. In your legislation, just remind us again, what do we do with respect to rebates?"

Manley: "This piece of legislation requires that 100% of all manufacturer rebates and fees received by PBMs are going... now to be passed through directly to the health plan sponsor, employer, or the individual."

Spain: "This is a... a huge transformation and something I'm so excited about, and I think Illinois will be leading the way on this topic. The last question, Leader Manley, has to do with our pharmacies. And we know especially our small community pharmacies, our critical access pharmacies are hanging on by a thread. And for many years we've talked about different ideas of how to provide some assistance to those pharmacies. What we've landed on now is that a... a fee per patient per year of \$15 would create a fund, then, and that fund can be used to direct grants to pharmacies throughout the state. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Correct. It's a \$15 per life, rather than per prescription, because the average prescription is about 2.5. So, instead of trying to do that, we did per person covered and \$15 per person. The PBM will submit to the state, and it will go into a fund, a relief fund, which incidentally this is... we are not the first to bring PBM reform, but we're the first to create a fund that goes directly to help not only the pharmacies survive this, it's like we're throwing them a

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lifeline, but into their communities. We're going to stave off any more pharmacy deserts."

Spain: "Excellent. I know that we have some provisions within the legislation to set up the framework of what pharmacies would be eligible. These would be brick and mortar pharmacies in small counties, they could be brick and mortar pharmacies in larger counties, but those that serve in a medically underserved area. They could be pharmacies that have a high Medicaid payer mix. These are intended for, really, these last line of defense for especially community pharmacies that we want to stabilize and keep open. So, I'm pointing out that there are some provisions in here. But I know that you and I have talked, and we believe there may need to be additional provisions about what are our intention with respect to pharmacy grants maybe minimum or maximum awards, the characteristics of them. And I think it is our understanding, I'll ask you here on the record, that we would develop a trailer bill in veto session that would line up a... a few of those additional parameters before grants are actually distributed. Is that correct?"

Manley: "That is correct. First of all, this is brand new. We don't know how much... how much money we're going to get for this, and we don't know how many pharmacies are going to request help, but we aim to... to shore them up and get them through this. And the information will probably come in pretty quickly, and so we'll be able to look into this trailer bill immediately."

Spain: "Thank you. To the bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

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Spain: "I will close briefly with my thanks and appreciation to the sponsor, who has worked in good faith with every caucus of the Legislature to bring forward this really transformational piece of legislation that will position Illinois to lead the nation on the topic of prescription drug affordability. And this has been many, many years in the making and now gives us a way to stabilize our community pharmacies; provide access that is absolutely critical; and empower the consumer with direct rebate pass-through, lowering the cost of health care delivery and bringing together a solution to a very, very complicated problem. Leader Manley, thank you so much, and I strongly encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Representative Vella is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

Vella: "So, I'm fairly new to this. I'm just going to ask you some questions, if it's possible. Is the intent of the Prescription Drug Affordability Act to address the affordability, access... accessibility, and transparency of prescription drugs and pharmacy services in Illinois?"

Manley: "Yes."

Vella: "Does the act aim to regulate PBMs or pharmacy benefit managers and their contracts to prevent practices that increase drug costs for consumers, such as, as we talked about earlier, spread pricing and also steering patients to affiliated pharmacies?"

Manley: "Yes."

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Vella: "Does the act mandate annual reports by these PBMs to disclose detailed information about drug pricing, rebates, fees, and other financial arrangements to ensure accountability and transparency in the administration of these pharmacy benefits?"

Manley: "Yes."

Vella: "Does the act establish a program to sustain critical access care pharmacies, particularly underserved areas and rural areas, by providing financial support based on Medicaid prescription reimbursements?"

Tipsword: "Yes."

Vella: "To promote access and pharmacy specialty services, does this act provide financial support to Medicaid pharmacy providers, including grants to independent specialty pharmacies with a physical location in Illinois and ownership of fewer than 10 pharmacies?"

Manley: "Yes."

Vella: "So, this will help our locally owned pharmacies, correct?"

Manley: "Yes."

Vella: "Good. Does that support include support for independent specialty pharmacies, including services to nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities, and specialized mental health facilities?"

Manley: "It sure does."

Vella: "Does that also support include a grant funding pool of up to \$25 million, if... if we can get it, per year to be administered by DCEO beginning September 1, 2025?"

Manley: "Yes."

Vella: "All right. Thank you. To the bill."

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Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Vella: "Thank you, Rep. Manley, for answering the questions. Thank you for bringing this. This is something that has come up more and more as my pharmacies, my local pharmacies, have shut down one after the other. Rockford used to have 20 to 30 local pharmacies. We're down to two in... in large part because of what these PBMs are doing. It's time, finally, that we are controlling them and making sure that they are not gouging our... not... not just ourselves but our local pharmacies and our... and our constituents. This act seeks to create a fairer, more transparent, and accessible prescription drug system for all of Illinois residents while safeguarding the financial sustainability of pharmacies and health care providers. It is a good start. We have more work to do, especially for those off-site institutions providing a highly specialized pharmacy service for some of our most vulnerable citizens. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Leader Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

Keicher: "Thank you. Representative, I want to join with everybody and continue to thank you for all the hard work. I know you've had countless hours that you have spent both in the building and on the phone and... and digging through this, so I really do appreciate it. I've got some drill-down ideas that I... I want to go over with you that... that I have some concerns about. And the first deals with a company that has employees in... in two states. So, we're talking about some of the ERISA

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plan issues. Let's say that we have a company that has 50 Illinois-based employees and 50 Missouri-based employees in their insurance plan. And, of course, that plan is regulated by the federal government, not the state government. For the 50 employees that work here in Illinois, do they need an entirely separate plan? Is that what's going to be required?"

Manley: "How did I know you'd come up with something like that?"

I am not entirely sure. Can you give us a second to look?"

Keicher: "Yes."

Manley: "Thank you."

Keicher: "I appreciate it. It's a little bit technical."

Manley: "Move on to your next one, and we'll get back to that."

Keicher: "OK. So, and... and my worry comes that employers with ERISA plans in different states have specific provisions that they need to follow and that there have been some federal cases, as I understand it, that have thrown those matters out. So, potential gap that needs to be closed there."

Manley: "This is great information, Representative Keicher, and I think it is really good information going forward when we work on the trailer."

Keicher: "Yeah."

Manley: "Thank you for that."

Keicher: "Next question."

Manley: "I'm trying to get out of answering your questions."

Keicher: "Around transparency in contracts and transactions, I understand there are a lot more pieces that are going to need to go into prescription drug pricing, and this is the second bill today that... that we've seen. And there's a whole bunch of issues. And, absolutely, this is a space that needs a lot

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of attention. Drug access and affordability is one of the foremost issues that are out there. But what is the bill in front of us do to provide that transparency into how those drug prices are actually shown to the consumer?"

Manley: "Could you make your question a little bit more concise? I have the answer, I think, to your first question as well."

Keicher: "You want to start there?"

Manley: "Yeah. I was told, if I'm understanding your question, this bill... that concern is covered in that we have exempted the Taft-Hartley plans from..."

Keicher: "Awesome."

Manley: "...from the bill."

Keicher: "OK, thank you. Thank you for answering that. More concise question, what does 1697 do to provide transparency in drug prices and transparency into how drug supplies are purchased by pharmacies as a part of the drug cost itself?"

Manley: "This bill... the transparency component of this bill focuses primarily on the PBMs."

Keicher: "On that relationship?"

Manley: "Yes. And so, by receiving... and with the PBMs being such a huge component of the supply chain, we hope to find that information as we get the... the data from them."

Keicher: "OK."

Manley: "Again, we have received some data, but it's all been redacted and pretty much useless."

Keicher: "Yeah."

Manley: "So, this bill asks for unredacted, and we'll be able to find out..."

Keicher: "More later."

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Manley: "The consumers can see summaries. The... the data will be there."

Keicher: "OK. Changing gears a little bit, I... I see that there are a number of building trades that are opposed. Can you give a brief description of what that opposition is arising from?"

Manley: "I would say that they may have gotten some information that was incorrect."

Keicher: "OK."

Manley: "And I expect that in the first year, we'll see them want to come back."

Keicher: "OK. The last item I want to, kind of, ask about is, the majority of downstate pharmacies are members of... of three buying clubs. Each one of those clubs is worth a billion dollars, and they have the power to negotiate big rates. And the independent pharmacies are not necessarily negotiating with insurance companies on their own. Is there any overview in this PBM bill that would help bring those buying clubs into regulation?"

Manley: "No, but we can address that in the trailer, if you'd like."

Keicher: "Representative, I want to thank you again for all... it's such a technical, weighty, deep issue. I appreciate all the work that you've done into it. I'm going to have to stand in opposition today, but I hold in high regard the amount of time you've put into this."

Manley: "Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Leader Davidsmeyer is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

Davidsmeyer: "Representative Manley, we had a good conversation in committee, and I do appreciate you bringing this forward. This has been a long time coming. This is one of the big issues, and I believe Greg Harris carried a bill for quite some time that was never able to really get the... the hearing it deserved. In my large, rural district, I... I told you, I have a... a friend who lost his pharmacy because of some of this stuff. I have a friend who has invested in multiple pharmacies in small communities, sometimes not to his advantage, but... but in service of those small communities. So, I... I think that this bill will allow small communities to no longer... as you said, you don't want them to be a pharmacy desert. We talk about food deserts, but pharmacy deserts, especially in aging communities, are... are very important. So, I appreciate what you're doing here. I do have a couple of concerns, and I think we... you said there's going to be a trailer bill, so we may be able to deal with some of that. As we look at the \$15 per person fee, first off, that goes into a fund. What... what's that fund called? Pharmacy..."

Manley: "It is... give me one second. The prescription... we've got so many notes here. Hold on one second."

Davidsmeyer: "That's OK. I'll... I'll continue while you're looking at that. So, that fund that these dollars are coming into, we're expecting it to be \$170 million?"

Manley: "The Prescription Drug Affordability Fund."

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Davidsmeyer: "Prescription Drug Affordability Fund. So, the \$15 per person, we're looking at probably \$170 million. Is that what the guesstimate is?"

Manley: "We don't... we don't really know."

Davidsmeyer: "OK."

Manley: "Maybe."

Davidsmeyer: "OK. So..."

Manley: "I just don't know."

Davidsmeyer: "...so, does that fee... does that fee go directly into that fund?"

Manley: "All the money goes directly into the fund."

Davidsmeyer: "OK. All the money goes in there. And then we've... we've specifically said \$25 million will basically be granted to these smaller pharmacies that provide services for, you know, smaller counties, rural areas, even urban areas that are underserved, correct?"

Manley: "And it's... honestly, it's... there are some rural and urban areas that are suffering the same problem..."

Davidsmeyer: "Absolutely. Absolutely."

Manley: "...with pharmacy deserts. So, it's going to go... when they meet the criteria of the program, it will be available to all pharmacies that meet that criteria, no matter where they're at."

Speaker Morgan: "And, Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah, I... it's a very short questioning. So, I... I just want to say, I want to make sure that as we look at this that we rightsize that fund, right? If... if there's a hundred... if there's only 25 million going in, I understand that that

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should be what is given out to the pharmacies to help offset higher costs or whatever it may be. If it's 170 million, we need to either lower the fee per individual fee or make sure that the pharmacies receive the rest of those dollars in grants because it's raised for a specific purpose. I want to make sure that it's not used to offset the rest of the budget, you know, in... or, you know, pork projects or whatever it may be later swept into another area."

Manley: "I imagine we're going to know pretty quickly, once the act becomes law, how many pharmacies are going to need relief."

Davidsmeyer: "Great. Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Manley: "Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "Our final speaker on this bill is Representative Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is this bill on Standard Debate?"

Speaker Morgan: "This is a Standard Debate, and we have had three speakers on each side. You're the final speaker."

Jones: "So, Representative, this is the PBM bill, correct?"

Manley: "Correct."

Jones: "So, this bill... have you ever thought about changing the fund title to PBM reparations?"

Manley: "No, I have not. I know what you're... I know what you're getting at."

Jones: "So, PBMs, we know... they have been a problem. Our seniors have been screwed. Our pharmacies have been screwed, and the direct result has been PBMs. So, not only I want to thank you for bringing this legislation forward, but I wanted to direct my questions to the... to the fund. Will the sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

Jones: "So, in the fund... it creates a fund, and that fund is... specifically goes to pharmacies, and there's a... a line. Have you considered raising the amount from \$15 to a higher fee, or is this a start?"

Manley: "I think when we find out how many pharmacies qualify for the relief and how much money we actually bring in, this is all food for thought, and we will be addressing this immediately in a trailer bill. We don't really know how many pharmacies will ask for the grant money. We will... we will know how much money we'll get in, and then we will know how much money is requested. I think we have seen, and... and in great part to your efforts, Representative Jones, that pharmacies have been ringing the bell, sounding the alarm for... for decades. But it has gotten much worse over the last 10 years, and a lot of people have lost their businesses, their life savings. And we cannot go back, but we can certainly move forward in a more supportive way. And I want to thank you for all the work you've done on this as well."

Jones: "Do we know how many pharmacies have closed since probably five years ago versus how many pharmacies that we have to lift up? 'Cause this bill is supposed to lift up pharmacies in our communities."

Manley: "I can find that out. How many have closed over the last five years due to bankruptcies or things like that? Not willingly, but because of financial problems?"

Jones: "Financial problems."

Manley: "I'll get... I'll get that information for you."

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Speaker Morgan: "Forgive me, Representative. Please bring your remarks to a close."

Jones: "I will. Final two questions, Representative. This fund that's created in here, will it be... I know you put in here rural tracks. So, will you look at areas in Chicago and in neighborhoods in Ford Heights and neighborhoods in communities in... that have been suffering and have to... seniors have to go 50 miles away? This bill doesn't say that, so..."

Manley: "It's for any pharmacy anywhere in the state of Illinois that is... that meets the criteria of the fund. It doesn't have to be rural. It's very much an urban pharmacy because we've got pharmacy deserts in the city of Chicago and in the South Suburbs."

Speaker Morgan: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

Jones: "Representative, the final question. The fund... the numbers are projected between 100 million and 200 million dollars. So, how is the General Assembly going to gauge that money... the study is going to come back when?"

Manley: "This is the first time we've done it this way. And so, we will find out how much we're going to bring in and then how much is needed by the pharmacies around the state."

Jones: "I'll ask the rest of the questions later, Representative, but thank you for this bill. I urge a 'aye' vote on this bill."

Manley: "Thank you, Rep. Jones."

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, 4, and 5 to House Bill 1697?' This is final action, Members. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all

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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 'aye,' 1 voting 'nay,' and 1 voting 'present.' The House does concur in Senate Amendments 1, 2, 4, and 5 to House Bill 1697. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Evans, for which purpose do you seek recognition?"

Evans: "Yeah, just a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Morgan: "Please proceed."

Evans: "Yeah, I know we've passed a lot of bills on redemption and criminal justice reform. But here today in the building, you've heard the name Larry Hoover, and when you hear that name, it may invoke something in you. But today I would say that Larry Hoover is a human being, and Larry Hoover is a senior citizen and a man and a father. And with us today is his family, friends of mine: Ms. Winndye Hoover; his sons, my friend, Larry Hoover Jr., Larry Bernard Hoover, Larry Hoover III; and some family and friends. And they're up in the chamber. Stand up, family. And they're here advocating for their relative. They're advocating for the freedom of Larry Hoover. And my father was incarcerated, Marcus C. Evans, Sr., and I'm proud to have the name, and they want to hug their father one day. So, they're here advocating. So, if you see them in the hallway, talk to them, listen to their stories on how they want to connect to their family member. So, just give a... just round of applause and welcome advocates, community leaders, the Hoover family transforming the demonizing name or whatever you consider Larry Hoover. Larry

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Hoover Jr. and family do great work in our community, in Atlanta, all over the country. And they want to make sure that when you hear the Hoover name, you think positivity. And they want the freedom of their father, Larry Hoover Sr. So, round of applause for my friends, for my community and guests, the Hoover family."

Speaker Morgan: "Members. Members, as a reminder, we are on Short Debate. Moving to page 2, on Senate Bills on Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 328. Mr. Clerk, please.. please move this back to Second for purposes of an amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 328, a bill for an act concerning civil law. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hoffman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman to explain amendment #2."

Hoffman: "Yes. I would just like it adopted and moved to Third, please."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman 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 Hollman: "No further amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 328, a bill for an act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman.. Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. This amendment corrects a scrivener's error and makes clarifying changes to... to ensure that there

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are no unintended consequences and that... that the bill that we passed earlier this week would only apply to injuries related to hazardous substances. What this does is it mirrors Senate Bill 26, and it ensures that it is... the scrivener's error's correct... corrected. This is an initiative of the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association regarding the issue of jurisdiction of foreign corporations. We debated it earlier this... this week. It passed overwhelmingly. And it is in response to the Mallard decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, Republican, conservative Supreme Court's decision, regarding jurisdiction of foreign corporations. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Morgan: "For discussion, Leader Ugaste is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Leader Hoffman, just for clarification, as you indicated, we debated this before. This is the same bill as SB26. Is that correct? With the..."

Hoffman: "It's... it's similar but..."

Ugaste: "...with the changes you made?"

Speaker Hoffman: "There was a scrivener's error, and we made it very clear that this... this only deals with actions under the hazardous... the Hazardous Substances Act. And we made it very clear. The question was, was... was it... their jurisdiction broader? This is very clear that it is not."

Ugaste: "OK. Did this remove any of the opposition, though, that you're aware of?"

Hoffman: "I don't think so."

Ugaste: "OK."

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Hoffman: "I wish, but no."

Ugaste: "And as far as the... it... the hazardous substance event that occurs for which there's an injury claimed, does that have to occur within Illinois?"

Hoffman: "No, but there has to be a... this is only in situation where at least one of the responsible parties could already be... be held accountable here in Illinois."

Ugaste: "OK, thank you. To the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Ugaste: "I appreciate Leader Hoffman giving me, again, an opportunity to try and defeat this, even though I... I greatly suspect I know how the... the outcome's going to go. This is another effort where we are going to open up our courts to events that don't even happen here in Illinois, really have no nexus to it. The people could be completely outside of Illinois. The event could occur outside of Illinois. The corporation's located outside of Illinois. Yet, somehow, we believe they should have access to Illinois courts. It's not a good message to send out to the business community. All the business community remains opposed, and it's for that reason I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 328 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 77 voting in 'favor,' 40 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on Senate

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Bills with Second Reading, on page 4 we have Senate Bill 1989 from Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1989, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2, 3, and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman to explain the amendment."

Speaker Morgan: "Out of the record. Continuing on with Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 4, we have Senate Bill 2319 from Leader Tarver. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2319, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tarver, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Tarver to explain the amendment."

Tarver: "The amendment just does a couple of quick things, and it brought folks to neutral on the bill, and maybe they slipped in support. But it does two things. One, it clarifies and narrows the scope of a private right of action, and I believe there's language that will repeal certain sections if another bill, which passed out of Senate... Leader Edgar González's Senate Bill 1614 because they had duplicate provisions in this bill and that bill. It repeals those provisions."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2319, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Tarver."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Again, this is the digital asset kiosks bill. At this point, I know of no opposition. The purpose is to regulate this space. Had a good conversation with the Governor's Office, FPR, AARP, Senator Ellman, and the industry. We came to an agreement on language, and to my understanding, there is no more opposition on the bill. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Leader Ugaste is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Leader Tarver, have... have we seen this bill on the floor before in any form?"

Tarver: "Have we seen this specific bill?"

Ugaste: "Well, without the amendment, yeah."

Tarver: "I believe so, yes."

Ugaste: "OK. So, we... we've debated it once before. But with this amendment, you've brought all... or all parties have come to neutral?"

Tarver: "Neutral at a minimum. I think a couple of folks are still in favor."

Ugaste: "So, some are..."

Tarver: "I don't know of any opposition."

Ugaste: "OK. And then this would be an IDFPR oversight. Is that correct?"

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Tarver: "That's correct."

Ugaste: "So, it's going to add to the duties IDFPR has to do?"

Tarver: "That is correct. I'm sure there'll be some rulemaking.

And you give me a chance to actually make sure I read something for legislative intent. You can go ahead with your question. I just wanted to make sure I don't forget to do that yet."

Ugaste: "OK. The... the last... last question I have is, are you aware that the people who are either at neutral or no opposition, is it their desire, though, they'd rather have this done on a federal level, the regulation, than on a state-by-state basis?"

Tarver: "Thank you for the question. And as I mentioned in committee yesterday, yes, I believe the industry would prefer the federal government regulate it. I think FPR would prefer, right now, that they regulate it, unless and until that happens."

Ugaste: "OK. I'll just go to the bill, quickly."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Ugaste: "I... I appreciate the work of the sponsor in the Senate and the House in working on this with the trade groups. Again, though, this is an IDFPR expansion. We have an agency that seems to have more than enough to do right now that keeps on having bills brought that just keeps making it larger and larger. And maybe at some point they... they could do it. I just don't know that they're there yet. And not being critical of them, but it's just where... where they are as an agency. So, I'm going to urge a 'no' vote at the present time because

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I also believe this should be done on a federal basis and not by each of the 50 states. Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2319 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 81 voting in 'favor,' 36 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Mr. Speaker, sorry, you might not have heard me. I had something I needed to say for legislative intent. So, a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Morgan: "Please proceed."

Tarver: "For the legislative intent on the last bill that we read, Senate Bill 2319, the industry had some concerns about the fees and what they would go to. So, I want to make sure to read this into the record so that when it comes through JCAR, everybody's aware. For purposes of legislative intent, I want to state that the fee language in the bill, specifically the pro rata fee, is intended to give the department the ability to sufficiently cover the cost of regulating the digital asset kiosk industry. The fee would allow the department to collect break-even, break-even assessments that would not exceed the actual cost of regulation, and the expenditures by the department would be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. Just want that in the record for legislative intent. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Morgan: "Thank you, leader. Returning to Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 4, we have Senate Bill 1989 with Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1989, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2, 3, and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman to explain amendment 2."

Hoffman: "Since I'm new to this process, I wanted to make sure I got this right. I'd like to withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Morgan: "Mr. Clerk, please withdraw amendment #2. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman to explain amendment #3."

Hoffman: "Yes, I'd like to withdraw amendment #3."

Speaker Morgan: "Mr. Clerk, please remove... withdraw Floor Amendment #3. Mr. Clerk, any further amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman on the amendment."

Hoffman: "Yes, please adopt amendment #4, and we'll debate on Third Reading, please."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman moves adoption of Floor Amendment #4. 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."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1989, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. This bill now, I believe, is... is in good shape where it's agreed to between both parties. What it would do is it would consolidate the Kaskaskia Port District with the Southwestern Illinois Port District. They would become one port districts. It indicates that St. Clair County would have four members, Randolph County would have... would have eight members... St. Clair County would have eight members, Randolph County would have four members, Monroe County would have three members, and there could be no more than eight members from the same political party. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Representative Friess is recognized."

Friess: "Thank you, speaker. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Friess: "Yeah, thank you. So, Leader Hoffman, we talked about this. So, the Kaskaskia Port District is an active district at the moment, correct?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

Friess: "Yeah. And in the Southwest Port District, there's... there's no employees, no director. Nothing's going on."

Hoffman: "That's correct."

Friess: "Yeah. So... so, why are we merging these two?"

Hoffman: "First of all, I think that the Southwestern... Southwestern Port District has a lot of potential. It borders

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the Mississippi River. It includes cities like Cahokia Heights, East St. Louis. And by bringing them into the Kaskaskia Port District, which I think is very.. think does a good job and is extremely active, we can activate that and make them all one and be a cohesive economic driver in our area."

Friess: "OK. So, just so you understand, I really appreciate your working with you on... to get those amendments through. And I know Ed does as well, and I'll be supporting it. Thanks."

Speaker Morgan: "There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1989 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing with Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 5, we have Senate Bill 2339 with Leader González. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2339, a bill for an act concerning employment. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative González."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader González to explain the amendment."

González: "I'll explain the amendment when it's on Third."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2339, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader González."

González: "Thank you. Floor Amendment... so, SB2339 strengthens the Illinois Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act by creating clarity for both employers and employees as to what is recommended and required when an employer receives a no-match letter from the IRS or a third party, such as a health insurance company, and is designed to fight unlawful discrimination. The amendment is a part of extensive negotiations with stakeholders, modifying the language that was agreed to in the Senate by narrowing the scope of the law. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Leader Ugaste is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Representative, we discussed this yesterday in... in committee. I just want to go over a few of those same points with you. As far as the... the changes made, this is... this bill, first of all, deals primarily with E-Verify and results that come back from... from E-Verify as well as other searches or checks with Social Security numbers. Is that correct?"

González: "Yes."

Ugaste: "OK. And it's when those results don't match someone's information provided, that's when we have to look at this law. Am... am I correct in stating that?"

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González: "Yeah. Sometimes, you know, the letters get sent to an employer, and it can be something as innocuous as, like, a missed letter in their name or a number in their date of birth. It can be a lot of different reasons why somebody would get a letter, a no-match letter."

Ugaste: "OK. And as far as the... the changes this is making, we're dealing with the review of not only the information, but we're also providing a private right of action. Is that correct?"

González: "Yes."

Ugaste: "And it's not just for the individual. It's for any interested party that may file on their behalf?"

González: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Is Department of Labor having a hard time keeping up on overseeing the regulations and laws we're putting in place on... on companies in this state?"

González: "We're just trying to provide other avenues for workers and other people who might be affected for... in order for them to be able to do action on anybody who's trying to discriminate against them."

Ugaste: "OK, thank you. To the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Ugaste: "Ladies and gentlemen, we talk about wanting to grow business and industry in our state, and I'm thankful that the sponsors of this bill did work with industry, businesses across all categories to at least get them to where they're neutral on the... on these changes. But these are changes that were made a while ago that they were opposed to, we were opposed to, and we're now adding a private right of action. And it's not because the Department of Labor can't keep up

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with enforcement. It's not because there's a problem with... with making sure the violation of whatever law we put in place doesn't happen, but it's to benefit God knows who. Because what we are doing is we're creating an industry for further lawsuits by creating a private right of action. And maybe the individual is going to recover some, but the individual may not even bring suit. For some reason, we continue to open up lawsuits and enforcement actions to what are termed 'interested parties.' Interested parties. There's no reason for this. In no other type of entry in this state, other than at work, it appears, as of late, do we allow interested parties to sue on anyone's behalf."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader, please bring your remarks to a close."

Ugaste: "Will do. This is just an extra cost that keeps businesses from wanting to come to this state and grow in this state. We really need to put an end to this if we're serious about growth and providing opportunities for our citizens. Please vote 'no.'"

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2339 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 in 'favor,' 42 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Hoffman in the chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "Moving to page 2 of the calendar appears... on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading appears Senate Bill

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24, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 24, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 24, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Meyers-Martin."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 24 modernizes the Illinois statutory response to missing person cases, incorporating evolving technology and aligning state practices with national investigative standards. This bill provides clarity on case timelines, database usage, and family communication without creating new financial or operational burdens for local law enforcement. Senate Bill 24 will require police to collect and analyze fingerprints and DNA and utilize related databases to help locate the person, requiring police to report missing people within 60 days to a national clearinghouse for missing persons, requiring postmortem unidentified fingerprints to be checked against all available state and federal databases, and prohibiting the closure of a case until the person has been confirmed returned or identified. Currently, under Illinois law, police are not required to collect fingerprints or DNA in the search for a missing person. They are not required to submit fingerprints of unidentified remains to all existing federal and local databases for identification, and they are not

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required to confirm that a person has been returned or located before closing a missing person case. In order to fill in these gaps, this bill will modernize Illinois' approach to the missing person cases, align with evolving national technology tools, provide uniform standards and timelines for reporting and follow-up, and respect the limited capacity of smaller law enforcement agencies by not adding a new cost or personnel demands. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. And, I'm sorry, before I ask a question, can we have Standard Debate on this bill?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Standard Debate."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate your description and the description both in committee and here on the floor. We're essentially adding requirements to law enforcement, including local law enforcement agencies, as it relates to missing or unidentified persons. Is that correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "It's actually just clarifying procedures that are already in place but not... not always followed."

Windhorst: "So, these are, I guess, maybe termed 'best practices.' Many agencies are following them. But after this, if this bill becomes law, it will be legal requirements that the entities will have to abide by. Is that correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And who brought this bill forward to you?"

Meyers-Martin: "It was brought to me by Senator Hastings."

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Windhorst: "The Cook County Sheriff's Office. Is that what you said or..."

Meyers-Martin: "And the Cook County Sheriff's Office, yes."

Windhorst: "Who did you say first? I'm sorry. I... I didn't hear."

Meyers-Martin: "Oh, I just said Senator Hastings."

Windhorst: "Oh, yes. Is there funding in this bill to local law enforcement to meet the requirements of the bill?"

Meyers-Martin: "Well, it doesn't require any additional funding because the procedures are already in place. It just... it just commits to a timeline."

Windhorst: "And was there an incident that caused this to be necessary, in... in your opinion?"

Meyers-Martin: "The fact that there are 3,000 people who are currently reported missing in Illinois, more than 2500 have been missing for more than 30 days, and that minorities are disproportionately represented in... in among the missing."

Windhorst: "I seem to remember there was, in... in committee or maybe it was a Senate debate, there was a specific instance that was referred to where maybe a Navy veteran was not identified and was not able to reconnect with her family. Are you aware of that situation?"

Meyers-Martin: "I'm sorry, I'm not aware of that."

Windhorst: "OK."

Meyers-Martin: "But I believe that it's true."

Windhorst: "Have any of the law enforcement agencies, such as the state police, sheriffs' association, chiefs of police expressed an opinion on the bill?"

Meyers-Martin: "They actually are taking no position."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Tipsword."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Tipsword: "Thank you for working on this. I just have a... just a couple questions. I'd like to go back to the... the veteran that was missing that kind of spurred all this. Did you say you were familiar with this case or you were not? I'm sorry, I didn't hear that."

Meyers-Martin: "I am not familiar with that case."

Tipsword: "OK. But I thought you said you... OK. I must have misunderstood you then. So, let's go to the cost of this. And... and one of my main concerns is the cost and the burden on our smaller agencies. I understand Cook County and the bigger agencies would have no problem with this. And you're talking about there should be no additional cost because these processes and these systems are already set up. But what we're not talking about is the... the manpower to do these kind of things and to store this kind of evidence. So, can you speak to that at all? Have you looked into the cost that that could be from a manpower standpoint?"

Meyers-Martin: "Well, during the negotiations of this bill, many of the smaller law enforcement agencies were included and involved and participated with the conversations and the negotiations on this bill. And so, I believe that we have demonstrated that there is no additional cost and that the manpower would be required anyway in terms of the search or the investigation of a missing person. This just modernizes those smaller agencies to be able to employ the technology that's in place."

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Tipsword: "OK, I... I appreciate that. I'm running out of time here. So, at the end of this day, this is a... this is a cost increase. This is a manpower increase. It's going to take staff to do these things. I'm not saying it's not... they're not good things to do, but this is already standard practice. Back to the... to the bill, Mr. Speaker, quickly. So, this goes back to one case where a Navy veteran was missing up in Cook County. The Navy side, the MPs didn't do what they needed to do to enter this person as missing. So, there was a huge lag in finding this person when this person's body was recovered in Cook County. We are now in... we are now setting this as policy throughout the state for something that the federal MPs did not do. This is... and this legislation won't affect them to begin with. So, this is just a huge overreach. It's going to cost more, and... and this has already taking place all across the state. I'd urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she will."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. Representative, what are we... what are we talking about doing here? Just very briefly, what are we looking for?"

Meyers-Martin: "We are asking for law enforcement agencies to be more in line with national standards, and we're asking them to utilize technology that is in place to help them."

Davidsmeyer: "I think... and really quick, we're talking about a missing person. And I think, you know, as... you know, as a parent, if... if my kids ever went missing, I would want to know that the police are doing everything they possibly can

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to find them. And... and this is... this is part of their job. And we're not talking about, 'My kid ran off two hours ago. I haven't seen them.' We're talking about people that have been missing for some time, right? So, we're talking about entering them into a database so that if another agency finds them, they can... they can notify people, correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "That is correct."

Davidsmeyer: "OK. I... I think that... it sounded to me like this may already be standard practice. And if... if individuals are currently... or if departments are currently not doing this, they should be, correct?"

Meyers-Martin: "That is correct."

Davidsmeyer: "OK. I... I don't think, and this is my opinion, but I think this is part of the job of law enforcement, to help put families at ease when their family member's missing or... or something of that sort. So, I don't think it's a huge burden. My understanding is that it may take maybe an individual two hours to fill this out. And I represent 10 small... smaller counties, right? And when... when you talk about missing people, you may be talking about one, two, three people. So, you're talking about six hours out of a year. It's... I don't think it's too much of a burden. I... I appreciate you doing this. As a parent, it makes me feel better knowing that law enforcement will do everything possible, everything that's within their power to find... find a missing individual. Thank you."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question... on this question, 'Shall Senate Bill 24 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed

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vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes,' 28 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 May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted and referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for Senate Bill 1344."

Speaker Hoffman: "On page 3 of the calendar, Order of Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 1331, Leader Buckner. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1331, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Buckner."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Buckner on Floor Amendment #1."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 1 is a gut and replace. It completely removes the underlying bill. I would like to adopt it and discuss the merits of it on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Buckner moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1331. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment's adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1331, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1331 is a initiative to update two existing scholarship programs in light of a shifting legal landscape. The two programs are the Minorities Teachers of Illinois Scholarship Program and the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty of Illinois program, also known as DFI. Both programs have long served important public interests to provide access to educational and career opportunities to a diverse pool of students who have faced historical hurdles to accessing those opportunities. These amendments preserve the spirit of those important public interests while addressing legal vulnerabilities that have arisen under a new Supreme Court precedent. The proposal would establish the Teacher of Illinois Scholarship Program to replace the Minority Teacher of Illinois Scholarship Program. Among other requirements, the scholarship would be available to any student who has attended an Illinois public school that both experienced high teacher vacancy rates and had 70% or more of their students eligible for free and reduced lunch. The bill also amends the DFI program, which aims to ensure higher ed faculty in Illinois reflect the diversity of our state. This bill selects scholarship recipients based on indicators of financial need, such as the receipt of a Pell Grant while earning a bachelor's degree, and enrollment in a post-baccalaureate degree program at a qualified institution

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where at least 45% of the students earn Pell Grants. I'm happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Buckner, as you outlined, this bill is to amend the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois, DFI, and Minority Teachers of Illinois, MTI, programs in an attempt to comport with recent Supreme Court decisions and federal guidance. Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "That is correct, leader."

Windhorst: "What is the... what are the Supreme Court decisions and federal guidance that we are coming into compliance with?"

Buckner: "So, there are a number of... of cases that have been up at the Supreme Court recently, but most... most recently is that there was a lawsuit filed in the Central District of Illinois court with the American Alliance for Equal Rights, who filed this suit, and also the Students for Fair Admissions v. President and Fellows of Harvard College, something that's been in the public atmosphere for the last year or two. And so, our intent here is to make sure that we don't lose the intent and the spirit of what these programs were meant to do and don't get them bogged down in litigation."

Windhorst: "And in examining those, that guidance and the... and the decisions, as we talked... as you talked about, what is being done in a general manner to address those concerns?"

Buckner: "Yeah. So, we have changed, basically, the... the specific eligibility requirements through this law. So, now, the Teacher of Illinois Scholarship, it will go to students that

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have at least 70... that goes... that went to schools who have at least 70% students eligible for free and reduced lunch. And for the DFI program, it is now for students that go... are enrolled full time in universities that have at least 45% Pell Grant recipients."

Windhorst: "So, we're moving... it sounds like we're removing what may have been considered racial components and going with income- or wealth-based components."

Buckner: "Yeah. So... so, income and... and other background kind of sets that would make sure that we are still giving this opportunity to young people who are from communities and backgrounds and neighborhoods that... where they need a little bit of help."

Windhorst: "And I... I'm guessing, then, part of this is to make these programs more merit based. Is that accurate?"

Buckner: "Sure, you can call it that."

Windhorst: "Are there any opponents to the bill with the amendments?"

Buckner: "I have not seen opponents. I know we talked in committee yesterday about ISAC, who was opposed to the underlying bill. But now, with the amendment, I've not been made aware of any opponents."

Windhorst: "I'm being advised that ISAC may be in support now with the amendment."

Buckner: "That sounds right."

Windhorst: "And any other opponent that... previously or currently?"

Buckner: "Not that I know of."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Buckner: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Buckner to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1331 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 37 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Davis on Senate Bill 711. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 711, a Bill for an Act concerning..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Will Davis, I'm sorry. Will Davis."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 711, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 711, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Will Davis on Senate Bill 711."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 711 establishes updated training, licensure, and instructional requirements for EMS personnel and programs. It allows for non-EMS personnel to operate EMS vehicles under certain conditions and requires the Department of Public Health to explore bridge programs between EMS and nursing careers. And also, I'd like to state for the record that it is not the intent of this legislation to reduce or eliminate staffing in any way to

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those EMS units that are subject to collective bargaining agreements. With that, Mr. Speaker, I'd be more than happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield. "

Windhorst: "Thank you. Thank you for the description of the bill. It appears from our analysis that this is an agreed bill between IDPH and the Illinois State Ambulance Association. Is that correct?"

Davis, W.: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And also looks like, we're just judging from your chief cosponsors, you have Representatives Hauter and Jacobs supporting this as well."

Davis, W.: "Yes. They heard the bill in committee. I believe they've even had some independent conversation with the ambulance association and agreed to come on as chief cosponsors of this bill."

Windhorst: "Do we anticipate any cost or fiscal impact to the state with this bill?"

Davis, W.: "No, I don't anticipate any cost. This is about our ability to create pathways to employment for EMRs to become EMTs to then become nurses, if they choose to do so. So, for me, this is also a workforce-development-style opportunity, particularly trying to build workforce in underserved communities that don't have as much access to EMT service as others do. We talk about that the city of Chicago has a lot of that, but there are other areas, like even in the South Suburbs of Cook County, where I am, outside of the city of

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Chicago, that need more pathways to these opportunities. I know one of the ambulance companies has worked to try to establish and set up programs to train individuals as EMRs so they can work while they are then studying to become EMTs. So, no... no cost that I'm aware of to the state with this issue."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Will Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you to Dr. Hauter as well as Representative Jacobs for signing on in support of this bill. And I'd ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 711 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Going to the Order of Third Reading, Representative Ann Williams on Senate Bill 2394. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2394, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present the 2025 revisory bill. In accordance with subsection (h) of Section 5.04 of the Legislative Reference Bureau Act, each year LRB prepares and presents to the General Assembly one or more revisory bills. These bills are part of the process of

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updating and revising the Illinois statutes. They make no substantive change in the law but are an essential part of maintaining the state's statutes. This year we have prepared one general revisory bill, which is 3,039 pages, that makes technical corrections and combines multiple amendments to the same section, pursuant to Section 6 of the Statute on Statutes. I'm happy to answer any questions about this exciting initiative."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one... seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2394 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 3 of the calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears Senate Bill 783, Representative Lawrence Walsh, Jr. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 783, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walsh."

Walsh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and ladies and gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 783 amends the Illinois Pesticide Act and makes changes to cost of various fees for that application, it's length of validity of certification as a pesticide applicator, and allows the election of education courses to

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meet renewal... renewal and certification requirements. And the Department of Ag may adopt rules to implement these new provisions. I'd happy to answer any questions and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walsh, this is on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, Third Reading. Please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 783, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walsh has already discussed Senate Bill 783. On that question, Representative Bunting."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Bunting: "Representative, thank you for bringing this bill today. Prior to going home to the family farm, this was a profession that I worked in. And... and my colleagues and my friends that were in the profession as well were great applicators or great operators but maybe not great test takers. This allows them another opportunity. And to be completely honest with you, with... with the continuing education hours, with the way technology is now and... and the makeup of... of this occupation and this job, I think this is a great way and this is a great step forward. Again, I appreciate it, and thank you for allowing me to be a chief."

Walsh: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Walsh to close."

Walsh: "Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 783 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 3 of the calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears Senate Bill 852, Representative Canty. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 852, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

Speaker Hoffman: "Third Reading. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 852, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of the Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you so much. Senate Bill 852 is a cleanup bill to House Bill 277 that passed in the 103rd General Assembly. House Bill 277 was intended to eliminate the failure to appear suspension of a person's driver's license for minor offenses. The way the legislation was drafted would have eliminated the secretary of state's ability to issue a failure to appear suspension for all offenses. Senate Bill 852 will restore the original intent of House Bill 277 and eliminate the failure to appear suspension for minor or fine-only offenses and maintain the failure to appear suspension for more serious offenses that are punishable by imprisonment. This legislation is an agreement between the advocates of House Bill 277, the Secretary of State's Office, and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. It passed the

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Senate with 53 votes and the Judiciary - Criminal Law Committee unanimously. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, just to go through some of the history of how we got to this point. So, we passed Public Act 103-789, which eliminated failure to appear suspensions for both petty offense, nonjailable traffic offenses, and jailable traffic offenses, correct?"

Canty: "Yes. The intent was not that. But when it was implemented, the administrator of the court said we can't actually separate between the two. You have to define it better in the statute."

Windhorst: "And then the secretary of state realized they weren't able to suspend licenses for those who were not appearing in court on jailable offenses because there is no ex parte judgment for jailable offenses."

Canty: "Correct."

Windhorst: "So, what happens in the normal course of things is if someone doesn't appear in court on a nonjailable traffic offense, they get an ex parte judgment. And that results in a conviction on their driving record, which could result in a suspension."

Canty: "Could, yes, sir."

Windhorst: "With a jailable offense, there is no ex parte judgment, just a failure to appear warrant. But that would not, under current law, trigger a suspension."

Canty: "Correct."

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Windhorst: "This bill would allow for that situation, that failure to appear with the warrant, potentially, to trigger the suspension with the secretary of state."

Canty: "Correct."

Windhorst: "So, we're making sure that offenses like DUI, leaving the scene of an accident, reckless driving, fleeing and eluding, when those individuals do not appear in court, their license can be suspended by the secretary of state."

Canty: "Correct. And that was always the intent."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Canty to close."

Canty: "Thank you so much. This is a good bill. We are just trying to get back to putting folks in jail who need to be there, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 852 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the calendar appears Senate Bill 2247, Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2247, a Bill for an Act concerning business. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2247, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2247 creates the Micromobility Fire Safety Act by setting requirements for micromobility devices, such as e-bikes and personal e-mobility devices and their batteries. It sets a safety standard for manufacturers and guidelines for people on the use, maintenance, and care... caring of batteries. Violations of this act fall under the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Act. The... the act incorporates standards set by... it requires that any of these batteries are tested through... through the national-recognized testing laboratories. Requires accredited laboratories evaluate and test and certify these e-bikes. This... this was... there was collaboration among different stakeholders. And with the amendments in the Senate, there is no opposition to this bill, and ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

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

Olickal: "Currently, there are... the e-mobility market has grown. And so, there are a large number of manufacturers out there. And so, we want to make sure that the standards... that there's standards in place to ensure that we're making sure that only high-quality products are entering the marketplace."

Windhorst: "And is there a concern about safety to making sure these vehicles are safe?"

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Olickal: "Yes. And so... yeah... yes, there's currently concerns about batteries, fire safety, and other concerns. And so, this sets the standard for manufacturing."

Windhorst: "And we show that the Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois and the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association are supporters of the bill. Is that correct?"

Olickal: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Olickal to close."

Pastor Smith: "Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2247 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 5 of the calendar appears House Bill 1576, on the Order of Concurrence, Representative Costa Howard. We have time. Representative Costa Howard, on the Order of Concurrence, amendment #1 to House Bill 1576. Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 on House Bill 1576."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. With the amendment in the Senate, we are... the Senate, rather, removed the appointment terms and salaries of judges on the Court of Claims. Is that correct?"

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Costa Howard: "Correct. The bill... basically, the Senate removed quite a bit. The Senate Bill... the amendment now does the following three things: It keeps the language regarding online filing; it allows for remote participation; and then, again, there's alignment of the statute of limitations to Crime Victims Act. The other things were removed, leader."

Windhorst: "The... with the remote testimony or remote appearance portion, does that also include testimony and proceedings?"

Costa Howard: "Yes, it does."

Windhorst: "Why are we allowing for remote testimony?"

Costa Howard: "Leader, as you know, our circuit court rules across the state of Illinois, our Supreme Court rules, allow for remote testimony and participation based on local court rules. Given the locations of Court of Claims, they wanted to make sure that the Court of Claims was also operating from an updated technology that we have today."

Windhorst: "It looks like we're also wanting to provide additional rights for crime victims."

Costa Howard: "It's... that amendment is an alignment of the statute of limitations to the Crime Victims Act."

Windhorst: "And what... if this provision were not there, would that limit it to just one year or is a five years being used currently?"

Costa Howard: "Yes. The... all claims under this paragraph must be filed within five years, rather than the one year that's in the current statute."

Windhorst: "So, just so we're clear what that does, that will allow victims more time to seek compensation?"

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Costa Howard: "Yes, absolutely. We want to make sure that victims have the ample time that they need to be able to file their claim."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard to close."

Costa Howard: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1576?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 81 voting 'yes,' 30... 34 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1576. And this question, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Rashid on House Bill 1631, on the Order of Concurrences. Mr. Clerk. Representative Rashid. Please proceed."

Rashid: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1631. The amendment... the amendments combine two bills on this subject that we previously passed unanimously. There is no opposition. Ask for your support."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, if you could, briefly describe what the two bills are we're combining with this... these Senate Amendments."

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Rashid: "Yes. So, House Bill 1631 originally amends the Department of Innovation and Technology Act and the Illinois Information Security Improvement Act to clarify the scope of DoIT's authority through more precise definitions and to make non... nonsubstantive updates to both acts. And HB1632, which we had previously passed unanimously, amends the Uniform Electronic Transactions... Transactions Act to provide more flexibility for government agencies to accept electronic records and signatures."

Windhorst: "And is this... does this bill have the support of DoIT with... with these changes?"

Rashid: "Yes, it does."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Rashid to close."

Rashid: "I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 1631?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1631. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Ann Williams, on the Order of Concurrence, House Bill 1302. Leader Williams."

Williams, A.: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendments #1 and #2. These amendments bring the business community to neutral. I am grateful for the efforts

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in the Senate to continue negotiating this important bill. Recall, this is a Workplace Transparency Act trailer. We do two things. We clarify the sunset requirement for confidentiality clauses. This was a suggestion of the Attorney General's Office. And the second amendment adds a definition of 'protected concerted activity' to bring it in line with current state law. We changed damages available from consequential to compensatory, and we removed two sections related to sunset requirements regarding confidentiality and no-rehire provisions in severance agreements. That should bring us to a bill with no opposition. Happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Leader, I appreciate the description. I'm showing this bill relates to changes to the Criminal Code and victims' rights."

Williams, A.: "I read the wrong amendment. I apologize."

Windhorst: "I was thinking that that sounded..."

Williams, A.: "This... I presented a different concurrence..."

Windhorst: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...which is also fabulous."

Speaker Hoffman: "You did a great job on that bill."

Williams, A.: "All right. Can we just reserve that for later?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Amazing, yeah."

Williams, A.: "I am sorry."

Speaker Hoffman: "Rewind."

Windhorst: "So, we can... if you want..."

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Williams, A.: "These pesky bill numbers."

Windhorst: "Yeah. So, in... in this bill, which came through committee unanimously and the Senate unanimously with those changes, we can discuss those a little bit. If you would, just briefly hit what the changes are in this bill, if you could."

Williams, A.: "OK. We align rights of victim survivors with the rights of retail victims in a retail theft scenario."

Windhorst: "So, all victims will enjoy the rights that were provided just to retail victims previously."

Williams, A.: "Exactly. And we... we've added a seven-person notice requirement as well to all parties."

Windhorst: "We are also... "

Williams, A.: "Seven day, I'm sorry."

Windhorst: "I'm sorry?"

Williams, A.: "Seven Days."

Windhorst: "We're also deleting provisions regarding certain changes to the Criminal Code. So, in essence, we're just dealing with the victims notice provisions and that law enforcement will be receiving reports from victims without discouraging those reports."

Williams, A.: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "But prior provisions related to petitioning to remove a conviction, those have been removed with a Senate Amendment."

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

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Williams, A.: "Thank you. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Williams to close on this bill."

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Williams, A.: "Thank you for your consideration of 1302."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 1302?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 1302. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 6 in the calendar appears House Bill 1864, Leader Rita. Leader Rita."

Rita: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1864. Basically, the Senate added some language to clarify so they can implement the underlying bill of processing dental plans to the insurances."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1864?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1864. This bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Katz Muhl on House Bill 2387. Please proceed."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill is here on concurrence. As you may recall, the bill originally focused primarily on making outpatient mental health treatment

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available to people who are on pretrial release for a felony charge. There were two other technical changes to the involuntary outpatient procedure that were in the bill. Those were removed in the Senate for further discussion with stakeholders over the summer, and we will continue forward with that main point of agreement. The bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate as well as in committee earlier this week, and I asked for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this motion, Leader Windhorst. Excuse me, leader. On this motion, Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Thank you. I... I apologize. You caught me a little off guard here. Would you indicate what these amendments do to the underlying bill again?"

Katz Muhl: "The underlying bill had three main components. The priority one that we discussed most in detail at committee was about making involuntary outpatient treatment available to people who are on pretrial release for a felony charge. The other two pieces had to do with involuntary treatment and procedures. One had to do with reporting and one had to do with the certificate requirement. We're going to put a pin in making any of those changes while we have further discussions with stakeholders but in the meantime make this treatment option available to that community."

Ugaste: "OK. And I believe the first time it went out, it went out without opposition. OK. Thank you. I think that's all I have."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2387?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have

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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 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2387. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Katz Muhl on House Bill 2568. Please proceed."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's my privilege to present House Bill 2568, the Equality for Every Family Act. Illinois law has always followed the Uniform Code, and the commissioner's updates to the Parentage, Gestational Surrogacy, and Adoption Act are now being brought in from the last years of work into the Illinois code. There are two big buckets of work we are doing in order to ensure that Illinois law sees every family. The first is inclusive language to make sure we recognize all the different ways that families are formed, including through assisted reproductive technology. And the second buck is that technology, in fact, making sure that we see all of the different ways in which families are becoming created and protected under Illinois law. I am happy to take any questions. This is an 86-page amendment, so references to specific sections will be helpful with questions. Thank you so much."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this motion, Representative Ugaste."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Representative, we.. we had a bit of discussion in committee yesterday, and then you saw me afterwards with some clarification. But I... I just want to, again, go over a

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few things for people in our committee. And I... I have to admit, I looked at it a little bit again this morning, and this all came out so quickly, it's been hard to digest all of this. But this bill says... well, first of all, this bill not just affects the Surrogacy Act but the Parentage Act overall. Is that correct?"

Katz Muhl: "That is correct. There are three acts that we are updating: the Parentage Act, the Gestational Surrogacy Act, and the Adoption Act."

Ugaste: "OK. And this says that in weighing the presumption... presumptions of parentage, the court shall consider whether it is in the child's best interest to adjudicate an individual be the child's parents, correct?"

Katz Muhl: "That is correct."

Ugaste: "And it makes some considerations regarding ordering of DNA testing and other things."

Katz Muhl: "Among other things, yes."

Ugaste: "OK. Is there any indication in this bill that outside of a person's rights having been removed that a court would be able to consider whether anything preempts biology in being considered a person's parent?"

Katz Muhl: "In that regard, we're not changing the law. Illinois law already requires a best-interest-of-the-child standard, and that is a holistic standard. So, biology always has been and will remain a factor in that standard."

Ugaste: "OK. But there is a change regarding the presumption of parentage in the child's best interest, isn't there? Or am I misreading this?"

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Katz Muhl: "There are presumptions in the act in different places. The baseline presumption, and that was the citation we were looking for in committee yesterday, is a preponderance of the evidence standard. We are making no changes whatsoever to that section of the law, which is why it's not in the LRB 86 pages. That preponderance standard stays in place. And there are just a couple of places where other standards were reviewed for clear and convincing evidence."

Ugaste: "Yep. That... that wasn't exactly what I was getting at. But drawing attention to that, we are changing one of the standards of proof within this, even though clear... it was previously clear and convincing, which is a tougher standard, correct?"

Katz Muhl: "That is correct. In one instance, we are aligning with what is the default presumption based on the Uniform Code and based on the greater Illinois parentage law."

Ugaste: "But there's other places within these acts where we are leaving it, in fact, as clear and convincing evidence, correct?"

Katz Muhl: "Also correct, yes."

Ugaste: "OK. Thank you. To the bill. I'm not doubting the sponsor's motives at all. When we had a conversation with the experts yesterday and they were trying to describe a bill that came to us in a very short period of time with a lot of changes, they could not identify why they needed to make the change to that particular section to me, to go from clear and convincing as to well a... as default burden. Again, I understand the sponsor's telling us it's in... already in statute, the child's best interest is to be considered. But

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we're also changing it in one section of the statute without much explanation. So, while I appreciate the sponsor's efforts and I'm sure there's a lot in this that needs to be done, without additional information, I... I would... just won't be supporting the bill. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Hauter: "Representative, I have a question on the Adoption Act part of this bill. There's wording on there for confirmatory adoption, and it's for those children born through IVF or other assisted reproductive means."

Katz Muhl: "That's correct."

Hauter: "Is this confirmatory adoption, is that a 'shall' or a 'may'?"

Katz Muhl: "It's an existing procedure available voluntarily to families. So, I'm not totally understanding your question. Nobody is compelled to do a confirmatory option. But if they so desire, we will now have a statutory procedure as well as the existing common law means that people are using to do this."

Hauter: "OK. So, in... in practice today there is no mechanism for a child born of IVF to have a confirmatory adoption?"

Katz Muhl: "It is happening under local court procedures. But, no, we're trying to codify this in statute so that all of the judges across all of the state will have a uniform procedure to do it."

Hauter: "Thank you. That answers my question."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katz Muhl to close."

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Katz Muhl: "I want to thank everybody for the time and effort that went into this bill. Eighty-six pages is a lot of changes. A special thank you to the state bar, the city bar, and the guardian's office, all of whose work was incredibly helpful in understanding how practitioners in the field use this law to protect families. And there is one family in particular I want to shoutout in close. To Iggy, Lindsay, and Desi, who inspired this bill, thank you for your work. Thank you for all the families that this will protect. Illinois law will see every family. Thank you so much, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2568?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 40 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2568. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher, for what reason do you arise?"

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. If you could please excuse Representative Grant for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "The record shall reflect. Representative Moylan on House Bill 2785. Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a... just a concurrence."

Speaker Hoffman: "Yes, it is, on amendments #1 and 2."

Moylan: "Yes, sir."

Speaker Hoffman: "And 3, 1 and 3."

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Moylan: "Yes, sir. This simple bill passed unanimously out of caucus and out of committee, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates..."

Windhorst: "Thank you. "

Speaker Hoffman: "...he indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Representative. Just going through this, there were some pretty significant changes made, I believe, when it came through the Senate. So, just so I have a feel for it. With these changes, we're requiring coverage. It's an insurance mandate to require coverage for emergency and urgent ground ambulance service beginning January 1, 2027. Is that right?"

Moylan: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And we have a note that CMS and IDPH are opposed due to cost concerns."

Moylan: "Yeah, I... I had IDHS at the committee meeting, and we came to a conclusion that we're all agreed. We have to change one of the agencies that's naming it, and we're going to do that in November, in veto session."

Windhorst: "And which agency will be removed?"

Moylan: "IDPH."

Windhorst: "Will be removed, you said?"

Moylan: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Do we know what the potential cost will be to the bill?"

Moylan: "No, I... I don't have that right now."

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Windhorst: "All right. I appreciate the information, bringing it forward. I am not sure what you'll see from our side on the vote, but thank you for answering the questions."

Moylan: "I appreciate your back and forth, and I will let you know, this is actually a good bill."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moylan to close."

Moylan: "Thank you very much, and I respectfully ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 3 to House Bill 2785?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 2785. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6 in the calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, appears House Bill 2947, Leader Rita. Leader Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2947. And basically, this clarifies for a previous bill we passed for employees at casinos to clarify that it's for nongaming casino workers to get them working in casinos quicker and faster and easier. Happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader Rita, thank you for that description. I was involved in another conversation, so I missed part of what you said. We are dealing with a nongaming occupational identification badge for IG... Illinois Gaming Board. Is that correct?"

Rita: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And there will be a fee to be paid to the board for the badge that's set up in the bill."

Rita: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "And we are... loosen... loosens occupational licensure requirements upon casino complex, racino complex employment positions where the position is not directly connected with gaming. Is that correct?"

Rita: "Yes. These are nongaming employees that we're creating to... to get them into employment quicker, faster, for, you know, custodians, people that... kitchen, people that do not work on the gaming floor or have anything to do with the gaming is the purpose of this bill."

Windhorst: "And IGB can rescind a badge for an individual if they violate a policy or a rule. Is that accurate?"

Rita: "Yes, that's correct. And it's still... they still go through."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Rita: "Yes."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments... Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2947?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting

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is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2947. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 7 of the calendar, under Order of Concurrences appears House Bill 2967, Representative Costa Howard. Please proceed."

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 and 2 to House Bill 2967."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Initially, when we passed this bill, it dealt with preventing sexual violence in higher education or that act. And... and now, we're dealing with dual... Dual Credit Quality Act. Is that correct?"

Costa Howard: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And what changes are we making to that act?"

Costa Howard: "Absolutely. So, thank you, Leader Windhorst. There's several provisions that we are using in this act. First and foremost, provides the right of first refusal. The school district and community college district must designate a liaison to begin negotiations. Agreement must be reached within 60 days. No school district can partner with any postsecondary institution without first negotiating with their local community college. Language to default to the partnership agreement after 180 days has been removed. The

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provisions in the bill also set parameters for out-of-state dual credit partnerships. A school district may not enter into a contract with an out-of-state institution until they've demonstrated to ICCB that it has worked with all the state... with all in-state institutions. But all... all the current contracts that are out of state right now are grandfathered in. This establishes an appeals process. A community college has 30 days from the initial course request to notify the school district of its disapproval. The school district can appeal the decision to the ICCB. If ICCB finds in favor of the school district, the school district can seek an alternate provider. If ICCB finds in favor of the community college, the school district must accept the decision. This also creates a dual credit standing committee with representation from higher ed, K-12, and our teachers unions. It clarifies credentialing language and develops... professional development plans are put in statute in perpetuity, which allows for teacher to continue to work towards the credentialing requirements to teach dual credit."

Windhorst: "And this language is agreed by all education stakeholders as well as the community college leadership groups. Is that correct?"

Costa Howard: "That is correct, Leader Windhorst. This is in an fully agreed bill."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Costa Howard to close."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. I want to begin by saying that this is transformative work that has been going on for several years with the dual credit programs, as you can tell by the fact

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that this is an agreed bill. I want to give a special shoutout to my... to my colleague and my neighbor, Representative Diane Blair-Sherlock. I could not have landed this plane without her, as well as that this is an initiative of LEND and SCOPE and... and our advocacy groups around the state of Illinois. This is amazing, and this is years of work. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2967?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting... 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2967. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Stuart on House Bill 2987. Please proceed."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 2987, if you remember, it's the bill in reaction to the warehouse safety measures that we need to take. There was a little bit of a concern from the grain elevators about the language and how it would impact their businesses. I felt that they were already covered. This language just makes them feel a little more comfortable and brings them on board."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I appreciate the description. There were concerns when the bill came through the House about the

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breadth of the definition of 'warehouse.' And as you noted, this change in definition was agreed to with the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Correct, yes."

Windhorst: "Are they now a proponent on the bill or neutral or..."

Stuart: "I... I know they're at least neutral. I... they might be proponents, but I don't want to say that incorrectly."

Windhorst: "And to your knowledge, is there any known opponent to the bill with the change?"

Stuart: "No, with the change, I have no known opposition."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Stuart: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Stuart to close."

Stuart: "Thank you for everybody who supported it in the past, and please help concur. Thanks."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 to House Bill 2987?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes,' 15 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2987. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on page 7 of the calendar appears House Bill 3019, Representative LaPointe. Please proceed. Out of the record. House Bill 3385, Representative Norma Hernandez. You sure? We have time. Please proceed."

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Hernandez, N.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm here today to present House Bill 3385 with Senate Amendment 1 included, which includes that each public college or university shall provide at least three licensed mental health professionals or, if the benchmark ratio falls under three, at least the number of licensed mental health professionals required by the benchmark ratio. The mental health professional may be provided either in part-time, on-campus capacity or full-time on- or off-campus capacity service hours for the mental health professionals. And this removes all concerns and oppositions that I know of. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request Standard Debate."

Speaker Hoffman: "Standard Debate."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is... it was an amendment in the Senate designed to clarify the language about how many professionals would be needed by each institution and whether they could be part time, full time, contracted. Is that accurate?"

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

Windhorst: "And with that change, are you aware of any opposition to the bill?"

Hernandez, N.: "Correct. No opposition."

Windhorst: "Is... the higher ed institutions are either neutral or in agreement with it?"

Hernandez, N.: "That's correct, which is what the amendment in the Senate was helping with that."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hoffman: "On this motion, Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and... and thank you to the sponsor of this legislation. We've had several discussions, and I think Leader Windhorst covered it. But just wanted to... to reconfirm that many of our campuses already comply with this particular mental health situations, correct? But there's a few that you're targeting here because you feel they're not adequately covering the... the requirements of the mental health care. And I think, still, our concern, and as my seatmate to my right and I, we discussed with you, we look forward to... to work with you on this to ensure that we can use contract employees because that is a concern with many of our smaller schools, availability of mental health people and just being able to provide those coverage. And also, the... the aspect of a 20... 2400... or 24-hour coverage throughout a school year to include the summer months, that it does create an extra requirement on our schools to be able to provide all that coverage. But thank you for your... for working with us on this, and we do look forward to seeing some of the progress made. And... and maybe we can tweak it as we look at how we're progressing. Thank you."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you so much. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hernandez to close."

Hernandez, N.: "Thank you all for all your support on this. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 to House Bill 3385?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 91 voting 'yes,' 24 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3385. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Canty on House Bill 3446. Out of the record. Representative Mason on House Bill 3493."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3493. This is obviously a bill that we have seen before. It just... they made a change in the Senate to... after some negotiations with the city of Chicago. It keeps the underlying bill, but it limits its application by exempting municipalities with more than 500,000 residents if they've entered into a previous contract with the city of Chicago and the Capital Development Board. I ask for your support."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the underlying bill provided that no local ordinance of a unit of local government shall be enforced against the construction, reconstruction, improvement, or installation of a state facility. Is that correct?"

Mason: "Yeah. If I could provide some background."

Windhorst: "Sure."

Mason: "For... for a very long time, this has been the general practice, that when there are Capital Development Board projects in different areas across the state, that they were

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not responsible for paying those fees, other than impact fees. It was questioned recently by a couple of municipalities, including one of my own. And so, we just needed to... to codify and clarify in language. So, the underlying bill does have that provision. That's correct. But it also... they added that it requires them to work with the municipalities and to collaborate."

Windhorst: "The amendment exempts the city of Chicago when the city has agreements with the Capital Development Board already in respect to those projects."

Mason: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And there is a provision with the amendment that the Capital Development Board... rather, the provisions of this bill do not relieve the Capital Development Board from the obligation to compensate units of local government for fair and reasonable connection, restoration, or impact costs."

Mason: "Absolutely."

Windhorst: "All right. I believe you'll probably see about the same vote as you did on the original version here, but I appreciate your answers. Thank you."

Mason: "Thank you. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3493?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3493. And this bill, having received a constitutional

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majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 3 of the calendar, on the Order of Second Reading, appears Senate Bill 453. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 453, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 453, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 453 amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act to expand access to interest arbitration provisions for the establishment of first contracts following the original certification of a bargaining unit. Under current law, these provisions are only available for bargaining units with fewer than 35 employees. Senate Bill 453 would simply allow for all bargaining units under... covered under the IPLRA to have access to interest arbitration as a tool to settle that first contract. It passed on a bipartisan basis a few days ago in the Senate, and I'm aware of no opposition."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Ugaste."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Ugaste: "Representative, couple of things. First of all, you said all bargaining units under ILRPA. That's all public employee bargaining units. Is that correct?"

Johnson: "Correct, leader. Yes."

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Ugaste: "And that's with the exception of police, fire, and security. I... I assume that's jail personnel. They're not included in it, are they?"

Johnson: "Who is that? Could... could you repeat the question, please?"

Ugaste: "Police, fire, and... and probably jail personnel. We have security employees, but I assume that's jail."

Johnson: "I believe so, but I'll have to double-check. I will get back to you on that."

Ugaste: "OK, so they're excluded. And what we're doing is we're removing a time frame. Currently, what's in place is a 90-day time frame to reach that first agreement. And if they don't, they have 30 days of arbitration, and then we go basically what is mandatory arbitration, correct?"

Johnson: "It'll be... it's 30 days of... of mediation before they would end up at interest arbitration. I do want to go back to your previous question. In the case of police and fire, they already have interest arbitration."

Ugaste: "OK."

Johnson: "Then... so, yes, it would... it would end up, there would be a mediation after the 90 days initial period. I think it's... it's important to point out that nobody really wants to get up to the point where they end up putting their hands... their case in the hands of an interest arbitrator. So, it's... it's really a case of last resort in order to get to... to get to that first contract."

Ugaste: "To the bill. For whatever reason, this... this law has been in place for 40 years and has worked just fine. Now, we're going to force any unit of local government, no matter

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how many employees they have, if they're going at a first contract with a bargaining unit, to have to go to public... or interest arbitration, I believe it's called. But basically, it's a mandatory arbitration-type proceeding where someone's going to make a decision for the two parties after 120 days. If there are thousands, even hundreds of employees with many different jobs and... that all need defining and... and bargaining, we're going to push this far too quickly and force our units of local government to incur far too great a cost. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson to close."

Johnson: "I would just like to... to close up by respectfully disagreeing with my colleague. There is a growing number of cases in which managements are refusing to bargain in good faith. That's regardless of whether your... your unit is consisted of 35 or less employees or 35 or more. We are in Illinois, which is a state that, using a term I've heard a lot over the last few years, which is the first state to codify workers' rights within its constitution, in a landslide. And I think this is just the kind of legislation we need here in Illinois to make sure that workers' rights are respected and that we get that first contract for them in bargaining in good faith on both sides. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 453 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 82 voting 'yes,' 33 voting

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'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to the Order of Concurrence, on page 7 of the calendar appears House Bill 3446, Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you so much. House Bill 3446 passed unanimously out of this chamber and out of the Senate chamber. The change is to authorize the early childhood department to work with the Board of Higher Education, institutions of higher education, and community college boards to develop the qualified class list. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3446?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'no,' 0 voting... 0 voting... 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 3446. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jones on House Bill 3339. Please proceed."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move to concur to Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3339. The bill is... extends... the amendment extends the sunset from July 1, 2025 to July 1 of 2028. That was for the four-year exemption that was in the bill. The bill that left the House did not have the sunset language, so the committee amendment in the Senate added it. I ask for 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, on the underlying bill, we were dealing with the Expressway Camera Act. We added, looks like three counties: Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside. And we added trafficking in persons and involuntary servitude to the definition of 'forcible felony' for the use of the cameras. Is that generally the gist of what we did in the underlying bill?"

Jones: "It was that, but it was also at the request of the Illinois State Police. This is an initiative of the Illinois State Police. The initial bill was the Tamara Clayton Act, which... which was to put cameras on the expressways. So, this is in conjunction with Illinois State Police and their efforts with their license plate readers. So, we wanted to make sure that we comply with everything, so that's why that was added into the definition of a 'forcible felony.'"

Windhorst: "And that underlying bill we passed out unanimously from this body."

Jones: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And then the Senate, as you said, extended the sunset as it related to FOIA and the access to those images under the Expressway Camera Act. Is that accurate?"

Jones: "Yes. Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Jones: "You're welcome."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Jones to close."

Jones: "I would ask for your 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3339?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 116 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3339. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Williams on House Bill 3638. Please proceed."

Williams, A.: "Thank you. This may sound familiar since I read it about 15 minutes ago. This is some language to bring the business community into alignment and bring them to neutral. This is a trailer for the original workplace..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader, we need to take this temporarily out of the record."

Williams, A.: "OK."

Speaker Hoffman: "I apologize. Moving to page 8 of the calendar appears House Bill 3657, Representative Kifowit. 3657. Please proceed."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is another pension bill that we heard in committee recently today. House Bill 3657 is really a cleanup bill for when we did consolidation back in the day. I believe it was almost six years ago. Some parameters with regards to the consolidation were carried over to Chicago fire and were not carried over to Chicago police. So, this is technically a cleanup bill that makes changes to the city of Chicago police and fire pension funds. Specifically, it increases the final

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average salary calculations from the average salary to the highest eight of the past 10 years to have parity, which would be the average salary of four of the last five years. So, this change is for only the Chicago police only because Chicago fire already had that, as I said, so do downstate police and downstate fire. So, it's a parity bill. In addition to a parity for Chicago fire and police, it increases the wage cap and makes the annual increase 3% or the CPI, whichever is lower. This is, of course, parity with downstate police and fire. And then it increases benefits for spouses and children of officers, firefighters, and it requires that if a police officer or firefighter dies, 12% of the pension goes to the child under the age of 18. If the spouse dies as well, each child gets 20% of the monthly salary until ages 18. So, again, it's a parity bill, and it makes sure that in that parity, the widows and the children of those that are fallen are taken care of as well."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Wilhour."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Wilhour: "OK. I want to also ask for a Standard Debate on this, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Is granted."

Wilhour: "Thank you. Representative, we talked a little bit about this in the pensions committee. Just for a little bit of background, what... what are the... what's the city of Chicago currently... how much are they currently paying to pensions for police right now per year?"

Kifowit: "Oh, for their total payment?"

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Wilhour: "Yeah."

Kifowit: "I apologize. You didn't... you did ask that in committee, and when I was talking to the city of Chicago representative, I did not ask that question. So, I can certainly research that and get back to you on that."

Wilhour: "Got you. Well, I think it's somewhere around a billion dollars, give or take. Does that sound..."

Kifowit: "Very good."

Wilhour: "...like it's probably the best..."

Kifowit: "I'll concur. Thank you, sir."

Wilhour: "Yeah. OK. And what... what is the cost increase for this?"

Kifowit: "In conferring with an individual from the city of Chicago, I was told that the cost is around 52 million to 60 million a year. It... it'll fluctuate depending on the personnel, but between 52 to 60 million."

Wilhour: "OK, thank you. I appreciate that. And just to... just to be clear, I know that you mentioned it, but I want to be very, very clear on this. This is... this is an initiative that's going to be paid by the city of Chicago only. It's not going to be paid... we're not talking something that the rest of the state is going to be required to pay."

Kifowit: "Correct."

Wilhour: "OK. Where... where have the negotiations been with Mayor Johnson and, you know, the... the city administration on... on this issue?"

Kifowit: "Thank you, sir, for asking that question. Two years ago, we had a similar pension bill right about the time that the current mayor was elected. And at that point in time, it was requested upon myself to hold the bill, given that the

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mayor was newly installed into office, of which I obliged, and we held the bill. Subsequently it's been two years. The city put together a pension working group where I was partially a part of, and subsequent after that, the city ceased communications and did not provide any feedback at all from that point in time. So, the mayor's office has been in office now for two years and had ample time to come up with a alternate idea, plan, legislation and failed."

Wilhour: "Thank you. I appreciate that. I want to go... I want to go to the bill... to the bill real quick. So, this... this body has had... had a long history of putting law enforcement in tough situations, especially in the city of Chicago. The streets in Chicago are in chaos because of this. It's not something that I normally do or normally support, but if Brandon Johnson and the city of Chicago can afford \$175 million for a pension boost for the Chicago Teachers Union, who has been a dismal failure in every regard when it comes to educating our kids, they're a political... Marxist political organization, if he can afford to... if he can afford to give them a major pension boost, I think that they should probably figure out how to do it for the Chicago police also. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this... on this question, Representative Reick."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Reick: "Representative, again, we talked about this in committee today, and we had representatives from the Chicago police and Chicago fire testifying. Are you comfortable with that 52 to

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60 million dollar additional cost that... that would... the city of Chicago gave us a bit ago? You think that might be reasonable?"

Kifowit: "I believe so. And... and to the previous speaker, I did do a search on my computer, and the 2024 budget for the city of Chicago included \$2.8 billion of it for unfunded pension plans. In addition to that, they did a \$307 million in advance payments. So, we appreciate that they're doing advanced payments. So, with... with having 300 extra million dollars around, 52 to 60 million seems a bit small to my opinion."

Reick: "You don't know how that extra money was allocated into which unions, do you?"

Kifowit: "No, I do not."

Reick: "OK, very good. The source of the money that is... apparently there's a... there's a funding source that's been identified by the city of Chicago that's going to be specifically allocated to police and fire pensions. Are you aware of that?"

Kifowit: "Yes. When the... the city talked about the casino fund... moneys from the casino is to go to the pension plan. And then I've been told that if the city of Chicago ever decides to put in video gaming that that... those moneys would as well go to the pension plans. So, the city of Chicago has an avenue to be able to fund their pensions. They're choosing not to take it."

Reick: "To the bill. Thank you. And to the bill. I can only echo what my previous speaker said about the... about the fact that it took no time at all for the Chicago Teachers Union to get their... to get their contract and their pension things straightened out. And, again, we also have been putting a

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heck of a lot on our first responders. This is a bill that, you know, again, it... it's going to cost money. It's going to cost money to the city of Chicago. But the fact remains is that we're losing cops, we're losing firemen, and we're losing them because they... they just don't get the kind of benefits that, you know, the downstate people are getting and they're moving out. One thing I would point out, again, this is... passing this bill could potentially and should put pressure on the city of Chicago to come to the table to... to discuss how we're going to pay this until the casino is made and going forward."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, do you want someone to give you some more time?"

Reick: "I'm... I'm almost done, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "OK, thank you."

Reick: "And I would point out, for the benefit of the body, that it's been four years since the Chicago Fire Fighters Union has had a contract. It's time for them to come to the table on that one as well, and maybe this bill will force the city of Chicago to come to the table on a lot of things it hasn't been... it hasn't been living up to. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I appreciate the words from the other side of the aisle. As you can see, there is broad support for this bill, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Kifowit moves that the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3657. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?"

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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 House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3657. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Going back to page 7 of the calendar appears House Bill 3638, Leader Ann Williams."

Williams, A.: "Hi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm restating my Motion to Concur in amendments #1 and #2. This is the follow-up to the Workplace Transparency Act. The changes that are contained in these amendments do bring the business community to neutral, and I'm happy to answer any questions should you have them."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Ugaste."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she will."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Leader Williams. Could you just highlight the... the few changes that were made that brought the businesses to neutral?"

Williams, A.: "Absolutely. In the first amendment, we clarify the sunset requirements for confidentiality clauses. The second, we add a definition of what constitutes protective concerted activity. This brings it into line with current state law. We also changed the damages available from consequential or indirect to compensatory, which of course is direct or actual damages. We also removed two section related to sunset requirements regarding confidentiality agreements and no-rehire provisions. We're grateful to the business community for working with us on these changes."

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Ugaste: "OK, thank you. But still, given... given even those changes, what is in the bill is going to expand some of the definitions that are currently in the act to make certain, I... I believe, what you at least interpreted to be the original meaning of the act."

Williams, A.: "Yes. So, originally, we passed a bill to provide for dealing with unlawful employment practices within Department of Human Rights or the EEOC provisions. But here we are expanding it to include Department of Labor, state and federal, as well as the LRB, NLRB, and OSHA. So, in that way, yes, it is an expansion of the practices which are covered."

Ugaste: "OK, thank you. To the bill. While I appreciate the sponsor's work with the business community in order to bring them to neutral and improve the original bill, this is still an expansion of the ability, again, to sue and... and collect damages within court on... on various companies here in Illinois. Not commenting on the underlying statute, but just the expansion of it at this time I do not believe is what we need here in the state. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ann Williams to close."

Williams, A.: "It's never been more important than now to ensure that workers are protected in the workplace. This is widely supported both by labor and business, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3638?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question,

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there are 93 voting 'yes,' 22 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.'
And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to
House Bill 3638. And this bill, having received a
constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed.
Representative Moeller on House Bill 3709. Please proceed."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate
Amendment #1 on House Bill 3709. So, this concurrence.. this
change that was made in the Senate to 3709 does a few simple
things. The amendment changes some phrasing to better align
language with IDFPR standards and best reflect how licensing
works for medication, contraception, and abortion. It only
requires health care providers to be able to prescribe
medication abortion in Section 20(a), as opposed to dispense
as well; clarifies that there only must be one or more health
care professional available for appointments; changes
authorized under state law to prescribe to whose scopes of
practice include prescribing; and the amendment gives public
universities with on-campus pharmacies more flexibility by
requiring that they just provide access to students with
medication abortion at any physical location on campus, as
opposed to specifically at the pharmacy. And then finally,
the amendment also adds a requirement that public
universities publish information on how students can access
medication contraception and abortion on campus on the
student health services website to ensure that students can
actually access these services. As the body may remember, the
underlying bill that originally passed the House back in April
was a measure to ensure that students at our public
universities that have student health centers can access

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contraceptives and medical... abortion medications to alleviate pressure on our local health clinics that provide these services and to make these services accessible to students who may not have transportation or other means to access this health care. Happy to answer any questions, and would ask for an 'aye' vote."

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

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request Standard Debate on this bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Your... your request is granted."

Windhorst: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is essentially the... very similar to the bill we passed or voted on earlier this session. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "One of the provisions in the amendment I wanted to discuss with you is that the amendment that we're voting on provides that 'the public institution of higher education shall make medication abortion available at a physical location on campus. An enrolled student shall be able to access medication abortion at either a pharmacy on campus, the student health center via a health care professional licensed to dispense medication abortion, or another physical location on campus where students access other similar medications.' With regard to that last phrase, 'another physical location on campus where students access other similar medications,' what do you envision that encompassing?"

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Moeller: "That language seeks to clarify that it's either the student health center or the pharmacy where they can access those medications."

Windhorst: "What about the vending machines that we passed in prior legislation? Would... is that... do you envision that as being encompassed in that language?"

Moeller: "This bill does not affect the... the vending machine..."

Windhorst: "Well, would that be 'another physical location on campus where students access other similar medications'?"

Moeller: "Not under the language in this legislation."

Windhorst: "And this would apply to our public universities. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "Public universities that have student health centers."

Windhorst: "What about community colleges?"

Moeller: "Community colleges that also have student health centers, yes."

Windhorst: "So, if there is no student health center with a community college, they're not required to abide by this."

Moeller: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Do you know, of our community colleges, how many have those?"

Moeller: "Currently, we do not have community colleges with student health centers."

Windhorst: "So, the answer is none at this point?"

Moeller: "Correct. Yeah."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hauter."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

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Hauter: "So, explain the definition of health care professional in this bill."

Moeller: "It's my understanding as defined under current law, under current statute."

Hauter: "So, does this expand who can prescribe an abortion drug?"

Moeller: "It does not."

Hauter: "Would a provider that's... works at a college health clinic be able to use the Right of Conscience Act and not prescribe?"

Moeller: "Yes."

Hauter: "So, if a... so, if that was the sole provider at a college health clinic and they do not participate in the practice of abortion, they could, and they were the sole provider."

Moeller: "It's my understanding, under the legislation we passed several years ago to provide for the ability for health care professionals to exercise that discretion, they would not have to prescribe, but they would have to refer to a clinic or another entity, a... another health care professional that... that could dispense or provide the prescription for that medication."

Hauter: "Who is... who is responsible to pay for if the patient did not have insurance?"

Moeller: "The... the student would pay under customary forms of paying for health care, whether that student has insurance, out of pocket. There's... there's no... the... this bill does not require universities to cover the cost of the medications for the students. They just have to make them available."

Hauter: "And if there are..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

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Hauter: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3709?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there's 77 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no'... 78 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3709. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 8 of the calendar appears House Bill 3725, Representative Sosnowski. Please proceed."

Sosnowski: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I rise on concurrence with the Senate. Members of this chamber may recall that we passed this bill as a consumer protection act that only allows local utilities to back bill homeowners up to 12 months when they make a mistake and they don't bill the homeowner. Allows for two years for commercial. The Senate, in their infinite wisdom and their very good eye for detail, made some minor corrections that eliminated duplicative language. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall House Amendment... shall the House concur in House... Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3725?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this

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question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3725. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Yang Rohr on House Bill 3851. Representative Yang Rohr."

Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3851. The amendments make the bill more precise in its language and its effect by adding the... the word, excuse me, 'unauthorized' so that it is unauthorized digital replicas that fall under the bullying and cyberbullying part of our School Code. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3851?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mayfield. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3851. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 3 of the calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears Senate Bill 1344, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1344, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This bill was read a second previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by... offered by Representative Vella, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella on Floor Amendment #2."

Vella: "Yes, I'd like to move to adopt Floor Amendment #2 and argue it on Third, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House... or to Senate Bill 1344. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Third Reading. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1344, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella on Senate Bill 1344."

Vella: "Thank you, Chairman. Senate Bill 1344 does three things. It clarifies the definition of public works to include specific sewer inspections. Now, this is going on now. The department has determined that it is... it is a public... is a prevailing wage job, but they just want some clarity from the Legislature. Second, it helps level the playing field for good contractors by incentivizing bad contractors to follow the Prevailing Wage Act by fining those contractors who do not file their certified transcripts of payroll. And third, it helps the department enforce the law by remitting all fines collected under this act back to the department to be used for enforcement. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Wilhour."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Could you guys just have a private conversation?"

Wilhour: "Well, I thought maybe I could get over here and we could just use the same microphone."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Proceed."

Wilhour: "Thank you. I want to ask for Standard Debate on this, please, too."

Speaker Hoffman: "Granted."

Wilhour: "OK. Representative Vella, I want to talk about sewer pipe inspection."

Vella: "OK."

Wilhour: "What do you know about that? How is it... how is it done?"

Vella: "I believe they send a robot of some sort in with a closed-circuit TV and they inspect the... the pipes for cracks and roots and stuff like that."

Wilhour: "OK. So, there's no... it doesn't require actual construction or repair or replacement or anything like that?"

Vella: "Well, after it's... well, no, it's inspection in... in anticipation of that. But, yes. No."

Wilhour: "So, there's no work for actual trades?"

Vella: "Well, no. This is done by a trade, I think. The plumbers, I believe."

Wilhour: "OK. Why are we... why are we requiring prevailing wage for... for something that... that doesn't... doesn't require construction, repair?"

Vella: "Well, this... like I said, this is already considered prevailing wage by the department. And it... it is something that is contracted out by municipalities as prevailing wage. The idea being, when you're working in pipes, sewer pipes especially, you really have to worry about what's going to happen to all that sewage. You don't want somebody in there screwing around with pipes who doesn't know what they're

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doing. Plumbers are specially trained to do that. That's... I think that's why it's prevailing wage."

Wilhour: "So, it's not... state law right now does not require it to be prevailing wage. This is just something that the Illinois Department of Labor is kind of unilaterally saying that... that it needs to be prevailing wage."

Vella: "Well, they... they interpret... they interpret the law. But this is their interpretation of it, yeah. But we are being... we're allowing them the... the opportunity to be... to have some clarification. We're... we're letting them... codifying, basically, what they're doing already."

Wilhour: "OK. Where did this come from? What... what interest group wants... wants this?"

Vella: "Well, I mean, there are municipalities into this, but the plumbers, I think, are... are making sure that as long as we're... we're working in pipes that somebody who knows what he's doing is working in the pipes."

Wilhour: "OK. Thank you. I... I appreciate you answering my questions. I'm going to go to the bill really quick. Guys, this is more cost, more unnecessary regulations. Doing stuff like this, requiring stuff like this, especially when they're not even building anything, there's no safety concerns, there's none... none of that stuff, it drives up the cost of... of doing business here and it drives up the taxes. This... this kind of stuff drives property taxes, and it ultimately keeps people from wanting to invest in Illinois. So, I would encourage a... a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Ugaste."

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

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Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Ugaste: "Representative, is there anything in this bill that actually affects the Workers' Compensation Act still?"

Vella: "I don't... no."

Ugaste: "It's been replaced?"

Vella: "Yes."

Ugaste: "OK. And the bill, other than what my colleague discussed with you, also deals with reporting under prevailing wage and penalties."

Vella: "Correct."

Ugaste: "Is there any penalty enhancement contained in... in that language?"

Vella: "There's an additional fine for those who do not follow the law."

Ugaste: "OK. So, there are increased penalties, correct?"

Vella: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella to close."

Vella: "It's a good bill. It... it makes sure that the Department of Labor can really enforce the laws that we write. It also helps protect our sewer system. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1344 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes,' 30 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Morgan in the Chair."

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Speaker Morgan: "Morgan in the chair. Continuing with Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 3 we have Senate Bill 1697 with Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1697, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1697, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. This bill does two things. It adds a comprehensive section to last year's Carbon Capture Sequestration Act that helps provide landowners with language on compensation, protection for damages to the surface of a landowner's property, and any agricultural productivity impacts that result from the construction of pipelines. In addition, it also adds clarifying language around just compensation for non... nonconsenting landowners. The language helps make sure nonconsenting landowners receive just compensation for their pore space. But the bill also preserves the ability for companies pursuing CCS projects to offer signing bonuses to landowners. Some in the landowner community wanted this to go even further, but ultimately there is no opposition to where the language landed."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And before we proceed, I'd like to ask for Standard Debate, please."

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Speaker Morgan: "Standard Debate is granted."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Leader Hoffman, we had quite a debate about this in committee. I just want to reiterate some of this stuff. And I know you were looking for some clarification, maybe on some of the questions that weren't fully answered. I'm... I'm just curious a little bit more. Let's just rehash the provisions in this bill and... and the rights that it gives property owners on the surface. How does this bill enhance what the property owners get on the surface?"

Hoffman: "In the surface, what it does is provides just compensation for... it provides just compensation for pipelines. And it indicates that in... in the Carbon Capture Sequestration Act, it helps protect landowners with language on compensation protection for damages to the surface of a landowner's property and any agricultural productivity impacts that result from the construction of pipelines."

Halbrook: "So, how is... how is the compensation determined? How is that... who's the arbiter of that?"

Hoffman: "The compensation is ultimately determined... ultimately it can be determined by the courts."

Halbrook: "OK. Let's talk a little bit about the subsurface and pore space. I know there was some concerns about the... the legislation that was passed last spring on the carbon capture and transportation sequestration bill that was done. What changes in this bill to protect the owners, the property owners of the pore space below? What... what happened and changed with the compensation package there?"

Hoffman: "So, with regard to core space, it indicates that just compensation for nonconsenting landowners. Those are

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landowners who did not consent to the CCS project. It indicates that these nonconsenting landowners will receive just compensation for their pore space, but it also preserves the ability for companies pursuing CCS projects to offer signing bonuses. And what you would do is you would look at what compensation was given to other like landowners, and you would receive compensation for the pore space."

Halbrook: "So, if... if I'm understanding you correctly, does the language clearly spell out that the... the nonconsenting landowners will get everything that the consenting landowners got with sign-up bonuses or anything that came before... before they were forced into the agreement, before the nonconsenting owners were forced in?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

Halbrook: "That is... OK. There was quite a bit of discussion about Department of Ag's role in this, with the ag mitigation agreement and soil and water conservation districts. I just want to have some clarity to that. Just what is the teeth? What is the enforcement mechanism that Department of Ag would have in shutting down projects if someone deemed, whether it was soil or water conservation districts or property owners, if they deem their soil was being damaged, their property was being damaged, what is the teeth there that allows the project to be shut down?"

Hoffman: "So, after committee, Representative, I had conversation with the individuals who were involved in this bill. This does not change the Department of Ag's right regarding their mitigation agreement. It doesn't affect that. So, whatever their current right is under current law, that remains."

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Halbrook: "OK. So, the way I understand current law..."

Speaker Morgan: "Please bring your remarks to a close."

Halbrook: "Thank you. The way I understand it is there is no additional enforcement there. This is... my concern is for the property owners, that they feel like Department of Ag will come to their defense. I don't see it that way. We asked for ag to testify. They weren't in the room. Ladies and gentlemen, to the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill briefly, Representative."

Halbrook: "Yeah. So, there's just some fundamental philosophical differences here. While we support the idea of an improved property rights on the surface and the subsurface, I think the... the bill still has some issues constitutionally with the subsurface rights, and I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes, to this bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Meier: "Oh, not to the bill, I'm sorry. Jay, I'm... I got to get myself together here. With this bill, things are better for subsurface owners as well as above-ground owners, correct?"

Hoffman: "Yes."

Meier: "Yes. This bill comes a long way in making things back to the AIMA laws that we use for overhead transmission lines and pipeline... other pipelines across the state of Illinois. The same protections are being put on these pipelines now, correct?"

Hoffman: "That's correct."

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Meier: "So, we are protecting the... the landowner's rights with AIMA agreement, which can be argued in the court system, correct?"

Hoffman: "We are enhancing the landowners' rights that can go to the court system. That is correct."

Meier: "So, much of what we have done in the past is being done here. When this... when this bill was rushed through, it was only protecting the wellhead. It did not do anything with the pipelines to protect these property owners along here this way, did it?"

Hoffman: "That's correct. And this further... it further provides protection or compensation, I should say, to the nonconsenting landowner regarding the pore space."

Meier: "So, for those reasons, I'm a 'yes' vote for this bill because it is giving more rights to the property owners. It may be not perfect yet, but we've watched a lot of bills go through here that weren't perfect, and we are making things better for the property owners that are out here in the state of Illinois with this. So, I am a 'yes' vote. But I will, once again, make the statement that I made in the Ag Committee the other day. I worked on the original AIMA agreements for wind and solar. And the state of Illinois, when they passed CEJA, took many of those rights away from property owners and threw them right out the window two years later. So, when you vote on this, rights for these owners today, I hope you let those rights stay on there for these owners in the future."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Representative Bunting is recognized."

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

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Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Bunting: "Leader, I'm going to have to agree with you here that when we talk about surface, this bill has got it right. My concerns is when it comes to the... the subsurface. This carbon sequestration, the siting of wind and solar, a lot of these issues that we are dealing with right now, we have to respect a property owner's right to have them do what they want with their land, with their property. But we also need to be good neighbors. When it comes to the nonparticipating landowners, and as we pump this CO2 into the subsoil, how are we going to monitor that that plume is staying where it needs to?"

Hoffman: "Well, this bill... this bill doesn't address that. I believe the underlying carbon capture and sequestration bill provided all types of safety standards as well as adopted more stricter safety standards and monitoring than actually the federal government mandates. So, in... in the United States, we have a very strict monitoring provisions to make sure that what you're talking about, if it does occur, that... that it is addressed. And we went even further here in... here in Illinois. But this... this doesn't address or deal with any of that. The underlying carbon capture bill does."

Bunting: "So, adjustments, you believe, need to be made to this bill then to... to protect them, nonparticipating landowners, when it comes to their subsoil? Subsurface, excuse me."

Hoffman: "This deals with the compensation that they would receive. The... the non... the landowners that they're nonconsenting have the same rights and same protections regarding safety as the consenting landowners. There's no difference."

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Bunting: "Other than the nonparticipating..."

Speaker Morgan: "Please bring your remarks to a close, Representative."

Bunting: "To the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill, briefly, Representative."

Bunting: "We're almost there with this bill. We truly are, leader, and I appreciate you bringing it. But we... we also need to remember when it comes to private property owner's rights, we need to make sure neighbors remain neighborly. We need to make sure that our nonparticipating landowners' rights are respected. We need to be... we need to walk slow with this process. And I am... I am one of them right now that I... I can go both ways on this. I... I truly, truly can. But until we are... we are assured that nonparticipating landowners' rights are safe here, I'm going to have to continue to be a 'no.' And... and I apologize for that, but I need to vote my conscience. Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1697 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 93 voting in 'favor,' 21 voting 'against,' and 1 voting 'present.' This bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Scherer is recognized for a point."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for my point."

Speaker Morgan: "Please proceed, Representative."

Scherer: "I'm just so happy to be back in my little Capitol family. Oh, my gosh. I... I just wanted to start by... I... I have

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three things, so I'll start with the good one. That is that there are cookies in back to say thank you to everyone. And they're from my hometown of Decatur, one of the best restaurants ever, Coney McKane's. Some of you have actually been there with me before. And so, help yourself, and thank you so much. And just... I have so much to say that all I'm going to just say is you're all just so special in my heart, and thank you for being there for me in probably one of the hardest times in my life. OK, deep breath. So, second thing that's really exciting is I have Kooper Mann here, and Kooper has so many connections to me. It's really weird because I did not know him at all, that he even existed until last week. But his great-uncle was probably my number one best advisor when I started running for State Rep., Bobbie Mann. I don't know, you're up in heaven, and you now got your name announced on the floor. You would like that, Bobbie. But he's our page for the day, so you can put him to work if you want. And he is now hired as my part-time intern, and he's going to start college in August at University of Illinois in Springfield. And he's majoring in poli sci, so he's a perfect fit for here. He graduated from where I taught at, from Maroa-Forsyth School District. And doggone it, Kifi isn't here to see this. She's going to love this. His dad is a veteran of the Army, and this young man, I mean, I got the golden nugget. He has a full-ride scholarship to any University of Illinois school: UIS, UIC, or UICU, and he chose us here at UIS because of his dad being a veteran in the Army. The only person in Macon County to receive that scholarship, full ride the whole time he's there, and, wow, somehow we got him here at the Capitol.

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So, let's give Kooper a big shoutout. All right. So, just thanks again, and enjoy the cookies."

Speaker Morgan: "Welcome back, Representative. Leader Mah is recognized for purposes of an announcement."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats would request a caucus meeting starting in about... in 15 minutes in Room 114."

Speaker Morgan: "Thank you, leader. Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you. Speaker. The Republicans would also request a caucus in Room 118, please."

Speaker Morgan: "Members, the Democrats will caucus in Room 114 at 3:45, which is five minutes away, and the Republicans will caucus as well in Room 118. The House shall stand in recess in the call of the Chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 243."

Speaker Hoffman: "On the Order of Resolutions, on page 17 of the calendar, appears House Resolution... Resolution 246, Representative Crawford."

Crawford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the body. House Resolution 246 declares April 30, 2025 as Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta Day in honor of their advocacy day and commends their efforts of members of the fraternity and sorority for their commitment to community service. The full resolution was read on that date, and I ask for favorable adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Crawford moves for the adoption of House Resolution 246. All those in favor say 'aye'; all

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opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving to the Order of concurrences, on page 6 of the calendar appears House Bill 2516, Representative Rashid. Please proceed."

Rashid: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I move to concur with Senate... Senate Amendment 1 to HB2516. What the amendment did is it removed two categories from the underlying bill and it added a provision for the Illinois EPA to study the impact of fluoropolymers and to report back. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question appears Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the Senate Amendment tightened up the products that are subject to this ban. Is that correct?"

Rashid: "Yes, it removed two categories. It removed cookware and food packaging."

Windhorst: "And that drew a mixed partisan vote in the Senate. I believe it was 45 to 9. Why were those products removed, and why were the ones that were not removed remain? What was the rationale behind the change?"

Rashid: "So, food packaging and cookware were removed from the bill because the industry and environmental organizations did not agree that one segment of PFAS fluoropolymers are dangerous. So, as a compromise, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will study how it can proactively identify whether PFAS fluoropolymers are safe for use and how much policy and regulation would cost. This study will be complete in the fall of 2027, so we can then consider any changes after

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that. The other categories were not impacted by the fluoropolymer debate."

Windhorst: "The... even with the amendment, there's still a civil penalty of 5,000 for the first violation, 10,000 thereafter, and enforcement by the attorney general or state's attorney. Do I have that correct?"

Rashid: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And with that amendment, IMA and the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois are now neutral."

Rashid: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Rashid to close."

Rashid: "This is a really good bill to protect our public health, to make sure that our children do not have these forever chemicals that are cancer causing accumulate in their bodies. I... this is going to make our state one of the leaders in protecting public health, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2516... will the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2516?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2516. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to the Order of Resolutions, on page 20 of the calendar appears House Resolution 325, Representative Swanson."

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Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, I get the opportunity to present another auctioneer... this is an auctioneer resolution. It recognizes and declares May 7, 2025 as Auctioneers Day in the state of Illinois. If you'd like to attend the state auctioneer competition, it's the 13 of August at 1000 hours at the Lincoln Stage at the State Fair. And it looks like I've got a bidder over there who's ready to start me out. Hundred dollars? Hundred now bid, now 150? A hundred now bid, now 25? A hundred bid, now 25? A hundred bid, now 25? And now 50. One-fifty, now 175? Sold to Representative Davis. Thank you, everyone. I would encourage a... a 'yes' vote on this. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Swanson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 325. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment... or the resolution is adopted. On page 21 of the calendar appears House Resolution 370, Representative Katz Muhl."

Katz Muhl: "Now we're... there we go. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 370 will recognize Williams Syndrome Awareness Month. Hopefully you remember my good friend, Maya, who was here earlier in the week. Let's make this day official for her, please. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katz Muhl moves for the adoption of House Resolution 370. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution's adopted. Representative Mah on House Resolution 395."

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Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm privileged to have this opportunity to present a memorial resolution to honor the memory of Tuyet Le, an important and widely admired leader in the Asian American community here in Illinois. She passed away earlier this year and was taken from us way too soon. Tuyet Le was born in... in Saigon, Vietnam in... and came to the United States with her family and grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She came to Illinois to attend Northwestern University and became a young civil rights leader who started organizing for classes on Asian American history and began pushing the university for a formal Asian American studies program. After graduation, she became the executive director of then what was known as Asian American Institute, which turned into Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago. She was really a force for Asian American advancement, immigration, immigrant justice, racial equity, disability rights, and really a force of nature here in the Illinois Asian American community. I met her around 15 years ago when I was on staff at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, and she was on its board. She was a fierce leader, an advocate at a time when there were no Asian Americans in any significant elected position in Illinois. There were no Asian Americans in the Illinois General Assembly or on the Chicago City Council. And she became, really, you know, a community leader that... that became ultimately the... a really well-respected, powerful leader in the Asian American community. She led a campaign to fight against the removal of Asian American contractors from the affirmative action program for construction projects in Chicago and really

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galvanize the entire community because this was a really big deal. And she was really the voice of the Asian American community at this time. At the annual galas for Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago, she... her speeches evolved into the Chicago's state of the Asian American community, and... and those addresses over her 18-year tenure there became something that people really looked to, to understand where we were as a community. She was really active in a number of other efforts and supporter of organizations, including Access Living, the Vietnamese American Association of Illinois, Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, the Rockwood Institute, and Chicago's PBS station, WTTW. When she passed away early this... earlier this year, it was at a relatively young age, and she just will leave a hole in the hearts of many people. She was loved by many, and she will be deeply missed. And so, I'm really glad to have this opportunity to pay respects and honor her. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had the... the privilege of being able to meet Tuyet when I was a baby organizer as a new Americans democracy fellow with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. Tuyet dedicated her life to justice, equity, and community empowerment. For over two decades, she led Asian Americans Advancing Justice, which is how I met her. She was one of the most consistent voices fighting for language access, immigrant rights, and racial equity, not just for Asian American communities but in deep solidarity with Black, Latino, Arab, and Indigenous communities. She believed in coalition building, not as a

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strategy but as a moral obligation because justice must never be siloed. Tuyet's work was not just about... it was not about charity, but it was about power: redistributing it, building it, and making sure that it was held by the very people who had long been excluded. She fought for political representation, equitable education, voting rights, and equitable development, and she did so with grace, humility, and an unshakeable commitment to people and with a smile and laughter, where you would be able to tell that... to tell that Tuyet was, you know, coming to talk to you. She mentored generations of organizers, advocates, and public servants, including many of us who would not be here today without her leadership and example. To honor Tuyet is not only to celebrate a lifetime of service, it is to carry her vision forward. It is to ask ourselves, 'What am I doing to make this world more just? Who am I lifting up? How am I showing up?' Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Rashid."

Rashid: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to echo the sentiments of my colleagues. I... I had the honor and privilege of... of meeting Tuyet. I was 22 years old, right out of college, working at the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights as an organizer. She was running, then, the Asian American Institute and on the board of the organization. And I... I remember just the... her kindness; her fierce, principled nature; her fighting for her community, but, as Leader Avelar said, working in coalition to lift up everybody. She knew the struggles of the Asian American community in particular and advocated so effectively for representation,

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for justice, but really devoted herself to... to helping everyone who she knew needed to be fought for. I was... I was new to organizing, and she was someone who helped me see what it means to be, you know, courageous in doing this work. I... also, she was just a incredible leader. She built a... a powerful organization that left a legacy long after she... she moved on to other things. And so, I thank you, Leader Mah, for bringing this, and Tuyet will be... will be very missed. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Speaker. The Vietnamese American community is deeply heartbroken by the passing of Tuyet Le, and she's made a huge impact in my district when she left the Vietnamese Association of... of Illinois. It's grown from just a few folks at the very beginning to now being a multimillion-dollar nonprofit. So, I... I know the Vietnamese American community's hurting right now, and... and her loss... her loss is tough for a lot of us. I'd say the one thing that I think she would want us to know and I think... she was born in... in Saigon in Vietnam where it's very tropical. It's very tropical in Vietnam. And as refugees, when she came to Chicago, it's... it's very fitting, and I'll leave with this, that her name, Tuyet, Tuyet in Vietnamese actually means 'snow.' So, it's very fitting that she found her... her way in Chicago and in the snow. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The body shall observe a moment of silence. Thank you. On the Order of Resolutions, on page 14 of the calendar, appears House Bill... House Resolution 232, Leader Elik."

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Elik: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 232 is a request from a constituent who brought the attention to me... brought to my attention that spondyloarthritis is the name given to a family of closely related, chronic rheumatic diseases that pose a major health concern in the United States. These diseases affect 3.2 million adults in the U.S. These... this group of diseases includes such things like psoriatic arthritis, reactive arthritis, and other rheumatic diseases. And so, the resolution just states that early diagnosis is critical in effectively treating the disease, preventing complications, reducing medical disability, and improving the quality of life for those who are diagnosed. So, this resolution will declare May 2025 as Spondyloarthritis Awareness Month in the state of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Elik moves for the adoption of House Resolution 232. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. On page 20 of the calendar appears House Resolution 330, Leader Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 330 is recognize national teacher board... National Board Certified Teachers Day. It's actually the 25th year of National Board being in place in Illinois. These highly trained teachers with extra certification serve as wonderful mentors and examples, and they stay in the classroom longer and are a big benefit to our schools. So, it's important to recognize this day."

Speaker Hoffman: "House Resolution... Representative Stuart moves for adoption of House Resolution 330. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. House Resolution 326, Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 326 recognizes June 10 of 2025 as FSGS Awareness Day in Illinois to bring attention to what FSGS is, which is focal segmental glomerulosclerosis disease, which is kin to having kidney disease. I want to thank the kidney foundation for bringing this forward. We know that kidney disease is also something that has a disproportionate impact on the African American community. So, anything that we can do to bring awareness to this, to acknowledge it, and then put the effort into addressing it, I certainly appreciate the opportunity to bring this resolution forward for that effect. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis moves for adoption of House Resolution 326. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is... or the resolution is adopted. Representative Didech on House Resolution 233."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 233 declares February 3, 2026 as Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome Awareness Day. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Didech moves for the adoption of House Resolution 233. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving to page 19 in the calendar appeals House... appears House Resolution 283, leader... Representative Meier."

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Meier: "283 is a memorial resolution in honor of a young man from my district who died on August 11, 2017, Caleb Elliott. We're bringing this resolution here tonight to pass it because with this, we hope to have FFA, 4-H, and our junior colleges help prevent this from happening again and use this resolution as a springboard for education so no other family has to go through this. Caleb was electrocuted to death while working at a house in Troy. Despite an inspection, the building was not wired to code. Simple mistakes like this can have devastating consequences on communities and families. Caleb Elliott is survived by his two sisters, Laura (sic-Lauren) Schmidt and Rachaelle Elliott; his three brothers, Christian, Brannon, and Jadon Elliott; and his parents, Doug and Dawn Elliott, which wish to spread this awareness that a multimeter, a \$15 tool that he could have used to check to make sure this house had been properly wired before he started working on it, would have saved his life. So, we want this to never happen to anybody again. So, to honor Caleb Elliott and spread awareness of electrocution from faulty wiring and prevent this type of tragedy in the future, we declare August 11, 2025 as Caleb's Legacy: Electrical Awareness for a Safer Tomorrow Day in the state of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The House will observe a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Meier moves for the adoption of House Resolution 283. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Morgan on House... Leader Morgan on House Resolution 264."

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Morgan: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 264 creates the... declares May... August 14, 2025 the Illinois ABLE Savings Day. We spent a lot of time on this House floor talking about the Illinois ABLE Act and the variety of ways that it helps individuals with disabilities save for their future and their retirement. We have now had over 6,000 people in Illinois participate in the Illinois ABLE Act. And, again, as I've said on this House floor, as somebody who has a sibling with special needs, the importance of having that opportunity cannot be overstated. So, with that, I appreciate the time and ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Morgan moves for the adoption of House Resolution 264. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Ness on House Resolution 297."

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 297 recognizes the Girl Scouts organization and the really wonderful work that they do. And while you can go read the resolution to learn more about them, I'd like to tell the body that last month, COWL, the Conference of Women Legislators, hosted the Girl Scouts on the House floor for our third... the third annual year of doing so, and they did a mock debate. And just so you know, they debated cellphone use banning in schools. And I'm happy to report or not happy to report or however you want to interpret it that they were an exact tie. So, we have our work cut out for us. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Ness moves for the adoption of House Resolution 297. All those in favor say 'aye'; all

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opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Leader Evans on House Resolution 250."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this assembly. This resolution uplifts Henrietta Lacks, who was an African American woman whose cancer cells are the source of the 'HeLa' cell line, the first immortalized human cell line and one of the most important cell lines in medical research. Her family settled a biotech company, a lawsuit, because her cells, which were being utilized, were not shared. And I think this is important to uplift that it's important to talk about the things that are happening so we can inspire the next generation. I'm proud to be in the chamber with the first Black Speaker. Also proud to be in the chamber with the minority leader that's a woman and dynamic leader of the minority party. We've shared those things, we talk about what's going on. And this Henrietta Lacks story is a story that we never, ever want to hide. We want to inspire the next generation with the truth, the facts, and the data. So, just join me in uplifting Henrietta Lacks and ensure this'll never happens again, that people need to know that lives were saved because of this Black woman and her cells. So, thank you so much, and I appreciate your support on this resolution."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Evans moves for adoption of House Resolution 250. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. House Resolution 294, Leader Morgan."

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Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 294 recognizes Jewish American Heritage Month. I spent some time on the floor, I believe, just two weeks ago talking about this month and recognizing the month of May as Jewish American Heritage Month. So, I feel really grateful to the body to let me adopt this on May 31, last day of the month. The only thing I would add is that since we adopted this resolution, there was this horrific shooting outside of the American Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., which really reaffirms the importance of recognizing the challenges that exist today and the... the importance of really confronting antisemitism wherever it exists. This is not something that's going away. We need to confront it. We need to remove antisemitism in all its forms from all walks of our political lives, and I'm just grateful for the body giving me the opportunity to adopt this resolution. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Morgan moves for the adoption of House Resolution 294. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. House Resolution 303, Representative Deuter."

Deuter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 303 commemorates November 10 through November 14 as School Psychology Week in Illinois. We know through decades of study that a child's mental health is directly linked to their learning, development, and well-being. This resolution underscores the value of our professional school psychologists, who play a vital role in helping children thrive personally and academically. I ask for your support."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Deuter moves for the adoption of House Resolution 303. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving to page 21 of the calendar appears House Resolution 359, Representatives Niemerg."

Niemerg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 359 was brought to me by a constituent, and it declares September 21 through September 28, 2025 as the FTD Awareness Week in the state of Illinois to bring attention to frontotemporal degeneration disease. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Niemerg moves for the adoption of House Resolution 359. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. House Resolution 63, Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 63 declares April 1, 2025 as Skip the Plastic Day in the state of Illinois. Urges all residents, businesses, and visitors to reduce plastic waste and protect our environment. Commends all businesses and residents who refuse the use of single-use plastic items."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Johnson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 63. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving to page 10 of the calendar appears House Resolution 74, Representative Katz Muhl. Please proceed."

Katz Muhl: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is another resolution that we presented earlier in the year to honor the victims of

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the Holocaust. Thank you to everybody who was here that day to hear me share my family's story, and I'd appreciate your support for this resolution as we wrap up Jewish American History Month. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Katz Muhl asks for the adoption of House Resolution 74. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. On page 12 of the calendar appears House Resolution 129, Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 129 declares April 10, 2025 as Vaccine Awareness Day in Illinois. This is being introduced to educate the public about the importance of vaccinations, initiate meaningful dialogue, and encourage the uptake of vaccines. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller moves for the adoption of House... House Resolution 129. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Moving to the Order of Concurrence, on page 7 of the calendar appears House Bill 3019. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 2437 and Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 2510."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe on House Bill 3019. Please proceed."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3019."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

LaPointe: "House Bill 3019 is a behavioral health care access bill that builds off the mental health components of the Healthcare Protection Act, led by my seatmate to my right, that we passed last year. And with that bill, we eliminated prior authorization for inpatient hospital setting mental health treatment. So, this bill takes another big step for behavioral health care access, and it applies to all state-regulated commercial plans, sometimes known as fully insured plans. But some of this bill applies to Medicaid too. So, I would say in general Illinois does a pretty good job with making sure people have some kind of insurance coverage. We're at about 92%. But if we're talking about behavioral health care access, we have to make insurance work for people, whether it be Medicaid or commercial insurance like Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Cigna. And if you want to make insurance work for people, you have to raise reimbursement rates so you have an adequate provider network and you have to reduce the red tape, you have to reduce the administrative burden. And that's in large part what this bill and the core of the bill is about, eliminating prior authorization is about, reducing the administrative burden for both the provider and also the consumer, sometimes called the patient. So, this bill does three main things. First, it bans prior authorization for outpatient behavioral health services, including residential and partial hospitalization programs. This is so vital because outpatient treatment is beneficial and it's more cost effective for so many of us. This part of the bill applies to individual and fully insured group, self-insured state/local

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government plans, and also Medicaid. Second part of the bill is... is related to network adequacy reimbursement requirements. And this part of the bill directs insurance carriers to reimburse, I'm going to start using the word 'patient,' the patient for travel, like food and lodging, when that patient has to travel a great distance to access care because their current network is not adequate. This will be triggered when an insurer grants the... the patient a network exception when it's requested, which means they can go out of network to access care. And that's already in law. But the new thing we're doing is directing the insurance plans to reimburse for the travel and lodging when that happens. And then finally, to make sure that premium dollars are spent on patient care and not administrative costs, insurance companies will be prohibited from including items such as executive bonuses and broker fees in their medical loss ratio. This part of the bill just applies to state-regulated commercial insurance and self-insured state/local government plans. We know that the Department of Insurance has been a driver of this piece of legislation, just like they were of the Healthcare Protection Act. The mental health providers and advocates across the state are in support, and the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Council is neutral on the bill. And I give a lot of kudos to the Department of Insurance. They have worked with all the stakeholders, kept me and the Senate sponsor in the loop for months, and therefore, there's no opposition to the bill. Happy to take questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate the lengthy description. That was helpful. On the prior authorization prohibition, this is for outpatient and partial hospitalization for mental, emotional, or nervous disorders or conditions with concurrent or retrospective.. and retrospective review. Is that correct?"

LaPointe: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "There are also, as you mentioned, some Medicaid, I believe, a Medicaid component to this as well. Is that correct?"

LaPointe: "Yeah. And it's just the part you mentioned related to the elimination of prior authorization that is applicable to Medicaid. The other parts of the bill are just the commercial insurance."

Windhorst: "Is there a cost component to the state for that change?"

LaPointe: "It's... it's a very de minimis cost. And the... the reason for that is providers will share and the data shows that the bulk of prior authorizations are eventually approved. And so, we're already paying the cost of the care. This just eliminates how timely somebody will be able to access the care. So, it's a very de minimis cost."

Windhorst: "And there's also requiring an insurer to reimburse for food, lodging, and travel for treatment for mental, emotional, nervous, or substance use disorders or conditions when there is no in-network facility available for timely and

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proximate access. If you could just briefly say why this change is in the bill."

LaPointe: "Oh, I would love to. I love to talk about network adequacy. So, all too often, when a consumer or patient, us, when we go to access care, we cannot find a provider who takes our insurance, our... the networks with our commercial insurers like Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Cigna are not adequate enough. And I posit that that's because we don't reimburse them high enough, but that's another conversation and another bill. And so, when patients have to go out of network, and they get permission, because that's in law, from the provider... excuse me, from the insurer, oftentimes people don't necessarily have a ton of money to... to travel, and it does have to be in a hundred-mile radius. It does have to be reasonable, but it's to make sure people can actually access care and use the insurance they already pay for, for care."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative LaPointe to close."

LaPointe: "I know everyone in this chamber cares about access to affordable behavioral health care. We don't always agree on how to get there, but I'm really proud that there's no opposition to this bill. This will help all our constituents. This will cut the red tape, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative... question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3019?' 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 84 voting 'yes,' 32 voting 'no,'

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0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3019. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Morgan in the chair."

Speaker Morgan: "Morgan in the Chair. Returning to Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 3 we have Senate Bill 634. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 634, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3, 4, and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Canty."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman to explain amendment #3."

Hoffman: "Withdraw amendment #3."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman withdraws amendment #3. Mr. Clerk, any further amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman on the amendment."

Hoffman: "I ask that we adopt Floor Amendment #4 and debate on Third Reading, please."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman on Floor Amendment #5."

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Hoffman: "I ask we adopt... ask that we adopt Floor Amendment #5."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman moves adoption of Floor Amendment #5. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 634, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. This is an initiative of Representative Scherer. As you know, Representative Scherer was not able to be with us for much of this session. And I'm so happy that she is here today to talk about this initiative. What this simply would do is delete Article 90 of the Township Code. Only one township in the whole state of Illinois is subject to Article 90, and that is Capital Township. Unbelievably, it is the only one in the entire state. Capital Township has three provisions applicable to it that's unique and apart from other provisions governing townships. First, the Sangamon County clerk serves as the township clerk and assessor. The Sangamon County treasurer serves as the township collector and supervisor, and there is no position for road commissioner that is authorized. With the repeal of Article 9 of the Township Code, Capital Township would elect its own clerk, assessor, collector, and supervisor. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. These officials would serve the township, along with the four elected trustees that currently serve on the township

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board. This is important, I believe, because if you look at the concept of one man, one vote; one person, one vote, you would see that this definitely violates that provision because people who do not live in the Capital Township actually are voting for who are going to be their supervisor, their clerk, and their assessor. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Representative Coffey is recognized."

Coffey: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Morgan: "She indicates she will."

Coffey: "Can I get Standard Debate? I have some..."

Speaker Morgan: "You may. Granted."

Coffey: "OK. Thank you. Leader, may I ask how this came about?"

Hoffman: "I believe that it had been... it passed the Senate a few years ago, and we called it here, and it was a little short. And it came about as a result of a initiative of Senator Doris Turner. So, we decided we would run it here in the House first, and then Senator Turner would... would carry it in the Senate."

Coffey: "So, this is an initiative of Senator Doris Turner's? Because that's news to me. I... I didn't know that. OK. To the bill. Ladies and gentlemen..."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Coffey: "...this bill is terrible. It creates useless positions. And what I mean by useless positions is it creates a township commissioner, township road commissioner for a township that isn't responsible for any roads. It then will take one other job and create three jobs to do the job of one person right

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now. This will cost the people of Capital Township over \$700,000 to do this, a tax increase to the people of Capital Township. With these elected officials, their new pay, not like the officials that are now, will get a 600% tax increase. A... they will get a 600% pay raise. As we sit here today and we raise taxes, the people of Capital Township aren't asking for this, and we're going to give new elected officials a 600% pay raise. That's insanity. This undermines everything that Capital Township has done, right here. The last four years... they've reduced taxes 80% in the last four years. This is a total waste. It reverses everything that we've been trying to do here in Capital Township and Sangamon County. Just this last election, Sangamon County, in a referendum, voted to get rid of an elected official because they want to downsize government. They don't want seven more politicians to do what one person can do. This bill has no benefit whatsoever to the taxpayers of Capital Township. If this body wants to get involved in local politics, then maybe we should have the elected officials in Sangamon County come down here because we can learn a lot from them. They know how to reduce taxes, they know how to do more with less, and they know how to represent their own people. They don't need any help from the state of Illinois, that is for sure. I ask for a 'no' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Representative Scherer is recognized."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So, I would like to, first of all, thank Leader Hoffman for carrying this in my absence. It... it has meant a lot to the people of my district, and I'm

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also thankful to Speaker Welch for calling this bill during the time that I'm able to be here. And I would very much appreciate this opportunity to explain to the Members what's actually been going on in my district here in Springfield. It's a very simple case of taxation without representation. It's... it's just as simple as that. Every single township in the state of Illinois gets to elect these positions, except Capital Township in Springfield that was drawn out in the, like, 1800s. So, if you think it's fair for your township people to elect their township leaders, then why wouldn't it be fair for Capital Township people to elect their Capital Township leaders? It's seriously as simple as that. If you pay taxes, you should be able to elect your representatives, and they just want to be treated like everyone else. And in a democracy, we firmly believe in this. I strongly, strongly urge us to have an 'aye' vote and finally get this across the finish line."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Representative Halbrook is recognized."

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

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Leader, I'm just curious. There was a House version of this earlier this spring that came through the House Counties & Township Committee. Do you know why this bill did not come through the Counties & Township Committee?"

Hoffman: "I don't believe that that bill ended up getting called in front of the House Counties & Townships Committee. I was assigned there. Unfortunately, that was a deadline week, and

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I fell ill at the end of that week. I'm not... I don't usually miss much time, but I wasn't here."

Halbrook: "Wouldn't this..."

Hoffman: "And the deadline passed."

Halbrook: "...wouldn't that be the proper place to have run this bill instead of the Executive Committee?"

Hoffman: "I don't do committee assignments."

Halbrook: "Yep, I understand. So, Representative, I'm curious your interest in this bill. How many miles away do you live from Capital Township?"

Hoffman: "As... again, in Sue Scherer's... Representative Scherer's absence, I was picking up this bill and handling it."

Halbrook: "OK, thank you. So, the question I have... we've heard in Representative Coffey that lives right here, he kind of laid out a great situation. The people have done a referendum. They don't want to spend the additional 6 or 7 or \$800,000 to do this. They've already spoken. I'm curious, is there a lawsuit to enforce this one man, one vote doctrine? Is... is that what we're up against? Is that what we're seeing?"

Hoffman: "I don't know. I'm not familiar with the lawsuit."

Halbrook: "OK. Well, let me ask you another question. Did your own governor not have in his budget speech, his budget proposal this spring to eliminate township government?"

Hoffman: "I think it was up... it was... it would be ultimately up to the township, but I did not support that bill or that proposal."

Halbrook: "Yeah. Well, I would trust that you wouldn't want to support this either. This would be kind of overturning the will of the people. I think they've already spoken. This just

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grows government. This just continues... to the bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill, briefly, Representative."

Halbrook: "This is what's wrong with Springfield. The lack of trust our citizens have in Springfield wants to dictate to people a long ways from their district what they think is best for them. This is a really bad idea. Vote 'no.'"

Speaker Morgan: "To close, Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. I would just like to say I... I have the utmost respect for the the gentleman from Springfield who spoke. I just respectfully choose to disagree. Representative Scherer, I think, is... was... is exactly right. What you need to understand is the people of Capital Township vote along with the rest of the county, people not in Capital Township, in order to elect the county officials, and then those county officials become the township supervisor, assessor, and clerk. So, they don't get a chance to self-govern. They don't get a chance to elect their own. I respectfully disagree with... with the cost that is... is being thrown about here and the idea that there would be a highway commissioner. There would not be a highway commissioner 'cause there's no highway commissions and the township has an agreement with the city for public works. So, there wouldn't be a cost, and they would get to self-govern. I'm standing with Representative Sue Scherer, and I'm voting 'aye.'"

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 634 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.

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On this question, there are 76 voting in 'favor,' 39 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing with Senate Bills on Second Reading, page 4, we have Senate Bill 2008 from Leader Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2008, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman on the amendment."

Hoffman: "Yes. I would like to adopt Floor Amendment #3."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further amendments have been approved for consideration. No motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2008, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this Senate bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2008 is an initiative of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and it is a business development initiative. Because of what we've accomplished here in Springfield on a bipartisan basis, again, on a bipartisan basis, Illinois has doubled private sector investment in one year and quadrupled... quadrupled the

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number of retained jobs. Illinois, I believe, and our reputation as a premier place to do business is a direct result of some of these actions that we've taken in a bipartisan basis. So, this does several things. It'll equip Team Illinois with economic development tools it needs to attract large-scale investments and create thousands of jobs for Illinois and retain tens of thousands of jobs in Illinois. And we win. Illinois banked \$12.5 billion in private investments in 2024, doubling the investments from 2023. We are the highest film... the second-highest film industry investment in state history, with 653 million in production expenditures in 2024. The state's tax credit has resulted in a 6.81... 8... 6.8... \$6.81 return on every dollar that's spent on film incentives, resulting in over 4.5 billion in economic opportunity. So, what does this do? It enhances several of the current business and economic development tools that we have in our toolbox here in Illinois. It ensures that we keep manufacturing jobs here in Illinois. It specifically targets the steel industry to help it grow and... and be able to remain here in Illinois. It provides, for the first time in Illinois, the use of STAR bonds in order to bring economic development and opportunity to this... to this area. In short, that's what... that's what this would do. And I asked for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Representative Sosnowski is... is recognized."

Sosnowski: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. Can we ask for Standard Debate on this one?"

Speaker Morgan: "Granted."

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Sosnowski: "For the sponsor, just one quick question, then I'll go to the... the bill. I really just... I think there's some things that are favorable, but I do want to just kind of focus on the STAR bonds. In regards to the STAR bonds and the ultimate responsibility of the project, I know in committee we discussed the fact that there'll be proceeds on the increment of the sales tax from the state that will go towards the project. If these projects are bonded by a local municipality, I understand that they receive that increment towards the project. What happens if that increment is not enough to cover the project cost or the need?"

Hoffman: "I... I'm sorry, I was talking with staff. And I... Mr. Speaker, could you give him a little more time because I was... I didn't hear the question."

Speaker Morgan: "Absolutely. We will make sure your questions are answered, Representative."

Sosnowski: "Just the responsibility when that project is bonded out. I understand that the... the increment from the sales tax will come from the state on the local project, that that's not enough or something happens, it doesn't generate enough at that local project basis. Even though I know the state is not on the hook, who's on the hook if that amount of revenue doesn't cover what is needed?"

Hoffman: "Well, if the... if the state... the state is not on the hook, and the bonds are going to... and incidentally, this has been very... has worked very well in the one STAR bonds area we have in Marion and it... where it's been utilized in other states. So, what would happen is the bonds would be issued, the incremental sales tax, the state incremental sales tax,

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could help pay off the bonds. If the bonds are... are not... if the full faith and credit of the state will not back those bonds. So, who would be on the line, I think, would be the bond holders themselves."

Sosnowski: "OK. Is that likely to be the municipality, perhaps, that partners on the project?"

Hoffman: "I believe it's the bondholders themselves, or they could be municipal bonds as well."

Sosnowski: "OK."

Hoffman: "They could be issued by the district."

Sosnowski: "OK, thank you. To the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Sosnowski: "As I mentioned, I think there's certainly some things that are in this overall package that could be positive. Again, I just want to focus on these STAR bonds. I'm just very concerned about what this opens up as far as loss of revenue for the state. There is 10 districts. And then within the 10 districts, there could be a possibility of 15 projects. And just so the Members of this chamber understands, this could be upwards of \$150 million in lost sales tax revenue that's rebated to cover these bonds, which could be over \$1.5 billion if all of these are utilized. I certainly appreciate economic development tools, but this could be a huge loss of future revenue for the state of Illinois as we back up these large sales-tax-oriented retail projects. I also appreciate that this project won't be allowed to cover a new large-scale stadium. You know, we don't... I think most Members of this General Assembly have said we don't want state dollars to go to large stadium projects. But nonetheless, this creates a...

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an area where DCEO, mostly with the Governor's Office, has full control over the determining which projects will end up qualifying in the end. And the state of Illinois, then, is in the unique position of again picking winners and losers instead of just creating an economic development environment that favors all businesses and all retailers and all of those who would generate sales tax. Again, I want to emphasize, this is... could be hundreds of millions, at most maybe even over 1.5 billion of lost sales tax revenue to the state of Illinois as we give away that increment on these projects. I would just urge caution to this General Assembly as we look toward future revenue and the need to cover expenses at the state of Illinois. This could generate, again, based off just the application and the process through DCEO and the governor, huge losses for the state of Illinois. I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Leader Tarver is recognized. Leader Tarver."

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

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Tarver: "I had to pull a González and put my suit jacket back on here. Leader Jay C. Hoffman, we've had some conversations about this, and so I just want to make sure, for legislative intent and for my understanding, is there anything in this bill that would allow for a... an entity to develop, maintain, operate a sports stadium?"

Hoffman: "This specifically prohibits pro sports stadiums."

Tarver: "OK. And there was some concern... well, first of all, let me just ask you this 'cause Chicago Park District reached out

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to me around 9 o'clock last night with a text message and said they had some concerns. Did Chicago Park District reach out to you at all about this bill?"

Hoffman: "I've never heard from them, no."

Tarver: "City of Chicago?"

Hoffman: "No."

Tarver: "John Arena?"

Hoffman: "No."

Tarver: "OK. Just wondering."

Hoffman: "I'd answer my phone, too."

Tarver: "That... that being said, so there was some concern that the language could allow for an entity that is a sports stadium, let's say they have a football team, to have eight football games and nine concerts, and then somehow it would not be defined as a sports stadium. You could use the STAR bonds and develop that stadium or entertainment district around it. Is it the intent of the bill to essentially allow for a different use, like, again, a concert, one more concert per year than a football game, and then the entire definition of a sports stadium be changed?"

Hoffman: "No. It's... it's clear, I think, in... in the definition that we are excluding this for the purpose of building or renovating or doing anything within a one-mile radius of a pro... a major pro sports stadium. Major league pro sports stadium would include the NHL, the NFL, Major League Baseball. And it's... we do not even believe that if a half of an inning of a game were played in this that it would be able to defeat the prohibition."

Tarver: "Thank you. I appreciate it."

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Speaker Morgan: "Leader Elik is recognized for further discussion."

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

Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Elik: "Thank you. Leader Hoffman, I just wanted to ask a couple questions, maybe the mechanics of this bill, just to be clear, and I'm sorry if I missed this before. But is it... it looks like amendment 4 is not being adopted, correct?"

Hoffman: "No, it is not. We couldn't get it here in time so we could get it to the Senate. I know because you're interested in Alton being part of the River's Edge, I had that inserted, but we couldn't get it out of Rules in time so we could get it over to the Senate. And I just think this is so important, I... I'm committed with you to, in the veto session, make sure that's part of a bill."

Elik: "Well, I have a surprise for you, Leader Hoffman. It was apparently included in the revenue package that we just did the subject matter on in Revenue Committee earlier, so..."

Hoffman: "Yeah, I... I forgot to tell you how brilliant I was."

Elik: "You... you made it happen. Way to go. I do understand, though, that probably wasn't the final thing that we are going to see, so I'll keep an eye on... on that. But I did want to at least clarify, like, what the actual bill is. And, in fact, I think most, if not all, of the other terms of this bill, this... except the STAR bond section, are also included in that revenue omnibus that we did a subject matter on. So, my question would be, if this passes, and that revenue package also includes those terms, how do we... what happens next then to either bill?"

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Hoffman: "It would... they would... they... both bills would go into effect. And I think if there was even a... if there was a minor difference, we could clear that up."

Elik: "OK. Thank you so much. And then I think my next two questions relate, again, to the STAR bond section. But one of the things that I was hearing from some constituents and... and people that are interested in the STAR bond program is that the timeline that is established in this bill is too long. They're saying that, basically, the process in place for determining if you want a district, making an application, doing the public notice, and on and on is going to take about four years. And the folks are saying that is not... that is way too long because you can't really get other businesses to commit to your project on a four-year timeline, and they suggested that a two-year timeline would maybe be more appropriate. And I know after many discussions with the Governor's Office and you and many parties, I think it's sort of been determined, and you can confirm, that this is something that everyone's going to try to work on over the summer."

Hoffman: "Yes, absolutely."

Elik: "So, you commit to working on this with whoever else is interested in trying to kind of nail down that timeline to maybe make this a little more of a, I guess, realistic proposition for anyone interested in STAR bonds?"

Hoffman: "Yes. And I don't want to... I don't want to talk for Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. You know, they were very instrumental, and we worked together in drafting... drafting this bill. I advocated for that. I think

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they were interested in a initial go-slow approach with... with the ability and the understanding that we may have to amend it and to make sure that it actually is effective."

Elik: "Very good. And then I think my last question is... actually, maybe let me just go to the bill. Appreciate your work on this. I know it's been a really busy couple days on this. And one thing I just want to wrap up with is the bill on the STAR bond part, it... specifically does include public notice requirements. But I know it's very important to me that... these are huge, major... major projects in districts that throughout Illinois that maybe those citizens of those areas may not always welcome that. And I think it's really important that we have that public notice process in place. This does. Any way we can make it more robust I would support, but we definitely need to make sure that the citizens of those areas where the STAR bond project might go into effect have adequate representation and the opportunity to express their concerns. Because these are really, really huge developments that will affect traffic and... and green space and different things like that. So, I'm in support of the bill and am a chief-co and appreciate your work on this. Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "For further discussion, Leader Ugaste is recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Morgan: "To the bill."

Ugaste: "Leader Hoffman, actually appreciate you bringing a number of these incentives to our existing manufacturers here in Illinois, as whether... as well as other industries. But regarding steel here in... making of steel here in Illinois,

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other incentives for existing manufacturers, so we're not just trying to bring new people in, but we're also giving incentives for our existing industries to grow and.. and hopefully hire new people as well. But I.. I just wanted to add a little caveat because we are on the last night, and we all know what's probably about to happen in the next few hours. All the good work that this package may produce could very well be offset and harmed in a negative fashion if we raise taxes tonight in order to address spending concerns. It's not going to help to do this to try and help our people grow and do other things when we're just going to whack 'em with taxes on the other side, and they're asking, 'Do I really want to be here or should I expand an facility in another area or sell my business to a conglomerate that may move it?' We have to think about these things holistically. And I look forward to the day that instead of addressing things like this, we address things like our property taxes and help lower our other taxes so that businesses just want to come here. Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just would make a... a couple really quick comments. First of all, thank you for the... the individuals on both sides of the aisle who spoke in favor of this initiative. This is about job creation. It's about job retention, good-paying jobs. In this bill, we talk about ensuring that this is done well with project labor agreements. And I want to make it very clear, very clear that this bill prohibits the use of the STAR bonds or.. or incentives that

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are contained in this bill on any major pro sports stadium.
I ask for favorable roll call."

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2008 pass?'
All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting
is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.
On this question, there are 102 voting in 'favor,' 10 voting
'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received
a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed.
Representative Ford, for which purpose do you seek
recognition?"

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Point of
personal privilege."

Speaker Morgan: "Please proceed."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, it brings me great
pleasure to recognize someone that's been very helpful to the
work that we do in Springfield. It's the BlueRoomStream. Tony,
we recently adopted a resolution honoring his work down here
in Springfield. And for the record, his partner's in the
gallery because Tony is on BlueRoomStream right now listening
to us congratulate him on his retirement. Tony Yuscus started
working in TV at the age of 16, and he is the founder of the
BlueRoomStream in 2012, where he provided live media coverage
of the House and Senate, press conferences, et cetera. He
worked for 50 years and recently retired. The Senate
recognized him today at 12 o'clock. He had to leave, but his
partner is in the gallery and he's watching live. Can we all
recognize him and congratulate him on his retirement? Thank
you."

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Speaker Morgan: "Thank you, Tony. Continuing with Senate Bills on Second Reading, on page 2, we have Senate Bill 243 from Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 243, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Didech."

Speaker Morgan: "Representative Didech to explain the amendment."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 makes various changes to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. I would ask for its adoption, and I will explain it on Third Reading."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 243, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Morgan: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 243 makes various changes to the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. The purpose of those acts is to ensure government transparency, accountability, and public participation. These acts are thoughtfully structured to accomplish those goals while protecting safety and ensuring the efficient operation of government. This legislation

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enhances all of those goals. What I'm presenting today is a modest but meaningful set of reforms that I believe will improve how government functions in Illinois. There are various cleanup provisions included in this bill. I will describe some of the... highlight more substantive provisions. There are some cybersecurity issues addressed by this bill that will provide an opportunity for public bodies to verify that a requester is a human being and not an automated generated FOIA request. There is also an initiative of the Association of Park Districts that will require emailed FOIAs to be in the body of an email instead of as a link or as an attachment. There are two cleanup measures proposed by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference that are included in this bill. There are a couple initiatives by the executive branch: one from IEMA that provides that documents in their possession, pursuant to their agreement with the newest U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to maintain compliance with the National Materials Program, are exempt from disclosure; and a provision from the ICJIA that provides that requests for their records in a shared electronic management system must be sent to the local agency that produced those records. There are a few other minor provisions in the bill. One I want to highlight. This is an issue that Representative Kifowit has been working on for several years. It will allow active-duty service members to participate remotely in meetings. I would ask for the body's support, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Morgan: "For discussion, Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

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Speaker Morgan: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I appreciate the information about the changes to these acts. It's important, of course, that we keep government transparency and allow for the public to be involved in our governmental processes. There are some changes relating to the Open Meetings Act about remote participation in a public body by public body members who are members of the active military. How will that provision work in practice?"

Didech: "Yeah. So, that will work the same way as all the other narrow exceptions that we have for remote participation. For example, we have a provision that says if you have a illness or a disability, you can participate remotely under certain circumstances. This will operate the same way, where the public body will need to have a policy in place that allows for remote participation, and they will have to vote to authorize it at that meeting."

Windhorst: "We also, back... going to the Freedom of Information Act, there's a provision regarding immunity from liability for public employees. It seems like that might be an extension of current law. What is that extension, and why are we doing it?"

Didech: "Yes. I... I don't believe that that is a substantive change in law. Current law is that the public body is immune from liability if they release records pursuant to an opinion from the attorney general. The clarifying provision we're putting in is that also the employees of that public... and officials of public body are also immune from liability. Under current law, as agents of the public body, they are immune. There was

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the request... this was one of the requests from the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference that we put that clarification in. I... I don't believe that that's a substantive change in law."

Windhorst: "And, again, under the Freedom of Information Act, if a public... this change, if a public body has a reasonable belief that a request was not made by a person, they may require the requester to verify orally in writing that they are, in fact, a person, and that will, I believe, extend a deadline or toll a deadline. Would you just describe that a little more in detail?"

Didech: "Yeah. So, there's an emerging problem that a lot of our public bodies are having, especially our school districts, where they are really being inundated and overwhelmed with freedom of information requests that are very obviously not being submitted by a human being. And it's some sort of AI or other automated software that's submitting them, and that the records that get released are, it appears, are never even being reviewed by human beings. So, our local school districts are having to expend a lot of resources responding to and releasing these records that nobody even looks at. So, we're putting this process in place that will allow those public bodies to verify that an actual human being is submitting the request before they release the records."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Morgan: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 243 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.

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On this bill, there are 114 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'against,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Returning to the Order of Resolutions, on page 21, we have House Resolution 334 from Representative Manley. Representative Manley, whenever you're ready."

Manley: "I would've put lipstick on. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution... House Resolution 334 urges the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, in consultation with the Illinois Board of Pharmacy, to eliminate the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination as a requirement for pharmacist licensure in the state of Illinois. It encourages IDFPR and the Illinois Board of Pharmacy to consider alternative approaches to ensuring pharmacists' understanding of state-specific laws and rules, including continuing education, attestation statements, or integration of jurisprudence content within the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination. I ask for your support."

Speaker Morgan: "With no further discussion, Representative Manley moves for the adoption of House Resolution 2... 334. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, on page 24, we have Senate Joint Resolution 2 from Representative Faver Dias. Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 2 requires the Professional Review Panel and ISBE to conduct analysis and financial modeling to evaluate the effects of

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implementing a maximum caseload for special education teachers."

Speaker Morgan: "With no further discussion, Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of House Resolution... Senate Resolution... Senate Joint Resolution 2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, on page 21, we have Senate Joint Resolution 24 from Representative Cassidy. Representative Cassidy is recognized."

Cassidy: "And me without my bacon suit. I forgot we hadn't adopted this. You saw me in the suit. You ate the bacon. Vote 'yes.'"

Speaker Morgan: "With no further discussion, Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of House Resolution... Senate Joint Resolution 24. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, on page 19, we have House Resolution 277 with Representative Faver Dias. Representative Faver Dias."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I already spoke about this resolution, but House Resolution 277 requires a week in September to be Neonatal Nurses Week."

Speaker Morgan: "With no further discussion, Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of House Resolution 277. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, on page

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17, we have House Resolution 247 with Representative Kifowit.
Representative Kifowit on House Resolution 247."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 247 came to me by the motivated students of Oswego School District. It declares the third Friday in March in 2025 and March 2026 as FIRST® Robotics Day in Illinois and advocates for the strong focus on robotics technology in Illinois, emphasizing public education about its potential and inspiring young people to pursue STEM careers."

Speaker Morgan: "With no further discussion, Representative Kifowit moves for the adoption of House Resolution 247. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Weaver, for which purpose do you seek recognition?"

Weaver: "Point of personal poetry."

Speaker Morgan: "Please proceed, Representative."

Weaver: "'Hello colleagues, it's me once more!

With my annual poem—please don't bolt for the door.

Our year comes to a close, Spring session flew by,
It's budget day—a day that truly ends in "why"

Some Members really grew this year—heck Kyle got wed,
I hope you really enjoy that. we all can't be as free as Fred.

Many members came down to lead and challenge the vote,
While others just looked good in a salmon colored coat

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We passed laws to protect ponds, stream, rivers and fish,
But not before answering—have all voted who wishhhh

We saw new faces take the lead in the well,
While others rushed in to beat the 12:00 bell.

PS—before I say more,
You crushed it this year, Clayton, commanding the floor.

To my colleagues over there, thank you for taking some of my
suggestions.

Here's another one—we'd be done a lot quicker if Patrick asked
fewer questions.

How about that softball game? The Senate took a thump,
"The House was big. Beautiful. Perfect", said President
Trump.

Let's be clear, Senate—we're a level above you,
We're clearly tier 1 and you're tier 2.

As we adjourn for Summer, may the sunshine pour,
Have a margarita by the pool... heck, have four.

Enjoy your family, I hope your time is swell.

And for the love of God—I still need more cowbell.'" "

Speaker Morgan: "Leader Hoffman in the Chair."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Moving to page 5 of the calendar, under the Order of Second Reading, a bill... appears Senate Bill 2510. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2510, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Speaker Welch."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel on Floor Amendment #1."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to accept this amendment. It is the budget bill for Fiscal Year '26. I can speak to it on Third."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel. Leader Gabel, would you like to withdraw amendment #1?"

Gabel: "I'd like to withdraw it, #1."

Speaker Hoffman: "Any further amendments?"

Clerk Hollman: "Floor... Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Speaker Welch and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel on Floor Amendment #3."

Gabel: "Number 3 is the budget for Fiscal Year '26. I'll speak to it on Third Reading."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2510. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment is adopted. Any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2510, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Members. I'm here today with our budget team, with Leader Delgado, Leader Guzzardi, and Leader Buckner. Today I am pleased to present amendment 1 to... amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2510. This amendment becomes the state's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2026. In a very difficult budget year, I am very pleased to be able to present a balanced budget crafted to be fiscally and socially responsible because we see the decisions made in Washington right now are neither. Erratic leadership in Washington has affected our economic outlook, our revenue projections, and even threatened federal funding for our most crucial services. That's why it's so important that this budget before us today maintains our commitments to the things we value. We are preserving funding for public safety and community-based violence prevention. We achieve historic levels of funding for classroom education through the evidence-based funding formula, and we accomplish all of these things without adding to the burden for working families, either through a massive service reductions or through broad-based taxes on working families. We do address revenue shortfalls with nearly \$400 million in cuts to the cost of government below the governor's introduced spending levels. These include \$193 million in operational cuts across state agencies and a variety of programmatic efficiencies to save money without cutting services to the most vulnerable. I want to emphasize that these were not decisions made lightly

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or made hastily. These are strategic efficiencies so we can invest in the needs of our working families and seniors on fixed incomes. Of course, we do not know the full extent of the cuts Washington is preparing, but we do anticipate that health care access and infrastructure will be most directly impacted. Because of that and because this budget reduces the cost of government, we are able to dedicate more funds to our frontline health care providers. This budget goes above and beyond the governor's introduced budget to invest in safety-net hospitals, free and charitable clinics, and federally qualified health clinics... health centers. We are continuing our commitment to our frontline health care workers with an 80-cent-per-hour increase to direct service professionals and a 75-cent-per-hour increase to community care program workers. The budget implementation bill, which will be described in greater detail later today, also provides a series of budget management tools to help navigate turbulent times. Most notably, this will include a budget reserve for immediate disbursements and government emergency funds, or we call it BRIDGE Fund, which will allow for the creation of contingency funds that can cover short-term emergencies and revenue shortfalls. Since the introduction of the governor's \$55.4 billion budget, we have seen revised revenue estimates accounting for economic unease stemming from Washington. For that reason, this budget comes in lower at 55.2 billion today total. When Speaker Welch convened the House in January, we talked about the challenges and the opportunities of this moment. And today we're presenting a budget that meets this moment. It is balanced through smart cuts and through smart

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revenues, not balanced on the backs of working families. It uses the best information we have at this uncertain time to make the best decisions for our state. I'm pleased to take your questions, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Spain."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Spain: "Leader Gabel, you serve as the chairperson of the House Rules Committee, I believe. Is that still the case?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Spain: "Great. So, during this session of the 104th General Assembly, you have presided over Rules Committee, where amendments are offered and they are sent to committee for discussion. I am also a Member of the Rules Committee. I've seen hundreds or thousands of amendments come before us that have been returned to committee. What is it about this amendment, which is a \$55.2 billion spending plan, did not deserve the honor of coming to a committee so that we could understand and vet the changes that were introduced here?"

Gabel: "These were... we discussed this bill at length in committee."

Spain: "So, this bill is the same as what was discussed in committee?"

Gabel: "It's very similar. There are some technical changes."

Spain: "Could you please share the technical changes?"

Gabel: "There are some increases in different line items. There are some reductions in some line items. There are clean up of language."

Spain: "So, these are minor and innocuous changes?"

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Gabel: "These are technical changes."

Spain: "Isn't it true that in amendment 3, at least is what I can find, because we've had one hour to look at this and weren't given the courtesy to discuss it at committee..."

Gabel: "It's very similar to the bill."

Spain: "...aren't there more than \$18 million of new grants offered through the Department of Human Services?"

Gabel: "There... there are some new grant... grant lines in this budget."

Spain: "How many... what is the total amount of those new grants?"

Gabel: "Are you asking for the difference between the amendment 1 and amendment 3?"

Spain: "Yes."

Gabel: "Yeah, I think there were just some oversights added at that time."

Spain: "Eighteen million dollars of oversights, or is there a total value of what you would consider to be an oversight?"

Gabel: "Yes."

Spain: "Yes what?"

Gabel: "Yes. There were just a few other lines added."

Spain: "What is the total value of additional lines added to increase the spending within this budget?"

Gabel: "I think you just told me 18, didn't you? Eighteen million."

Spain: "Sure. I shouldn't be telling you, though. And we should have an opportunity as a body to take the budget... this is the budget, and we're not going to take a gut and replace that is 3,000 pages long, a budget, to committee so we can hear from the sponsor what are the differences between one amendment to

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the next? This is the state of Illinois budget for Fiscal Year 2026. I can't believe, Leader Gabel, that we wouldn't have the courtesy or spend the time to do this. The Democratic Party in this chamber has delivered through gerrymandering supermajority control. Certainly, you could marshal folks together to have the time to take this to committee so we could hear what has changed in amendment 3."

Gabel: "It's a \$55.2 billion budget. Twelve to 15 billion additional dollars is small compared to the size of the budget."

Spain: "Well, I think 12 to 15 billion dollars additionally is very large to compare. I think you meant million, correct?"

Gabel: "Pardon?"

Spain: "You... you said that there was a 12 to 15 billion dollar change in amendment 3. If that's the case, I ask you to take this bill out of the record because we got a lot to talk about."

Gabel: "It's million."

Spain: "Leader Gabel, I want to talk about a few issues within the budget. Does this budget pause the remaining 1% sales tax shift into the Road Fund?"

Gabel: "It does."

Spain: "And what is the value of that shift?"

Gabel: "A hundred and seventy-one."

Spain: "Hundred seventy-one million, billion, thousand?"

Gabel: "Million."

Spain: "OK, 171 million. Does this budget use \$85 million to pay for group health insurance out of the Road Fund?"

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Gabel: "It... it does. That's not unusual. It does that all the time. That's the... those are for individuals who work with... with... in the Road Fund, work with IDOT."

Spain: "Does this bill divert \$134 million from the Road Fund to replace the needed GRF match to the regional transit authority?"

Gabel: "That's in the BIMP, and that happens all the time."

Spain: "So, isn't it true that this budget diverts \$390 million from the Road Fund?"

Gabel: "Those are for transportation purposes. Those are legitimate purposes that are allowed."

Spain: "In your view. Leader Gabel, are there any changes within this budget that increase the wages or salary of people in the state of Illinois?"

Gabel: "Yes. We raised the salaries for direct service professionals and for community care workers in the community care program."

Spain: "What's the value of the increase to the DSPs and the community care workers?"

Gabel: "DSP professionals, we... that's a 50-cent wage... an hour wage increase and 80-cent wage... oh, I'm sorry. It's an 80 cents wage an hour increase, and there are some hours restored as well, some hours that were required that were kind of recommended to be cut by the Guidehouse study."

Spain: "So, are the hours restored or the hours reduced?"

Gabel: "The hours were in the original budget. They were supposed to be reduced by 50%, and they were only reduced by 35%."

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Spain: "On the question of wage increases for DSP and community care, what is the overall fiscal impact of the increased wages?"

Gabel: "Could you repeat that, please?"

Spain: "On the overall spending, so the... the total fiscal impact, what is the total fiscal impact of increasing wages to DSPs but also reducing hours worked?"

Gabel: "The increase is 51 million for DSPs."

Spain: "Is \$51 million the total value of the wage increase?"

Gabel: "A total between the wage increase and the hour decrease, total cost."

Spain: "So, that's the net of the two."

Gabel: "Yes."

Spain: "We'll both increase wages but will reduce hours. Is that correct?"

Gabel: "Correct."

Spain: "And are there any other parties that are receiving a wage or salary increase in this budget?"

Gabel: "Yes. The community care workers in the community care program for the elderly. They are able to visit them at home and keep them at home, which saves them... which helps prevent them from having to go to nursing homes, saving dollars for the state."

Spain: "OK. No other parties are receiving a salary increase within this budget?"

Gabel: "State workers get increases through the negotiated contracts."

Spain: "How about legislators?"

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Gabel: "Knew that's where you were going. Yes, legislators get an automatic rate increase as well."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Spain, please bring your remarks to a close."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will do that. Ladies and gentlemen, this is an important time. It's disappointing that we're limited on debate. You've heard from me that we have violated our own process to bring this budget forward in violation to House Rules. We're robbing the Road Fund to pay for operating expenses of the state of Illinois. We're offering a wage increase, a de minimis wage increase, to DSPs while reducing their hours. But legislators are going to come out great here, making almost \$100,000. We're diverting funds from property tax relief and diminishing the evidence-based funding model for schools. There's so much wrong in this budget bill, and I think you'll hear more about it from anyone else. But at the end of the day, this continues to double down on a failed economic strategy in the state of Illinois. And that's why for the last 30 years, not for one year, not for a new occupant of the White House, for 30 years this state has continued to fall behind all other states, all national growth models. I strongly urge you to reject this budget, understand the important deficiencies that exist here, and let's work and go back to the drawing board to get this right. Please vote 'no.'"

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question..."

Gabel: "May I respond?"

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Canty, before the... the leader wanted to respond. Leader Gabel, did you want to respond? Leader Gabel? Leader Gabel, did you want to respond? I thought you indicated you wanted to."

Gabel: "No."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Canty."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Canty: "Thank you. I noticed that this bill has some changes to the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act. Are we expressing any doubt of the ability of the credit card companies and processors to implement these changes?"

Gabel: "Not at all. In fact, according to their own documents, they are already gathering and processing this information on the existing system using existing equipment. This will ensure they have a full 21 months to ensure it is smoothly implemented. Given this extra time and what they already do in terms of capturing, processing, and utilizing this information, this removes any excuses for not having it smoothly and fully implemented by the effective date. They will be held fully accountable, publicly and through legal action, if necessary, for the results. Further, we are ensuring courts understand that Illinois retailers are the entities primarily impacted by the interchange system, and the voices of Illinois retailers are the ones that should be prioritized in litigation and debates around this debate... topic."

Canty: "Thank you. I know this is not an easy budget. We've had to make a lot of hard choices. I was hoping that you could

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talk us through a bit of the process that you went through to identify some of the efficiencies."

Gabel: "So, when we looked at the efficiencies, we.. we first felt that there had to be cuts from the administration. We felt that there may be too many employees, that there may be cuts that we could do in various kinds of operational cuts, and we made \$193 million in cuts to operations. We were able to save \$130 million savings in CMS group health by renegotiating that contract. And there were other efficiencies across operations and agencies."

Canty: "Thank you. This process has been, I'll say, relentless for this entire session. And you have worked so carefully with your fellow budgeteers, with the advocates, with the legislators in this body and across the chamber. And I'm... I'm so grateful for the thoughtful process that we have gone through to come up with a budget that works for the people of Illinois, unlike our federal government that's doing these blunt cuts that will cause trauma to everyone who lives in the U.S. So, I am thankful to you and to your fellow budgeteers, to your entire staff, for your work on this. Thank you so much."

Gabel: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Cabello."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "For five minutes. Please proceed."

Cabello: "Good evening. Good evening, Leader Gabel. How are you?"

Gabel: "Good evening."

Cabello: "To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

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Cabello: "And I do that because when I ask the questions in the committees that we have had, there have been no answers, and I don't expect that I'm going to get any answers here tonight. So, I think what I'll do is I'll make sure that the listening public and everybody else understands that we don't know the answers to the questions that we have. You said that you described in detail, maybe even great detail, in committee about these bills. Leader Gabel, I apologize, but I strongly disagree that there was any real details that were given in committee. And anybody can go watch what happened in committee, and I don't want to do that to you here on the floor. And it would take so much away from my time of asking people for the answers and nobody had them. And the reason why that is, is because we're rushing this process like we always do. Let's hide this stuff. Let's hide it so that the public doesn't see it until it's too late. Let's blame everybody but ourselves. The Trump administration did this. The Trump administration did that. I call BS. You say that this budget has some real critical items in it. And I told you in committee that I would find the pork, and I have it right here. These pages right here are just a synopsis. This is the pork. You're saying that there is nothing in this budget that isn't needed. And we can go to page... let's just go to page 1500. The sum of 300,000 for a grant to the JCFS Chicago. We can go to any one of these pages here, just pick, and I guarantee you none of these are in a Republican district. Let's look at this one. I'll just go to a page here. One hundred thousand dollars for the appropriation of Sunshine Critical Arts Center. Is that critical to this

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budget? Is that critical to what you think the Trump administration's going to cut? Let's go to page, oh... \$921,955 for... geez Louise, there's so much in this that you can't even see where it's going. Start looking at these pages, people. There is so much pork in here, and none of it is in any of these folks' districts here. And you know what? They have taxpayers too. Their taxpayers are paying for this, and they get nothing except another almost billion-dollar tax increase placed on them coming later in a revenue package. This doesn't even cover the transit problem that we are going to have, \$730 million, \$1.5 billion next year. What the hell are we going to do to that? We have serious problems. We need serious people to step up and find the real reasons why this is happening. And I don't want to hear that it's the Trump administration's fault because the Trump administration didn't force the state of Illinois to do a pension holiday year after year after year. The Trump administration didn't say, 'You know what? Let's pay overtime to CTA workers in the tune of \$233,000 just in overtime.' Ladies and gentlemen, we owe it to the people that gave us the honor of sitting in these seats to do better."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Avelar."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Avelar: "Just yesterday, a colleague on the other side of the aisle, and I took notes, spoke passionately about the value of every life, about upholding dignity and protecting all people. And yet, time and time again those same voices vote 'no' on the single-most moral document we consider each year:

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the state budget. Let me be clear: This is not a perfect budget. In fact, it's painful. It eliminates a program that has been a lifeline for many, including people that have fought alongside... I... that I have fought alongside for years. But I'm voting 'yes' because leadership requires hard choices, and this budget protects more than it cuts. It increases funding for direct service professionals, the people who care for our most vulnerable. It strengthens our safety nets. It introduces administrative efficiencies, as we talked about, not essential services. And, most importantly, it does not balance the budget on the back of working families. And let's not forget what we're up against. I know the other side doesn't want to hear it. But while Illinois is choosing stability and compassion, Trump and his allies in Congress are pushing what he calls the Big Beautiful Bill. But let's call it what it is, which is a big, brutal betrayal of working people. It slashes Medicaid by \$88 billion. It guts SNAP. It rolls back clean energy investments, and hands billions of tax cuts to the wealthiest 1%, all while the rest of us are told to tighten our belts. That is why this budget matters today. Because while they are tearing down safety nets in Washington, we are building a bridge right here in Illinois: a bridge to protect our people, to resist cruelty with compassion, and to remind our communities that their lives truly do have value. I urge a 'yes' vote for dignity, for balance, and for the people of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

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Davidsmeyer: "Leader, are we... which revenue estimate did we pass this year?"

Gabel: "We used the GOMB number."

Davidsmeyer: "Which one did we pass in this... in this General Assembly? Did we pass a revenue estimate? 'Cause I think the Constitution requires a revenue estimate."

Gabel: "The revenue estimate's included in this budget at 55.2."

Davidsmeyer: "And... and it states in the budget the revenue estimate is 55.2 billion."

Gabel: "Yes."

Davidsmeyer: "Out... out of the two estimates from CGFA, which is a nonpartisan wing, or the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, which revenue estimate was higher?"

Gabel: "They were less than one-tenth of a percent apart."

Davidsmeyer: "And which one was higher?"

Gabel: "CGFA was higher."

Davidsmeyer: "Pardon me?"

Gabel: "CGFA was higher."

Davidsmeyer: "It's... it's my understanding that after the changes that GOMB was higher."

Gabel: "Oh, CGFA didn't include the new revenues."

Davidsmeyer: "They had... they had actually adjusted that the month before. As we look at this budget, we're dealing with \$55.2 billion budget. We also... you also mentioned that there's going to be a Fiscal Year '25 supplemental bill. How much is... is that, and is that included in this budget?"

Gabel: "The supplemental is 299 million, and it is in the... yes."

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Davidsmeyer: "Two hundred and ninety-nine? I thought last night you said two and a half billion-dollar supplement for Fiscal Year '25."

Gabel: "Two ninety-nine are the general funds."

Davidsmeyer: "Two ninety-nine are the general funds. The other funds are, I'm assuming, fund sweeps that we're sweeping out of funds into other funds. Is that correct? Or we're using other state funds that are actually fees and taxes that our constituents pay."

Gabel: "There are some fund transfers."

Davidsmeyer: "Fund transfers. We call those fund sweeps on our side of the aisle. If you look at the fund sweeps we're dealing with, you know, we've got, you know, a hundred.. \$100 million out of the Road Fund. We've got \$370 million from the General Revenue Fund to the Fund for Illinois' Future. What is the Fund for Illinois' Future?"

Gabel: "The Fund for Illinois' Futures was transferred in the BIMP, if you'd like to talk about it when we talk about the BIMP."

Davidsmeyer: "But that spending is part of the budget as well, correct?"

Gabel: "Those are... those are of lapsed funds that were not spent that year that... for projects. And they were moved over to the Fund for Illinois' Future."

Davidsmeyer: "So, historically, in the budget, we have a certain number that we plan that we will not spend. So, those dollars are now being swept into another fund, or is this just part of that unspent dollar amount?"

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Gabel: "No, these are... these are projects that are in the middle of doing their... what they are... were asked to do. And they are just moved over there so they can continue to be used for their purpose."

Davidsmeyer: "All 370 million? I believe that the prior Republican Representative talked about... a little bit about pork and that... that fund... I actually just recently filed a bill just today. It's House Bill 4074, if you'd like to look it up. It actually renames the Fund for Illinois' Future. It shall be renamed the Democratic Majority Slush Fund. For every year since the capital bill was passed in 2019, Democrats have paid... paid off their taxpayers with taxpayer dollars with projects for only Democrat districts. By the way, the governor, in this budget, this will be the third time that he has gone back on his word on the agreement from that capital bill in 2019, which is why there is no trust under this dome. He is... he funded only Democrat projects and not important projects like radios for sheriffs..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader... leader, please bring your remarks to a close."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, he funded only Democrat projects, then he didn't move the 1%... or the sales tax off of gas into the Road Fund one time. And then this year, we're going to not move it out again. We're going to use those dollars for operations instead of investments in infrastructure. And let me just say really quick that if you want to prioritize things, you prioritize those who cannot care for themselves: the PUNS list; DSP; CCPs that are caring for people, the hours that they should receive. And... and I

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know you said that the Guidehouse study covers that, but the reality is the Guidehouse study does not take into account behavioral issues..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader... "

Dauidsmeyer: "...and a number of other things. I appreciate the extra moment, Mr. Speaker. I think that your priorities are wrong. You're spending an extra \$15 billion since this governor came into office, and you haven't helped the individuals who need it most."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative LaPointe."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

LaPointe: "Leader Gabel, thank you for leading the budget this year. Thank you for the team that you have standing behind you. All good things take a team. I want to start with a few questions. You know that one of the things I care about the most and one of the things many people on all sides of the aisle care about the most are health and human services. Would you say that Illinois has done better in terms of supporting and funding our health and human services in the last six years?"

Gabel: "Very much so."

LaPointe: "OK."

Gabel: "Very much so."

LaPointe: "You're the former chair of the Medicaid working group here in Springfield. Now you're not, but you still do Medicaid work. Would you say that Medicaid is in peril at this moment?"

Gabel: "Yes. We are very, very concerned about Medicaid. There... the Trump administration is looking at making drastic changes

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to it, cutting services for many, many people. We are very concerned about it, and we have tried to make strategic investments in health care to protect those that we fear will be losing their health coverage."

LaPointe: "Thank you for that. And I have one other question. We've already heard about direct support professionals and community care program workers in this chamber tonight, which we love hearing about because everyone supports them. Just to be clear, are there DSPs and CCP workers in every corner of this state, benefiting all our districts and taking care of our seniors and our folks with developmental disabilities in every single one of our districts?"

Gabel: "Every single one."

LaPointe: "OK, excellent. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

LaPointe: "This is not a perfect budget. I would say.. I would say it's... it's not a great budget, but it is a good budget, and it is the budget we need for this very difficult moment. And the introduced budget on February 19 wasn't great either. But the product that we've gotten to today is good, and it is what we need for this moment. And many of us had many hard conversations to get to this moment because there were what we considered unacceptable cuts in the introduced budget that got more unacceptable as Medicaid got more in peril and as cuts came from the federal government, like a billion dollars to school mental health and over \$100 million in cuts to our substance... to SAMHSA, which is our federal agency that works with behavioral health. So, we've restored that. We are not facing the \$32 million cuts for our CILAs."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

LaPointe: "This is a good budget for this moment. It is a good budget for this moment, and we still have so much work to do. And some of us are going to do that work to get us there. We know cuts are coming. We're doing everything we can here in this chamber to keep it together, to get money to our DSPs and our CCP workers in every corner of the state. We know that at the federal level..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, I apologize..."

LaPointe: "Please vote 'yes' for this budget. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. Representative Hauter."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Hauter: "Good evening, leader. A few questions. Regarding HBIA, you're familiar with that program?"

Gabel: "I am."

Hauter: "Is that in this budget?"

Gabel: "HBIA is not in this budget."

Hauter: "May I ask why HBIA was cut? Was it because the governor and a majority of your caucus realizes... realized, as we did long ago, that it was a dangerous and disastrous boondoggle or because it was outrageously unfair to the citizens of Illinois?"

Gabel: "We had to make some tough decisions this year. That program grew at much greater rates financially than we thought it would, and we had to make some hard decisions."

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Hauter: "So, I'll mark that down as disastrous boondoggle. So, how much did we waste on the HBIA program?"

Gabel: "It's not in this budget."

Hauter: "So, you agreed with us that it was much more expensive and it had many much... much more cost overruns than previously estimated."

Gabel: "It was more expensive than we initially estimated."

Hauter: "Does this budget fund immigrant health care in any deceptive way? Is there..."

Gabel: "It does. It funds the health care for immigrant seniors."

Hauter: "Does it fund it for those under 65 in any deceptive way, like through grants or NGOs that we do not know about yet?"

Gabel: "No."

Hauter: "So, there's nothing in this budget that funds illegal immigrant health care of those under 65?"

Gabel: "Not in our budget. No."

Hauter: "Does the Democrat majority plan on continuing HBIS?"

Gabel: "It's in the budget this year, yes."

Hauter: "So, you're committed to doing the HBIS program this year, even if there is coming penalties from the federal government, including the FMAP penalties that will trigger Illinois' trigger law that may risk the whole H... ACA Medicaid expansion program?"

Gabel: "From my understanding, anything that... decisions that are made at the federal level do not become effective until after this budget year."

Hauter: "The... the people of Illinois deserve to hear if we are willing to risk the entire ACA expansion program in defense of the HBIS program."

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Gabel: "There is no risk to HBIS or... or our Medicaid program this fiscal year."

Hauter: "To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Hauter: "This budget is acknowledgement that we were right about HBIA, and we will be about HBIS. The tax-and-spend Democrats, called tax and spend by their Speaker, are so unfamiliar with cost cutting they call it chaos. They wasted billions, and they are prepared to waste billions more. Wake up, Illinois. Vote 'no.'"

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader... Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Illinois, it is budget season, which means that we put all of our priorities on paper. And if you listen to some of our Republican colleagues, you'd think that they believe in small government and small budgets, until you actually read the bills that they filed this year. Just six bills filed by House Republicans this session totaled over \$182 million in new spending. That's not counting any tax offsets, not tied to any revenue streams, just good old-fashioned, straight-out-the-door Republican spending. They purport to not believe in government spending, but they actually do believe in it when it's in their districts. A Republican this year filed a bill, \$67 million to demolish a building in Jacksonville. That's more than we invested in statewide youth employment last year. Another Republican filed a bill for \$80 million for body cameras, which we support. But coming from the same folks who tried to gut criminal justice reform, that's not policy. That's cosplay. When Democrats fund programs, we're called reckless. When

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Republicans do it, it's selective investment. Sounds like the only thing selective is the truth. Budgets reflect values. If you believe in high-quality education, clean water, veterans' benefits, community safety, good, 'cause so do we. But don't come in here swinging a red pen like you're the second coming of Ronald Reagan and then quietly dropping \$182 million of spending into our bills. You can't ride two horses with one saddle. Either you believe in public investment or you don't. They say that they want skinny government. But if the bills they've been filing are skinny, then, Leader Gabel, so am I. And if hypocrisy was taxable, we could balance the budget on theirs alone with change to spare. Unfortunately, my colleagues across the aisle seem to have adopted a motto of, 'Just say no.' But here's the problem. You can't run a state on 'no.' We believe in governing for all of Illinois, not just the zip codes that we live in. That's why you see dollars flowing to every single corner of this state. So, if you don't want to vote for a budget that's going to fund a DCEO grant for the village of Pleasant Plains or the First National Bank of Barry or Sinclair Foods in Jerseyville, or you don't want to turn with me to page 1322 of this budget and see \$36 million for Macomb, Illinois, or page 1285 and \$93 million for Macomb, Illinois. If you don't want to vote for a budget that invests in that and invest in people, don't worry, we'll do it for you, as we always do."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

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Hammond: "Last year, last fall, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget projected \$53.4 billion in revenue. We're here tonight. My Democrat colleagues are presenting a budget totaling \$55.2 billion. But we're going to blame it on the Trump administration when you won't take the blame for yourself: a \$55.2 billion budget of general revenue spending; a billion dollars, a billion dollars in new taxes; a budget that slashes property tax relief grants for Illinois property tax... property owners, 43 million dollars in cuts; a massive amount of fund sweeps, but no property tax relief; hundreds of millions of dollars in Road Fund diversions, and no property tax relief; pork projects for the Democrat legislators, including a \$40 million appropriation from the Build Illinois Bond Fund to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant to Proviso Township High School District 209 for costs associated with capital improvements and an outdoor sports complex for Proviso West High School; and no property tax relief. No money going into the Rainy Day Fund, and no property tax relief. There's cuts to higher education from the governor's introduced budget and no property tax relief; pay raises for legislators and increases in district office allotment, but no property tax relief. Ladies and gentlemen, this budget reflects the priorities..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Hammond, bring your remarks to a close."

Hammond: "I will, Mr. Speaker. This budget reflects the priorities of the Democrat majority's pork projects. For them, there is no consideration for the taxpayers of Illinois. Vote 'no.'"

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Morgan."

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Morgan: "Thank you, Speaker. First, can we excuse Representative Ammons for the rest of the day, Speaker? I wanted to cover a couple things in my time. The first, I want to talk about, from my perspective, why we are in such an exponentially better place than when I started in 2019. Several of us on both sides of the aisle started seven years ago. And when we came in, we had spent years and, I would argue, decades of bipartisan mismanagement of our pension system. We were not paying down our pension liability, and it kept growing, growing, growing. It's one of the reasons I wanted to come down here to Springfield because my community, our state was so tired of our pension liability going up and us abdicating that responsibility, kicking the can down the road. And I want to, amongst other things, I want to thank our budget team because we wouldn't be able to pay that pension payment unless we were doing our job in this budget. And, ladies and gentlemen, we are. We're paying our pension payment. And it's because we've done that since I've been here and others have worked on this issue that we are finally starting to push down our pension liability because we're being responsible. So, I... I want to point that out. I think that's important as a number of us came here because we saw so many years of mismanagement under our finances. But I... I do want to, specifically, I want to thank my friend from the other side of the aisle who brought up a specific element of the budget, something called JCFS. So, for those of you who don't know, JCFS is Jewish Council... Jewish Council of Family Services. And the line item for those of you who weren't paying attention, it's... you can find it. It's in the budget, page

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61. It's \$500,000. And the context is this is for JCFS teen response for those in mental health crises. So, if we're going to make choices about our budget, I will every day of the week choose to support JCFS in the response to help children across the city of Chicago and the collar counties, Jewish and non-Jewish, who are dealing with mental health crises. That is what we are doing here, ladies and gentlemen. That's why we are sent here. That is why we are sent here. So, I want to lift that up because it is really, really critical that if we're going to call... call that pork, I'll go in front of any of your constituents, any of mine and explain that vote. I also want to specifically point out and thank the budgeteers and the leaders who put additional funding into our nonprofit security grant program, which, again, is helping all communities throughout the state of Illinois as hate has increased across Illinois. We are increasing... the governor introduced \$2 million. We made that seven and a half million dollars to support our cultural and religious institutions that need our support right now. So, thank you. We should defend this budget. We should be proud of this budget. I know I am."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Elik."

Elik: "Thank you, Speaker. To the bill. As one of the House Republican Caucus budgeteers, I want to just say a couple of things here for the body to know and for the public to know. We are often asked, 'Hey, Republicans, are you involved in the budget process?' So, let me answer that. Early in session, we were offered weekly meetings with the Governor's Office, and I want to thank the staff there for answering our

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questions and sharing some information with us. But, unfortunately, we did not meet the last couple of weeks. We were offered a weekly meeting with the House Democrat budgeteers, which we appreciate, and met, I think, three times but unfortunately not the last couple of weeks when it is the most important time to be communicating with us. We got to see the product of your closed-door meetings just last night when the rest of the state did. You know, every year we hear the Democrats have to do this process be kind... behind closed doors because they have a really difficult caucus to manage. So, they have to work out their issues within the caucus first because, you know, Member management. In fact, their own leader called them tax-and-spend Democrats. So, sure, let them work it out because we don't want their dysfunction to spill out into the public, do we? Well, I'm not buying it anymore that we all have to treat you like... with kid gloves on this. If your dysfunction is so bad that you can't put forth reasonable debate in the public, then you shouldn't be in charge. Why should you communicate with us? Because we represent four and a half million Illinoisans in every single county of this state who deserve to have their voices heard when it comes to spending their tax dollars. You may think they're not paying attention, but they sure are in my district and they are in yours too. It is sad and disappointing that good ideas were ignored and, in fact, good people were banished for daring to think big and to try to find ways to manage this tough budget year. Sure tamps down on future input, doesn't it? Speaking of a tight budget year, this budget is \$55 billion. We had people coming to us all spring

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in this building. We welcomed them, celebrated them. They came with good, commonsense uses of state funds. And to think of all the things that people who need our help are not getting because it's such a tough budget year, it's hard to accept. But then we read the budget last night and find out, in this tough budget year, you raised our pay, you gave yourselves hundreds of millions of dollars of our taxpayers' funds to spend on your pet projects. So, I simply don't believe you anymore that you ever intended to be fiscally careful. I just don't believe the rhetoric that you tightened your belts at all. And then just moments ago, you had the gall to criticize us filing bills for things our districts have requested while giving my tax dollar.. my district's tax dollars to yours. At least we file our bills publicly instead.."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Elik, please bring your remarks to a close."

Elik: "I will, thank you. At least we file our bills publicly instead of throwing them in a 3500-page bill with 24 hours before we have to vote on it. So, here we are at 9:45 or so on a Saturday night, about to pass a budget that we saw for the first time yesterday, when we started work here in January on this. We have plenty left to do tonight. We're going to be here longer. The people of Illinois deserve so much better. I hate this for them. This is my fifth spring session, and I leave here each year sad for the state of Illinois and worried about my taxpayers, my schools, my nonprofits. This year won't be any different. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gabel to close."

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Gabel: "Thank you. So, you know, the other side of the aisle has talked about our large budget, our budget growth. And you know what? We have had budget growth because we have a growing economy. We've paid down more than \$12 billion in debt. We have grown a Rainy Day Fund of more than two billion. We have earned nine credit upgrades. Illinois ranks number two in the nation for corporate expansions and relocations, and Chicago has been named the number one metro. We have a vibrant economy. We want to keep it that way. This is a fair budget. This is a balanced budget. This is a compassionate budget. This is a budget where we are planning and preparing for what we are afraid will be disastrous cuts from Washington. Please vote 'aye' on this bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2510 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there is 75 voting 'yes,' 41 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to page 2 of the calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears... on the Order of Third Reading appears Senate Bill 2437, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill. Mr. Clerk, please move the bill back to Second for the purpose of an amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2437, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been

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approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller on Floor Amendment #1."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt Floor Amendment #1. This is a technical fix to the Medicaid omnibus that concerns job codes in the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2437. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed '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 Moeller."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe the second amendment... OK. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Apologies. Floor Amendment #2, I do move to adopt as well. This also relates to job codes in the Medicaid omnibus."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2437. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The amendment is adopted. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2437, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller. Representative Moeller on Third Reading."

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Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please proceed."

Moeller: "Good evening. Senate Bill 2437 is the Medicaid omnibus bill. And this... this legislation contains the... the sum of bills that the Medicaid working group here in the House and with Members of the Senate reviewed this past session to put forward to strengthen and support our Medicaid program here in Illinois. The Medicaid working group is a bipartisan working group, and we spent many, many hours in thoughtful conversation considering proposals and legislation that would truly help improve the lives of people and access to health care in our state. The... the Medicaid omnibus bill that we are considering tonight reflects a careful and conservative approach this year. The package that we're bringing forward includes policy improvements that strengthen our Medicaid system while placing modest costs on the state. These are smart, compassionate, and targeted changes that move us forward even in a tough fiscal environment. And as we just... as we were just discussing, during the consideration of the Fiscal Year '26 budget, we... we know that we are operating in the shadow of real uncertainty at the federal level with Medicaid reimbursements and changes to the program. So, this Medicaid omnibus package reflects that... that uncertainty. And therefore, we are putting forward... the majority of the policies that are contained in this package are policy changes that are... do not result in a direct cost to the state. Just to give you just an overview of some of the bills that are contained in this Medicaid omnibus, we're going to be creating a certification pathway for parents and designated caregivers

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of... of children who... who are medically fragile. We are instituting policies that require hospitals to permit doulas without violating guest quotas and to support laboring mothers. We're including a rate study to determine the cost of care and making sure that we're setting adequate rates for... for nursing staff who are taking care of medically fragile children. And we're also ensuring that we are... the changes that we put in place last year to remove prior authorization mandates and utilization management controls for people who are seeking prescription medicines to treat serious mental illness, that those savings and policy changes are... are benefiting patients in our communities. So, this is an overview of the bills that are in the Medicaid program. Again, this was a difficult year because of the unprecedented changes and... and cuts that are looming on the horizon in Washington. And... but I believe that these policies are going to help move our Medicaid program forward and benefit families across the state. Happy to answer any questions, and would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, this bill is on Standard Debate. Leader Ammons... or Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I would just like to say, Representative Moeller, thank you for all of your work this year with the Medicaid work group. I think we started out with very good intentions. And this has been a process that we've seen over the years, and particularly when we first began, it was effective. It... it's been troublesome in the last few years. But regardless, those Thursday mornings at 7 o'clock, many of us were there for the right reasons. And I

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would just like to thank all of the Members that did participate. I'd also really want to thank our staff, our staff on both sides of the aisle. We were there listening and... and making comments while our staff was taking copious notes and reporting back to us on everything that was said and what the cost was. So, I thank you, and... and I thank our staff. And this particular omnibus is like none we've ever seen before. In... in past years, there has been billions of dollars involved in this omnibus bill. And this year we have a bill with a cost of \$938,000. A lot of the things in this bill are great initiatives. They have zero cost, which is incredible. Unfortunately, at the end of the day, we have an article in here that once again gives medical coverage to noncitizens in the state of Illinois. For us on this side of the aisle, that is the poison pill. So, in spite of the fact that we have article after article in here that is very worthy of a 'yes' vote, I would urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Stava-Murray: "I just want to thank the bill's sponsor, all the Members of the Medicaid work group who do get up so very early every Thursday. There are two pieces in this I wanted to rehighlight that are of great importance to me. And the first was allowing for a doula in the room when you're giving birth and not having that count against your max. When I was giving birth for the very first time, it was extremely stressful leading up to the date of giving birth because I wasn't sure whether or not my mom was going to be able to join us in

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addition to my husband and the doula. And I very much wanted my mom present at the birth of my child. So, this is an incredibly important right that everyone should have, especially those on Medicaid. And the other program I wanted to point out was the MFTD waiver program that allows for parents who are currently doing work uncompensated to finally be compensated for this care they're providing for their loved ones. Of course, they're not getting paid as much as the nurses, but this is an issue I've worked on for years. And I've talked to families this impacts, and they were hanging on by a thread. So, we are giving them a lifeline. So, I think there's so many important aspects to this bill, including recognizing the humanity of immigrants, whether or not they are documented. So, I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Hauter."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Hauter: "Leader, I do... I, too, have concerns about... especially about Article 10 in this omnibus and would like to know... I asked Leader Gabel about the HBIA program. Is this a way to expand the... the now, you know, gone from the budget, the HBIA program, expand noncitizen health care with this Article 10?"

Moeller: "No, according to HFS, where this amendment came from, this is a technical and administrative fix to the AATV/VTTC medical program, which essentially streamlines the medical eligibility requirements for asylum applicants and torture victims and victims of trafficking, torture, or other serious crimes. So, this is not an expansion. This is a technical and administrative fix to both of those programs."

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Hauter: "But you do understand our concerns that HFS is going to be in charge of the criteria, the... for eligibility, and we have no idea... do we have a cost estimate for this new program?"

Moeller: "According to our... our analysis, this is... this has no additional cost."

Hauter: "I mean, that's amazing. So, we're expanding health care to eligible asylum seekers as well as torture victims. Is there a..."

Moeller: "This is not a... this isn't..."

Hauter: "Is there a criteria that we can see or HFS is going to give us a criteria later of what they call torture victims or asylum seekers?"

Moeller: "This is not a new program. And it's... and it's not an expansion. Again, this is a... a technical fix that was made to correct a change that was made inadvertently by DHS. So, this is... this is not creating a new program. It's not expanding a program. This is fixing an error that was made previously to an existing program."

Hauter: "OK."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

Hauter: "All right. I... I'm just going to finish with I... I also have great concerns about this expansion. I just... I just don't trust that this is going to be used not as a replacement for HBIA. Thank you. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Jones."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

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Jones: "Representative, it was... as was stated earlier, there's a lot of items that didn't make it into this omnibus bill. What's most important to me and other people is the PACE program, the program for all-inclusive care for seniors. That program was cut out of this omnibus bill. So, for the record, we talked about going about and doing a study. So, I'm asking on the record your commitment 'cause this is a good program for our district, and this program has to survive. Without the support from the General Assembly and without the support from HFS, this program, this PACE program, will not survive. So, Representative, I'm asking you for the record, you have committed to that. So, will you commit going forward with the PACE program for all of our districts that we want to expand PACE into?"

Moeller: "So, as you mentioned, the... the PACE program was considered as part of... the legislation that you brought forward was considered during the working group process for... for consideration in... in the Medicaid omnibus. It did not make it in there. There were many, many very worthy program expansions, rate increases that we considered during this process that we were unable to include because of the... the uncertainty in Washington..."

Jones: "I hate to interrupt you, Representative..."

Moeller: "But I will... OK."

Jones: "...but I only got 30 seconds, so that's yes or no."

Moeller: "Yes. The PACE program is a... is a great program, and it's worthy of support. And I support taking a look at it so that we can even further strengthen it."

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Jones: "So, we have to put HFS on notice that they can't pick and choose what they respond to. So, HFS coming back and telling the Medicaid working group that this program for PACE is going to cost 7 million when it's not, when seniors are not going to be in care does not please me because HFS needs to respond to stuff. They can't pick and choose what they respond to. I see that HFS has given numbers for a lot of programs, but they fail to respond to what PACE actually cost and what it will save. So, we should put HFS on notice that you cannot just..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative..."

Jones: "...not respond to what you want to. So, please make sure that HFS knows that because this is important matter for all of our districts. And I would urge an 'aye' vote cautiously, but I want to make sure that I put it on the record that we support this PACE program."

Moeller: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you. I would, again, as evidenced from the exchange that I just had with Representative Jones, there were a lot of difficult choices that we had to make this year because of what's happening in Washington and to ensure that we pass a responsible and balanced budget. There are... there were a lot of very worthy causes and pieces of legislation put forward. But I do think that this package represents progress in terms of ensuring that we are strengthening our safety net and strengthening our Medicaid program, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2437 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 76 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Concurrences, on page 7 of the calendar, appears House Bill 3616, Leader Guzzardi. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk. I'm sorry, we're on concurrence. Leader Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Just a moment, Speaker. Let me prepare my notes. My apologies. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The bill before us is a data-gathering provision that we passed out of this chamber instructing IHDA... it passed 114 to 0. I appreciate the bipartisan support for this bill. It instructs IHDA to collect some data about affordable housing available in different communities at different income levels. The Senate made some technical changes, and we're here to concur. I hate to be doing this at this hour on this moment of great tension. But it's a very technical change, and I would ask the body's indulgence."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3616?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes,' 4 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to the House Bill 3616. And this bill, having

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received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Resolutions, on page 9 of the calendar appears House Resolution 39, Representative Blair-Sherlock. Please proceed."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, you all may recall, because I believe about half of this chamber signed onto this resolution, but April is Autism Awareness Month. I love someone with autism. And I appreciate all of your support for the community, and I hope that we can continue to count on your support. I have to say, sometimes it's a little shocking to me when I hear my friends on the other side of the aisle talk about wanting to deny people health care. It really kind of shakes me up, and I hope that we can all try and do what we can do for the most vulnerable in our society. I would ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Blair-Sherlock moves for the adoption of House Resolution 39. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The resolution is adopted. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, on page 4 of the calendar, appears Senate Bill 2156, Leader Gordon-Booth. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2156, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. And no motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2156, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Good evening, Mr. Speaker. I would like to move... is there an amendment that needs to be adopted?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Out of the record. Returning to page 11 of the calendar, on the Order of Resolutions appeals... appears House Resolution 113, Leader Elik. Leader Elik, before I go to you, Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker... Speaker. If you would please excuse Steve Reick for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Elik on House Resolution 113."

Elik: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 113 declares April 2025 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the state of Illinois. Encourages Illinois residents to use Distracted Driving Awareness Month as an opportunity to educate drivers of all ages on the dangers of distracted driving. And if I could put a comment in here. As we leave here tonight, whatever time it may be, please remember that driving tired is also distracted driving and is dangerous. So, if that means you have to stay one more night in a hotel here in Springfield, go ahead and do that. Be safe and go home tomorrow morning. So, I would ask for your 'aye' vote and that we all keep in mind that distracted driving is dangerous. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Elik moves for the adoption of House Resolution 113. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Chung on HR87. Please proceed."

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Chung: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. We celebrated Nutella Day, World Nutella Day I think back in February. And so, this resolution just puts it on paper and commemorates it. I... and Bloomington-Normal is home to Ferrero. And I know we've all been eating lots of sweets here and probably I don't want to see another single chocolate for like about a week, but let's celebrate Nutella anyway. Thank you. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Chung moves for the adoption of House Resolution 87. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. On page 13 of the calendar appears House Bill... House Resolution 137, Representative Mason. Please proceed."

Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This resolution... apologies. Wait. Hold, please. OK, this resolution just advises the new Department of Early Childhood, hoping that in its planning process it prioritizes attention to the facilities needs of our state-mixed delivery system of early care and education. We want that to include the development of a biennial measure of physical infrastructure needs among community-based providers of child care, preschool, and other early childhood services. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason moves for adoption of House Resolution 137. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Mason on House Resolution 145."

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Mason: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A bit easier one. This resolution congratulates Head Start on its 60th anniversary. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Mason moves for the adoption of House Resolution 145. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. On the Order of Concurrences, on page 6 of the calendar, appears House Bill 2672, Leader Delgado. Pardon me, it's House Bill 2772. Leader Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr... Mr. Speaker. I would like to present... I'd like to move to concur on Senate Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2772."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates... she indicates she'll yield. However, I believe that the Motion to Concur, leader, is House... is Senate Amendments 1 and 2."

Delgado: "Oh, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Amendments 1 and... I'd like to move to concur to the Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2772."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Request Standard Debate on the motion."

Speaker Hoffman: "Request is granted."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Initially, leader, this bill dealt with the Illinois sports finance... I'm sorry, Facilities Authority Act. Modified legislative findings by providing that 'facility' also includes professional women's sports. It

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seemed oriented toward making sure women's teams were included in this act. Is that correct?"

Delgado: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "And with the amendment, it looked like the changes were around unlawful discrimination. It... it includes an unlawful discrimination section specifying that a person may not be prohibited on the basis of sex from participating in or any of the benefits of the programs activities at... at facilities funded under this act. What was the reason this amendment was added? What was the intention of it?"

Delgado: "So, my understanding is that the Senate wanted to narrow the scope a bit about what this particular piece of legislation did, so they narrowed in on prohibiting unlawful discrimination. And that's why we're... we're reading this back on concurrence now."

Windhorst: "So, that's... basically, the point was to narrow... of the amendment was to narrow the scope of the bill..."

Delgado: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "...around prohibiting unlawful discrimination."

Delgado: "Yes, that is correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, Representative Delgado moves that we concur in House Amendments #1 and 2... Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2772. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes,' 15 voting 'no.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and

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2 to House Bill 2772. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 14 of the calendar appears House Resolution 164, Representative Chung."

Chung: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm here to present House Resolution 164. I know we've been talking about transit a lot lately. This bill was just a resolution urging that if in any sort of transit package that we also discuss the needs for the ID and DD providers here in our state who do such great work, and especially in Central Illinois. Thank you so much. I ask for its... its adoption."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Chung moves for the adoption of House Resolution 164. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. And the resolution is adopted. Representative Weaver on House Resolution 169. Please proceed."

Weaver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 169 recognizes the value of daytime running lights in your car. I also recommending not just daytime running lights, but if you're driving in the rain, make sure you have those lights on. You can watch videos on YouTube. I'd encourage everybody to do it. Just the amount more safe you are in your car, the amount more that pedestrians are safe when you have your lights on. So, keep those lights on. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Weaver moves for the adoption of House Resolution 169. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Hollman: "Rules Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 3 to House Bill 1224, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 1505, Senate Amendment... Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 1866, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3177, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 and 3 to House Bill 3363, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 2 and 4 to House Bill 3772. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 2156."

Speaker Hoffman: "Clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rules 15(d). Leader Morgan on the motion."

Morgan: "Speaker, pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2156 may be considered immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you. We request a record vote on the motion."

Speaker Hoffman: "It shall be a record vote. Leader Windhorst has... Leader Morgan... Leader Morgan has moved to suspend Rule 15(d), pursuant to Rule 15(e), so that Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2156 may be considered immediately. The rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this motion, there are 74 voting 'yes,' 36 voting 'no,' and the rule is suspended. Going to page 4 in the calendar, on the Order of Second Reading appears Senate Bill 2156, Leader Gordon-Booth. Please read the bill, Mr. Clerk. Please move the bill back to Second, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2156, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Booth on Floor Amendment #2."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adopt amendment 2, and I'd like to debate it on Third."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gordon-Booth moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2156. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed '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 Hoffman: "Third Reading. Read the bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2156, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have before us tonight Senate Bill 2156, which is a... a bipartisan piece of legislation that is our property tax omnibus. Our constituents expect and deserve real action that provides relief, maximizes efficiencies, and creates a fairer system

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for everyone. This is the focus that has driven the work of the property tax working group. This group has met diligently for months, and I want to thank all of the members of the group for their extremely hard work. Today we are taking the needed steps to move forward on that goal. It's important for us to level set. Let's be clear: Nothing we do here today is going to immediately cut property tax bills that have grown larger and larger over the course of decades. What we can do is implement changes now that will lead to larger change and better results in the future. This package is an incredibly good starting point for homeowners across the state of Illinois, which is why you see the incredibly diverse chief cosponsors that you see on the board. First and foremost, this legislation prioritizes direct relief for our low-income seniors and families. With regard to Low-Income Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption, this bill provides that the maximum income limitation be increased from 65 to 70,000 and further increases that amount by inflation. This bill also increases the income threshold for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program from 65,000 to 95,000 in 2025, with CPI increases in the following years. Furthermore, this bill ensures that the DCEO sets the maximum income threshold allowed based upon the funds available to qualify for the LIHEAP program, which provides utility-based assistance for low-income families and seniors. When looking at this concept, we really thought it was important to also focus on the issue of government efficiency and modernization. This bill includes and expands access for taxpayers, primarily homeowners and small businesses, to be

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paid refunds due as a result of an assessment reduction granted by certificates of error and tax objection lawsuits. This bill includes an initiative of the Cook County Land Bank that eliminates potentially unlawful restriction of the real estate transfer stamps to counties recording tax deeds without preempting municipal authority or reducing municipal revenues. In this legislation, we're encouraging government consolidation and efficiency by encouraging the residents and threshold for townships who wish to share assessor and by providing that a taxing district's budget appropriation ordinance and estimate of revenues may be filed electronically with the county clerk. We're also increasing transparency and accountability by increasing notice requirements regarding specific special service area tax levy hearings and by adding any change to homestead exemptions to our legislative affordable housing impact note requirements. Again, the third bucket that we think is important in this package is the package that we call... excuse me, the bucket that we call taxpayer fairness. This bill makes sure that if tax bills are mailed late, then unpaid taxes won't become delinquent until two months after those bills are sent, and it cuts the rate of interest by half. For underdeveloped properties platted by a subdivision, this bill ensures that no property values will be reduced by no less than \$150 for property tax purposes. Additionally, going forward, no property will be eligible for this reduced assessment for more than 10 years. This bill would allow for voters to have the ability to choose by referendum to grant the Fox Waterway Agency the authority to levy a property to operate and

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maintain the waterway. And if the Cook County Board of Review identifies an error in a property assessment, the bill requires the board to issue a certificate of error to the property owner and send that certificate to the county treasurer and clerk to... so that the correct amount of taxes will be imposed and collected. Finally, this bill extends a special assessment program to incentivize affordable housing developments to 2037. I want to conclude with this. Any taxpayer... any property tax reform discussion is going to be complicated, and when you're dealing with numerous stakeholders and multiple layers of government, it's difficult to build consensus. That's why I value this strong conversation and feedback that we've had throughout this entire process. To be clear, our work is not finished. We'll continue to work on ideas this summer and beyond, and we invite all suggestions. Smart, responsible ideas, no matter their scale, will help to deliver big-time results in the long run. Thank you, and I ask the body for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Members, we are on Standard Debate. Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You said Standard Debate. Is that correct?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Yes."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, just for clarification sake, the Floor Amendment 2 would remove the ability for Fox Waterway to pass the property tax without a referendum. It now requires a referendum. Is that correct?"

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Gordon-Booth: "It does require the referendum, leader."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Just to... want to hit a couple other points, which you... I appreciate you doing such a thorough job in your presentation. The senior freeze homestead is... will be raised to 70,000 and then Social Security cost of living each year thereafter. Is that correct?"

Gordon-Booth: "Yes, it does, Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "And what are we doing with the senior citizens deferral program?"

Gordon-Booth: "With the senior citizens deferral program, we are taking the threshold from 65 to 95,000 in 2025."

Windhorst: "The bill also includes a provision that any future bill to amend an existing homestead exemption or to create a new homestead exemption shall include the submission of an impact statement prepared by the sponsor of the bill. If you could, what do you envision this being? Is it... will it be like a fiscal note or who... who will be preparing this impact study?"

Gordon-Booth: "This becomes the note."

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

Gordon-Booth: "This becomes the note."

Windhorst: "It becomes the note."

Gordon-Booth: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you. And we also have included in this bill some language from Leader Elik's bill, SB2102, which allows local taxing districts to file their budget and appropriation ordinance and estimate of revenues electronically with the county clerk rather than a paper submission. Is that correct?"

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Gordon-Booth: "Yes, it does. This is a... a great piece of bipartisan legislation with ideas from both sides of the aisle."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader McCombie. Representative Weber."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Weber: "How's it going tonight, leader?"

Gordon-Booth: "I'm fantastic."

Weber: "Awesome. I'm curious, do you know where the language for the Fox Waterway came from?"

Gordon-Booth: "If I'm not mistaken, there were some individuals in that neck of the woods that thought this was an important issue, on both sides of the aisle."

Weber: "OK. I'm not... I'm not aware of anyone on this side of the aisle. We weren't aware of it. We didn't see any language until we saw it in this bill. Leader, I do want to thank you for understanding that it is important that taxpayers just don't have something passed in the middle of the night that affects them. And thank you for listening to someone that actually represents those people in that district. And I want to thank you for instead of creating this, a simple majority vote to pass a levy and a tax in the middle of the night, that you are going to give the taxpayers in the area of the Fox Waterway a right to have an opinion. So, thank you very much. I appreciate it."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you."

Weber: "To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "Bill."

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Weber: "Ladies and gentlemen, I would just say that we have heard this time and time again. We have legislation that comes in, stuck in the bills, and affects someone else's district. It's wrong. This literally would have given an agency that was created with the promise that it would never be a taxing body. That was the promise to taxpayers. The individuals that would have been taxed on this were just people that live in the vicinity of the waterway that they thought were a good choice to choose the people on the board to care for it. It wasn't because they were the impact that caused flooding. It wasn't because they were the watershed. The watershed is a much bigger area. But the way this was written, it would just impact that small group of people that already pay, who have boats on the Chain O' Lakes, a heavy fee for their boat sticker. There was nothing in the bill that said this initial tax would have a cap. And the highest-taxed property... properties in the state, this would have just one... been one more line item on there, and no one would have known about it until Monday morning. So, leader, thank you. Everyone else, please stay in your district. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader McCombie. On this question, Representative Blair-Sherlock."

Blair-Sherlock: "Thank you. Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Blair-Sherlock: "OK. I'm just seeing this bill now. And the last bill I saw had some provisions in it, and I'm concerned whether those are in here as well. In the future, what are the requirements for expanding or adding exemptions in the future to property taxes?"

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Gordon-Booth: "We'll get back to you."

Blair-Sherlock: "Well, the bill I saw yesterday said that in order for a bill to be filed, adding or expanding exemptions would require a impact statement from all communities affected, which would make it essentially impossible. And if that's in this bill, that really hinders our ability to give property tax relief in the future, and that creates a huge concern for me. I'm also concerned about the \$70,000 and the future increases. I think that this bill needed a little more vetting and more information. And for those reasons, despite the fact that I've been trying to get property tax relief for a couple of years, I have to be a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, and sorry for the confusion, Speaker. Just to the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

McCombie: "I wanted to say.. thank you. I wanted to say to Leader Gordon-Booth how appreciative I am, who took the time to sit down with me as I was advocating for one of our Members about a part of the... the bill, as was just discussed, and also hearing our concerns, as well as concerns on your other side of the aisle, about increasing the level of income from 65,000 to 70,000, and then looking forward with the CPI. I wanted just to make sure that that is in the budget.. or, I'm sorry, in the bill, on page 8, line 9 for my Members, that that was confirmed done. And I just want to say thank you and just remind everybody in this body, this is how we are supposed to do things. It didn't take us very long to use our words, have a conversation, follow up with each other, confirm that it

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was done, and now we have a better bill. You also removed another piece of the bill that you heard opposition for, and you thought, well, we don't have to do this right now in the final hours on May 31. You said, 'It can wait. We can work on it together later over the summer.' So, I just want to say thank you. I want... I want everyone in the body to know this is an example. Collaboration is not a bad word. It should not be a bad word, and this is how we should do the business of the people of Illinois. So, thank you very much, leader."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill. I just want to thank..."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill. "

Canty: "I just want to thank Leader Gordon-Booth for her work on this. I was proud to be part of the property tax working group, bringing some of these ideas forward, talking to people. You know, we knocked doors in our district all the time, all throughout the year, and one of the things we hear over and over again is that we need to do something about property taxes. And I know that this is just the start of a process that's going to take us several years to work all the way through, but I think this is a good start, maybe not a perfect start, but a compromise start, a place for us to work from, to work together with our colleagues from across the aisle. And I'm so proud to be a part of it. Thank you. I... this is a good bill. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Gordon-Booth to close."

Gordon-Booth: "As earlier stated, by working together, we can get a lot of things accomplished in this chamber. You want to... if

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you want to go far... if you want to go fast... Juliana Stratton says it all the time. If you want to go far, you go alone. If you want to go fast, you go... it's been a long night. It's been a long night. If you want to go fast, you go alone. If you want to go far, you go together. I am proud to say that the property tax workgroup has taken us on a really important step on a long journey that we still have yet to go. I want to compliment, again, all of the Members of the working group for all of their ideas and all of the work that they have put into this process. I want to compliment all of the Members on both sides of the aisle that have strong pieces of legislation that have become this omnibus package. I want to recognize Leader McCombie and leader... and Leader Spain for understanding that we can actually come together and ensure that our Members have the ability to go home to tell our constituencies that although there may be some places in this country where folks don't work together, there actually are some concepts and some items where we still can come together in a bipartisan fashion, Democrats and Republicans, to get real things done, tangible things done for the people in all of our districts. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2156 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 1 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). If there's

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leave, we will take these motions together in one motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Morgan on the motion."

Morgan: "Speaker, pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so the following Joint Action Motions to Concur on the following legislative matters be considered immediately: House Bill 1224, Senate Amendment 1 and 3; House Bill 1505, Senate Amendment 1; House Bill 1866, Senate Amendment 1 and 2; House Bill 3177, Senate Amendment 1; House Bill 3363, Senate Amendment 2 and 3; and House Bill 3772, Senate Amendment 2 and 4."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, these... looks like six concurrence motions on House Bills. Is that correct?"

Morgan: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "Do you have any idea why they're just now coming to our body at 11 o'clock on deadline day?"

Morgan: "Leader, I couldn't explain it. Sometimes the Senate does funky things, but they just sent it to us."

Windhorst: "Yeah. They do a lot of that. Request a record vote on the motion. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst has... Leader Windhorst has requested a record vote. Leader Morgan has moved to suspend Rule 15(d) pursuant to Rule 15(e) so that these Joint Action Motions to Concur on... may be considered immediately. This rule may be suspended only by an affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.'"

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The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all... have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the motion passes. On the Order of Concurrence appears House Bill 3177, Representative Olickal. Please proceed."

Olickal: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3177 adjusts the innovative project delivery program run by IDOT. The... currently, the department is limited to 400 million in innovation project delivery. The bill changes that from 20% of the program to 500 million annually. And then the amendment to... in the... from the Senate, specifically, is technical. Essentially removes the... it removes the... it keeps it at 500 million annually and removes the index to inflation, and ask for its adoption."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the underlying bill was unanimous. The Senate Amendment change just removed the inflationary index increase. Is that correct?"

Olickal: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And that passed unanimously out of the Senate, correct?"

Olickal: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3177? All those in favor vote... vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open.

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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 House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3177. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1 appears House Bill 1505, on the Order of Concurrence, Leader Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1505. They added a provision... this was originally the horse racing cleanup bill for the Illinois Racing Board that was around for a number of years that we passed over clean. But there was a request from a Member to add the provision to not allow flags for up... or to allow flags for VGT parlors for up to 90 days only. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, we are adding to the bill that passed the House restrictions on advertising. As you outlined, the rest of the bill remains the same."

Rita: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And I know you said but, I'm sorry to ask, but, again, what was bringing this change forward?"

Rita: "What was that? I'm sorry."

Windhorst: "What led to this change to be brought forward?"

Rita: "There's a bill that we called the... ban the flags. And... and as you know, by these different gaming and facilities that

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have VGTs, there's sometimes flags and these different advertisements that are up and down the road. And it was a request to, you know, maybe just limit to the 90 days when they first opened, just to have them so that they're... they're not so much a distraction and/or maybe the presence of how some of these facilities are."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Rita to close."

Reick: "I'd ask for an 'aye' vote, and, Jay, you're finally maybe going to get your flags."

Speaker Hoffman: "I'm going to not have my flags. The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1505?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1505. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). Leader Guzzardi on the motion."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Moving to Supplemental Calendar #1 appears House Bill 3363, on the Order of Concurrence, Mr... Representative Vella."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd move to concur on Senate Amendment 2 and Senate Amendment 3. Senate Amendment 2 makes

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some changes to the state PD selection. Senate Amendment 3 just changes the effective date."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This is the statewide public defender bill that we debated earlier this session. Is that correct?"

Vella: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And the Senate Amendments deal with... partly deal with the task force that is created by the underlying bill. Is that correct?"

Vella: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And what do we do with that task force?"

Vella: "It changes some of the... the appointments on the task force and how they're appointed."

Windhorst: "And that occurs in Senate Amendment 2. Is that correct?"

Vella: "That's correct."

Windhorst: "And Senate Amendment 3 deals with identifying operational costs, that the State Public Defender Commission shall identify operational costs and funding sources for establishing the state public defender office."

Vella: "Yes, and it also changes the effective date to one year later."

Windhorst: "And it appears that that received a partisan vote in the Senate."

Vella: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Representative Friess."

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Friess: "Will the sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Friess: "So, how is the state's attorney going to be selected?"

Vella: "I'm sorry, the statewide public defender?"

Friess: "Yes. Yes. The public defender."

Vella: "The state will... that is not in this. That was in the... the original bill, but the statewide public defender is going to be elected. The current ones stay as is. When they leave, there's a group that's put together with the state... I'm sorry, the statewide PD and the chief judge. They pick a group of between four and six people, and they decide who the person is. They then send that to the statewide PD, and the statewide PD must appoint that person."

Friess: "OK. Thanks."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Vella to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 3363?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 36 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 3 to House Bill 3363. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from Rules reports the following committee action on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted are Motions to Concur with Senate

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Amendment(s) 1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 2755, the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 2771, and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3662."

Speaker Hoffman: "The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). Leader Guzzardi on the motion."

Guzzardi: "Speaker, pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 2755 may be considered immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This Motion to Suspend the rule, right? We're suspending a rule here. Do I understand that correct?"

Guzzardi: "That's correct, leader."

Windhorst: "This is on HB2755."

Guzzardi: "That's correct, leader."

Windhorst: "Are you familiar with that bill?"

Guzzardi: "Somewhat. I expect I'll learn more about it shortly."

Windhorst: "Yes. It's a revenue bill."

Guzzardi: "I believe so, leader."

Windhorst: "Tax increase bill."

Guzzardi: "The... as I understand it, the bill contains some closure of corporate loopholes on large multinational corporations, but we'll discuss that when the bill is presented."

Windhorst: "Well, I think another year, another time for the majority to suspend rules to pass tax increases. Vote 'no.' I request a record vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst has requested a record vote. Leader Guzzardi has moved to suspend Rules 15(d), pursuant to Rule 15(e), so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 2755 may be considered immediately. This rule may be suspended only by an affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' 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 motion, there's 74 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the motion carries. Moving to Supplemental Calendar 2 of the calendar, on the Order of Concurrence appears House Bill 2755, Leader Tarver."

Tarver: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Move to adopt all three Senate... or concur with all three Senate Amendments."

Speaker Hoffman: "Explain the amendments, please. Please be brief."

Tarver: "Absolutely. The most important amendment changes that the digital ad tax tossed on by the Senate is no longer in the revenue omnibus. Otherwise, as you might imagine, with a revenue omnibus, there are some revenue enhancements, there are some tax credits, and some miscellaneous cleanup. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Is anyone seeking recognition? Representative Sosnowski."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Sosnowski: "It's a sad day once again in the state of Illinois, a sad day for working families in the state of Illinois. One

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of the highest-taxed states in the entire nation, one with one of the highest property taxes in the entire nation, and what do we have today? Self-declared tax-and-spend Democrats have decided that we need to tax more and spend more. We're going to spend more money on pet projects. We're going to spend more money on free health care for nonresidents. We're going to spend more money on government operations. And in a high-tax state, we're going to charge more taxes on working families in Illinois. This bill has a multitude of additional revenue sources. We're going to charge more taxes on tobacco, more taxes on sports wagering, more taxes on businesses. And as Representative Guzzardi mentioned, these are not businesses that are just going to eat that. They get passed on to working families, and working families will pay more of those taxes. Well, what else are we going to do? We're going to charge everybody more on telecom fees so that working families have to pay more on their phone bills. And as was mentioned, there's a digital tax. Thank goodness the majority party and the governor decided to take that off, but we know that's coming back in the future. We've had lots of conversations about a sales tax on services. Thank goodness we don't see that right now, but we know that's coming back. We may be considering a delivery fee. That'll likely be in front of us soon. Or maybe that will be delayed, but we know that will come back no matter what. And all of this is additional taxes in one of the highest-taxed states in the nation."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Sosnowski..."

Sosnowski: "Enough is enough. Vote 'no.'"

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Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your inquiry."

Windhorst: "What is the reported status to our clerk of Senate Amendments 2... 1, 2, and 3?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Amendments 1, 2, and 3 were adopted by the Senate."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Moore."

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

Davidsmeyer: "Indicates he'll yield."

Moore: "Thank you. We had a Revenue Committee meeting earlier tonight, where we asked some very specific questions to Leader Tarver. Leader Tarver, do you know why GOMB wasn't there tonight?"

Tarver: "I am unaware why they did not attend tonight."

Moore: "Thank you. We talked about previously some recurring taxes that are going to be passed if... with this bill. But there's also some nonreoccurring taxes, or I'd say budget gimmicks. There's a delinquent tax payment incentive program estimated at \$195 million. Is that correct?"

Tarver: "I have it... as 198, but sure."

Moore: "Hundred... hundred ninety-eight. Thank you. There is a shift from the state sales tax on motor fuel purchases to the Road Fund, again, for one time, at \$171 million. Is that correct?"

Tarver: "That is correct."

Moore: "OK. There's also a remote retailer amnesty program and a franchise tax amnesty program. I had the franchise tax amnesty

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at 5 million. Do you know what the remote retailer amnesty program?"

Tarver: "So, I'm... I'm glad you brought that up. I have updated numbers, and I have it at \$30 million."

Moore: "Thirty million dollars."

Tarver: "Yes."

Moore: "Thank you. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Moore: "Ladies and gentlemen, we all got into elected office with... for different reasons. My motto has always been that we need to make difficult choices today so life can be better off for future generations. Using one-time budget gimmicks to balance a budget isn't really a balanced budget. You and I can't do that in our homes. We wouldn't recommend to our children that they pay their credit card with their savings account. This time next year, if these one-time budget gimmicks are passed, we're going to be in this same position, and we're going to keep kicking the can down the road. I urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 2755?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes,' 43 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1, 2, and 3 to House Bill 2... 2755. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, there were three people who spoke in opposition.

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Three people spoke in opposition. That was on Standard Debate. If... if I was in the error... three people spoke, and that was Standard Debate. Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "I know we don't want to debate all this right now, but I rose on an inquiry of the Chair. I did not debate the bill. I should not have been included as one of the speakers. Also, we had prior discussion with leadership that there would be five speakers on our side of the aisle."

Speaker Hoffman: "I was not aware of that. I apologize. Representative Miller. And I... before you... you speak, I just... I was under the impression three people had spoken, so, and I didn't know the agreement. And I apologize to you. Representative Miller."

Miller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, one thing I would like to say this evening is, I don't want to start by thanking anybody on our side of the aisle that's created this budget mess. You know, it's almost been, this week, like having a week-long root canal that never ended. Illinois is broke and people are leaving, and all we saw was resolution after resolution, press-release bill after press-release bill. Illinois has become the laughing stock of the United States of America. I'd like to challenge you this week when you go... this summer when you go on vacation to tell people where you're from. And when you tell them you're from Illinois, they either snicker or they say, 'Yeah, I used to live there too, and I feel sorry for you.' But one thing that I know is Illinois is not only fiscally bankrupt, but we are morally

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bankrupt. You know, I'm the minority spokesman for the Economic Opportunity Committee. And, you know, one thing that's funny about that is we didn't meet one time during this whole legislative session. And I got a feeling it's because y'all don't understand anything about economics and you definitely don't understand anything about opportunity, obviously. Because everything that you do creates an environment where businesses can't thrive, where families can't thrive, and people are voting with their feet and leaving. If y'all don't know, you lost a congressional seat, which means you lost between 750,000 and a million people. And we know it's all true because it happened under a Democrat regime in Washington and also here in the state of Illinois. You know, one thing about the... this does is it creates a generational curse for this state because our children and our grandchildren are going to be the ones that reap what we have sown here through our incompetence, through our irresponsibility and our inability to run a business. No, I don't want to thank anybody for being here at almost midnight tonight. There isn't anybody that runs a business this way. I guarantee you my family would look at me like I had a hole in the head if I said, 'Hey, let's all get together and talk about the family budget at midnight on Saturday night.' And... and that's all I got to say about that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: Motion to Concur... recommends be

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adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 4 to House Bill 1075."

Speaker Hoffman: "The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). Leader Guzzardi on the motion."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 1075 may be considered immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The failure to prepare on the part of the majority in the Senate should not create an emergency on the part of the House. I urge a 'no' vote and request a record vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The leader has requested a record vote. We shall take a record vote. Leader Guzzardi has moved to suspend Rule 15(d) pursuant to Rule 15(e) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 1075 may be considered immediately. The rule may be suspended only by an affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' All vote... all vote... 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 motion, there are 74 voting 'yes,' 39 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the motion is adopted. Moving to Supplemental Calendar #3 appears House Bill 1075, on the Order of Concurrence, Leader Gabel. Leader Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good evening. Senate Bill... excuse me, House Bill 1075 is... is the FY26 budget implementation bill, as its name would imply. It contains the

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unglamorous but very important provisions that implement the budget that this chamber has just passed. This will provide stability for our state in the coming fiscal year by enabling us to continue uninterrupted operations of state government, to give our constitutional officers the tools to navigate an uncertain environment that our state may be facing in the coming year, and to improve our state's financial standing while increasing government efficiency and protecting people with disabilities and our neighbors who require vital services. It's an important measure, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "On this question, Leader Spain."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he'll yield."

Spain: "Leader Guzzardi, you're a Member of the legislative branch. What provisions within this budget implementation plan are designed to protect the powers of the legislative branch, which is a coequal branch of government with the executive branch?"

Guzzardi: "I would say that this legislative measure is precisely an invocation of the Legislature... of the legislative branch's powers. We are exercising our authority to implement the budget that we just passed and providing a framework by which that budget may be implemented in the coming year."

Spain: "Do we give broad new emergency powers to the governor of the state of Illinois? Do we create a BRIDGE Fund for the governor of the state of Illinois? Do we allow the governor to increase his transfer authorities within state agencies from 2% to 4%, doubling his transfer powers?"

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Guzzardi: "My... my understanding, leader, is that the transfer authority was at 4% in the most recent fiscal year, and we're simply retaining it at that level. As far as the BRIDGE Fund, I'm glad you brought it up. I think it's an incredibly important and prudent fiscal measure that is contained in this bill. Many states have this kind of intermediate bridge fund for when there are momentary gaps in revenue or funding. Our state has never had one. We have our Rainy Day Fund, our Budget Stabilization Fund. But this kind of intermediate medium term..."

Spain: "Mr. Speaker, to the bill. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I've been given four total minutes..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader..."

Spain: "...in the final moments of the legislative session, or who knows if it is the final moments of the legislative session. Because for what reason does the stroke of midnight even matter in a legislative body that sets rules, defies their own rules, creates their own legislative outcomes and election wins through gerrymandering, and uses absolute power to wield their will in defiance to good democracy and collaboration? That is the outcome that we have right here, now, as we debate at 11:51 a budget implementation plan, a plan that takes our opportunity, our responsibilities that are sacred as a coequal branch of government and delivers broad and unprecedented power to the governor of the state of Illinois to once again declare new emergencies as he sees fit and wield power over the purse, which is the responsibility that we have as a coequal branch of the Legislature. We are doing things that are terrible ideas: forfeiting our

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opportunities to have strong discretion and guidance over the budget, over our policy priorities; giving the governor abilities to make wholesale changes in the Medicaid program, in fund transfers for important state agencies. And we're robbing funds from all sorts of important priorities that we all agree on would be important, from OSLAD to fire prevention to cannabis. The list goes on and on. We're creating a BRIDGE Fund, a BRIDGE Fund that gives broad new discretionary powers to the governor. We're using funds that would have otherwise come attributed to that spending to fund pet projects for only one party in the state of Illinois and developing a new fund for the governor of Illinois. It's a BRIDGE Fund, a BRIDGE Fund for a governor who has been adamant, doing everything he can to audition to be president of the United States in 2028, to burn every bridge with the federal government that is possible. I urge you to reject this ridiculous budget implementation plan. If we would work together, as you know, Leader Guzzardi, many of us have been doing, we could work together in the best interests of the state of Illinois instead of participating in the grandstanding of Governor Pritzker. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 4 to House Bill 1075?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes,' 41 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 4 to House Bill 1075. And this bill, having received a

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constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed.
Representative Halbrook, for what reason do you arise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, we hear a lot this spring about a compassionate budget, but we never hear about a commonsense budget. Over here, we understand that there are two wings of government. There's a commonsense side, and there's a compassionate side. However, when one of these get out of balance, things go terribly wrong. Problems start. But how do we know? How do we recognize what kind of a budget that we have been passing here in Illinois over the last few years? Well, here's some examples. In the last six years, spending in the state of Illinois has grown by \$17 billion, over 40%. New taxes have been added in the last 15 years to the tune of \$110 billion. We have the highest overall tax burden in the nation. Outmigration is of the top. One of the worst business climates in the nation. Three and a half or four dozen counties in this state have voted to start a new state. This budget does shot... not show any compassion to the taxpayers of this state. This budgeting process is no way to create a responsible financial plan. It's a junk drawer of spending. It's a cut-and-paste job, recycled year after year, packed with grants that no one can explain, line... line items that don't add up, and decisions that were clearly made behind closed doors. By the time we get to the bottom of some of these sections in this budget, none of the line items add up. The math doesn't work. We're voting on a document that was

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just released 24 hours ago. It's unsearchable and completely unworkable. We need budgets, we need spreadsheets, we need summaries, and we need some transparency. This budget has none of that. We don't know how much is being spent on job training, youth employment, green energy, or dozens of other critical items. Some grants are specified down to the dollar with names and addresses, others are completely vague: no amount, no purpose, and no accountability. Last night, Representative Gabel called this a hard budget. She claimed there was no pork. Representative Guzzardi blamed economic uncertainty on Trump and congressional Republicans. Let me be clear: The economic challenges in the... Illinois faces are not caused by someone in Washington. They are caused by a reckless, opaque, and unstable budgeting practices happening right here in this chamber. This budget doesn't reflect..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, please bring your remarks so close."

Halbrook: "This budget doesn't reflect fiscal discipline. It reflects political priorities, hidden deals, and a lack of transparency. Illinois taxpayers deserve better. We can do better, and we must. Mr. Speaker, I humbly request a moment of silence as we mourn the death of personal responsibility and freedom of liberty in the state of Illinois. Thank you, and vote 'no' on all these bad budget bills."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative McLaughlin."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

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McLaughlin: "Thank you. Once again, my friends, the spend-a-crats in Springfield, have proven they simply can't control themselves. The presenter of the earlier budget emphasized what the supermajority values, and what they value most, I couldn't agree with, it's higher taxes. Rather than looking forward, the hardworking taxpayers of this state with respect and responsibility, the majority party looks at these taxpayers as prey. And once again they're going after your wallets, your purses, and your savings for reckless spending and political cover. I mean, seriously, guys, another billion dollars. Last year, we were here, and I predicted we would miss this budget by 1.5 billion. That's just a single State Rep. without a staff of two and a half million. I mentioned Billy Preston's song 'Nothing from Nothing' would leave nothing in the wallets of people from Illinois. Congratulations. I was right. New taxes on nicotine and on potentially packages being delivered and potentially drugs for seniors. Come on, guys. We should be shrinking the budget, not growing it. This state needs a serious fiscal Ozempic prescription, and we need it now. OK, guys? We are wrong. We're wrong spending the way we are, and we're wrong giving ourselves pay raises while our constituents can't fill their gas tanks, can't afford college, can't pay their bills, or keep their homes. And while some in this chamber cheerlead this embarrassment as a win for the governor, I see it as a complete failure to lead. Fiscal discipline isn't a buzzword; it's a prescription. And if we don't start following it, we are certain of one thing: Illinois is going to flatline. We're not supposed to be growing these two things in Illinois: One

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is more government employees than ever since 2008 and the bottom line of Mayflower Moving Company and U-Haul as people leave. The first cut is the deepest, guys. You're going to have to do it eventually. We should have started this year, and you blew it. You absolutely blew it. Even one of your own understood this, Fred Crespo. And what did you do? That man's bulb has been burning back here for a week, and you won't call on him. Representative Davis and I put a budget together four weeks ago, saving 5 to 8 billion dollars. It can be done. We... if you continue down this path, there will be nobody left to pay for the next generation. And you're also cutting the hopes of retirees and seniors. Let's do better, let's be honest to the taxpayers, and, for once, let's respect them, for God's sakes. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "We're moving back to Supplemental Calendar #1, appears House Bill 1866, Representative Guerrero-Cuellar. Please proceed."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Speaker... thank you, Speaker. I'd like to concur amendments 1 and 2."

Speaker Hoffman: "On that question, leader... Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the underlying bill dealt with some, it looks like, sunset extensions. But there was... it appears like quite a bit done in the Senate to amend the bill. What did the Senate do to... to the bill?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "We had to add many definitions for clarifications and some technicalities changes. So, that's why you see the long text."

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Windhorst: "And this all deals with the changes to the Emergency Telephone System Act. Is that correct?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Is there anything in these changes that establishes any surcharge rates or any rate increases?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "No, it doesn't change any of that language. It still stays in original format."

Windhorst: "And it appears that this amendment came at the request of the Illinois State Police. Is that correct?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And it was a unanimous vote in the Senate too."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Yes, sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 1866?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received... and the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 1866. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1224, Representative Will Davis. Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendments #1 and #3 to House Bill 1224. Back when we were doing this bill in the House, this was the infamous retainage bill. There have been some changes in the Senate reflected by the amendments that have brought parties to neutral. We

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simplified the language that an agency cannot... can withhold retainage if and only if the contractor fails to make satisfactory progress pursuant to the contract. The... the language was moved to the Bond Act at the request of one of... one of the advocacy groups to use existing definitions and standards for retainage. It kept the DCEO-suggested language not to apply to capital grants to nonstate entities and kept labor-suggested language to ensure any fines from labor law violations would not be impacted. It exempted out the tollway, as their... as they have bond agreements that require retention, and it followed through on the commitment to exempt IDOT. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. I lost you there for a second. There... there you go. You mentioned that there were opponents on the underlying bill that we passed and that the amendment brought them to either to neutral or... or better or..."

Davis, W.: "That is... that is my understanding."

Windhorst: "So, Associated General Contractors and Illinois Road and Transportation Builders, do you know what their position is with... with the amendment?"

Davis, W.: "It's my understanding that the amendment has eliminated... excuse me, eliminated opposition."

Windhorst: "And what was done that... to accommodate what their request was to bring them to neutral?"

Davis, W.: "Can't say I remember exactly what their opposition was. I think overall people just had opposition to the idea

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of eliminating retainage because they thought it was a tool that could be used to hold contractors accountable. So, that being said, we are still saying that retainage can be held if and only if there is not satisfactory progress in completing the project. It used to be that retainage was held on the front end of the project, before any work would ever be done, to hold them accountable. But we're simply saying that give contractors the opportunity to fulfill their responsibility in the contract, and, if it's necessary, then retainage can be held."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate all the work that was put into this bill, work in the Senate in particular to bring parties to neutral. And I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hoffman: "Question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 1224?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 86 voting 'yes,' 28 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 3 to House Bill 22... 1224. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #1 appears House Bill 3662, Leader Tarver."

Tarver: "Move to adopt amendments 1 and... concur, excuse me, with amendments 1 and 2. Senate Amendments 1 and 2."

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Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, this appears to be a TIF extension omnibus for eight municipalities, extending for 12 years for 23 to 35 years. Is that accurate?"

Tarver: "That is accurate."

Windhorst: "And looks like a variety of districts throughout the state are included in this bill. Mr. Speaker, I request Standard Debate on this motion. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Standard Debate is granted. Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. To the bill."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Keicher: "Folks, we see this bill come up, if not once a GA, twice a GA. We see TIFs getting extended all the time. Since I got here, I've been pushing for TIF reform. We have these TIFs in front of us that we're extending out 35 years. Thirty-five years ago was 1990. George Bush, the elder, was president. We are putting decisions in place that directly impact adversely the school districts in the state of Illinois. TIF funds frequently are misappropriated and misspent by the cities that are governing them, and they are often bastardized and used in situations where TIFs were never envisioned. There are some worthy TIFs that are out there, but the abuses in the TIF system have caused too much tarnish, and we need to reform TIFs if we want to properly fund the schools in the state of Illinois. Chicago has billions of dollars that could get directed towards the schools that are sitting in TIF funds being used by the city. I'm just looking for people to express

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support and make sure that we address TIF reform next spring.

I urge a 'no' vote and sending that message. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Tarver to close."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3662?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes,' 20 voting 'no,' 1 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3662. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Wilhour, for what reason do you arise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Wilhour: "You know, you know what's really wrong with the budget? It's not just the numbers. It's not just the waste. It's the fact that it is rooted in fantasy, fraud, takes zero into account the desperate and dire fiscal situation that we're in in this state because of the things that's been done on that side of the aisle. It puts everyone ahead of Illinois families. Bad public policy is destroying Illinois. It's killing the heart and soul of this state: small towns, small businesses, our rural communities, our middle class. Under JB Pritzker, Illinois has become a case study in what happens when a billionaire with zero connection to working families buys himself an office and treats it like his own vanity

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project. We are ramming through... we ram through the most bloated, progressive, fiscally reckless agenda in modern state history. You know what destroys a state, destroys families? A crushing property tax bill that eats up half of your home mortgage, a regulatory environment so heavy that all the good jobs leave. Democrats love to talk about the middle class, but what do they get in Illinois? Higher taxes, higher utility bills, DEI, subsidies not geared towards growth but to prop up fantasy, scams like the Green New Deal initiatives, funding for illegals, more regulations, underperforming government schools, crumbling infrastructure, and a government that treats most of the state like it's an afterthought. Under JB Pritzker, spending has increased by \$15 billion and the quality of life for regular working families in Illinois has gone down. That's a failure, all right? But we're being ruled by a governor that cares more about his next MSNBC hit than he does the working folks in this state, and you guys are letting him do it. This governor has spent billions, billions on benefits and services for illegal immigrants while our own citizens struggle. This budget wasn't about helping people. It's about locking in Pritzker's radical agenda and setting the stage for his fantasy presidential campaign. You guys think that, hey..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative, please bring your remarks to a close."

Wilhour: "I will. I will. I've been very patient tonight. You... you guys think JB Pritzker is going to remember you when he takes his trust fund benevolence and runs off and runs for

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president and loses? He probably isn't going to, all right? Illinois is not a stepping stone."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please bring your remarks to a close, Representative."

Wilhour: "The people here aren't pawns. Our future should not be sold off to a billionaire so he can burnish his radical credentials for CNN. The voters are rejecting this nonsense, and it's time that you do too."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Weber for two minutes."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Weber: "So, I think my friend here, sitting next to me, actually touched on a few points. And I feel like there was a misdeed done to this chamber because my resources weren't utilized during the budget process because we were never invited to take part in any of those working groups, so. But as I was sitting here, I was looking. And I saw, in 2022, we spent, what is it, almost \$90 million on welcoming centers for migrants and illegal aliens, undocumented. And then in 2023, 199 million; 2024, 173 million; 2025, budgeted 171 million for welcoming centers. But then I realized I found almost \$100 million, actually more than \$100 million, that we could save this year in our budget. Because budgeted here, we've got immigrant integration services, some other items, \$40 million, and welcoming centers, \$40 million, plus a multitude of other programs for immigrants. But I... then I look back at pre-open-border policies, before the Democrats and Biden administration threw open our borders and invited half a million people into our state. And at those levels, it was

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\$1.4 million in 2018, \$1.5 million in 2019, and up to three in 2020. So, we take that away from the amount of money, we're saving almost \$100 million. Because in case the Democrats weren't aware, the border is closed. There's nobody coming. Are we going to take the \$40 million for welcoming centers and hire recruiters to send them around the country to try to find migrants to bring 'em into our state? No. Well, I suggest we take that money and start thinking of Illinois taxpayers first."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please bring your remarks to a close, please."

Weber: "Thank you very much. Next time, I'll... maybe we'll use my skills."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "State your point."

Davidsmeyer: "So, this evening, before the major bills that we were supposed to discuss, the budget, the budget implementation bill, and your tax increase bill, we had an agreement that we would have a number of speakers on each bill. Now, we wanted unlimited debate so we could actually discuss the merits of the bill. We were not given that opportunity, but we had an agreement on how many speakers and how long they would be able to speak. Before Speaker Welch became Speaker, we debated bills in this place. You may not want to hear the other side, but you should hear the other side. Whether you like it or not, we have to hear opposing arguments. The reality tonight is that the majority party was salivating at passing huge spending bills and huge tax

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increases. You could have passed them tomorrow. You could have passed them in July or August with 71 votes because you were actually salivating at passing tax increases on the people of the state of Illinois. Now, we had an agreement that you did not follow through with because we were too close to midnight, too close to June 1. That's not how democracy is supposed to work. We understand we're in the minority. We understand you're in the majority. That's not the way this place used to work. We used to hear each other. We may not have liked it, but we heard each other. I hope in the future we can have these agreements. I hope that we can actually debate bills without time, without... we're not trying to filibuster. We're trying to ask questions because we used to actually have staff that had conversations between each other. We had Members that had conversations. It wasn't one sided. It is one sided now. You are encouraged not to talk to the other side. I want to work with you. I want this state to be better. Go-it-alone approach is not working. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Sheehan."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Sheehan: "There was an article in the Chicago Tribune this morning, 'Naperville police combat crisis with creative tactics to attract candidates.' Naperville, the fourth-largest city in this state, having recruitment and retention problems, and yet no funds were appropriated for the Recruitment and Retention Grant program. The Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the reduced budget now down 11%,

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and that includes no GRF appropriation. And the camera grant program? Cut by \$6 million. This is just another sad day for law enforcement here in this state. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Returning to page... Supplemental Calendar #1, House Bill 3772, Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 4 to House Bill 3772. This was the discipline bill that we debated in the House, went over to the Senate, and Senate made significant changes to the bill. And it's my understanding that, as a result of their changes, all parties are neutral. But just to reiterate some of the things that the bill does, including, presumably, the amendment, is that the bill does expand... does ban expulsions for K-2 students. It requires written or verbal approval of a district superintendent or early childhood director for suspensions longer than three days for pre-K through two students. As it relates to services for students, the bill would expand eligibility of the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program, or ALOP programs, to grade... ban down to K-3. I think prior to this, it stops at grades four. So, we're now including grades K-3 in this, and it allows for placement of a student in K-2 in an out-of-district ALOP program for up to 90 days. Lastly, clarifies that school districts and state-authorized charter schools are required to report discipline-related data to the State Board of Education each year for the previous school year. Relative to... we have learned that exclusionary discipline is an... is ineffective at every grade level, but it is especially harmful for younger students since it can disrupt synthetic... excuse

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me, disrupt systemic implementation of social-emotional learning and leaves students and their families vulnerable to trauma from being separated from their school and staff. Over the last several years, we've made significant progress to... to reduce the use of exclusionary discipline practices and ensure equal access to an education. We've also made historic investments in supports for districts to transition to restorative and trauma-informed alternatives. We have invested in efforts to train educators and school mental health professionals as well as setting up regional training hubs across the state to provide tailored support to local school districts' needs in the areas of trauma responsiveness, mental health, crisis response strategies, and social-emotional learning. And so, what we've done here will continue to build upon that."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative..."

Davis, W.: "At there, I'll stop and take any questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Inquiry of the Chair. Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hoffman: "State your inquiry."

Windhorst: "What is... what is the vote threshold needed for passage?"

Speaker Hoffman: "I believe for immediate effective date it is 71 and for delayed effective date is 60."

Windhorst: "And as it relates to this bill, do you know what will be required for passage?"

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader."

Windhorst: "Yes."

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Speaker Hoffman: "So, my understanding, unbelievably, I was correct. So, 71 votes for... for it to take effect immediately. But it would still pass constitutionally if it got 60 votes, but it would not be effective until the following June 30. So, it'd be June 30 of 2026."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "After all that, you're going to ask questions?"

Windhorst: "Sorry. You know me."

Speaker Hoffman: "Sponsor yields."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this is the bill... just for Members on our side so we know what we're... we're voting on. This bill originally dealt with K-2 suspensions and the process by which that would occur involving the superintendents. We've made some changes that school administrators requested regarding the ALOP program, and that brought some of those opponents to at least a 'no' position or neutral."

Davis, W.: "It's my understanding that, as a result of the amendatory changes in the Senate, that everybody is neutral."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, I'd like to thank Senator Villa, who took over the bill in the Senate, and with regard from... from Senator Lightford, members of the ISBE staff: Dana Stoeger, Hector Rodriguez, and Dr. Kimako Patterson, their chief of staff. And certainly want to thank Katy and Jenna, who are members of our staff, for their consistent work on trying to bring this to... to where we are right now. And with that, I'd ask for a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 4 to House Bill 3772?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. The gentleman asked for Postponed Consideration. Postponed Consideration is granted. The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). Leader Morgan on that motion."

Morgan: "Speaker, pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 2771 may be considered immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm running out of new things to say on these motions to suspend the rules. So, I would urge a 'no' vote and request a record vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Windhorst has requested a record vote. A record vote will be granted. Leader Morgan has moved to suspend Rule 15(d) pursuant to Rule 15(e) so the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 2771 may be considered immediately. The rule may be suspended only by affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this motion, there are 74 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this motion is adopted. Representative Ugaste, for what reason do you rise?"

Ugaste: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

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Ugaste: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I can't help feel, even though the hour's a little different and a few of the people involved in presenting the bills were a bit different, but we're in a 'Groundhog Day.' And I can't understand why, with such good-intentioned, intelligent people, we have such a hard time figuring this out. We just ran a bill with a bunch of business incentives hoping to get additional business revenue and growth in our state, jobs and opportunities for our people, jobs that would provide, probably, health care benefits so that we don't have to have arguments over how to fund Medicaid and whether or not there's going to be enough money. But what do we follow it up with? Nearly a billion dollars in taxes. And you can say, 'Well, they went on businesses or they didn't hit people directly.' But we all know that it's people who pay taxes in the end. Every business passes along the taxes we hit them with to the people who buy their goods and use their services. It's the way the world works. We don't see growth in this state. Despite your leader's allegation that we're number two in corporate growth, we have anemic growth in real dollars in GDP. It just isn't there. We lag the nation. Illinois has been in the past the beacon for the nation. But we think with highest property taxes in the nation, highest business taxes that if we just pile on more, we're going to do more good in this state. We had \$53 billion, record revenue. And if you're creating efficiencies, you don't find more to spend so you have to spend another billion dollars in taxes. Do you really expect growth after that? The only growth we've seen in this state is when the governor of Texas and the federal government brought a number of illegal...

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or immigrants who crossed our borders illegally into our state. That's the only growth we've had. Otherwise, it's all outmigration. I really hope at some point we figure out..."

Speaker Hoffman: "Please bring your remarks to a close, Representative."

Ugaste: "...we figure out how to make truly difficult decisions. As other speakers have said, we're willing to help. My slender friend on the other side, I don't see him right now, said, 'Where are the votes? Where... where's the willingness to do the work?' We have it. Just talk to us. We can get Illinois to grow again, and it's not that hard. It just takes voting for the right measures."

Speaker Hoffman: "Moving to Supplemental Calendar #1 appears House Bill 2771, Leader Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur to Senate Bill 2021, 1 and 2."

Speaker Hoffman: "It... House Bill 2771..."

Lilly: "Yes."

Speaker Hoffman: "...Amendments 1 and 2. On this question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates she'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, it appears that Senate Amendment 1 basically gutted the bill and Senate Amendment 2 is now essentially the... the substance that we're dealing with for this bill. Is that correct?"

Lilly: "That is... that is correct."

Windhorst: "And this is the hospital assessment legislation?"

Lilly: "It is."

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Windhorst: "We are increasing the annual assessment on hospital providers for inpatient and outpatient services."

Lilly: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And what is that increase?"

Lilly: "The increase is 1.47 billion."

Windhorst: "It makes implementation of the increases contingent on federal approval of specified directed payment increases to hospitals."

Lilly: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Contains provisions concerning the determination of a hospital's occupied and Medicare bed days."

Mason: "Correct."

Windhorst: "Provides that upon federal approval of the directed payment increases to hospitals, the... HFS shall bill hospitals for the total tax due resulting from the assessment increases. Is that correct?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And we're allowing for rulemaking in the department. This is an HFS and IHA initiative."

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And it looks like for FY... this fiscal year and beyond, we require an additional 150 million be transferred from the Healthcare Provider Relief Fund, increasing from the current \$365 million per year. One hundred million dollars of this is scrape while the remaining 45 million are funds that were typically held in the Hospital Provider Fund for later use. If you could describe what the term 'scrape' refers to or means."

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Lilly: "Yes, I can describe that. I want to make sure I had it correct. The hospitals are taxed more, and there's a federal match on that tax. And that goes back to the hospitals."

Windhorst: "Mr. Speaker, we request Standard Debate. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Standard Debate is granted. Leader Spain."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "She indicates she'll yield."

Spain: "Thank you. Leader Lilly, I want to pick up where Floor Leader Windhorst was at because there is an impact on the state budget and GRF. And the term that we use affectionately as 'scrape' is an important term in terms of revenue for the state of Illinois. So, there is a tax assessed upon hospitals. It's used to facilitate additional federal dollars to the state of Illinois. But there is some piece of that arrangement that is used for additional benefit for the state of Illinois. That's... that's the scrape. And when we increase the assessment, there is an increase in... in the scrape or the funds available to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for... for their work. Do you know what that total amount is?"

Lilly: "The total amount of the federal match scrape is 300 million."

Spain: "Three hundred million. OK. And thank you for that. I... I do believe that there is a portion of that that will be available quickly for the upcoming fiscal year, another portion that would be made available soon after that. I just raise that as a point of interest because for our budget discussions next year, we... we may not have that entire full amount. We might have an amount of about half that funding

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for the scrape. Let me ask you one other question, briefly. We know that hospitals throughout the state of Illinois are struggling. We know that our state has difficulty in Medicaid reimbursement because of the structure of our federal matching funds. And so, we know that there are some hospitals that have fallen behind in the participation of their assessment. Can you talk about, included within this legislation is a way for hospitals to get caught up and make whole on their assessment obligations to the state of Illinois?"

Lilly: "Well, what I would like to say, specifically the safety net hospitals receive 31% of the net funding under the enhanced Hospital Assessment Program to support access to services to the most vulnerable communities here in Illinois. Indeed, it also... and the payments and the tax level in this legislation prioritize funding to our smaller safety-net hospitals and critical care access hospitals. The larger hospitals with significant Medicaid volume with... will, together, support access to quality care for all individuals. What we want to make sure that everyone understands, these funds will support behavioral health, rehab, and children hospitals. With all of those needs being met, it is important to know that these funds will support existing operations within those hospitals. The scrapes allows the hospitals to use the dollars how they see fit."

Spain: "Thank you. Leader Lilly, though, isn't it... isn't it true that within this legislation we are creating an arrangement and an expectation that if any hospitals have fallen behind in their payments, we will be working with them on a way to

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catch up and make whole on their obligations? Isn't that correct?"

Lilly: "This bill requires the hospitals with the unpaid assessment to enter into a repayment or tax deferral plan no longer than 30 days after notice of unpaid assessment. It also requires that by September 1, 2025 the department immediately collects unpaid assessments if a hospital with outstanding balance has not entered into a repayment or tax deferred plan with the department."

Spain: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to the bill, and I'll offer brief closing remarks."

Speaker Hoffman: "To the bill."

Spain: "Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen of the House, the Hospital Assessment Program is the lifeblood of how we fund health care in the state of Illinois. As you may know, Illinois has one of the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the country. That has nothing to do with Donald Trump, Joe Biden, Barack Obama, or any White House administration. It has to do with rates that were established in the 1960s that have become the basis of the federal matching rate provided to states. Illinois happens to have one of the very lowest, where other states in the country may have... our effective reimbursement rate is around 51 or 52%. There are other states that have reimbursement rates, federal matching rates in the upper 70%. It means, in the state of Illinois, we have to work hard about how we come together in a collaboration to fund health care, how we use some of these important tools, like the Hospital Assessment Program, to make sure that we receive the federal funds needed to provide care for the people who need it. This

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is a very important program as we're going through changes in Washington, D.C. regarding hospital and other provider assessment taxes. I strongly urge that we take advantage of this moment to act now to ensure that vital funds for the Medicaid program and for health care services are preserved for the state of Illinois. This is a great example of the people of the General Assembly working together on a bipartisan manner to maximize the opportunities to make sure we're providing health care services throughout the state of Illinois. Leader Lilly, thank you so much for bringing this forward tonight."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2771?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2771. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 31, 2025: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with... Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 for House Bill 742 and Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 for House Bill 3374."

Speaker Hoffman: "The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). Leader Morgan on the motion."

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Morgan: "Thank you, Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that Joint Action Motion to Concur in House Bill 3374 may be considered immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Morgan has moved to suspend Rule 15(d), pursuant to Rule 15(e). Oh, Representative Windhorst. Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Indicates he'll yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, what was the rule we're suspending again?"

Morgan: "This is suspending Rule 15(d), leader."

Windhorst: "OK. I've heard that quite a few times tonight. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Recorded vote. Representative Windhorst has asked for a recorded vote and recorded vote will be granted. Leader Morgan has moved to suspend Rule 15(d), pursuant to 15(e), so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 3374 may be considered immediately. This rule may be suspended only by affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' To suspend vote 15(d), all in favor vote 'yes'; all opposed vote 'no.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this motion, there are 75 voting 'yes,' 37 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the motion carries."

Speaker Hoffman: "On Supplemental Calendar #4 appears House Bill 3374, Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. I move to concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill

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3374. This is the bonding authority, increasing bonding authority for the State of Illinois for general obligation bonds and Build Illinois bonds. The Build Illinois bonds, they increase 740 million, the general obligation bonds 875 million. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he will yield."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, on the general obligation bonds, what is the annual debt cost each year, at least at the beginning? Do you have that at... we show it's \$83 million per year, at least initially. Does that match with what you have?"

Rita: "Hold on. It sounds about right. Yes."

Windhorst: "And that eventually dwindles to 37 million per year as parts of the debt tranche are paid off."

Rita: "Correct. Yeah, correct."

Windhorst: "And then with the Build Illinois debt, that will be about 78 million per year initially, then going down to 39 million as debt is paid off. That sounds correct?"

Rita: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And just as a reminder, Build Illinois, what is that program that the debt is for?"

Rita: "That's for our capital needs throughout the state, whether it be schools, roads, bridges, all the capital needs. The capital... different capital items throughout the state to fund them. Universities."

Windhorst: "And as you said and just to be clear, this is a bond authorization. What is the overall cost of the bond authorization?"

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Rita: "One point six billion."

Windhorst: "One point six what? I'm sorry."

Rita: "One point six billion."

Windhorst: "One point six billion."

Rita: "One point six billion increase in bond authorization."

Windhorst: "And the underlying bill, before the amendment, had to do with a sunset extension for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and coal resources. Is that part of this bill anymore?"

Rita: "That is not part of the bill. I'll take you for your word what it was, but that is not part of the bill."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3374?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 77 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3374. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to suspend Rule 15(d). Leader Gabel on the motion."

Gabel: "Speaker, pursuant to Rule 15(e), I move to suspend Rule 15(d) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 742 may be considered immediately."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader... Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We request, yet again, a record vote on this motion to suspend the rule."

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Speaker Hoffman: "A record vote will be granted. Leader Windhorst has moved to suspend rule... Leader Gabel has moved to suspend Rule 15(d) pursuant to 15(e) so that the Joint Action Motion to Concur on House Bill 742 may be considered immediately. The rule may be suspended only by affirmative vote of 71 Members. The question is, 'Shall the House suspend Rule 15(d)?' All those vote 'yes' in favor of suspending the rule; all vote 'no' against. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the motion carries. On Supplemental Calendar #4 appears House Bill 742, Representative Croke."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 742 extends the implementation date of the Interchange Fee Prohibition Act to July 1, 2026. Happy to answer questions."

Speaker Hoffman: "On that question, Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Hoffman: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "This Interchange Fee Prohibition Act was passed last year during the spring session. I believe it's part of the... the final budget package. Is that correct?"

Croke: "It passed last year in the revenue omnibus."

Windhorst: "Revenue omnibus?"

Croke: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And that was supported by IRMA and the Illinois Fuel and Retail Association, the prohibition on the interchange fee. Is that correct?"

Croke: "Yes, that's what I believe."

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Windhorst: "And they... they now oppose this delay of the implementation, correct?"

Croke: "Yes, mm-hmm."

Windhorst: "But the delay is supported by the Credit Union League, Bankers Association, and Community Bankers. Is that correct?"

Croke: "Yes. Yes."

Windhorst: "I believe there were four 'no' votes or four 'no' votes in the Senate. Do you show that as well?"

Croke: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Seeing no one seeking further recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 742?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay.' Voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'yes,' 9 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 742. And this bill, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher."

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. If you could please excuse Representatives Sosnowski and Wilhour for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader West in the Chair."

Speaker West: "West in the Chair. Pursuant to Rule 36, the clerk is in receipt of a request in writing from Leader Windhorst to expunge Representative Cassidy's remarks spoken into the record on the morning of Saturday, May 31, 2025 from the

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official transcript of the House. Leader Windhorst on the motion."

Windhorst: "Speaker, pursuant to Rule 36, I request to expunge Representative Cassidy's remarks from the official transcript of the House, which were spoken on the morning of Saturday, May 31, 2025. The rules of the House provide for decorum. We have often spirited debate, pointed debate, sometimes not as... debate not as long as we would like to have, but it's important that we maintain decorum in our debate to do the people's business. There are things that are permissible to be said outside of these halls, outside of these walls. But when we're here representing the people, it's important that we have decorum and demonstrate respect for one another in our conduct. I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker West: "Leader Windhorst has requested to expunge Representative Cassidy's remarks from the official transcript of the House that were spoken on the morning of Saturday, May 31, 2025. This request to expunge may only be approved by the record vote of 71 Members elected. The question is, 'Shall the remarks made by Representative Cassidy be expunged?' 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 36 voting 'yes,' 72 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this motion, having failed to receive a constitutional majority, is hereby declared lost. Leader McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Good evening, everybody. I know everybody wants to get going home. But just as we do every year, last year was a little more... a little later in the

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evening, certainly much more emotional evening, and I didn't do one at the end. So, this... tonight I would. So, as we close the session, I'd like to take a moment to thank our staffs on both sides of the aisle. But I would be remiss not to recognize the unparalleled dedication, knowledge, and loyalty of our House Republican staff. Our caucus and the people of Illinois are truly blessed by their service. Unfortunately, this session was much of the same: decisions made behind closed door, a budget built in secrecy with our questions, unfortunately, unanswered. And for the first time since I've been elected leader, there was not a meeting with the governor, Speaker Welch, or any of the leaders to discuss the budget package. Not only is that rude to me and to our caucus, but the lack of transparency was a show of complete disregard and disrespect to those that we serve in the 102 counties. While the supermajority maintains false control through a gerrymandered map, the controversial rule of 60, and coercive tactics, Illinois families face rising taxes, failing services, and a shrinking sense of safety. The outcomes of this session are well predicted to be disastrous. Speaker, you are on a path that ensures leadership at the highest levels will have many challenges internally. And to Members across the aisle, you are going to have some very tough questions to answer as the year progresses as we head down a downward spiral, and only the strong will survive. House Republicans will not be intimidated, and we won't be silent. We will continue to come to the table with real, commonsense solutions concerning public safety, as we have warned the dangers in the SAFE-T Act. And we have solutions to help

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protect our communities. Tax relief and pension reform. We have offered targeted, responsible pension reform and tax relief legislation concerning property tax relief for our veterans, seniors, farmers, small businesses, and first responders, relief for working families, and economic growth, crafting legislation that brings together real help for everyday Illinoisans without raising taxes or increasing regulations. Ethics reform. We continuously push for integrity and accountability. It's really quite amazing that we have not addressed ethics this General Assembly after the LIG resigned December of 2021 or after the conviction of the longest-serving Speaker in the nation's history. Moving forward, House Republicans will continue to push for structural reforms that will grow our economy, push for fair and transparent processes, push for school choice and good educational outcomes, and we will push for public safety, putting victims before criminals. Let's be honest. We all know Illinois can do better, and deep down, I honestly believe that we all, all of us, want to do better. So, as I... as we leave the chamber for the summer, I challenge all of us to reflect, reset, and come back ready to work, not just for your party but for all of the people. Enjoy your summer in your districts with your friends and your family. Stay safe, and, honestly, God bless all of you. Thank you."

Speaker West: "Thank you, Leader McCombie. Speaker Welch is recognized."

Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the 104th General Assembly, I rise to address you this evening with tremendous pride and gratitude. I'm proud to stand here as

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your Speaker, even though I know some of you missed the last one. I'm proud of the work that we've done together. I'm proud of the staff on both sides of the aisle, Democrats and Republicans, because, despite the rhetoric, we do a lot of great things together. And I'm really proud of the staff of the Speaker's Office in particular. This year we welcomed new faces and others stepped up into new roles and did remarkable things. We saw the results of that here tonight. In an uncertain time, the House led on a state budget that strives for stability and security for Illinois' working families and our seniors. And that is just a fraction of the impact that the staff on both sides of the aisle have had. So, please join me in a round of applause for all of our staff, Democrats and Republicans. Well-deserved round of applause. Now, I would be remiss if I didn't thank one person in particular, and that's my new chief of staff, Clayton Harris III. I told you... I told you the work we see here on the floor is only a fraction of what our staff undertakes. Well, Clayton joined us in January, and he dove into it with all he's got. Clayton, you motivated every single person in this building. You asked everyone for their best and empowered them to deliver it. And when I said I wanted us to get in the habit of starting session on time, you brought that damn bell. You embraced and embodied the atomic habits I talk about all the time, and I'm just truly thankful for you. And for that, I think we all owe you a debt of gratitude. Thank you, Mr. Chief. I call him Crazy Joe Clark. If you've ever seen that movie, you'll all get that. Thank you, Crazy Joe Clark. I also want to thank another historic figure on our staff, our first-ever deputy

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chief of staff, our first Latina to ever hold a role like that, and that's Isabel 'Izzy' Dobbel. Let's give Izzy a round of applause. I got to tell you, Izzy was truly the magic behind Clayton. She helped us create systems that made us better. You guys didn't get to see all of her great PowerPoint presentations and surveys that she put together and work tirelessly, and I'm just so thankful and grateful for the work that she's done for us. But I want to be very clear: The gratitude I feel tonight is not simply for the opportunity to serve as your Speaker. I'm grateful, ladies and gentlemen, to be an Illinoisan because we all see the chaotic and often... often cruel, just cruel decisions coming out of Washington. We see things coming out of Washington no one voted for. No one asked for completely arbitrary on-again, off-again trade taxes that do nothing but frighten our businesses and raise the cost of living on everything families buy every single day. No one asked for that. No one voted for that. No one voted to eliminate the care our veterans and seniors depend on, all to give massive tax cuts to billionaires. And I don't believe anyone, leader, voted to take health care from millions of our most vulnerable neighbors. That's not what the people voted for. People in blue cities and the reddest farm towns alike didn't vote for vulnerable people getting kicked off of health care. Everyone sees it, but not everyone is talking about it. And this is not a time to be silent. So, I'm proud to be here in Illinois, where our leaders are speaking out; where Democrats are speaking out; where Democrats are fighting for people; here in Illinois, where our leaders are taking charge of the things that we can

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control; here in Illinois, where our leaders are still working to build something better. Leaders like my friend and our speaker pro tem, Kam Buckner, bringing law enforcement and reformers to the table to improve hiring with the Sonya Massey law. Thank you, Kam Buckner, for the work you did. Let's give Kam a round of applause. Like Representative Manley working to bring down the cost of prescription drugs and shine a light on big insurance executive bonuses. Great work, Representative. Great work. Like Representative Maura Hirschauer and Representative Bob Morgan fighting for safe gun storage and stronger clear and present danger laws. Democrats are fighting to keep this state safe. Thank you, Representatives, for the work you've done. Like Representative Jiménez guaranteeing every student's right to a public education. Every single student. And our budget team. I'm so proud of our budget team: Robyn Gabel, Kam Buckner, Eva-Dina Delgado, Will Guzzardi. Everyone, can you give that dynamic team a round of applause? Working through uncertainty to make the tough decisions, to make the tough choices it takes to deliver a fiscal plan that is both responsible and compassionate, while it's clear the decisions in Washington are neither. You see, none of us here know what the future holds in this volatile environment. But the leaders in this House have been unequivocal that we will not surrender our role in shaping the future. We will be vigilant. We will be compassionate. And if Washington's agenda warrants, yes, we will be back here to continue that effort. Because above all, we will remain focused on building a brighter future for our state. Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you once again

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for your work over these long days. In January I said we had to rise to a moment, and I believe that we all rose to that moment. But now it's time to go home, to regenerate, to recover, to spend some time with our families. So, please, go home, enjoy yourselves. Look forward to having you back in our veto session. Mr. Speaker, I move that the spring session of the 104th General Assembly adjourn."

Speaker West: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 410, offered by Representative Croke. House Resolution 411, offered by Representative Niemerg. And House Resolution 412, offered by Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

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. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Joint Resolution #43, offered by Representative Gabel.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Sunday, June 01, 2025, the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the President; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker."

Speaker West: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' And in the opinion of the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until the call of the Chair. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."