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Speaker Evans: "The House shall be in order. Members should be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Representative Dave Severin. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Severin: "Good afternoon. It's my privilege to be with you this afternoon, not only as a Representative but a man of faith that lead us before the throne of God. And I want to share a verse with you, 2 Corinthians 4:18. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth twice, and the second time, 4:18, says, 'While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal.' So, although today is a very busy day and.. and our lives are busy, Thanksgiving coming up, Christmas and all the different things going on, and.. and we think about veto session and.. and all the different things in our lives, this is temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. And I say that for this reason, we're going to pray and.. and also we're going to remember Darren Bailey's family in prayer today. He lost his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren. And so, as we pray today, I just want to remind you that we're busy. We have a lot of things going on in our lives as far as this building, our constituents at home, families, but this life is temporal. There is an eternity, and we're going to pray. Lord, I thank you for this day. I thank you we can call upon your name and you hear and answer our prayers. Lord, I just pray for Darren and Cindy this day and their families. And I pray, Lord, that you would encourage them this day. Give them peace beyond understanding, Lord. And I just thank you that

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we can call upon you and you... you hear and answer our prayers. Lord, you have a plan for us. And even though we're busy in this building, we're busy in our lives, in our districts, Lord, we also consider eternity this day. I thank you that you provided that for us and help each one of us to be cognizant of that, know that you love us, you have a plan for us, and I thank you for that. In your name, amen."

Speaker Evans: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Yang Rohr."

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

Speaker Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Ann Williams is recognized to report any excused absence on the Democratic side of the aisle. Leader Williams."

Williams, A.: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Mason and Moylan are excused today."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absence on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Good afternoon, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Leader Stephens is excused for today."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 115 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on the... Chairperson with the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2025: approved for consideration,

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referred to the Order of Second Reading is House Bill 220, House Bill 577, House Bill 767, and House Bill 783. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 520, offered by Representative Buckner; House Resolution 521, offered by Representative Kifowit; House Resolution 525, offered by Representative Sherlock; House Resolution 526, offered by Representative Hoffman; House Resolution 530, offered by Representative Huynh; and House Joint Resolution 46, offered by Representative Lisa Davis, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. If you could please include Leader Haas as excused for today as well."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following bills can be heard in committee: Senate Bill 618..."

Speaker Evans: "One second. One second, leader. The clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to waive the posting requirements for a few bills. If there is leave, we will take these motions together in one motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Gabel on the motion."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following bills can be heard in committee: Senate Bill 618 in Executive and Senate Bill 642 in Revenue & Finance Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We request a record vote on this motion."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel has moved to waive the posting requirements. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish. There being 74 votes in 'favor,' 38 voting 'opposed,' and 0 voting 'present,' and this motion... having received a constitutional majority, the posting requirements are waived. Leader McCombie is recognized for House Resolution 512. Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. Today, I rise to speak on the floor for HR512. Pretty exciting, very cool thing in my district. Cameron Jones, he is the son of Mike and Janis Jones. He.. on September 22, it was announced that he will be in the next NASA Class. They announced that in Houston, Texas. And the thing that's pretty amazing is that there was 8,000 applicants for this, and he was chosen one out of the 10 out of that. He graduated from the University of Illinois-Champaign. And some of you might recognize other astronaut names of John Glenn and Neil Armstrong. So, it's pretty cool to think about a local Savanna kid is possibly going to be going to space. But to add to that, some of you that were here before, Savanna has had two astronauts. Many of you helped me pass another resolution for Dale Gardner, who is also from Savanna, Illinois, Northwest Illinois. The life of the program, there's only been 370 individuals, and this started in 1958. So, today, I want you all to help me in congratulating Cameron Jones and just be, you know, praying for him on this next

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journey. And congratulations, Cameron. We're really proud of you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hammond is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hammond: "I have the privilege of introducing my page for the day today. This is Elijah Scott. Elijah is the son of my legislative assistant, Britton Brown, and the son of Andre Brown. And he's a student at Auburn High School, a senior. He is part of student council. He's the... part of the Faith Christian Academy. He enjoys wrestling, football, track. He has a 4.0 grade point average and is also the captain of the football team. One of his claims to fame this year has been serving as the 2025 King Juneteenth. He plans to attend Western Illinois University, go 'Necks, and will... will major in criminal justice and hopes to be a homicide detective. Please join me in welcoming Elijah."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Chung: "Great. I just wanted to direct the attention to up in the gallery. I have two constituents here, but not only are they constituents, they're also really great people doing wonderful things in the 91st District and also really great friends. We have my friend Leah Klein, who's on the McLean County Board serving in District 8, and then Joshua Crockett, who's the director of constituent outreach for Senator Koehler's office. Welcome to Springfield, everybody."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Severin: "I'd like to welcome today the Waltonville Grade School eighth grade class. They're learning about the legislative branch of the Constitution. They, along with their teacher, Ms. Niki, are tuned in today online in their classroom watching the session. So, if all of you would just say hello to the eighth grade class of Waltonville Grade School, they're watching today online. So, if you'd just give a shoutout and say good afternoon to Waltonville Grade School, I'd appreciate it. Thank you."

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

Faver Dias: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Faver Dias: "I just wanted to take a moment and let everyone know and wish one of my favorite people in the General Assembly, Maura Hirschauer, a very happy birthday. You keep... I love her surprise. You keep all of us laughing in the middle of the night when we're here on late nights. You lead with your heart, and you always put your constituents first, and you make this place better. Happy birthday."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

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Deering: "Thank you. Today, in the Speaker's Gallery, I have Evans Junior High eighth grade baseball team from McLean County, Unit 5. The Eagles were named the 2025 3A state champions, defeating Mokena with a score of 7-4. Notably, this is the first time a Unit 5 school has won state in baseball since 1993. The players include: Cameron (sic-Connor) Friesen, Riley Doctora, Micah Schroeder, Cohen Rogers, Gavin Free, Lincoln Bollmann, Cohen Dougherty, Mason McLeod, Joe Janowiak, Jaxon Bowman, Rory Doss, Connor Roehm, Grayson Free, Connor Fetzer, Trae Herring, Reid Jimison, Aiden Sperry, Cooper Hoffman, James Davenport, and Nabeel Syed. The Eagles are coached by head coach Bob S., let me go with that, and assistant coach Tommy Haddock. Congratulations, gentlemen. Let's give them a warm Springfield welcome."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Swanson: "Thank you. I'm honored to have two pages here today with me, so I'd like to introduce them both here at this time. With me is a young man here by the name of Sully Weaver. He attends a creative Christian homeschool. He's in the seventh grade. His parents are here with him. There they are, Chris and Andrea Weaver. Activities in school include Bible study, chess, horticulture, Spanish, bicycle maintenance repair. He likes writing letters to pen pals, culinary arts, and prealgebra. Community activities includes doing tours of the Prairie Land Conservancy Group, nature tours, education at the Lakeview Nature Center, public library reading programs,

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local lawn care, and participate with the World War II live history exhibit last year, October 2024, which was put on by WIU. His special recognitions, if there's any chess players in here today, he's a club level chess player with a rating of 1650. So, I'd say that's pretty good. Thank you. And then with him is his older brother, Max. If you guys want to switch places there. This is Max. He, too, attends creative Christian homeschool. He's in the 11th grade, and he's here with his parents once again. His activities in school include Bible study, computer science, robotics, electrical engineering, and he's studying Japanese language, thought that was rather interesting, history and culture, bicycle restoration, distance running, pen pal communications. He, too... his community activities include restoring native prairie lands and prairie tours with the Prairie Land Conservancy, Lakeview Nature Center nature tours and education, local lawn care, public library reading programs, World War II live history exhibit in October 2024. Special recognitions include: he's a professional level computer programmer; contestant in the October 2025 Renshuu... Renshuu.org, which is a Japanese learning platform, CSS contest, which is for redesigning the way website's look and behave. And he's working on that now with an entry to be submitted by Halloween, October 31, 2025. So, I'd like to welcome Max and Sully here to the State Capitol, and I'd appreciate if you'd join in with welcoming also. Thank you."

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

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Briel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This week is full of festivities for many folks, including el Día de Muertos, All Saints' Eve, as well as Halloween. So, I would like to offer my colleagues and anyone who works hard on the floor to come by and get a treat in honor of the season. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. I, too, have a page here today. He attends All Saints Academy in Breese, Illinois. He lives in Carlyle, Illinois. I think that may be Representative Meier's district. He's a... he's a great young man, in eighth grade. Mr. Greyson Cain and his mom and dad, Elizabeth and Matt, are also here. Please give a Springfield welcome to Greyson."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to welcome Barrington School District 220 board member and superstar marathoner Erin Chan Ding to Springfield. If you could all give her a warm welcome."

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

Hernandez, N.: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hernandez, N.: "I'd like to also welcome my district director, Karlie Sanchez, who's here. She started in my office back in

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August and has been doing an amazing job. So, if you can please give her a warm welcome."

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

González: "Point of personal privilege. "

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

González: "Throughout the month of October, enemies of freedom have conducted immigration raids in our communities: my neighborhood, Little Village; the other communities in my district, Brighton Park and the town of Cicero; and neighborhoods all across Chicago. Our communities have known raids, but they have been selective and far between. But they still have separated families and left children without a mother and without a father. Our communities have known the casualties of raids, but not blanket attacks in the neighborhoods of a great city on peaceful mornings. Our communities have known surprise attacks, but never before on thousands of civilians. All this was brought upon us in a series of days, and night fell on a different world, a world where freedom itself is under attack. Americans have many questions tonight. Americans are asking who are behind the masks? The evidence we have gathered all points to a collection of loosely coordinated and horribly trained terrorist organization known as ICE. They have descended upon our communities for decades and are the same armed mercenaries charged with terrorizing working-class... working-class communities in Los Angeles and New York City. But when ICE sends its people, they're not sending their best. They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're

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bringing their problems to us. They're bringing guns. They're bringing tear gas. They're racists. And none, I assume, are good people. But there are those who maintain a glimmer of hope for the salvation of these agents. Moments after I and members of my community were tear gassed by the midget Gregory Bovino and his armed thugs, actions which today they have misconstrued as he presents himself in court, a young man who was appealing to the goodwill of an agent right in front of me. He couldn't tell if the agent was looking at him or listening to him, but he told him, 'You don't have to do this. Please seek God.' But I'm not sure that ICE will find him, because when you train men to see Brown skin as a threat, imagine how they would have treated Jesus Christ. They're too busy worshipping their president that they have forgotten his words, 'Whatever you did to the least of these, you did to me,' Matthew 25:40. So, when ICE zip ties children and fires tear gas at teenagers, American citizens, they didn't just violate policy, they violate the principles that separates humans from animals. Because we are dealing with animals, savages, predators preying on the vulnerable, on hardworking people, on American citizens. Just like the predator in the White House and his friends in the Epstein files. This is maddening. An ICE agent shoved me and other community members when I went to document what they were doing to my home, my community, just a block away from my house where I would go to the park as a kid with my sister. It pissed me off. And that is what these predators are trying to do, to incite, to provoke, to get a reaction out of us to justify their aggressive and illegal tactics. But our communities are

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powerful. Their superpower is their self-restraint, their patience, their ability to not react. It's hard, but we can do it. We need to expose these animals and lead each other away from temptation, the temptation to look away, to stay silent, to normalize this violence. Let us deliver ourselves from the evil of this administration, which confuses power with righteousness and cruelty with love. And as some judges and our courts have ruled for ICE to release my people, let me speak to those, especially on the other side of the aisle who like to use their Christianity to justify their positions, to dirty the legacy of their Lord. Before Moses parted the Red Sea and delivered the Israelites from the dominion of the pharaoh, another man who saw himself as a god-king, Moses said to the pharaoh, 'Let my people go.' If the president can learn anything from Scripture, there are consequences to tyranny, to him, to every agent, to every official. I say the same, let my people go. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Members, we are moving to the calendar for bill action. On page 2 of the calendar, under House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2333. Leader Hoffman is recognized. Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, please move this bill on the Order of Second Reading. Read the bill on Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2333, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. The bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 has been adopted. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Andrade."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman on the amendment."

Hoffman: "I would like to adopt Floor Amendment #2 and then debate the bill on Third Reading, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2333, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, ladies and gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2333 is initiative of the Comptroller's Office and would make several changes to update language in the State Finance Act to better reflect current technologies and terminologies. It would allow the comptroller to implement a pilot program to accept electronic.. electronic payment and vouchers. It would.. travel vouchers. It removes a duplicative and outdated reporting requirement in the State Comptroller Act related to state employee salaries. The language is.. is outdated, referring to the count of payroll warrants, when most state employees now have direct deposit to their paychecks. We now report the data on the Comptroller's Salary Database on our websites. House Amendment 2, which we just adopted, removes the requirement that the human resource director for the Office of Comptroller and for the secretary of state be confirmed by the Senate. This is currently a requirement for the comptroller and the secretary of state only, and it does not apply to any other

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constitutional officer. I know of no opposition, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, appreciate the description of the bill and the items there. There was a change you referenced regarding the submission of electronic travel vouchers under the procedures and controls prescribed by the comptroller. What is the purpose of that change?"

Hoffman: "It is... it is a pilot program so that we can make it easier to get travel vouchers paid and submitted."

Windhorst: "And you'd mentioned specifically on Floor Amendment 2, the change with regard to the requirement of Senate confirmation. Which two positions will... under this bill would no longer require Senate confirmation?"

Hoffman: "The human resource director for the Office of Comptroller and the secretary of state. Apparently, currently no other constitutional officer has to have their human resource director receive Senate confirmation. I don't know historically why that was done. It seems like it doesn't need to be done, and so that would remove that."

Windhorst: "Are there any changes made to any of the qualifications for those positions?"

Hoffman: "No."

Windhorst: "This portion or this change is to make the Comptroller's Office uniform with other constitutional offices in the state?"

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Hoffman: "And... and the Secretary of State's Office."

Windhorst: "And the secretary of state. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 2333 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting in 'favor,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present,' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Cassidy is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Cassidy: "I'd like the body to join me in welcoming 48th Ward Alderwoman Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth to the Capitol today. She and other alders are here to join us and see us in action. She's one of... of the aldermen in my district. Welcome, Leni."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Davis is recognized. Will Davis."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point. "

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I want to acknowledge a young lady that's joining us in the gallery today. I would respectfully ask her to stand. Endya, would you please stand? Ladies and gentlemen, this is Endya Robinson, who recently graduated from Slippery Rock University with a bachelor's degree in communication... and

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communications and Associates in Arts degree. She recently retired two NCAA jerseys for women's basketball. I've had the pleasure of knowing Endya since she was a young lady, younger lady, I should say, and I'm just encouraged and pleased by her growth and her development as an individual. She wants to be in the... in the movie space and the digital art space. And she is down today with her mother, who've I've acknowledged before here, advocating for the Clean Slate legislation. But nevertheless, it's always encouraging when we have our young people coming down to Springfield, standing up for something that they believe in and that they want to support. So, again, I'm happy to have Endya joining us today and ask that you give her please... give her a warm welcome. Thank you very much."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Canty: "I just want to take a moment to wish my new LC, Chibuihe Asonye, a happy birthday that just passed this Sunday. So, if we can all say happy birthday, Chibuihe, when we see her, I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The Chair recognizes Leader Mah for the purpose of an announcement."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats would request a caucus meeting today at 2 o'clock in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "The Democrats will caucus in Room 114 at 2 p.m. Leader Keicher is recognized."

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Keicher: "Thank you, Speaker. The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 in 10 minutes."

Speaker Evans: "Republicans will caucus in Room 118 at 1:40. Representative du Buclet, for reason do you to seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

du Buclet: "My esteemed alderman, Alderman Pat Dowell, is in the gallery, representing the 3rd Ward in Chicago. If she'd please stand. Let's acknowledge her presence this afternoon. Hello, alderman."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Swanson: "I would like to extend an invitation to Members and their staff, if they would like to attend Bible study tomorrow morning, Wednesday morning at 0730 hours, 7:30 tomorrow morning. And it'll be across from my office in Room 200-3 North, at 7:30 tomorrow morning. Usually a half-hour-long Bible study with coffee and Panera Bread. So, if you like to get up early and come enjoy the message and also have some Panera Bread, please join us. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock: Revenue & Finance will meet in Room D-1. Agriculture & Conservation will meet in Room 115. Appropriations-Health and Human Services will meet in Room 114. Education Policy will meet in Room 122. The Executive

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Committee will meet in Room 118. Public Health will meet in Room C-1. Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges will meet in Room 413. Meeting at 4:30 this afternoon will be Adoption & Child Welfare in Room 122B, Ethics & Elections in C-1, Labor & Commerce in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "Attention, Members. We will immediately head to caucus, committees, and return to the floor for floor action. That... the House will stand in recess till the call of the Chair. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 423, House Resolution 479. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Health and Human Services reports the following action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 44. Representative Mussman, Chairperson for the Committee on Education Policy reports following committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 459. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action on October 28, 2025: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 25, Senate Bill 618. Representative Stava, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Health reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 444, House Resolution 447, House Resolution 468, House Resolution 471, House Resolution 487. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports

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following committee action taken on October 28, 2025: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 642. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following Committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution... Resolution 42. Representative Ness, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following Committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 762. Representative West, Chairperson from the Committee on Ethics & Elections reports following taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 575 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 576. Representative Manley, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following Committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 767."

Speaker Evans: "Moving to the calendar. On page 2, House Bills- Second Reading, at the top of the page, we have House Bill 507, Representative Williams. Ann Williams. Mr. Clerk, read the bill. 507."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 507, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Ann Williams, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams on the amendment."

Williams, A.: "Yes. Do you want me to wait and debate it?"

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 507, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is simply a correction of a drafting error. We use the term 'consequential damages'... I'm sorry, we... this is an agreement... a result of an agreement to remove the term 'consequential damages' with the... and replace it with the term 'compensatory damages.' So, we're deleting 'consequential,' replacing 'compensatory damages,' which was the intent in the first place. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This is the Workplace Transparency Act. Is that correct?"

Williams, A.: "Yes. This is kind of the second iteration, and this is just a cleanup. We tried to clean it up in the spring, but somehow it didn't make it across the finish line. So, this is just to fulfill the agreement that we had, and the

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business community has asked us to make sure that we make this change, which is the intent of the original agreement."

Windhorst: "And just so we have it fresh in our minds, what essentially does the Workplace Transparency Act protect, generally?"

Williams, A.: "So, this is... yeah, this was a follow on of a... the workplace... the original workplace transparency bill that was passed, I think as... in August of 2019. And the most recent bill that we passed was to expand the definitions of unlawful employment practices to include laws enforced by the DOL, the U.S. DOL, LRB, National Relations Board as well, OSHA, et cetera, and just expand our ability to effectuate employment protections on the state level. And so, we had left the word 'compensatory damages,' and we wanted to fulfill the agreement and leave... I'm sorry, 'consequential damages,' and leave in 'compensatory,' which is more accurate and reflects what we tried to do in the first place."

Windhorst: "And what is the difference between consequential damages and compensatory damages?"

Williams, A.: "Well, compensatory damages are the category meant to make a party whole again. And consequential damages cover indirect losses, business opportunities, lost profits. It doesn't really apply here. So, again, hence the drafting error."

Windhorst: "Consequential damages could potentially be broader than compensatory damages?"

Williams, A.: "I think it could be interpreted that way. So, that's why we were... agreed to this, and that's why the

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interest of the business community in making sure we get this change done."

Windhorst: "We show that the Hospitality Business Association of Chicago is opposed. Is that accurate?"

Williams, A.: "I had not heard from them. So, it doesn't make sense that they would be based on prior iterations of the bill, but have not heard."

Windhorst: "And this bill was suggested by the National Federation of Independent Business. Is that correct?"

Williams, A.: "This was... just, again, it was a correction, but I know NFIB was involved in the original bill. And I think, if I recall correctly, the bill we passed in the spring was... we eliminated all the opposition as far as I recall. So, this should be the end of the road, at least for this piece."

Windhorst: "And this went through labor unanimously?"

Williams, A.: "Yes, it did."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 507 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher is recognized."

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

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Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Continuing down page 2 of the calendar, under House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 575, Leader West. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 575, a Bill for an Act concerning government. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative West, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Leader West, please speak to the amendment."

West: "House Floor Amendment... thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #1 becomes the election omnibus bill, and we can debate it on Third Reading."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 575, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 575 is the election omnibus bill. This bill comes with 24 provisions, and I will name them, and then we can discuss those that you desire. Number one, curbside voting for persons with disabilities. Number two, back-end automatic voter registration. Number three, expanded university voting. Number four, mandatory high school registration drives for graduating seniors."

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Number five, implements a single vote by mail application and requires election authorities to provide an electronic vote by mail application. Number six, establishes a universal vote center pilot program. Number seven, allows election authorities to reduce the number of election judges at each polling location. Number eight, allows for the electronic service of objections. Number nine, permits objections to write-in candidates. Number 10, clarifies... clarifies superintendent vacancy procedures. Number 11, standardizes candidate name lettering for primary and general election ballots. Number 12, modernizes the vote by mail ballot curing process. Number 13, implements a standardized procedure for reporting election results. Number 14, requires early voting polling locations to allow voters in line at time of closing to cast their ballot. Number 15, allows school board associations to provide reimbursement/scholarships for school board officials attending school board association conferences or events. Number 17, exempts nominating petitions from FOIA and requires election authorities provide... to provide nominating petitions to requesters promptly. I skipped one. Number 16, allows the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Board to increase board member salaries and ties salaries to inflation. Number 18, removes the duplicate timekeeping requirements for public university faculty and staff. Number 19, explicitly allows local governments to establish ethics commissions. Number 20, cleans up the park district code. Twenty-one, cleans up the election code as it pertains to the Chicago school board election provisions. Number 22, cleans the provisions amended

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in the 2024 veto election omnibus. Number 23, clarifies state law as it pertains to state officials campaigning for federal office. And number 24, empowers the State Board of Elections to suspend or revoke raffle tickets. I would entertain any questions you may have. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher, could you please give us a... a time frame for your meeting?"

Keicher: "No more than two hours. Most likely around a half an hour."

Speaker Evans: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 until 7:15. The House will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. The House should be in order. Mr. Clerk, please take House Bill 7... excuse me, 575 out of the record. On the calendar, continuing on the top of page 2, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 576, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, read the bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 576, 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 Stuart."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart on the amendment."

Stuart: "The amendment becomes the bill. Can we adopt the amendment and then debate it on Third?"

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart moves the adoption of Floor Amendment 1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say

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

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 576, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 576 will become the Public Official Safety and Privacy Act, and I will briefly go through the provisions of the act and then happy to answer any questions. This act is modeled and nearly mirrors the Judicial Privacy Act, which has been law since 2012. It's to protect the personal information of officials like ourselves, former GA Members, constitutional officers, and former constitutional officers, state's attorneys, public defenders, and election officials, which would include county clerks and election board commissioners. What we will do is set up a process by which one of the members of those groups can request that a governmental agency, a person, business, or association refrain from posting our personal information online or remove any personal information that is already there. They have to remove that information within five business days of receiving the written request, and that's government agencies. Persons, businesses and associations must remove information within 72 hours. There's also a way to do this by using the Secretary of State's Office. We can submit a request to the secretary of state indicating the information we want protected and then... and which agencies or

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businesses we want it to apply to. And the secretary of state would be required to transmit these requests on a quarterly basis to those entities on behalf of the ones that have submitted the request. A violation is a Class 3 felony when a person knowingly posts the personal information of an... an official or the official's immediate family, if, there's two prongs to this, they know or reasonably should know that posting the personal information poses an imminent and serious threat to the health and safety of the official or immediate family members and that the violation is the proximate cause of bodily injury or death of a public official or their immediate family. In addition, what this also will do is allow that our political committees are authorized to make expenditures for public officials or candidates, personal security services, security enhancements to their residences, and maybe cybersecurity measures for devices or other technology. It also would allow officials to use their office or work address on their driver's license if they so wish."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, appreciate the thorough description of the bill. I'm just going to go through a couple points just for clarity's sake. On the Public Official Safety and Privacy Act, what was the purpose behind this being brought forward?"

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Stuart: "We've... we've seen some unfortunate events in the news where we have seen people's houses firebombed. We have seen officials that were shot and their family members and their dog in their home. Some Members in our very own chamber, myself included and other Members, have had death threats against ourselves and members of our family. So, unfortunately, in the political environment that's coming from all angles and all sides, we need to think a lot more about our personal security and protection and that of our family as well, too."

Windhorst: "And this would allow a public official to make a request of a governmental agency or people or businesses or associations, anyone posting public information to have that removed, either to be redacted or removed offline. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Correct."

Windhorst: "As it relates to the governmental agencies, the secretary of state is going to design a form that will be used to accomplish this request. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Yes. That's the... the intention is for the secretary of state to set up a system to do that. Or, as an individual person covered under this act, you could make the individual request yourself, too, to the same entities."

Windhorst: "So, if someone other than a governmental entity has private information online that a public official is going to request be removed, the public official submits that form to the individual or entity and they have 72 hours to remove it. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Correct. Correct."

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Windhorst: "If they don't remove it in 72 hours, what is the recourse for the public official?"

Stuart: "They can... they can seek... they can bring an action seeking injunctive or declaratory relief in any court."

Windhorst: "And will the public official be entitled to receive attorney's fees as part of that judgment?"

Stuart: "Yes, they would."

Windhorst: "And if something horrible were to happen where a public official were either injured or killed because of the... this information being available publicly after a request has been made to remove it, what is the sanction at that point?"

Stuart: "That... in that case, it would be a Class 3 felony."

Windhorst: "And this redaction or removal will apply not only to official... things that we consider on the official side, but it also include nominating petitions and other election documents. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Yes. That's correct."

Windhorst: "On the other section related to use of campaign funds, this would allow for candidates and officials to use campaign funds for renovations to their residence or to hire private security. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Is there..."

Stuart: "And cybersecurity measures as well too."

Windhorst: "And cybersecurity measures. Thank you. Is there any showing that the public official or candidate must make to show that this is a necessary to expend the funds?"

Stuart: "They... they need to be reasonably necessary due to risks arising from their office."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. And... and back to the Public Official Safety and Privacy Act. I just... one thing. On the definition of public official, we have included current and former Members of the General Assembly, current and former constitutional officers. But as it relates to state's attorneys, public defenders, and county clerks or election authorities, those are only those current members. Why were former members... former public defenders or state's attorneys or election officials not included?"

Stuart: "I would... I would say right now the answer is a matter of numbers. We want to make sure that the process through the Secretary of State's Office, that it can work, that they have it and can do it expediently and make sure that it can work. And then the conversation is open to include the former state's attorneys, public defenders, election officials, and there's some other entities that have been thought about as well too. So, we want to make sure the process works before we inundate the Secretary of State's Office with just too many things to handle in that given period of time."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

McCombie: "Thank you. Thank you, Representative, for bringing this bill forward. But I... and I know on that the previous... Patrick Windhorst talked about the recourse. Can you go through what the... the actual penalties are, misdemeanor, is it felony? What... and just go through that a little bit to make that clear."

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Stuart: "The violation... if you knowingly post the... publicly post the personal information of the official or immediate family, if they've made this request, the violation would be a Class 3 felony if the person violating it would know or reasonably should know that posting this personal information would pose an imminent and serious threat and that the violation is the proximate cause of bodily injury or death."

McCombie: "OK. So, how would we go about reporting that? Our local police department, through the secretary of state?"

Stuart: "I would just think during a normal, like, in law enforcement investigation because this is only if there's been a bodily injury or a death. So, if you would report that to your... call 911, call your local police, call your sheriff's department, call the Illinois State Police."

McCombie: "OK. Thank you. To the bill. I think to have a penalty aligned with having bad action is certainly important as we are voting on a penalty enhancement for us as victims, I think is the right thing. And I just ask that as we continue on, especially going into the next year, that remember that penalty enhancements are OK when somebody commits a crime. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion... seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 576 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes,' 1 voting 'no,' and 1 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the

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constitutional majority, is hereby declare passed Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on October 28, 2025: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 767."

Speaker Evans: "Continuing on page 2 of the calendar, House Bills- Second Reading, we have House Bill 762, Representative Ness. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 762, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Ness, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness on the amendment."

Ness: "Yes. I'd like to adopt amendment 2, please."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 762, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness."

Ness: "Thank you. Speaker. So, House Bill 762 creates the Child Welfare Liability Insurance Survey Act. This bill will allow

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the Department of Insurance to go out and gather data and information on an issue that is affecting foster care placement agencies, in particular around our state, and requiring the increase... resulting in the huge increase of liability insurance premiums that they are required to pay as a result of contracts they have with the state of Illinois. And so, this bill will allow them to go out, gather that information, find out what's driving the high costs, and bring that back to us by April of next year so that we can continue to use that information to inform policy and address this ongoing critical issue."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Reick is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Reick: "Representative, why do we need legislation for this? What's... what's the need for the Department of Insurance to have a bill that will provide this information?"

Ness: "Yeah, that's a great question, Representative. So, we've been in ongoing discussions for about a year now looking at this issue. And just to give you a couple of examples, there are agencies right now that have seen their premiums increase by 200%, and the Department of Insurance has been a part of these discussions. And because not every insurance company is domiciled here in the state of Illinois, it limits their ability to get this information to receive it. So, they said to us... the department said that they needed this bill in order to empower them and give them a little more of that, you know, ability to go and ask for and receive this information."

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Reick: "What are they going to do... what... what's going to be the process by which this information is gathered? Do you have... do you have a... a plan for that?"

Ness: "So, we have an ongoing group of stakeholders that have been meeting. We will continue to meet. And this survey, the results of the survey will come to the General Assembly, report to us so that we can take that information to inform the conversation as we move forward trying to resolve this issue."

Reick: "What's your anticipated timeline for having this survey done and having something to report so that we can get a bill to the floor?"

Ness: "So, the bill actually specifies that they have to... they have to return it to us by April of next year, 2026. So, that's the deadline."

Reick: "OK. The question I have then is between now and then, we have agencies that are going to have to renew their coverage and/or possibly lose their coverage. While we're doing this, what is the... what's the recourse that these agencies have or the... or DCFS has or we have in order to make sure that these folks continue to be covered and can continue to take care of children?"

Ness: "Sure. Well, right now, as it currently stands today, we know every time an agency comes up for a renewal, the... the department knows. And so, one thing that they have done is created a fund to be able to subsidize some of those premium increases to allow them to continue services."

Reick: "OK, very much. To the bill. This is something... the only objection I have to this bill is that it should have been

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filed a year ago, and we should have been well down the road to having this thing.. these.. these questions answered and legislation on our.. on the governor's desk. Otherwise, this is the first step that is necessary for us to be able to determine what can we do and how can we encourage insurance companies to stay in Illinois and cover these types of.. these types of risks. I am a chief-co of this bill, and I'm happy to do so. And I would urge an 'aye' vote by everybody on the floor. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Ann Williams is recognized."

Williams, A.: "To the bill, Mr. Speaker. I just want to thank Representative Ness for her hard work on this bill and the whole team that put together this package after what I know was truly months and months and months of negotiations. And I think it's also important to point out that the foundation of everything we're talking about in this bill is really the foster kids. And whatever we do, my hope, and I know that's the case for all of you on the bill, is that any future decisions protect the rights to full recovery and are centered around improving care for these youth. And that's really what it's all about. So, thank you, Representative, and I'll be supporting this bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "Thank you. I'm appreciative of being added as a cosponsor. I just had some questions that I didn't get a chance to ask you yet 'cause we were in caucus and this happened pretty quick. So, this was first brought to me well

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over a year ago by another Representative who was trying to work through the process, and I appreciate all the hard work and hours that you've put in to getting this where it is. If I understand correctly, DCFS handles about 25% of the foster care cases out there. And this insurance gap that we're looking at is the remaining 75% of the private placement. Is that accurate?"

Ness: "That's correct."

Keicher: "OK. And it's also my understanding that when DCFS is working through this placement, they're considered in the courts as being an officer of the court, and therefore immune from liability. Is that correct?"

Ness: "That's correct."

Keicher: "And have you heard any good explanation through the discussions, thus far, as to why these companies that are private, non-for-profit entities working on behalf of foster children are denied the opportunity to be declared an officer of the court?"

Ness: "I can't answer that, and I don't believe this bill will answer that. But the... the information we hope to gain from this survey will help inform us forward, narrowing down what some of those causes are."

Keicher: "OK. Which gets to the key point I really wanted to explore here. Is it your expectation and... and incumbent upon the Department of Insurance taking a look at this that they would talk about, discuss, and analyze the officer of the court gap for these services. And let's maybe answer two different questions. Would it be your intention that they do that, and is it a requirement?"

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Ness: "Yeah. So, I... that... that question... it's a great question. I don't have... this bill will not probably address that question that you're asking. This is simply one piece of the larger conversation we've been engaged in for months now related to this issue."

Keicher: "As the sponsor, would it be your hope that they would look at the officer of the court question?"

Ness: "I... I think if... if that is an important discussion, it will come up in our ongoing discussions about this issue."

Keicher: "OK. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ness to close."

Ness: "Thank you very much, Speaker. And thank you, everyone, for the questions and all the hard work on this. And to staff, and particularly Jackson Paller, standing here by my side, we've had a lot of conversations about this. A lot of you have contributed to this conversation as well, and I appreciate your help with that. I want to thank ICOY, the trial lawyers, the Cook County guardians, and ACLU, as well as Senator Fine, the Department of Insurance, and DCFS for continuing to engage in this important discussion as we look for and improve our child welfare system overall, of which this is one piece. And so, I thank you again, and I ask you all for an 'aye' vote. "

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 762 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this

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bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Remaining on page 2 of the calendar. At the bottom, under the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 1607, offered by Representative Harper. Representative Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 1607. The Committee Amendment simply retitled the bill as the 'Task Force on Eliminating Deserts,' rather than the 'Commission,' and made a couple of technical changes. It also makes the task force liable to submit a report to the governor or the General Assembly before January 1, 2028, rather than 2027. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Is there any discussion? Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, appreciate the description of the amendment in the Senate. There were some provisions in the version that passed the House that required for an addendum noting the percentage of food deserts that have been eliminated and a trigger of repeal for... if 90% of food deserts have been eliminated. That's removed, the way I understand it, because once the report is filed, the whole act is repealed. Is that correct?"

Harper: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And I guess for Members on our side, I would ask that you examine your vote. It was 95-9 originally. Just look at your vote previously. Representative, we have a grant

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program, I believe, to deal with food deserts. Is that correct?"

Harper: "I'm... I think we have several that claim to deal with food deserts, but is there a specific one that you're referring to?"

Windhorst: "Well, and I agree there is, to my knowledge, a few that deal with food deserts, which raises the question, if we have these grants available, why are we conducting this study if the... if there is funding to address the situation?"

Harper: "Sure. It's come to my attention that these grants are not impacting the areas that they were intended to impact. And so, what this task force would do is it would evaluate the effectiveness of our current efforts to eradicate food deserts as well as provide more recommendations that the state can take to eliminate them."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Harper: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1607?' 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 93 voting 'yes,' 19 voting 'nay,' and 0 voting 'present.' And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1607. And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. The clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for a few legislative measures. If there's

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leave, we will take these motions together in one motion. Is there leave? Leave being granted. Leader Gabel on the motion."

Gabel: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following legislative measures can be heard in committee: Senate Joint Resolution 16 in Economic Opportunity & Equity Committee, Senate Joint Resolution 31 in Economic Opportunity & Equity Committee, Senate Joint Resolution 30 in Human Services Committee, and Senate Joint Resolution 36, in Public Health Committee."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel has moved to waive the posting requirements. 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. There being 76 voting in 'favor,' 38 voting 'against,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this motion, having received the constitutional majority, the posting requirements are waived. On Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 42, Representative Davidsmeyer. Representative Davidsmeyer. Out of the record. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, on Supplemental Calendar #1, we have House Joint Resolution 44, Representative Faver Dias. Representative Faver Dias is recognized."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House Joint Resolution 44, which is an initiative that helps the system that serves and supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside in 24-hour CILAs in Illinois. In the final FY26 budget for the state of Illinois, there are cuts to direct service professional service hours

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set to begin January 1, 2026, which is in nine weeks, that would eliminate 500,000 DSP service hours and negatively... negatively affect all 10,000 persons who live in CILAs, especially those with the most intense needs and will result in a lower quality of services. These hours are important, as they help people with IDD live in their communities, help with activities of daily living, and access their places of employment. This delay is needed as the IDD system in Illinois continues to face mounting pressures. It does not make sense to have the state remove resources from this system currently and is something that we have... direct control over. This is simply a resolution that urges D... DHS to delay the service cuts hours. I am happy to take questions, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Faver Dias moves for the adoption of House... House Joint Resolution 44. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And the resolution, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. Returning to House Joint Resolution 42, Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the opportunity to bring this forward. This bill will simply name Old State Route 36 from I-72 at the edge of Jacksonville going to the... going east towards the west side of Alexander on Old 36 the 'Special Agent Pete Earl Lackey Highway.' This... this

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gentleman was a special agent who was on his way to Springfield to testify in a case. The defendant in the case actually saw him on the way there, rammed him, jumped in the side... the passenger side window, and... and killed him on the way to testify in the... in the case. And I think this is a good way to honor him and... and celebrate his service and honor his family in the process. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Davidsmeyer move for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 42. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes,' 0 voting 'no,' 0 voting 'present.' And this resolution, having received a constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. Continuing on Supplemental Calendar #1. on the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 444, Representative Keicher. Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would urge the adoption of House Resolution 444. We've done this in the past. What this does is it recognizes Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day, which had just passed a couple weeks ago on October 13, each year. There's an estimated 319,000 Americans who will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer this year. Tragically, 42,680 lives will be lost to the disease, and that's equivalent to 117 lives per day. Ninety percent of those deaths being due to metastatic breast cancer, or MBC. What this resolution seeks to do is take the state of Illinois and recognize the struggles of the individuals facing MBC, the

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families that support them, and the hardship that they endure as they seek their road to recovery. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher moves for the adoption of House Resolution 444. 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. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 447, Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly is recognized."

Lilly: "Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, I rise to present House Resolution 447. It encourages the quick passage of House Bill 3652. And 3652 would create a Fuel Gas Detector and Alarm Act and would act as a model for community protection, leadership-driven advocacy, and a bipartisan collaborative in advancing public health and safety. It is important that we address this issue as soon as we can because there's increased number of natural gas explosions and accidents that are happening in our state and across the country. Early detection is a... is the best way of warning anyone of this dangerous explosion that occurs in homes and commercial sites throughout the state. We must work with our public safety organizations because as a coalition we are looking to heighten the potential of saving lives through natural gas detectors. This is important as we have a higher impact in saving lives from a public health perspective for the most vulnerable populations here in the state of Illinois. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized."

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Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, if you could please excuse Representative Rosenthal for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Evans: "Record will reflect. Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will. "

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, I appreciate your passion on this issue. The... looking at the resolution, we are urging passage... if I understand correctly, we are urging passage of House Bill 3652. Is that correct?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And House Bill 3652 has passed the House, correct?"

Lilly: "It has passed the committees. Passed out of committee."

Windhorst: "So, are we urging ourselves to pass House Bill 3652, or are we urging someone else to pass House Bill 365..."

Lilly: "We're urging the Illinois General Assembly to pass..."

Windhorst: "Which we are half of. Who..."

Lilly: "Right. We always... and House Resolution's for everyone here in the Assembly."

Windhorst: "Well, I... I guess that's my question is who exactly are we urging to pass this bill. And if it's our colleagues in the Senate, I would assume Members in this body have relationships with representatives in the Senate, where we could just speak with them about their standing on this bill. But I think my point's clear. I request a record vote on this resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of House Resolution 447. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 71 voting 'yes,' 33 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this resolution, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared adopted. Continuing down the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 468, Representative Harper. Representative Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Resolution 468, which declares September 2025 as Primary Biliary Cholangitis Awareness Month in the state of Illinois. PBC is a rare chronic autoimmune disease that damages the bile ducts in the liver, leading to scarring, cirrhosis, liver failure, or the need for transplantation if left untreated. There are approximately 4,000 Illinois residents estimated to be living with PBC, with women making up 90% of the cases. This resolution simply states that raising public awareness will encourage earlier diagnosis and increase the understanding of those affected by PBC. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Harper moves for the adoption of House Resolution 468. 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. Continuing on the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 471, Representative Mussman. Representative Mussman is recognized."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 471 declares the week of September 21 through

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September 27 of 2025 as Surgical Technology Week in the state of Illinois in order to honor our surgical health care professionals for their hard work and expertise in patient safety within our operating rooms. It also recognizes their educators for providing specialized training in surgical technology. For over 60 years now, surgical technology has grown to meet the ever-increasing demand for well-educated, highly skilled, and versatile surgical technologists. Surgical technologists are responsible for the application of sterile and antiseptic... aseptic techniques in the operating room, ensuring equipment functions properly and facilitating safe and effective conduct during invasive surgical procedures. Their main goal is to put the patient first. We thank these individuals for what they do every day to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe during surgery."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Mussman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 471. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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, we have House Resolution 487, Representative Syed. Representative Syed is recognized."

Syed: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 487 declares November 13, 2025 as Genetic Counselor Appreciation Day in Illinois, and it's to express support for genetic counselors who use the sequencing of the human genome to improve the lives of many throughout the state of Illinois. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no discussion, Representative Syed moves for the adoption of House Resolution 487. 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 Norma Hernandez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hernandez, N.: "Yes. I'd like to let the record reflect I meant to vote 'yes' on HR447."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Remaining on Supplemental Calendar #1. Under House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 767, Representative Morgan. Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think we have to adopt Floor Amendment #2, please."

Speaker Evans: "One moment. Mr. Clerk, please read the bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 767, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This bill will read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan on that amendment."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2... oh, I'm sorry, Floor Amendment #1 was a gut and replace. I'll discuss it on the merits of the bill."

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

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Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan on amendment 2."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 was some technical changes. I will also discuss on Third Reading."

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

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

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 767, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good evening, everybody. Sorry for the delay. Appreciate the ability to bring House Bill 767 to this chamber. This bill is going to address several aspects of some of our public health emergencies and the crises that we've been experiencing in recent months. I'm going to describe them briefly. Happy to answer any questions after that. But this really deals with several aspects. The first primary aspect of this bill deals with the Immunization Advisory Committee. This is an IDPH public health committee that is tasked with a variety of different objectives, but really codifies in state law some of the things we need to do right now in this particular moment in which our federal public health infrastructure is being impacted and in

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volatile situation and one that's unprecedented in our lifetime. So, this gives us the ability to, through IDPH, take our... our state's best public health experts and create the processes for vaccine approvals that we need to, to make sure we keep the state of Illinois safe. That section also is going to give us the opportunity to make sure there's insurance coverage. So, we've heard... all of us, I believe, we've heard from our constituents about the lack of certainty about whether or not their vaccination and other health care is going to be covered by insurance. This clarifies that. Lastly, this really provides clarity about what the Illinois Department of Public Health can do in these circumstances in the event of lack of an FDA approval but with a World Health Organization approval. Secondly, this is going to deal with some aspects of the PBM legislation that we passed this summer. It's technical cleanup but to make sure that it's going to be effectuated the way that we all designed to allow a grant program of \$25 million going out to pharmacies throughout the state of Illinois. There have been some hiccups about the implementation of that, and this clears the way. House Amendment 2 dealt with both technical cleanup with this legislation dealing with the Immunization Advisory Committee and also some cleanup with a separate piece of legislation at the request of the Illinois Health and Life Insurance Council that addresses another bill that we passed that dealt with access to supplemental insurance coverage for those over the age of 65. So, this is supported by a number of organizations: IDPH, Illinois Retail Merchants Association, IDFPR, Department of Insurance, Illinois Pharmacists Association,

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and the State Medical Society. And happy to answer any questions. Thank you, Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates he will."

Hauter: "Leader, would it be accurate to say that this bill was a PBM bill that is now has language that gives authority and changes vaccination policy to the state of Illinois from HHS?"

Morgan: "Unfortunately, no. This bill was designed initially... one of the goals that I had when I... I started working on this legislation was really focused around the IDPH vaccination approvals. The pharmacy benefit manager language did come later. And, unfortunately, given the veto situation, we did conflate them into the two bills, but the PBM cleanup was not part of my original intent. It was the reverse."

Hauter: "So, who has authority now in Illinois on vaccination policy and procedures?"

Morgan: "Well, medical professionals have a variety of different mechanisms to decide what vaccines are approved and how to manage that for their patients. Most of that today comes directly from the FDA. As you know, doctor, we have both a federal FDA, but there also is a World Health Organization, which does similar... has similar functions with regards to vaccine approvals. Over the last couple of months, the Illinois Department of Public Health has... has really deployed our really impressive Illinois vaccine... forgive me, for the exact language, the Immunization Advisory Committee that is staffed with some of our best doctors in the country and in

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the state to be able to look at some of these immunizations for vaccine access. So, it is already a process where IDPH is involved, but this creates another mechanism in the event that FDA, for instance, stops approving vaccines."

Hauter: "It's always hard for me to follow you, but what I... I think I heard is that if you don't like HHS recommendations or Secretary Kennedy's recommendations, we're going to go to IDPH and eventually go to WHO."

Morgan: "No. So, the process in statute has two mechanisms for IDPH to consider recommending vaccine approvals in Illinois. One is FDA approval, which, as you know, really handles the vast majority, at least to date, vast majority of vaccines and other medications. It also allows for WHO approval to be the basis for the recommendation instead."

Hauter: "To the bill. Look, we had a PBM bill that we all supported. I know we had subject matter hearings. We had committee hearings. We were all on board, both... both sides. And now, we have a bill that is obvious to me to be a Trump derangement syndrome bill. All right? We are pro-vaccination, but this... this bill makes sure that we can't vote for it because we have a bill that's signaling to their base how much they're battling the evil Trump administration. The only thing that they can point to is a recommendation, just a recommendation from HHS that says that the COVID vaccination is recommended... instead of being recommended for school-age kids and pregnant ladies, it's now 'consult your health care professional.' Oh, the horror. We went from IDPH mandating COVID vaccinations, taking away people's jobs, their livelihoods, their business, their schooling. They couldn't

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travel, businesses were shut down, OSHA tried to mandate that 80 million Americans got a vaccination. This was authoritarian. This was coercive. This was coercive compliance, and you were punished if you didn't comply. And now, we have recommendations that they can't stand enough that they have to take control of vaccination policy in Illinois. And we're going to put it in the hands of IDPH, who covered themselves in glory during COVID. And get this, if not IDPH, WHO, communist China-controlled WHO is going to make vaccination policy or approve of vaccinations for Illinois. The majority is going to pass this bill because they want to show... how much they hate Trump, and we're not going to vote for it. Vote 'no.' Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Morgan to close."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just real briefly, I think everybody in this chamber agrees that we should be committed to and do everything in our power to protect the health care of our constituents. I don't think that's controversial. I think that the good doctor referenced... didn't say that he had an issue with the fact that COVID vaccine saves lives. No issue with that. So, the problem here is that we have created a situation where the federal government is standing in the way of good health care for 13 million people in the state of Illinois, and we are not going to stand for that. Vote 'yes.'"

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 767 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question,

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there are 74 voting 'yes,' 38 voting 'no,' and 0 voting 'present.' And this bill, having received the constitutional majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 514, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 515, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 516, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 517, offered by Representative du Buclet. House Resolution 518, offered by Speaker Welch. House Resolution 519, offered by Representative Chung. House Resolution 522, offered by Representative Kifowit. House Resolution 523, offered by Representative Slaughter. House Resolution 524, offered by Representative Wilhour. House Resolution 527, offered by Leader McCombie. House Resolution 528, offered by Representative Niemerg. And House Resolution 529, offered by Speaker Welch."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, October 29, at the hour of 2 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay.' In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 25, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 618, a Bill for an Act

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concerning liquor. Senate Bill 642, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4166, offered by Representative Chung, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4167, offered by Representative Schmidt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4168, offered by Representative Schmidt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4169, offered by Representative Schmidt, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4170, offered by Representative Moore, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4171, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4172, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4173, offered by Representative Lisa Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4174, offered by Representative du Buclet, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4175, offered by Representative du Buclet, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4176, offered by Representative Didech, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4177, offered by Representative Deuter, a Bill for Act concerning employment. House Bill 4178, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4179, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4180, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4181, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill

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for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4182, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4183, offered by Representative Lisa Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4187... correction, House Bill 4184, offered by Representative Niemerg, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4185, offered by Representative Barbara Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 4186, offered by Representative Windhorst, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4187, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4188, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4189, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."