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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? The invocation today will be given by Dr. Driss El-Akrich.

DR. DRISS EL-AKRICH: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please remain standing for a Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Lisa Yuscius of Blueroomstream seeks leave to video stream the proceedings. If there are no objections, leave is granted. Peter Hancock, from Capitol News from Illinois seeks leave for photo and to record the proceedings. If there are no objection, leave is granted. Andrew Campbell, Capitol News Illinois seeks leave to record and videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Theodora Koulouvaris from WCIA seeks leave to record and video the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. And Kylie Foy from Lee Enterprises -- audio -- seeks leave -- permission for audio recording and photographs. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending the arrival of

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the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal pending arrival of the printed transcripts, there being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1019, offered by Senator Fowler and all Members. Senate Resolutions 1020 through 1022, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members and Senate Resolutions 1023 through 1032, offered by Senator McClure and all Members. They are all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Sorry. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Peters, Chair of the Committee on Labor, reports House Bill 5324 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit: Senate Bill 3686, together with the following amendment, which is attached in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3686. Passed the House, as Amended, May 21st, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

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Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st -- Mr. Secretary, continue on.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Bill 814. We have received a like Message on House Bill 4567. Passed the House, May 21st, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 69, offered by Senator Villa. Adopted by the House, May 17th, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Now, Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 814, offered by President Harmon, an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4567, offered by Senator Murphy, an Act concerning criminal Law. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mike Miletech, from WAND TV seeks leave to record and videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, so ordered. Senator Turner, Doris Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have an introduction.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I am very excited today to have with me the Washington-Iles Middle School (Boys) State Champion(s) 4x200 by{sic} and 4x400 relay teams. They actually set the State record in the 4x200. So, that is quite an accomplishment. And I have with me here, John -- John{sic} (James) Houlihan, who is the son of our Senate staffer, John Houlihan. And in the Hall of Flags joining me, I have Kev'ron House, Amani Wright, Jeremiah Williams, Bryson Tate, Deniro McKinnie, Kamden Ray, and Kolade Abitogun. So, please join me in congratulating these phenomenal young men.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Congratulations and welcome. Senator Collins, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to make an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR COLLINS:

So, we all know that the work that we do would not be possible if it wasn't for our frontline workers, our teammates not only here in Springfield, but at our district office. And I will tell you, I have some amazing women on my staff, but this is the first time that one of my team members are down here, Springfield. So, it's her very first time here, so I would like to introduce, Ava Lee, who was an astounding community leader and an amazing person to work with. I am glad to have her on my team and be in this fight

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with her every day. So, please welcome her to our Chamber.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Senate. Olivia Olander from the Chicago Tribune seeks permission to record and type on laptop. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. For all Senators that can hear my voice, please make your way to the Senate Floor as we have action to take, we will be working on House Bills 2nd Reading and 3rd Reading. If all Senators can make their way to the Senate Floor so we can take action on 2nd and 3rd Reading items today. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please state your point.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to introduce one of my staff from back in my Rockford office. Jerry Simmons, is here today helping out and observing. So, I appreciate his -- his work and been working with us for a little over a year. And, so great to have him down here today, with us, and I'd like to join us, in welcoming him to Springfield. Jerry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Senate Floor. Senator Villivalam, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I just would like the Body -- the Members of the Body, to join me in wishing our very passionate, very sensible, amazing friend - someone that I sometimes get mails -- mail for -- or from -- and for Celina Villanueva, a happy birthday today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Happy birthday, Senator. Moving on to House Bill's 2nd Reading, we go to page 13 at the bottom with -- starting with House Bill 303, President Harmon. House Bill 4179, Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett on House Bill 4179, on 2nd Reading. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4179, an Act concerning local government. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Revenue adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Moving to the top of page 14 on the printed Calendar, we find ourselves with House Bill 4276, Senator Ellman. House Bill 4367, Senator Harris. House Bill 4426, Senator Porfirio. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4426, an Act concerning government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. House Bill 4489, Senator Jones. House Bill 4491, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4491, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Health and Human Services adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4588, Senator Martwick. House... Excuse me. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4588, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5057, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5057, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Education adopted Amendment No. 3.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5086, Senator Halpin. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5086, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5142, Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5142, an Act concerning regulations. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. And moving along to page 15, at the top of page 15, we find ourselves with House Bill 5395, Senator Peters. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5395, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance adopted Amendment No. 2.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll return to page 13 at the bottom with House Bill 303, President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 303, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we'll return to page 14 towards the top with House Bill 4276, Senator Ellman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4276, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Judiciary adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4367, Senator Harris, Napoleon Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4367, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Insurance adopted Amendment No. 2.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Senator Preston, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PRESTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise for a point of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR PRESTON:

So, I would like to recognize, Mr. Howard Brookins III, who was formerly my legislative assistant, but has quickly risen to be my chief of staff. And while I know Howard loves it in Springfield, he will be leaving Springfield quickly. And I just want to thank you. You know, when I came down, I didn't know how I would move about. You came down from Chicago to be my legislative assistant. And I'm very grateful for the service that you provided for me and just in general to the Senate. And I want to thank you. And I'm very proud of you, my little brother who is now my chief of staff. And it's just so appropriate that you be recognized on this Floor. For those of you who don't know, when I brought Howard Brookins III down, I was actually returning a Howard Brookins to the Senate, as his grandfather used to serve in this Chamber, as a Senator from our area many, many moons ago. So, I feel privileged and honored that you did come down and sacrifice leaving our wonderful city to serve as my legislative assistant. And I hope the Body

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recognizes him and congratulate him with me for becoming my chief of staff. Thank you, Howard.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Congratulations. Max Cotton from WGEM seeks leave -- permission to record video and audio the proceedings. Seeing no objection, so ordered. We will begin with House Bills 3rd Reading. With leave of the Body, we will go to page 7 towards the bottom with Senator Johnson with House Bill 4175. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4175, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Johnson, on your bill.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thirty years ago, this Body, probably around the same time of the year, declared public schools should be free of corporal punishment. Corporal punishment is an outdated practice. In Illinois, students in grades K-12 deserve equal protection under the law, no matter where they attend school. House Bill 4175 prohibits the use of corporal punishment against students and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. Corporal punishment does not include permitted uses of physical restraints to prevent a student from harming themselves, others, or property. This is an initiative of Representative Croke on behalf of a constituent and I am happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you seek recognition?
Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have questions for the sponsor. I certainly..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates she'd yield. Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

I certainly support the concept of the bill, but I was just wondering if the sponsor knows if there have been any issues of corporal punishment in public or private schools in the last few years, in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you for the question, Senator. I don't know of any recent cases, but I should have noted that most nonpublic schools, they have moved towards abolishing this practice. But, you know, unfortunately it still exists as a practice in other nonpublic schools.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. I appreciate that answer and I wanted to make sure that we didn't have anything present/ongoing with any schools within Illinois and so I'm glad to know that. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall House Bill 4175 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question,

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there are 51 voting Aye, 8 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4175, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving along to page 8 towards the bottom we find House Bill 4412, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4412, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Loughran Cappel, on your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Child Care Act of 1969. The bill permits a child care facility, non-licensed service provider, day care center, group day care home, or a day care home to use a "third-party vendor" licensed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation for the required fingerprinting that is part of the application process for facility licensure and as a condition of employment. If a "third-party vendor" is used for fingerprinting, then the child care facility non-licensed service provider, day care center, group day care home or day care home shall pay the third party for that service directly. And this is a result of a little bit of a backlog that they were having in trying to get new child care providers into licensed day care facilities. And I asked for a Yes vote and I'm open to any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Sally Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

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To the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield. Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I just want to thank, Senator Loughran Cappel, I appreciate you bringing this bill because we have a lot of difficulties with DCFS, and it's something that's really needed to be done. So, I thank you for bringing that. I urge a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall House Bill 4412 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4412, having received a required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving along to page 9, towards the top of page 9, we find House Bill 4500, Senator Cervantes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4500, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Cervantes, on your bill.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4500, this bill aims at restoring the truth and accuracy on sentencing titles. As amended, House Bill 4500 amends the Criminal Code to change the offense name from the "use of possession{sic} (a weapon)" to the offense of "unlawful use of a weapon" and several similarly named criminal

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offenses names. It changes the name of the offense of "armed habitual criminal" to "unlawful possession of firearm by repeat felony offender". The bill does not change the definitions, penalties, or other elements of the offense. We did receive an amendment that was adopted in Committee, and this amendment is from a discussion with the Illinois State's Attorney. Which -- what it does, it -- it changes the office of title of "armed habitual criminal" to "persistent unlawful possession of a weapon". The amendment replaces the "persistent unlawful possession of a weapon" with "unlawful possession of a firearm by a repeat felony offender", throughout the bill. We do have the support from the Illinois State Rifle Association, Restore Justice, GPAC and Cabrini-Green Legal Aid. And neutral right now, we have the Illinois State Attorney and the Illinois Sheriffs Association, and we do not have any opposition. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sponsor indicates he'd yield. Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

So, my understanding was the big hang-up in the House was language over "armed habitual criminal" . And there has been an amendment in the Senate that the State's Attorneys are now okay with. Is that correct, Senator?

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Senator Cervantes.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Yes, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

And are this -- I don't know if you said whether or not the sheriffs have a position on this or not?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Cervantes.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

They are neutral.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you. I appreciate the sponsor working with the State's Attorneys and the sheriffs and others. I would separate this from some of the other bills that we've recently debated, because this is more of an attempt to accurately reflect in the statute what the offense is. So, this is very different than what we saw yesterday, for example. So, I appreciate the work that the sponsor has done. This bill, as you said, the State Rifle Association is in support of this, and the State's Attorneys worked with the sponsor on the language for the change of "armed habitual criminals". So, for that reason, I'm going to vote Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall House Bill 4500 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4500, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving along to House Bill 4621, Senator Sims. House Bill 4634, Senator Stadelman. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4634, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Stadelman, on your bill.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. House Bill 4634 is an initiative of the Illinois Commerce Commission. The ICC has concluded that the lifelong -- Lifeline program could no longer advance the purpose for which it was formed, as most Lifeline consumers use wireless service, which does not involve a connection fee. Therefore, the ICC believes this program should dissolve. I asked for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall 40 -- House Bill 4634 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House

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Bill 4634, having received the -- the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will turn back to House Bill 4467, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4467, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Castro, on your bill.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4467 amends the licensing provisions of the Mobile Home Park Act. Currently, manufactured home parks require a license to operate and the license expires annually on April 30th. House Bill 4467 provides that operations of a park without a license will result in a fine of \$50 for the first month and \$100 per day starting in the second month of noncompliance. The bill raises the annual licensing fee from \$250 plus seven per site to \$300 plus a per site fee, starting at \$15 in 2025 and increasing by \$2 until 2030, where the per site fee will remain at \$25. The license is nontransferable, so if the parks is sold, the new owner must apply for a new license within 10 days of taking ownership of the property. The Department of Public Health is required to conduct annual inspections of parks and if violations are documented and a reinspection is required, the Department may charge a \$300 reinspection fee. The license is voided, suspended, revoked, or denied - the park may be relicensed if it comes into substantial compliance, delinquent fees are paid and reinspection fees are paid. House Bill 4467 also requires the Department to prepare an annual report on the status of

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manufactured home parks in the State, beginning in 2026. This was an extensively worked out bill. I know of -- flew out of Committee. Agreed. No - 1 opponent, but the rest have been on neutral. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. To the bill, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

First of all, Leader Castro and Murphy, thank you for bringing this important topic forward. This is something that happened in my District last year that really opened my eyes to what happens when you -- when the -- when one park is sold and a new owner comes in to take over, what could happen. In this case, an out-of-state landlord came in and what had been a very stable park of senior citizens, mostly, little trouble although there was some issues from time to time, but a very stable park, mainly of seniors, was turned upside down overnight. And, you know, raises -- rents were raised, in some cases without leases even being valid, notices were given of the increases in rent. The water literally stopped. Potable water or drinkable water stopped at one point to portions of the park and people had no water. It was a complete nightmare through spring, summer - last year, we had structure fire, mysterious structure fires. You talked to the Fire Chief the fires occurred under suspicious circumstances. Just not good. Not good at all. There has to be a process by which you can

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transfer ownerships of a park without disrupting and turning upside down frankly, the residents very lives that live in that park. I again, I've never seen anything like this, don't want to see it again. I hope this goes a long way towards emboldening the Department of Public Health to step in when they need to. I mean, you know, no running water, hundreds of homes without no running water, without running water. That's terrible grammar. I apologize to all of you English majors out there. But -- what the heck? These are seniors. You know, many had nowhere to go. Fixed incomes. You're assessing rent increases on leases that in some cases didn't even exist. This was crazy what happened? And needs to be addressed, so thank you Leader Castro, I would certainly encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Senator Chesney, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CHESNEY:

To the bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill?

SENATOR CHESNEY:

Yeah, I see this a little bit different. This is going to be an additional fee and tax increase on small businesses. You know, if we do, in fact want affordable housing, we can achieve it through the mobile home industry. I think what we're also seeing is a knee jerk reaction to a few bad actors. If we have bad mobile homeowners, we need to address that. But to simply beat the industry into neutral, this is again, another tax and fee increase on the industry, and we're taxed and feed enough in the State of

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Illinois. So, you can't have affordable housing and at the same time continue to raise taxes and fees on the same industry that you want affordable housing at. So, I view this a little bit different than the past speaker. This is, again, an attack on an industry that is trying to provide an affordable product to people, and we need to lower taxes and fees in the State of Illinois. And this is, again, another tax and fee on an industry that we're all supposed to like, which is affordable housing. So, my view, I'm going to be voting No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr., President. Just to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Commend the sponsor for bringing this forth. And I couldn't disagree more vehemently with the last speaker. This bill was worked all summer long with the industry, with the mobile home owners, and unfortunately there is no such thing as a small business owner for the most part of these mobile home parks, Venture capitalists have come into the State, are purchasing them, purchasing these home, the mobile home parks, and providing no services, reaping all the benefit. There's not affordable housing anymore. When you charge and raise your rent to an exorbitant amount. When you don't provide protections for those that live in the community. And Senator Rose is absolutely right. There is no water for these people, and we're seeing it in every single part

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of the State. So, I just want to commend the sponsor. This is such a needed bill and ask everyone to support this legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Castro, to close.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I would just say I'd like to commend Leader Murphy, who's also been working on a lot of these issues. This is a very good piece of legislation that holds bad actors accountable, contrary to what one speaker just said. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The question is, shall House Bill 4467 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 47 voting Aye, 12 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4467, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments will meet in the Senate's front room immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) Leader Koehler, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned:

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Refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to House Bill 4209, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 496, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 497, Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3527, Committee Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3591 and Committee Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3737; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 863 and House Bill 341. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8(b-1) the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments - Committee Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3736. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair. Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 863. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Continuing on with House Bills 3rd Reading at the top of page 10 we find House Bill 4720. Senator Villa -- Senator Villa with House Bill 4720. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4720, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa, on your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4720, would amend the initiative. As amended, is an initiative from State Representative Maura Hirschauer and the Treasurer's Office. This bill would require the Department of Revenue to report to the State Treasurer the adjusted gross income of all tax filers who file as dependents, or the adoption tax credit in order to determine eligibility for

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the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program. This bill also includes an appropriation that would allow the State Treasurer to make \$50 deposits or greater into the account of each beneficiary whose parent or legal guardian has a gross income below the State's median household income. I would be happy to answer any questions.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator DeWitt, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DEWITTE:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates she'll yield, Senator DeWitt.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, we've had a couple of conversations about this... Thank you, Mr. President. We've had a couple of conversations about this legislation. Just a few questions that have popped up since our last discussion. This is technically a new program being put together by the Treasurer in order to provide a \$50 start to someone's college savings plan for their children, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

It's an add on to an existing program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitt.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Okay. And residents will have to apply for this program to access this \$50, payment to their savings account?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

And once this deposit is made, what will be the Treasurer's responsibility to maintain records? Will they be providing monthly, quarterly, annual statements to each of the account holders who receive these funds?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

The Department of Revenue and the Treasurer's Office worked closely on the language of House Bill 4720. And both DOR and the Treasurer's Office hold that there's -- that -- that there's no issues in regards to how they're going to be handling that reporting.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you. Maybe I wasn't clear in the question I asked. Is the Treasurer going to be providing monthly, quarterly, or annual statements with regards to the status of this account? The initial deposit, as well as any appreciation, that may occur.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

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It'll be subject to the same reporting that's already required in the current program, and I can get you a more detailed response, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

And will that depend on whether this is simply a \$50 account or an addition to an existing college savings account? Either of these types of accounts will be reported and managed to the recipients?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

It's all one account. It's either the \$50 or the additional \$50 on top of that, so it's all one account, because it's all under one program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Changing directions. There was some concern in the House regarding privacy concerns, and that's one of the subjects you and I discussed a couple of days ago. Can you talk a little bit about the application process, what information an applicant will have to provide to the Treasurer, and where that information goes once the Treasurer receives it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

So, we did have access and I know that you had brought up

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these concerns previously about confidentiality and -- and sharing of information. I did have an extensive conversation with the Department and the Treasurer's Office. They talked about how they are completely committed and -- and that they -- they've let me know that they have no issues with confidentiality at all -- with -- with this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Senator. So, once the Treasurer receives someone's application for this program, are there any other State agencies who will receive this information?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

I -- I missed it Senator, I apologize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

I'm sorry. I'll repeat the question, Senator. Once the application is received by the Treasurer's Office, are there any other State agencies that would be receiving this applicant's information as submitted to the Treasurer?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Just the Treasurer's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

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SENATOR DEWITTE:

So, this information, as we discussed previously, you represented the information would go to the Department of Revenue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

The Department of Revenue provides the information to the Treasurer's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

What -- and what information would that entail?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

The adjusted gross income.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you. Senator Villa, I appreciate the -- the discussion and feedback. I do still have concerns when pertinent personal information, particularly, now, that would include financial information, an applicant's gross income starts moving from Department to Department. I've not heard any significant discussion yet that would give me any pause to believe that this

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information will, in fact, be kept confidential. So, I do maintain some reservations about that aspect of this program. Not to mention to the fact that this is a brand-new program that will require a new appropriation. There's nothing in the legislation that suggests what the cost of this program could be. I'm going to assume, and I guess you could correct this if you wanted to, that this program will, in fact, be subject to appropriation. So, with those concerns and without further clarification, I would suggest a No vote on this initial proposal. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Villa, to close.

SENATOR VILLA:

This program of the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program already exists in State law. This bill provides for clear definitions on what children would qualify and how much additional may be deposited. It's a good program and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The question is, shall House Bill 4720 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 38 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4720, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continue on with House Bill 4768, Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4768, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa, on your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4768, as amended, offers many basic protections for tenants against retaliation when they have to exercise their protected rights under law. I have the honor of serving parts of Suburban Cook, DuPage, and Kane Counties. I've had many constituents come to my office with many different types of complaints. When my team looks to see what county they're located in - if they live in Cook County we know that they have protections, but if they are located in DuPage or Kane County, they do not have these same protections available to them. This legislation will ensure that these protections are available to all tenants throughout the State of Illinois when they request repairs or code violations. Like many State offices, my staff receives and works with plenty of constituents who have faced some form of housing retaliation. These individuals are looking for quality, safe, and affordable housing and should not be barred from seeking remedies without fear of retaliation. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

You know, today, we've talked about affordable housing.

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Illinois needs affordable housing and it's been a struggle. We're coming off of COVID and many landlords had a very, very difficult time during COVID because they were not allowed to evict tenants for any reason except extreme reasons. And they had to bear the brunt of not being able to collect rents and the like. I feel -- I certainly understand where we don't want to have retaliation for complaining about a code enforcement or something. Those -- those landlords should not retaliate. But -- but what happens, in reality, is, and let me give you an example - I spoke with a landlord who has like over 200 units in a college town, and college students that you rent to sometimes aren't the most sophisticated caretakers of houses. They don't understand that you can't put a Swiffer down a toilet, or a baby wipe down a toilet, or a lot of grease down drains. And what happens is, is over and over the landlord has to make repairs and -- under this bill, a person just trying to provide affordable housing, as a landlord, could very likely find himself into court. Because someone has taken issue with them raising the rent of their unit because time and time again, they have to come and make the repair and they're in a very low profit business. In many instances of the smaller landlords, and that's the only way they can survive to provide that housing. So, I think this bill gives a -- a bad opportunity in some instances to put the landlords, at risk, of being able to provide that -- provide -- provide the affordable housing that we need and would like to see remain stable in Illinois. I -- I know this is a well-intentioned bill, but it can have major repercussions, and we've had... As I am the minority spokesman, and -- and in Judiciary, we've had numerous bills this Session, last Session, and this previous Session that are very harmful for landlords. I -- this landlord,

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I mentioned that has 200 units, two-thirds of those are for sale now in the City of Carbondale. This is what's happening, these small landlords cannot stay in business if we keep giving them bills that find them in court defending -- trying to keep their business going. So, with that, I'd urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

For any further discussion? Senator Chesney, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CHESNEY:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR CHESNEY:

Yeah. So, this kind of goes into a, you know, kind of the same field when we're talking about affordable housing, because now we're talking about affordable renting. And so, in this particular bill, what's going to happen is -- is you have a tenant that complains, and the landlord immediately fixes the issue, and now it opens up this landlord to litigation. And the issue with that is, is who pays for this litigation? Ultimately it is paid for by the tenant. And so, this is why this Body has proposed rent controls. Because due to the hyperinflation that has happened nationally and in the State, the costs are exploding. So, now what we're going to do is we are going to regulate the industries that provide affordable accommodations for the people that we all represent. So, we went after the mobile home industry through taxes and fees that are ultimately going to be paid for by tenants. And now we're going to go after the landlords, the big bad landlords that are doing all these awful things. And again, if they are doing

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awful things, we want them to be penalized and we want them to be taken care of through the law. But that's not what this bill does. What this bill does is very, very simple. Somebody complains to their landlord, the landlord fixes it, now the landlord is open to litigation. It could be open to litigation because he or she does not renew the lease. It could be open to litigation because they raised their rent. And this is all the bully landlords in -- to not raising rents and just to shut up and sit down and say that they have an asset that they can't protect. And this is a backdoor way for the legislature to put more pressure on the landlords to not raise rents, to not move this bad tenant along if they are bad actors, because we make bad policies in the General Assembly that we're trying to mask. And so, ultimately, who pays for this are all the people that we represent that are of modest means, which is why it only got 62 votes in the House. It isn't because they're strange on progressive policies. It's because they know the people that we all represent are going to end up paying the bill. This is an awful bill for people that are of limited means because they will ultimately pay the price. Vote No. Terrible bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion? Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So, I -- I know sometimes things are -- are done with good intentions, but people maybe don't fully understand the -- the

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market reality and the consequences of what happens. I -- I'm not sure about all -- all of that, that was just said, but -- but here -- here's what I do know. I do know that we see significant concerns nationally, and we see significant concerns in the State of Illinois, on single family residences, I'll get to this in a second, on single family residence being bought up by a large private equity firms and by massive national landlords that own 5, 10, 15, 20,000 homes and that takes away opportunity for -- for people to acquire a home, that drives up the cost to buy homes. And what I've seen over the last 2 or 3 years in this Body, is we've ramped up pressure on landlords of -- of multifamily properties, as we've seen consolidation. I don't know if you've talked to the organizations that represent the landlords? I don't know if you've looked at the market studies that show the average number of units owned by landlords? But, what we've seen in Illinois, just recently, is a significant decrease in the number of landlords in the State and we've seen an increase in the number of average units owned by landlords in the State. And the reason why that is Senator, is because policies like this, for small landlords to sell their properties and only the really, really big landlords who aren't connected to the community, who aren't connected to their tenants, who are looking for that profit motive, maybe not some of the good-hearted motives a lot of our smaller landlords have owned more and more units. They drive up the cost of ownership. The connection between landlords and their tenants is -- is disconnected, and you create the problem that you think you're trying to resolve. I assure you, the small-town landlords in the 55th State Senate District do a much better job for their tenants than the big national firms. I assure you, the small town

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landlords, in your District, do a much better job for their tenants. The service is better, the rent is cheaper, and the relationship is stronger because that relationship has been there for years. Bills like this, break those relationships. Bills like this, hurt tenants. Bills like this, drive up costs for tenants. Bills like this, for small landlords to sell to the big guys who could care less about a lot of the stuff you're talking about. This is a bad bill that's going to hurt some of the most vulnerable families in our districts. It barely got out of the House because people on both sides of the aisle realized how bad this is for the tenants living in our Districts. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion? Senator Syverson, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield. Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, sorry I wasn't in Committee to -- to hear this one, but following up on Senator Chesney's question. If an -- if a tenant has a problem, a sink that's backed up and they call the landlord and the landlord comes and fixes that, fixes that item. Does that trigger then based on this, that that tenant then can refuse to pay a -- a rent increase for the next year because that would be considered retaliation. And then the landlord would have to go to court and prove that that rent increase was not retaliation to that maintenance call?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you for the question. No, we actually did an amendment that clearly identifies Section 15. Non-retaliatory actions. So, I will just read it. An action is not retaliatory if the landlord can prove a legitimate, non-retaliatory basis for the action; or the landlord begins -- began the action before the tenant engaged in the protected activity.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So, if a -- if a landlord does do repairs that the -- are requested by the tenant, and they get their regular increase in rent at the end of the year, the fact that they've done those repairs or they've been called to the house or to the apartment, that is not a -- a reason for the tenant then to file suit or a tenant not to agree to the rent increase?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Syverson. Any further discussion? Senator Villa. With -- Seeing none -- Senator Villa, to close.

SENATOR VILLA:

I heard a lot about affordable housing as we were talking. When we were hearing my colleagues from the other side of the aisle. This bill doesn't have to do specifically with affordable housing. There are many apartment units that exist in the community

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that I serve, as well as across the State of Illinois, where people are having to pay \$2,000 and above for monthly rent. These are working class people or people with college degrees. And if they have a hole in the ceiling, or if their toilet isn't flushing and they request time and again, time and again from management, actual story where a constituents have come to my office to say that they've been living like this under these conditions, flushing the toilet with water for -- for months on end until they're just desperate and despite the fact that they're fearing retaliation, they do go to the City. They let the City know the City does come in, and the City does tell them that they have to fix this issue, and immediately they are then either evicted or their lease is not renewed. That's what we're seeing the most of, is that leases are not being renewed. There are three, four or five people waiting in line for that same unit. So, this is just basic, common sense. Many of us in this General Assembly, ourselves, or our children have had to rent an apartment. This is a good bill. It's protecting hard working people of Illinois. I believe it should be a unanimous vote. So, I urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The question is, shall House Bill 4768 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 34 voting Aye, 19 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. House Bill 4768, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Senator Castro, what purpose you seek -- do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CASTRO:

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Purpose of a motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your motion.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I move to waive all notice and posting requirements of House Bill 307, House Bill 2363, House Bill 5496, and House Bill 5561 can be heard today at 2 p.m. in the Senate Executive Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Castro moves to waive all notice and postings requirements so that House Bill 307, House Bill 2363, House Bill 5496, and House Bill 5561 can be heard at 2 p.m. in the Senate Executive Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. With leave of the Body, we'll be returning to House Bills 2nd Reading. Page 14 with House Bill 4489, Senator Jones. Supplemental -- Supplemental Calendar No. 1, has been printed and distributed. House Bill 341, President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 341, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. President Harmon, in the Chair.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Still on the Supplemental Calendar No. 1. House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bill 5324. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5324, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

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PRESIDENT HARMON:

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the following Committees will meet this afternoon. Following caucuses, the Senate Executive Committee will meet in Room 212. Licensed Activities will meet in Room 400. And State Government will meet in Room 409. At approximately 3:30 p.m., the Special Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety will meet in Room 409. And at 4:30 p.m., the Revenue Committee will meet in Room 400 and the Local Government Committee will meet in Room 409. Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Senate Democrats will caucus in Senate President's Office for one hour upon adjournment or recess.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1033, offered by Senator Simmons. It is congratulatory.

PRESIDENT HARMON:

Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After caucuses and committees, the Senate will reconvene for further Floor action requiring votes, that will be final action when we return to the Floor. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senate will come to order. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1034, offered by Senator Feigenholtz and Senate Resolution 1035, offered by Senator Ellman. They are both congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports - Senate Bill 3591 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 496, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 497 and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 863 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bills 307 excuse me, 307, 2363, 4284, 4772, 4867, 5229, 5496, 5511, and 5561 Do Pass and House Bill 5371 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports House Bill 4357 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, reports House Bills 4819, 4838, and 5028 Do Pass and House Joint Resolution 58 Be Adopted. Senator Sims, Chair of the Committee on -- the Special Committee on Criminal Law and Public Safety, reports Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 277 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Holmes, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Resolution 957 Be Adopted. Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports House Bill 612 Do Pass and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 4179 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of the bill with the following entitled, to wit: Senate Bill 317, together with the following amendment, which is attached in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 317. We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 1960 with House Amendments 2 and 3, Senate Bill 2667 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 2682 with House Amendment 1, and Senate Bill 3081 with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, May 22nd, 2024, John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate to wit: House Bill 299. We have received like Messages on House Bills 817, 3765, 4799 and 5430. Passed the House, May 22nd, 2024, John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk, Mr. President, I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill with the following title, to wit: Senate Bill 3112, together with the following amendment, which is attached in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 3312. We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 3136 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 3137 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 3506 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 692 with House Amendments 1 and 2, Senate Bill 2804 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 3238 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 3473 with

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House Amendment 2, Senate Bill 3649 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 3412 with House Amendment 1, Senate Bill 3753 with House Amendment 2, Senate Bill 3768 with House Amendment 2 and Senate Bill 3771 with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, May 22nd, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 299, offered by President Harmon, an Act concerning education. House Bill 817, offered by President Harmon, an Act concerning State government. House Bill 3765, offered by Senator Cunningham, an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4799, offered by Senator Hastings, an Act concerning gaming. And House Bill 5430, offered by Senator Napoleon Harris, an Act concerning education. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been printed and distributed. Starting with -- Senate Bill 3591, Senator Stadelman. Mr.-- Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3591, an Act concerning journalism. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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3rd Reading. Now moving on to House Bills 2nd Reading. Senator Napoleon Harris with House Bill 307. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 307, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 612, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 612, an Act concerning revenue. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 2363, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2363, an Act concerning safety. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4284, Senator Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4284, an Act concerning revenue. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4357, Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4357, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading

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of the bill. The Committee on Licensed Activities adopted Amendment No. 1.

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Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4772, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4772, an Act concerning finance. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4819, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4819, an Act concerning criminal law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4838, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4838, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4867, Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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House Bill 4867, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5028, Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5028, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5229, Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5229, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5371, Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5371, an Act concerning civil -- civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5496, Senator Napoleon Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5496, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5511, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5511, an Act concerning finance. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5561, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5561, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. on the 23rd Day of May, 2024. The Senate stands adjourned.