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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? The invocation today will be given by Reverend Joel Jackle-Hugh from the First Presbyterian Church of Virden. Reverend.

REVEREND JOEL JACKLE-HUGH: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Thank you, Reverend. Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Johnson will lead us.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Dave Dahl from WTAX seeks leave to photograph and record today's proceedings, as does Ben Szalinski from the Daily Line, as does Peter Hancock from Capitol News Illinois, as does Lisa Yuscus from Blueroomstream, as does Andrew Adams from Capitol News, as does Mitch Armentrout from the Chicago Sun-Times, as does Andrew Campbell from Capitol News Illinois and Mike Miletich from WAND. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of

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the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. We have one more reporter seeking leave to record and -- both audio and video of today's proceedings, Max Cotton from WGEM. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Turner, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, reports House Bill 1855 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Messages from the House?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Yes, Mr. President. I have two Messages from 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 the bill of the following titled, to wit: Senate Bill 1996. Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Amendments 2 and 6 to Senate Bill 1996. Passed the House, as amended, May 22nd, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. We have another Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Bill 890. Passed the House, May 22nd, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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House Bill 890, offered by President Harmon, an Act concerning transportation. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Kelly Foy from Lee Enterprises seeks leave to audio -- take audio recordings and photograph today's proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Koehler, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are going to start with House Bills on 3rd Reading. We're going to begin on page 11 of the printed Calendar, where Senator Johnson brings House Bill 4895. She indicates that she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read House Bill 4895.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4895, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Climate change, as you know, is an existential threat. And we are in danger of climate that -- of what climate change can pose on our way of -- of ways of life and our -- in the natural world. So, we must be mindful of this. And that's what we are attempting to do. We know that human caused climate change is a threat to our continued existence on many species, and to human society as we know it. This is a -- this Legislative Measure seeks to further all student's knowledge about the impacts of climate change on all aspects of society, and

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further students understanding of potential solutions to problems -- the problems of climate change poses. House Bill 4895 is an initiative of the House sponsor, on behalf of a number of high school students in her district. Our youth are already engaged in climate change and they are eager to learn about ways that they can come up with solutions - real meaningful solutions to address this concern. I am open to answering any questions and I encourage an Aye vote. And in fact, it will be charming, if I can get your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have the utmost respect for the sponsor, I would just point out, in this case, that this is already required in the Next Gen (Generation) Science Standards. It's actually required to be done in three different areas. So, I think that this is duplicative and unnecessary. And I would encourage a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

See no other discussion, Senator Johnson do you wish to close?

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. And I -- and I wanted to thank, Senator, my colleague. But I wanted to add here is that this

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legislative measure does not require a standalone course on climate change, and it affects rather it just ensures the instruction on climate change and potential solutions to effect -- to the effects of climate change is provided to students. And schools, of course, they have the flexibility to decide how to provide this instruction and whether they choose to do it as a separate class or implement these lessons to existing relevant classes. And that's exactly what it's doing. So, I encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 4895 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 36 Senators voting Yes, 16 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4895, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to skip to the very bottom of page 11 on your printed Calendar, where Senator Cervantes brings House Bill 4911. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4911, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Cervantes.

SENATOR CERVANTES:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, House Bill 4911, amends the Physical Fitness Service Act. It expands the number of ways that a customer may cancel a contract for physical fitness services to include by email, if an email address is provided in the

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contract and online at the website the contract was entered into. If the contract was entered into online, rather than only by registered or certified mail to the address specified in the contract. The bill also provides that every contract for physical fitness services that automatically renews must comply with the requirements of the Automatic Contract Renewal Act. This, it -- it was amended in the House, which brought the Illinois Retail Merchants in support of the bill. And they all -- which they also represents the Illinois Fitness Association. And I request Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4911 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 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4911, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. Turning to page 12, of your printed Calendar, right at the top of the page Senator Feigenholtz brings House Bill 4926. Senator Feigenholtz, on House Bill 4926. Leave of the Body, we're going to move to the middle of page 12, where Senator Syverson brings House Bill 5000. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Ope! Senator Syverson seeks leave of the Body, to move House Bill 5000 back to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 5000. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Syverson.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Syverson, on your amendment.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This just -- clears up some agreements with the Department and we can talk about this on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor will say Aye. All those Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 5000. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5000, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Syverson, on your bill.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. No, this is not a conflict of interest. This is legislation dealing with catheter care that, that's been worked out with the -- with the State and with the long-term care providers. Know of no opposition. I think my understanding is, this does have to go back to the House because the House sent over originally the wrong language, but no opposition to this would prefer a -- all Aye votes on this. Thank

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you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 5000 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 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5000, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to move to House Bill 5027 from Senator Joyce. Senator Joyce, on House Bill 5027. With leave of the Body, we're going to move to page 13 of your printed Calendars, where Senator Castro brings House Bill 5087. Senator Castro, House Bill 5087. Next, down on the bottom of page 13 of your printed Calendar. Senator Villanueva brings House Bill 5239. Senator Villanueva, on House Bill 5239. We're going to now turn to page 14 of your printed Calendar, right at the very top of that page, where Majority Leader Lightford brings House Bill 5250. She indicates that she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5250, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Leader Lightford, on House Bill 5250.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, House Bill 5250 allows students who meet standards in English (language arts), math and science to automatically enroll in the next most rigorous level of coursework. School districts must

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notify the parents or guardian that their student is eligible for accelerated courses, and the parent or guardian must have the ability not to enroll their student in an accelerated course. Lastly, a school district may waive courses for individual students that are required for a high school diploma. If the student demonstrates mastery or competency in the content of the course is being waived. I know of no opposition. Pretty much ISBE, LUDA, Advance Illinois, Stand for Children (Illinois), Illinois Association for Gifted Children, Valley View School District 365, you are all signed on as proponents. I know of no opponents. It would be a wonderful thing to allow more students to have accelerated courses. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to thank the sponsor for her work on this bill. So, and I know she's been an advocate for it. Helping students access accelerated coursework that challenges them can be a huge difference in a student's life. So again, I'm proud to be a co-sponsor and I ask for an Aye vote.

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Leader Lightford, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I ask for an Aye vote.

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The question is, shall House Bill 5250 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 a wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 5250, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. Next, we'll move to House Bill 5276 from Senator Koehler. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5276, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill requires a transition planning process for a student with an individualized education program (IEP) to include considerations for the student's assistive technology needs for the student's post-high school activities and goals. I know of no opposition. Happy to answer any questions. Appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you seek recognition to.

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

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SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

I just want to say the Body has done a number of things this year to try to help address situations of people with disabilities, but I really want to thank the sponsor for bringing this forward, which is addressing situations in school with children with disabilities. And the more that we're able to do in regards to this, I think is going to help make this State a more welcoming and inclusive place for our kids. So, thank you very much, sir. And I encourage everyone to support it.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Koehler, do you wish to close?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Senator McConchie. I appreciate an Aye vote. This is an important bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 5276 pass. All those in favor of 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 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5276, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to turn to page 15 of your printed Calendar at the very top of that page where Senator Villivalam brings House Bill 5507. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5507, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 5507 would remove a barrier that allowed -- that -- I'm sorry. House Bill 5507 would remove a barrier that Illinois residents who were born in another jurisdiction have experienced when requesting support from an Illinois judge. I would be -- ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Senator... Excuse me... Majority -- Leader Curran, I'm sorry. Minority Leader Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

Well, first to say thank you and -- and -- to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

SENATOR CURRAN:

I -- I -- I appreciate what the sponsor is trying to address which is laws passed in other states requiring a court order. But this -- this bill really sets a bad precedent for Illinois courts. Illinois courts have no jurisdiction over the issuing authorities in other states or other countries with regards to birth certificates. They don't have subject matter jurisdiction. They don't have original jurisdiction. The petition to change a certificate is not before an Illinois court. It would be before a court in another state. Nowhere else do we allow or require Illinois courts to issue -- issue court orders on a matter that is not properly before them. This bill would now -- if this bill passes, it would now require Illinois courts to issue court orders

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in a matter that Illinois courts lack jurisdiction. Essentially, this would be permitting Illinois courts to issue a superfluous order that really has no bearing -- on a case before it, because the matter of the case is not before the court. So, with that, I would urge a No vote. I don't believe we should be sending Illinois courts down this path. We do it on this today, where else are we going to expand that? We should stick to the simple concepts of jurisdiction? And is the issue of the matter properly before a court in our State? Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Although I appreciate working with the Senate Minority Leader in the Judiciary Committee. I want to just speak as to some of the subject matter jurisdiction provisions. The Illinois Constitution provides that circuit courts with original jurisdiction in all judicial matters, except when the Illinois Supreme Court has original and exclusive jurisdiction. The legislature can create -- can create justiciable matters when we are doing this bill. The court's authority to exercise its jurisdiction and to resolve a -- a judicial, justiciable question. I apologize because that word in law school, we had to say it all the time, is invoked through the filing of a complaint or a petition. When it comes to personal jurisdiction over these

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petitions, the petitioner is an Illinois resident and the -- and has to file the petition in their county of residence. This creates that personal jurisdiction. This sounds like a very riveting legal debate as to subject matter, jurisdiction, and personal jurisdiction which are the fundamentals of establishing a case in the State of Illinois. And although the Senator on the other side of the aisle has a different opinion. I have a separate opinion, as a lawyer, as well. And as we all know lawyers have different opinions. I do think this bill, is, has valid merits. I -- I think that subject matter jurisdiction and personal jurisdiction are established under this bill. And I urge an Aye vote, Mr. President. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Villivalam, to close.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. And as -- as my -- as my mother reminds me from time to time, I am not a lawyer yet. But I did want to just for the record, be clear that House Bill 5507 does not order or direct another jurisdiction on what to do. The bill merely clarifies that Illinois judges have the authority to support an Illinois resident with the finding of facts that may be used to meet the standard of other jurisdictions. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 5507 pass. All those in favor of 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 36 Senators voting Yes, 20 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5507, having received the

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constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to move back on the Calendar to page 7, the middle of that page where Senator Toro brings House Bill 2161. Senator Toro seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2161 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2161. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Toro.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Toro, on your amendment.

SENATOR TORO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor will vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

3rd Reading, now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 2161. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2161, an Act concerning human rights. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Toro, on your bill.

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SENATOR TORO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 2161 would amend the Employment Article of the Human Rights Act to also prohibit discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on "family responsibilities". An example that we have been using is if a woman, a real-life example is a woman applied for a promotion. Her boss knew that she had four kids at home and said, "You know, you're a really good employee and you're doing well at your job. It sounds like you have a lot on your plate". That promotion was given to a man who also had kids at home, but wasn't asked about his kids. In that situation, the woman had a gender discrimination claim, but had that promotion been given to another woman without children that would have been perfectly legal. That kind of discrimination is not prohibited under the Illinois Humans Rights Act and this bill prohibits that kind of discrimination. It protects working families who may be caring for children, parents, sick or sick family members. However, with the adopted amendment, nothing in this Act prohibits an employer from taking adverse action or requires an employer to provide accommodation or modify rules for an employee with "family responsibilities", so long as the rules and policies are applied in a correlation and, sorry, in accordance with the Act. So, an employer may still fire, suspend, or reprimand an employee for poor performance. All this bill does is prohibit discrimination on an assumption that your "family responsibility" will impede your work performance. This law will impact so many people across Illinois. It's an important bill and I ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Any discussion? Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek

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recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. I had questions of the sponsor. I was a little bumfuzzled about some of the..

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She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR TRACY:

As I said, I was a bit bumfuzzled. I -- I didn't know if your amendment - if I may ask questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Go. Please proceed.

SENATOR TRACY:

I didn't know if we were, if your amendment was able to remove all the opposition of the business groups.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Toro.

SENATOR TORO:

It did remove... Thank you for your question, Senator. It did remove the Illinois Chamber.

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Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

But not all the opposition?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Toro.

SENATOR TORO:

The other groups are actually still opposed based on the definition of perceived provision.

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Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

We did in Judiciary Committee have quite a -- a discussion on this bill and adding this to the human rights -- within the Human Rights Act. And we actually heard expert testimony -- in support of the bill. However, if you look at federal law Title VII. The U.S. Supreme Court is over and overly interpreted that Act to cover family responsibilities. It covers gender discrimination. It covers sex discrimination and family responsibilities fit within that. What this bill will do is -- is allow an employer who violates Title VII to also incur a human rights violation and it will -- be burdensome to handle two different lawsuits at the same time and if it's already covered, it's already covered. And I don't see that we need to put any more things under the Human Rights Act that's already covered by federal law. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Toro, to close.

SENATOR TORO:

Thank you for your comments. I think this is a really important bill. There is currently nothing covered on family obligations in the Illinois Humans Rights Act. This is an important bill and I ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 2161 pass. All those in

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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 37 Senators voting Yes, 19 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 2161, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back in the order, pick up some of the bills we missed on the first pass through. We're going to go to page 13 of your printed Calendar, where Senator Castro brings House Bill 5087. Senator Castro indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read House Bill 5087.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5087, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 5087 amends the Illinois Physical Therapy Act and allows for telehealth services. Under the bill a physician therapist or physician therapist assistant working under the general supervision of -- of a physician therapist is permitted to provide physical therapy through telehealth services, and it's subject to the following conditions - Initial physical therapy evaluations without a referral or established diagnosis may only be performed by a licensed physical therapist, and cannot be performed via telehealth unless necessary to address a documented hardship, including, but not limited to, geographical, physical, or weather-related conditions. The use of telehealth as a primary means of delivering physical therapy must be an exemption and documentation must support the clinical

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justification -- exception, excuse me. A patient receiving physical therapy must be able to request and receive in-person care at any point during their treatment, and a physical therapist providing telehealth must have the capacity to provide in-person care within the State of Illinois. I know of no opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall House Bill 5087 pass. All those in favor of vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have -- have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5087, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're now going to move down to the bottom of page 13 where Senator Villanueva brings House Bill 5239. Out of the record. With leave of the Body, we're going to move to page 9 of your printed Calendar, right in the middle of that page, where Senator Villa brings House Bill 50 -- I'm sorry House Bill 4357. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4357, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4357, as amended, provides that an on-site physician exam is not required prior to a non-abrasive{sic} non-ablative laser hair removal procedure

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under specific conditions. This measure provides that trained professionals, including registered nurses and licensed practical nurses, may perform these procedures as long as a physician delegated it, and supervision protocols are in place. This bill also allows an exam to be conducted by an advanced practice registered nurse in the place of a physician. I'm happy to answer any questions and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The -- pardon me. Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The sponsor indicates she will yield. Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Yes, Senator Villa did this -- did -- my analysis says you have opposition from professional regulations. Is that still the case?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

I don't have them as opponents. And the bill moved unanimously -- unanimously through Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. That is scumtrulescent and I appreciate that information.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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Senator Tracy, you're going to have to check in with the Journal Room and provide spellings for these words you've been using today. Senator Villa, to close.

SENATOR VILLA:

I urge and Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 4357 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 57 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4357, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we are going to move to the -- to near the bottom of page 9 on your printed Calendar. Where Senator Napoleon Harris brings House Bill 4367. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read House Bill 4367.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4367, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. As amended, House Bill 4367 adds the definition of "insolvent company" to clarify that an insurance business transfer should not create a Guaranty Fund coverage (Illinois Insurance Guaranty Fund coverage) where the -- none originally existed, but rather only preserved the existing coverage for the original such coverage, if they were paid with assessments. There's no opposition. And I asked for an

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Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall House Bill 4367 pass. All those in favor of 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 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4367, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to move to House Bill 4426, Senator Porfirio. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4426, an Act concerning government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Porfirio.

SENATOR PORFIRIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4426 amends the Regulatory Sunset Act that extends the sunset for Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984 to January 1st, 2030. Currently, that would expire on January 1st, 2025. I'll stand by for any questions. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SENATOR TURNER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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To the bill.

SENATOR TURNER:

I just want to thank the Senator for bringing this bill. For those of us that worked in the court system for many, many years, we are so appreciative of shorthand reporters. And I just want to thank you for bringing that and recognizing them. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator, do you wish to close?

SENATOR PORFIRIO:

Just respectfully request an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 4426 pass. All those in favor of vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted to wish? Have all voted to wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 Senators voting Yes, 1 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4426, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to move to near the top of page 10 on your printed Calendar, where Senator Johnson brings House Bill 4491. She indicates that she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read that bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4491, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Johnson, on your bill.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Reliable, high-quality childcare

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is critical for working families and young children's optimal development. Yet childcare centers continue to face staffing shortages that disrupt young children and families' routines, adversely impacting staff morale. Unreasonable expectations are imposed on early childhood directors who must be on site during operational hours, unless they have another director, qualified staff member, available to assist. Without a director qualified staff, members on -- on site on the center -- the center will need to close, leaving families without care for their children. And so House Bill 4491, as amended, specifies that a qualified childcare director or director or qualified early childhood teacher with a minimum of 2,800 -- 2,880 hours of experience, must be present for the first and last hour of a workday and at the open and close of a facility, and it requires the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt rules to implement this subsection. And I want to give the House sponsor, a thank her, Representative Laura Faver Dias, for her herculean efforts on this. And I also want to mention that this is an initiative of the Illinois Directors, Owners of Childcare Centers. And I know of no opposition, and I encourage and Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall House Bill 4491 pass. All those in favor of vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted to wish? Have all voted to wish? Have all voted to wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4491, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to move back to the bottom of page 13 of your printed Calendar,

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where Senator Villanueva brings House Bill 5239. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read House Bill 5239.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5239, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 5239 prohibits any unit of government, including a home rule unit, from expending any resources to assist any individual or entity seeking to impose civil or criminal law -- criminal liability upon a person or entity for lawful health care activity, except where necessary, to comply with Illinois or federal law, or where an individual or entity is investigating conduct that would be subject to liability under Illinois law. It exempts location information and health records related to lawful health care activity from the Freedom of Information Act. It also establishes a cause of action against any offending unit of government with a two-year statute of limitations after the cause of action is discovered. This is a bill -- an initiative from the Governor's Office. It's a good bill and I am here to answer questions, if there are any.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SENATOR TRACY:

Questions of sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

She indicates she will yield. Senator Tracy.

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SENATOR TRACY:

Senator Villanueva, is there an age requirement for the minor at you are going to cover under the -- this Health Care Activity Act?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

So, I'm to understand that a child of any age can go and apply for public aid on their own.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

They can go, right? Well, they can go to apply to the participation of the family planning services.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

And is a parent required to be with them?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

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Does it concern you that we have no age requirement for the minor child and no parental supervision for this action? Does that concern you?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

It concerns me that young people don't feel like they can trust their parents to help them acquire these services and these items that they might need in order to make healthy decisions with their bodies.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Now, I wanted to ask about the Freedom of Information Act exemptions. What was the reasoning -- as I -- would you go over those again and tell us exactly what those apply to that are FOIA exempt?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

In this bill, it exempts location information and health records related to lawful health care activity from FOIA -- from the Freedom of Information Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

So, currently, on Illinois Public Health website, it lists counties and number of abortions performed. So, is this the type of information that you want to be exempt from FOIA - Freedom of

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Information Act?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Senator, this is specific to records of patients and individuals who are coming to the State of Illinois that are seeking lawful health care.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

So, will that number be foible? The number of this type of -- of coverage and abortion. Will that be foible?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

I'm not sure what you're talking about when you say this? If you can clarify your question.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

The number of abortions provided by location to minors under covered under this new provision under public aid.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Senator the numbers are already published on the website that you just referenced a couple of questions ago.

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Senator Tracy.

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SENATOR TRACY:

And actually, that's what I'm trying to get to. Now, will that will that information still be available, published by Public Health or if not, is it foible?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Again, the numbers are public health information that's already being published. This doesn't have to do with that. This has to do with health care records of individuals that are coming to the State of Illinois that are seeking lawful health care.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Okay. I'd like to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

This is a glaring change in law, and it's a -- a very concerning in many ways. A child of any age can go apply without parental supervision of any sort for public aid. And then use that public aid funds, taxpayer funded money for an abortion. The FOIA, Freedom of Information exemptions create a much less transparent process in Illinois. And let's just look at the scenarios that are possible given this bill and the Act that it would create. A minor child could be raped by their stepfather living in Missouri, brought to Illinois, sign up for public aid. We help her get an abortion and pay for it, all the while covering up the acts of her stepfather. And this information cannot be used or found out by

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State of Missouri, who may be watching the individual. And trying to find out all the while, the custodial parent, the mother, may have no idea. Just this week we saw in the Tribune a coach was grooming his students and then having affairs with them after they graduated and became adults. And at the age of 19, one student said she became pregnant and he took her for abortion. These scenarios happen. Why aren't we protecting these people? Because if that coach was in Indiana, Illinois would do nothing to protect that individual that had been taken advantage of, groomed by their teacher, and we pay for the abortion! And her parents, of course she's an adult but if she were underage, would have no idea. We're using public Illinois taxpayer funds to aid and abet criminals in some of these scenarios. You can talk about protecting reproductive rights all you want, but we better get it right and not provide cover for human traffickers, rape and incest of minor children, whatever state they're from. And is it right that Illinois taxpayers are going to provide these services at their expense, to minor children without the knowledge of their parents? It -- it's just astounding to me how we can put some of these together. And these scenarios are not some big conspiracy aluminum hat theories. They're happening every day and everybody's watching Illinois and we're giving them cover. And so, to me, it's just wrong in so many ways. But let's not aid and abet criminals to take advantage of minors and at our taxpayer expense. It's just incredible. Thank you. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Villanueva, to close.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Thank you, Mr. President, I want to -- I want to talk a

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little bit about what the bill does and why we are needing to pass bills like this. This bill defines health care or health records related to lawful health care, location information related to lawful health care, and makes this information confidential and exempt from the disclosure -- the disclosure of the Freedom of Information Act. It also grants a private right of action to any person whose information is improperly shared, or against whom any state or local entity assists in imposing civil or criminal liability for lawful health care in the State of Illinois. It also allows minors to apply on their own behalf for financial aid for the Public Family Planning Program, a program offering a variety of reproductive health and family planning services. What was just referenced, in terms of a situation that was just recently in the news. Government can provide information in prosecution of rapists. What it cannot do, based off of this bill, is provide information in prosecuting a minor for getting an abortion. And I want to talk about the why we're having to do this, because there's so much concern of children being raped. But in the case of an 11-year-old girl from Ohio who had to come to another state in order to get an abortion, a lawful abortion, because her own state, had problems with prosecution and their own state had problems that the mother actually, wanted to help the child with - in that situation, couldn't take care of. And you know who's taking care of it? The State of Illinois. Another reason why we're doing this is because in Texas, there is an individual who is seeking to depose an ex-partner for her audacity to go to another state that has legal abortion, to try to provide and get information, as much information as possible about the who, what, when, where, why? Who abated her? Who helped her, who performed the abortion? Who did

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anything related to it because they want to overreach in the State of Texas, to try to come to other states to tell us what we can or cannot do with our bodies. This is another bill that lets everybody else know and combats the misinformation that in Illinois we do care about children, we care about prosecuting rapists, but we also care about bodily autonomy. This is a good bill. Vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The question is, shall House Bill 5239 pass. All those in favor of 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 Senators voting Yes, 19 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 5239, having received the constitutionally required majority, is declared passed. The Senate will stand at ease for a moment, so the Committee on Assignments can assemble in the front room. The Committee on Assignments, please assemble in the front room immediately. (at ease) Senator Koehler, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham, back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Behavioral and Mental Health Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 647; referred to Education Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 463, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3348, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3349;

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refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3173, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3481 and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3686; refer to Environment and Conservation Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2876, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2960, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3342 and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3448; refer to Executive Committee - House Bills 581, 681, 3713 and 4592, motions -- Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 and 6 to Senate Bill 1996, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2643, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2662, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3463, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3592, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 2911, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4293, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4226, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4488, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5511 and Committee Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3527; refer to Higher Education Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3132; refer to Insurance Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2641; refer to Judiciary Committee - House Bill 4781, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 381, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2644, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2740, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2919, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3314 and Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4276; refer to Labor Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2737, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3208, Motion

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to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3646, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3650; refer to License Activities Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 774, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2586, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3467; refer to Local Government Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3402, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3538 and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3597; refer to Public Health Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2658; refer to Revenue Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3282; refer to State Government Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 856, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2628, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2907, Motion to Concur with the House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2959 and Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 899. Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 5395 and Senate Resolution 1018. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democrats will caucus upon recess in the Senate President's office for about one hour.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Castro, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CASTRO:

Purpose of a motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please offer your motion.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bills 4592, 581 and 681 can be heard at 4 p.m. in the Senate Executive Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Castro moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bills 4592, 40-581 {sic} (581) and 681 can be heard at 4 p.m. in the Senate Executive Committee. Let me correct the record just to make sure we have the bills listed properly. That is House Bill 4-5-9-2, House Bill 581, and House Bill 681. And Senator Castro moves to waive all notice on those bills so they can be heard at 4 p.m. in the Senate Executive Committee. All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, notice and posting requirements have been waived. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, after the Senate Democratic Caucus has finished, we will move to action in Committees. Here is the afternoon's Committee Schedule. At 1:00 o'clock Education will meet in Room 212, Public Health will meet in Room 400 and Judiciary will meet in Room 409. At 2:00 o'clock Higher Education will meet in 212, Insurance will meet in 400. At 2:30, the Revenue Committee will meet in Room 400, and the Local Government Committee will meet in Room 409. At 3:00 o'clock, Labor will meet in Room 212, and the Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health will meet in

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Room 409. At 4:00 o'clock, Executive will meet in Room 212, The License Activity Committee will meet in Room 400, and the State Government Committee will meet in Room 409. The Senate will stand at recess to the call of the Chair. After caucus and Committees, the Senate will reconvene for further Floor action requiring votes. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The Senate will come to order. WGGM Gray TV seeks leave of the Body to record and video. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1036, offered by Senator Hastings and all Members, is a celebration of life resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 1037, offered by Senator Tracy. It is congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Johnson, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports Motions to Concur House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 463, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3348, and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3349 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Martwick, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Motions to Concur House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 381, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2644, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2740, House Amendment 2 to

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Senate Bill 2919 and House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3314 and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4276 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Villa, Chair of the Committee on Public Health, reports Motion to Concur on House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2658 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Harris, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, reports Motion to Concur House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2641 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Motion to Concur House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3132, Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Holmes, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports Motion to Concur House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3402, House Amendment 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 3538 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3597 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Villanueva, Chair of the Committee on Revenue, reports Motion to Concur on House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3282 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Fine, Chair of the Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health, reports Motion to Concur House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 647 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Peters, Chair of the Committee on Labor, reports Motions to Concur House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2737, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3208, House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3646, and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3650 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, reports Motions to Concur House Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 774, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2586, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3467 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Motions to Concur House Amendments 2 and 6 to Senate Bill 1996, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2643, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2662, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3463, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3592 Recommend Do Adopt. House Bills 581, 681, and 4592 Do Pass.

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Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 2911, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4226, Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4293, Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 4488 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5511 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 899 and Motions to Concur House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 856, House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2628, House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2907 and House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2959 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Bill 222. Passed the House, May 23rd, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. 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 898, 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 898. Passed the House, as amended, May 23rd, 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 adopt the following joint resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 65, offered by Senator

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Villivalam, Adopted by the House, May 23rd, 2024. We have received a like message on House Joint Resolution 66, offered by Senator Edly-Allen and Adopted by the House, May 23rd, 2024. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. They are both substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 222, offered by President Harmon, an Act concerning civil law. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Everyone within the sound of my voice come to the Senate for 3rd Readings. We'll be taking final action on the Senate Floor. Lee Enterprise's seek leave of the Body to audio and photo. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Everyone within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate for 3rd Reading we'll be taking final action -- House and Senate bills. WBEZ seeks leave of the Body to record audio. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. If you go to your Calendar on page 6 at the bottom of the page, we're going to go to House Bill 277. Senator Villanueva. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- 277. Senator Villanueva seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 277 -- to return House Bill 277 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 277. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No.3, offered by Senator Villanueva.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva, on your amendment.

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SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

All those -- Is there any discussion? All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further Amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now in the Order of 3rd Reading, is House Bill 277. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 277, an Act concerning courts. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva, on your bill.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Thank you, Mr. President. With the adopted amendment, House Bill 277 retains the language which provides that if a person fails to appear in court, the court may text, call, or email the person's last known contact information with notice regarding the continued court dates. The notice shall include a statement that -- that a subsequent failure to appear could result in a warrant or consequences affecting their driving privileges. The bill, as amended, further provides that the Secretary of State shall lift any suspensions applied prior to the effective date of this Act without any further action by the court. And again, it's a really good bill, and I'm here to answer questions if people have them.

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Is there any discussion, Senator Tracy?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR TRACY:

Senator Villanueva, under your bill, the defendant who appears in court, can -- on a petty offense can face a fine and the like, but under -- if a person fails to appear, for whatever reason, the first time they will not be subject to suspension of their license, but instead be charged a fine according to whatever the judge puts on the -- the -- as the fine. Right?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Yes, Senator

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

But if a person habitually fails to appear, does your bill provide for a different remedy?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Again, the notice shall include a statement that a subsequent failure to appear could result in a warrant or consequences affecting their driving privileges. So, the purpose of this is because people haven't necessarily received the summons, the notice to appear in court. It might have gotten sent to an old

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address. So, we're expanding the ways of communication to include text message, email, and phone calls to make sure that people actually get the notice. But again, they're still subject to the law and anything that comes along with it.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you for that. I -- I wanted to -- to make sure we clarified what the notice would be to the person, because we don't want them to be lulled that they will can habitually fail to appear, but that, given a one instance, they would not be subject to losing their license for failure to appear. But if they do that habitually, the -- the circumstances could be quite different, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Yeah, that's obviously up to the court to decide. What we're trying to do in remedy is a situation that's been occurring where notices have been sent like snail mail to people old, you know, people's old address or an address that might have been on file from ages ago that doesn't receive the, you know, the recipient doesn't actually receive it in a timely manner or, you know, they don't receive it at all. And then all of a sudden they might be stopped on the way to work, or something happens where they're notified that there's a warrant or their license has been suspended. And they weren't even aware that there was a court date set.

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Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you for those clarifications.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Villanueva, to close.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

This is a great bill. Let's not lollygag anymore. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- shall House Bill 277 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 41 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 277, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page to the top of the page, we have House Bill 307, Senator Harris, Napoleon Harris. We're going to go back up to -- to House Bill 307, Senator Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 307, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Harris, on your bill.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 307 makes various changes to the Student-Athlete Endorsement Rights Act that was passed a few years ago and expands the opportunities for student athletes, compensation and protects the information through the Freedom of Information Act from their disclosure. This bill simply

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is putting it -- giving Illinois athletes at various universities, playing -- a level playing field with the rest of the country, and it's going to allow the -- the institution to directly, play a part in the NIL the name, image, and likeness piece the student athletes are now going through. There's no opposition, and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 307 pass? All those in favor of vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. All have all voted who wish? Have all voted to wish? Have all voted to wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present and House Bill 307, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to move over to page 9 towards the top of the page we have House Bill 4284, Senator Harris. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4284, an Act concerning revenue. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Harris, on your bill.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4284 allows for a property tax extension for the Homewood School District. This was brought about because of -- a referendum that was passed locally, in my District, and then subsequently EAV level dropped, which caused that level of income that they were supposed to raise to come down. This bill is, definitely supported by the community. There was no opposition. And I'm looking forward to its passage.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no opposition. The question is, shall House Bill 4284 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 42 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4284, having received the required majority, is declared passed. We're going to skip over to page 10, towards the top of the page we have House Bill 4588, Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4588, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee{sic} (Senate). House Bill 4588 extends the sunset date for the Risk Retention Companies' Article of the Illinois Insurance Code by 30 years to January 1st, 2057. I know of no opposition. Happy to answer any questions, ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 4588 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 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4588, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Staying on page 10, we're going to go down the

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page to House Bill 4636, Senator Belt. We're going to go to page 11, we're going to go to the top of the page, we're going to go to House Bill 4819, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4819, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, on your bill.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4819 amends the Unified Code of Corrections, and it provide -- provides that the Illinois Department of Corrections must provide lactation or nursing mother rooms for Department personnel. The rooms must be provided in each Department facility that employs nursing mothers, and each individual lactation room must meet certain requirements, such as containing electrical outlets for plugging and breast pumps, and having a minimum of one refrigerator for storage of the breast milk. This is an initiative by the House sponsor, Representative Rita Mayfield, at a request of constituents, and there is no known opposition at this time. And I request an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Bryant?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Are they not doing this now in the Department of

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Corrections?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

That's correct, Senator. They are not doing this now.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

So, they're not doing it in IDOC, or they're just not doing it in a county jails.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

They're not doing it in the county jail. The -- the building.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

They should be. Thank you.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Seeing no -- Further discussion. Senator Johnson, to close.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Yes, I'm going to thank the House sponsor for advancing this bill and thank my colleague, Senator Bryant, for her remarks. You know, nursing moms really need a dedicated lactation room. And, you know, so that you can have less disruptions. It really helps maintain productivity, believe it or not and reduce absenteeism. I request an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall House Bill 4819 pass. All those

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in favor of 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 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4819, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to House Bill 48. Senator Erica Harriss, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR E. HARRISS:

I'm sorry my button wasn't working for that last vote. Will you please record me as a Yes?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect your intentions. We're going to go to House Bill 4838, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4838, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel, on your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill creates the Advisory Board of the Illinois State Museum and alters the powers and duties of the Illinois State Museum. In addition, HB 4838 ensures compliance with federal requirements regarding the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act and eliminates admission fees.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Rose?

SENATOR ROSE:

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Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Who will actually be performing the cleanup of the State Museum?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

The -- the cleanup?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator -- Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Who will be performing the cleanup?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

This is a cleanup bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR VENTURA:

I have an important question. Do you, to your knowledge, know if there are any striped hyenas in the State Museum?

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Senator Loughran Cappel.

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SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

I'm sorry, can you say that again?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura?

SENATOR VENTURA:

Yes. Are there any striped hyenas in the State Museum?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel?

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

I have no idea, if there are.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

I think this is a good bill. And I urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Loughran Cappel, to close.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, everyone, for the lively debate. And I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 4838 pass. All those in favor of 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present and House Bill 4838. Having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving down the page, we're going to go to House Bill 4895, Senator

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Johnson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Never mind that one was done. Going to -- go to the bottom of the page, House Bill 4911. Okay. Sorry. Turning the page to page 12, we're going to go to the top of the page House Bill 4926, Senator Feigenholtz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4926, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz, on your bill.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill amends the Landlord and Tenant Act. It is supported by Housing Action Illinois and the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. The amendment took away the opposition of one Mr. Paul Arena, from IRPOA and it is -- is a way to expedite and keep the cost down on credit reports for people who are applying to rent apartments within 30 days. I'm happy to answer any questions. If we pass this law, we're going to be following about 5 to 7 states who've already done this.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Any discussion, Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

You know, yesterday we had a lot of discussion about landlords and -- and the travails of being a landlord in the State of Illinois in the last few years, passed a lot of bills that

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affect them, and while at the same time we keep talking about the need for affordable housing. And while this bill has good merit in some ways, it -- it likewise is another mandate and regulation of the landlord industry. And a lot can happen in 30 days. The landlord wants to provide a safe, public safe -- publicly safe environment for his tenants. And as I said, a lot can happen in 30 days. And there's reasons that they ask for a credit report because they do often change. And -- and for that reason, I do not support it. And I had an epiphany last night. We had so much talk about the landlord tenant relationship, and it makes it sound like we've got feudal lords and ladies and the -- the serfs. So, I suggest may we start calling these bills lessor and lessee, because landlords in Illinois have are struggling. And calling them a lord perhaps has connotations that, imply that they are much grander and better off than is in fact the State of many lessors in Illinois. Thank you.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Feigenholtz, to close.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

I'd like to thank the previous speaker for not beating up on me too much, and I'd like to ask her a favor. Because some of her comments were just indescribable and remind her that this is a bill that does very few things that are painful. This -- this is really about someone who's going to be moving into a new apartment. And, as I said, all opposition had been removed by the organization that represents landlords. It keeps the cost down for very expensive rental credit applications, one after another. And these reporting fees can really quickly add up to several hundred dollars. I really hope everyone votes for it. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 4926 pass. All those in favor of 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 48 {sic} (40) voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And House Bill 4926, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down further on the page to House Bill 5027, Senator Joyce. Mr. Secretary, never mind. At the bottom of the page we have House Bill 5028, Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator McConchie, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Senator McConchie, did you want recognition? Okay. Senator Fine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5028, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, on your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is another tool in the fight against the opioid epidemic. It allows for State agencies to have opioid antagonists on site and train employees on how to use them.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Sally Turner?

SENATOR TURNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

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SENATOR TURNER:

I want to thank the sponsor for this bill. Opioids are a huge problem, they continue to be a problem and until we get our handle on, getting people -- the criminals where they need to be, this is the only way that we can help people. And I appreciate you bringing this bill, Senator Fine. Thank you.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Fine, to close.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. And thank you to Senator Turner, and I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 5028 pass. All those in favor of 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 5028, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Turning the page to the top of the page will do House Bill 5057, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5057, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Loughran Cappel, on your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill, with its amendments, keeps -- makes that the State Board of Education may score each Section of content area knowledge tests independently. Applicants

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then can take the content area knowledge test before, during, or after their student teaching and the date that the Teacher Performance Assessment Task Force must report its recommendations to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly. That Task Force has been extended from August 1st, 2024 to October 31st, 2024, and this bill also adds further clarification that the State Board may also score each Section of the Content Area Knowledge Test separately. For those again, who are getting into the teaching profession so that applicants need to only retake the certain Sections that were previously failed rather than retake the entire test, every time. So basically, this bill just removes barriers for college students and those with their bachelor's degrees that are wanting to become teachers and get into the profession. It makes the process a little bit more user friendly for our incoming teachers. And I'm open to any questions. And I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 5057 pass. All those in favor of vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? To take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 5057, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to House Bill 5086, Senator Halpin. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5086, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin, on your bill.

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SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, this bill is an attempt to clarify that a nursing agency, contract with a health care provider has to include a provision to ensure that the health care facility has the right to be compensated for damages, fines, or other expenses related to a negligent act of someone performed by a negligent act of a nurse that's provided by the agency. I'm not aware of any opposition and would ask for your favorable votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 5086 pass. All those in favor of 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 57 voting Yea, 2 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 5086, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Leave of the Body, we're going to go back to page 7, we're going to go to House Bill 2499. Senator Fine seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2499 to the Order 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is 20 -- House Bill 2499. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Fine.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR FINE:

Yes. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor say, Aye.

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Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is House Bill 2499. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2499, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, on your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation is an initiative of the Department of Insurance. It eliminates short term, limited duration, or junk plans for sale in the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. One light is on, Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Well. Thank you. We have some discussion on this one. A couple of things. One, I first want to thank the sponsor. I know she's certainly sincere in what she is trying to do. We had a lengthy discussion in -- in -- in Committee on this, but, I think we really need to get a better understanding of -- of what we're about to do and how it eliminates some choices for people in Illinois. First thing is a background. I think we need to understand about what the need is for these types of policies. These are short term policies for people that are many times -- that are between jobs, or they're leaving one job and -- and

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starting another. And there's a period of time when they don't have coverage. I think people don't really quite understand what the -- the cost of care is because we're not used to it. You know, those who are working for the government, you know, you pay a couple of hundred dollars a month for your health coverage, but back home, your neighbors are paying significantly more. The State rates for Blue Cross, for example, for a family of four, are around \$2,800 a month. And if a person is on a private coverage and they're leaving a job, going to start a new job, they're offered the option of Cobra. But for a family to pay \$3,000 a month for health coverage is unaffordable for them. So, what are the options they have? Well, the State says they can sign up for the healthcare.gov. They can sign up under the Insurance Exchange, but under the insurance exchange, those policies are based on what your annual income is and your age. And those couple -- costs can be very expensive and the benefits really bad. We talk about how bad the benefits are for -- for short term policies, but under the ACA plan if you have a family of four, you're talking about over \$1,000 a month for a policy that has a \$7,400 deductible that has a \$1,500 emergency room co-pay at that kind of cost. Again, it struggles for families to be able to cover. Now, the issue with short term policies, which is interesting because this Chamber, sponsored with legislation that you passed in the last two years, created these temporary policies or the rules for them and it's an alternative. It's one other option that people have. Yes, it's limited in coverage. But it's a low-cost way for families who cannot afford, the ACA or cannot afford a Cobra. But they want to have some kind of protection and some kind of coverage. Now, the -- the Department came to the Committee and unfortunately made

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some comments that were, clearly not true and really in -- in -- and really press their luck. I think when it comes to, I know United Health and others are -- are probably going to be looking at some kind of a response to the comments made about their -- their products. But one of the things that they -- they keep saying is that these -- that these policies don't pay any claims, that they don't cover for emergencies, they don't cover for hospitalization. But let me ask the sponsor a couple of questions regarding that.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, will you yield?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, in the Committee the Department said that -- that these companies were all deceptive. I think they used the word all -- they were all deceptive in their marketing and that these policies don't cover for emergencies or accidents or hospitalizations. Is that -- do you recall them saying that?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

What I recall them saying is that these policies are not required to cover the ten essential benefits that are covered under the Affordable Care Act. And as a result of that and the high deductible plans, many people who have -- of these policies and believe they do have coverage end up going into medical debt, because many times, because preexisting conditions are not covered under these plans. If you are diagnosed with a condition, they will call it a preexisting condition and not cover that. I have had people reach out to me who thought they had coverage when they

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had these -- short term limited duration plans, only to find out that they were not covered. Their prescription drugs were not covered, their emergency services were not covered. And it ended up costing them a whole lot more than it would have had they had the insurance that they thought was possible and that they thought that they were paying for.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, thank you. And again, the -- that all sounds good. But when we look at these temporary plans covered by United Health and Blue Cross and others, you look at these -- and here's one, I guess, with Health Alliance as well, where it's only a \$2,000 deductible versus the \$7,000 deductible for the -- the ACA plan, and it does cover for prescriptions and -- as well. And the ACA plan does, but they have high co-pays for the drugs, which again, families can't always afford. But the issue with this, this is only the covering for a period of 30 or 60 or 90 days. It's temporary coverage. The cost for these plans for these families can be as low as 3 or \$400 a month, something that they can afford. It covers for hospitals and emergency rooms and accidents. And yes, if someone is sick, they should stay on Cobra. If someone is currently pregnant, they should stay under Cobra. But we're taking an option away from a working family that just can't afford to pay this kind of premium. You know, we have a million people in Illinois today that are -- have terminated their insurance because they can't afford it. These are people that are between jobs and this is taking away one of those options for them. And a couple other quick questions, we talk about how bad these temporary plans

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were when we talked to the Department. Are all these current temporary health plans approved by the State Department of Insurance?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Um, no, they're not under the Department's purview.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Maybe you can check with your staff on this one. They -- The policies are all approved by the State of the Department of Insurance, so the contracts are approved. Even the brochures have to be approved by the Department of Insurance.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Yet many of these policies are also purchased online and they can come from out-of-state, as well. So that would be outside of the Department's purview.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Senator Syverson, we do have other speakers.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Yes. Well, again, this is a -- a -- this is an important -- a -- a point. But even if it's from out-of-state, if you're selling in the State, they have to have approve from the State. But these are from United Health and others that again-- the -- these policies are all approved by the State, the language by the State, and the Department continued to say that these policies were

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deceptive. When we asked the Department how many times these companies were fined or called out for deceptive practices do you remember what the Department said? How many times the companies were fined or charged for deceptive practice?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

I do not, but I want to correct myself. They are under the purview of the Department, but their authority is very limited on these plans.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Just a couple quick more -- things. So, these are again, the purpose of these plans are to give an option. It's not for everybody, but one option. Under the current law, again, if a person starts on Cobra for a month or two and then they cannot, afford to continue to do that, they are banned from being able to go to Obamacare or ban to go for the ACA. There's no choice for them. And what we're saying to these people is, if you don't take the expensive plan, you can't have any plan. And again, there are gaps in coverage with short term policies -- are supposed to be there for it. So, I know it's going to -- you're going to pass this, but there's going -- we're going to come back here, next year, and people are going to be upset that the fact that they couldn't get coverage when they were between jobs, and that's the concern that we have with this, taking these choices away from, Illinois small families throughout the -- working families, I should say throughout Illinois. Thank you, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Stoller.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR STOLLER:

As I was thinking about this plan with these short-term health plans, I thought back to some of the bills we've passed, here recently, about mobile homes. We spent a lot of time on them, we mandated weather radios and other regulations. And so, I was thinking about these mobile homes. We all kind of know they're susceptible to severe weather. Their construction is often inferior to a traditional home. They probably don't last as long as -- they don't have all the features and benefits that a traditional home might have, and you might say they're limited and less ideal than a traditional house. But, who are we to say that it's not the best option for some people? If it fits their budget, that's what they can afford, if it's in the right situation in life, their stage of life, it might be a temporary solution for them for a while. And I would never be so audacious to suggest that we should ban mobile homes. I think that's absurd, but that's exactly what we're doing here, in relation, to these short-term health plans. Saying that we know better than you, we know what's best for you, we don't think you can make an informed decision, we don't think you can properly consider the risks and the benefits and so forth, of this decision. We know better and I think that's a mistake. I think we should let people make their own choice. Consumers are smart. They can figure out what's best for them.

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They don't need government to dictate to them what options they have. And so, for that reason, I would suggest and urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you very much. Senator Fine. I sat in the Insurance Committee for the last ten years, and I've heard a lot of bills come up about Insurance. And I hope you don't mind if I ask you a few questions here and -- these -- short term -- health insurance plans, are they exempted from the Affordable Care Act?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Yes. These short-term plans do not have to carry the ten essential benefits of the Affordable Care Act. And I want to add, also, that there are qualifying life events, if you do not make open enrollment that the exchange will open for you, and one of those is losing your job.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Fine, if you wouldn't mind, could you just go over some of the -- the -- the short-term health insurance plans, the benefits that they're not -- that they do not cover and are not

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required to cover.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Yes. They are not required to cover ambulatory patient services, emergency services, hospitalization, pregnancy, maternity and newborn care, mental health and substance use disorder services, prescription drugs, rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices, laboratory services, preventative and wellness services including chronic disease management and pediatric services.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President, just a few more questions, if you will. Senator Fine, if for some reason you're diagnosed with an illness. For example, I'm diagnosed with MS while on a short-term health insurance plan. Because they're not regulated by the ACA, they're exempt from the ACA. Can a short-term health insurance plan boot me off their health insurance?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

We have heard from consumers that they have -- this one particular person, who was diagnosed with MS while on a short-term plan, was denied coverage because it was referred to as a preexisting condition, although that person was not diagnosed until they were on this plan.

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Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Fine, my final question is this. I mean, and I appreciate the previous speakers experience in the insurance industry, as they been practicing in the insurance industry for quite a while. But insurance plans when you go ahead and you go to -- when you're seeking one out it's not always apples to apples. So, one insurance plan on a short-term health insurance plan may differ in terms of what's excluded or included, and those exclusions and inclusions can vary the price as to the insurance premium per plan. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So, it would be a fair assessment to say that if I go ahead and shop for these plans, and the examples that were given by a previous speaker, the -- the plan comparisons may not be equal comparisons. Is that a correct -- Is that an accurate and a fair statement?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

That is an accurate and fair statement.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

And some of these plans, as you look at the brochures and you go ahead and you go over to marketing material that comes from outside of the State, those brochures may be vague, they may not be all inclusive. And if you're to read those forms, you may look at the very tiny, tiny, tiny print in size six font to which most people, in this room, don't even read. They may tell you all those exclusions, and you may think, as a consumer, that you're covered because you have health insurance as a whole. That you may not actually be covered by these health insurance plans. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

That is absolutely correct. And I've heard from many people who, found themselves in just that situation, with a mountain of medical bills, as a result.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. And to the sponsor, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate. In every bill we discuss here in this Chamber, there are good actors and there are bad actors. And yes, there may be some insurance companies that fully advertise all the exclusions that caused their premiums to be reduced, and they may do so in a very explicit manner, and that -- the actual consumer, themselves, may actually know what coverage

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they're entitled to. But when you look at the total out-of-state, I would say -- industry, that there are deceptive practices, there are practices to which the consumer is extremely confused. And then when faced with the ultimate challenge of choosing a health insurance plan and when they actually have to go and use it. They may face a \$15,000 deductible, in addition to sharing 50 percent of the cost with that insurance company. And for a working-class person, whether you're a carpenter or an electrician, whatever it may be, you may be saddled with hundreds and hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt because you may have been under the auspice of having a health insurance plan, but not having the full coverage. The short-term health insurance plans the majority of the cases are very problematic to consumers, and this bill will provide protections to those consumers well into the future and give them other options that they're eligible for. And, although, I respect the previous speakers who had advocated against this bill, I don't believe that their comparisons or the questions fairly accurate, the apples-to-apples depiction that should be made on the Floor of the Senate, and that should have been discussed in the Insurance Committee. And Mr. President, I urge an Aye vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion. Senator McConchie.

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCONCHIE:

I just want to clarify and just be clear exactly what we're

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doing here. Right now, we have -- when someone has a gap in coverage, you have three different options. You can choose Cobra, you can choose the ACA plans, or you can choose these short-term care plans. What we're doing is we're removing one of the three options that people have. Now, we could choose instead to address maybe the shortcomings that exist with these short-term plans by regulating them differently. But we're not choosing to do that here. What we're choosing to do is eliminate entirely, perhaps in many cases, what is the lowest cost option for people and may fit their opportunity the best. I -- I think that if we are genuinely concerned and wanting to make sure that we have the broadest options for people, regardless of their income level, regardless of their -- how much they can afford, that we would choose perhaps, to address the regulation of these instead of simply eliminating them off the board because we don't like the way some of them are. So, I would suggest a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, to close.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you, Mr. President, and I'd like to thank the Body for a very descent conversation on this legislation. We need to remember that we are talking about the consumer here. And if you look at a policy that is sold on the Exchange, their loss ratio is 80 percent. In other words, 80 percent of every dollar you pay in premium, has to go towards health care. With these plans, that loss ratio is as low as 32 percent. So, we see that consumers are not getting what they think that they are paying for. I have talked to so many people who have learned the very hard way how difficult it can be when you are at your most vulnerable and you think you

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have the protection that you need when it comes to your insurance policy to get you through that tough time, only to find out that the rug has actually been pulled out from under you, and you don't have those protections that you need. With this legislation and with our State moving towards a State based exchange, we are going to be able to walk consumers through getting onto the exchange and finding a policy that does not have as high of a deductible, that actually has good coverage, and that it actually will provide the insurance that people need. And in many cases, because you're buying it on the exchange, you will be able to be reimbursed for part of that from the government. So, I do believe that this is a very positive step in the way we do insurance in the State of Illinois, and I would appreciate your support on this vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We've got a long vote, so make sure that you and your computer are awake. The question is, shall House Bill 2499 pass. All those in favor of 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 40 voting Yea, 19 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2499, having received the required majority, is declared passed. We're going to jump ahead to page 13, in the middle of the page we're going to go to House Bill 5142, Senator Collins. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5142, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins, on your bill.

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SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House -- House Bill 5142, as amendment -- as amended, requires private insurers to cover all services for pregnancy, postpartum and newborn care rendered by perinatal doula or licensed certified professional midwives. Under the bill, insurers must also cover home visits by lactation consultants, including the purchase of breast pumps and supplies, breast feeding supplies and feeding aides, as recommended by a lactation consultant. This bill allows a policy to limit coverage for home visits by a perinatal doula, not counting any home birth to 16 visits before 16 visits after birth, miscarriage, or abortion not to exceed 8000 sic{\$8,000} for each pregnancy and subsequent postpartum period. This bill also prohibits cost sharing requirements for these services, except for inpatient and residential mental health services due to pregnancy related issues, substance use disorder services, and health care services for home birth, which are still subject to cost sharing. I'm open for any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator Tracy?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR TRACY:

Senator Collins, a few years ago, we passed a bill where Medicaid covered doula and doula -- if you're paying them through Medicaid process, they have to be certified and actually the SIU School of Medicine does that. Does your bill provide that? Doula,

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likewise, have to have a certification for them to be covered through insurance?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

No, they do not.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

What? Why not?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Because of the type of services that they provide.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Well, if you're not certified, then as I understand, anybody could be a doula and then they will be subject to insurance coverage.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Doulas do not provide medical services.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

I understand that, but they do have to have, for Medicaid coverage, have to have a certification that is actually a training

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that the SIU School of Medicine provides, and that gives reassurance to the federal government that this person is actually legitimate. So why would we not have that same, recognition, if we're going to require an insurance company to cover the doula service.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Because doulas provide support services, they do not provide medical services. They're there for support.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Okay, I -- I suppose we'll have to kind of differ on that. But, if you get an abortion and under your bill, you do not have to pay a copay. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Now, if you have a baby, you do have to pay a co-pay. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins'.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Yes, but not all co-pays are removed.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

I'm sorry, I didn't hear that. Not all co-pays are what? I didn't hear the last part.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

And not every service requires a co-pay.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Okay, but most insurances will require a co-pay for delivery of a baby. My next question is, if you have a miscarriage do you have to have a co-pay?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

It depends.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Now, I think this is important. One, I think the doula thing should be clarified. Why should an insurance company have to provide doula coverage? And I'm not criticizing doula. My daughter had one, I understand it's a new thing. I would have maybe liked

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to have had one instead of my husband, there with me. I'm sure it would have been better than him watching March Madness on TV. But, I, and that's no disrespect to my husband. But, I mean, let's face it, we're subjecting insurance companies to quite a bit of extra coverage, and I think they deserve to at least know that this person has had some kind of certified training. And the SIU School of Medicine is right over here in Springfield, and they provide that training. I think the federal government is very wise. They recognize that they're not going to pay it through Medicaid coverage unless you have some kind of certification that this person is trained to know what they're doing in providing that comfort and care and -- and support during a labor and delivery. But what I really want this Body to pay attention to, if you have an abortion, no co-pay. If you have a baby, you have to pay a co-pay. If you have a miscarriage -- If you suffer a miscarriage, you still have to have a co-pay. Now, does any of that make sense? That we're giving above and beyond protection. No co-pay for someone that wants to not have a baby, to abort it. But yet, those wanting to have a baby, or suffer -- or having the horrible experience of suffering a miscarriage, no co-pay. Most pregnancies are going to result in a delivery, thank goodness, and that's affecting working families. A miscarriage, what an indignity to have to suffer, to have to pay a co-pay. But they're receiving medical services and -- and the like, and that's the way the insurance is structured. So why do we think it's so wise in the State of Illinois? Granted, I've heard all about protecting reproductive rights, but you have no co-pay. Well, there you have it. I -- I don't think it's a wise bill. And I would urge a No vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I want to commend the sponsor for advancing this important legislative measure. And unless I'm missing something, I just want to -- I believe we're talking about four important things. We're talking about women who -- with ongoing maternal health care needs who may fall between the cracks of being able to -- not eligible for Medicaid but don't have enough to afford full coverage from -- from insurance. We're talking about health care between a woman and her doctor. We're talking about access to health care services. And finally, what I'm taking away from this is that we're talking about saving lives. We're talking for all women, and we're talking about women, all women, being able to -- to go home from the hospital alive and well with their baby. And so, for that, again, I want to thank the sponsor and I encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Collins, to close.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Thank you. I just want to address a couple of things that were said by the former speaker. The language, in the bill, comes from the insurance companies which is what brought them to neutral, some of this language in here. Doulas and midwives can provide support during and after care, but they don't do the actual --

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surgical intervention. Now, when that is required for miscarriage, it is coded the same as an abortion. So, the surgical interventions for miscarriage would be covered without cost sharing. But there's more that we need to do with that and I would love to work with the -- former speaker on this through the summer. And if it's something that you would like to introduce, I would definitely chief sponsor it with you, to get it done. But this bill is about health equity, as defined when everyone has the opportunity to attain their highest level of health, or the absence of unfair and avoidable or remediable differences in health amongst population defined socially, economically, demographically and geographically. This bill impacts everyone from urban Chicago to rural southern Illinois. Women across every community face unexpected complications during pregnancy and without the coverage of insurance, are face to face with dangers -- to their life. Black women across Illinois are twice as likely to die from any pregnancy related conditions, and three times more likely to die from pregnancy related medical conditions as white women. And across the board for all mothers, the CDC's Maternal Mortality Review Committees have determined that 91 percent of pregnancy related deaths are potentially preventable. That means that we can save lives with residents when they're covered, and not just a few. But we can prevent more than 90 percent of all deaths currently happening, if we had -- if they had our support. This bill helps resolve issues in the private sector that are already covered publicly. And when someone who makes too much to be on public health care also cannot afford to pay their high co-pays from private insurance. What do they do? Pregnancy related deaths saw an increase in all geographic areas of the State. When a mother

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from Chicago cannot afford her co-pay because they are too busy affording rising costs across the board. Who is there to help them? When a mother from rural Illinois cannot afford their co-pay because the nearest hospital was an hour away and they struggled to pay co-pays, as well. Who is there to help them during their pregnancy? This is one of the hardest times of a woman's life, and when that life is at risk, we don't want to cover it because of our personal ideologies. I say we have to do -- we have to do better because women are dying, because we want to -- because we want to prevent them from getting access to health care. They need to live through these -- these lived experiences through mine, without the support of my doula and my midwife professional, who knows what could have happened? When you're faced with an unexpected complication like gestational -- gestational diabill - - diabetes, hemorrhaging, cardiac or coronary conditions, these conditions could affect any mother in Illinois. And we want to be sure that when mothers face these complications and let them know you are covered and we will support you during and after pregnancy and get you to care, you need to live. I'm going to close with saying that this is not a partisan issue, this is a health issue, and it impacts every woman across the State of Illinois. And by eliminating the cost sharing requirements for this care, we can save lives across the board. I would ask and greatly appreciate for your Aye vote, but I also want to thank everyone who helped all the stakeholders on this bill. The staff, here -- on our side of the aisle who worked tirelessly to help us get to this point. Our lieutenant governor, the doulas, the midwives for bringing their stories to us. -- The numbers of infant mortality, in the African American community, is extremely high and we can lower

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that, and we've done that with public aid. This bill is just aligning with what we've already done. And no matter who you are, where you come from, what type of money you make, doesn't matter. We should be in the business of saving people's lives and not in the business of determining whether or not this person gets access to health care and this person doesn't. And so, I encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall House Bill 5142 pass. All those in favor of 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 40 voting Yea, 19 voting No, and 0 voting Present. And House Bill 41 -- 5142, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We go to page 14 towards the middle of the page it's House Bill 5395, Senator Peters. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Peter seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 5395 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, is House Bill 5395. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Peters.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, on your amendment.

SENATOR PETERS:

I would like to adopt the amendment, and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is House Bill 5395. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5395, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, on your bill.

SENATOR PETERS:

This is the Health Care Protection Act. It's a good bill for consumers and patients. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Lewis?

SENATOR LEWIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Senator, thank you for your bill. You and I had a discussion... Quick question for you, does HB 5395 exempt non-ERISA governmental health care plans run for retirees?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

No. The provisions of HB 5395 do apply to fully insured,

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non-ERISA exempt government health care plans for retirees.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

Thank you. That's it.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Sure, Senator..

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

What's the estimated cost for implementing this plan on working families in -- in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

The estimation from the Governor's Office is fifty to sixty million.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay. And what was the cost estimate from the -- from the industry? Do you remember what that one was?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

We did not get a cost estimate from the industry. I would like to add that the industry has removed their opposition from

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this bill. I would just like that to be noted in the record.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. I'm not sure if they -- didn't have much of a choice, but a -- a couple of questions on -- on -- on this legislation. First -- let's look at the, the -- the part dealing with the prescription drug coverage. This -- this allows an individual to choose the drug that they want to have on formulary regardless of the cost. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

They would have to go through the medical exception to process.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Excuse me. They'd have to what?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

They'd have to go through the medical exceptions process.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, so under this, they would have to get approval to take a different drug? I thought that was the purpose of this - if it was in the formulary they could choose any drug in the formulary.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

So let me read. An insurance company must approve an off-formulary exception request if the formulary prescription drug is contraindicated. The patient has tried the formulary prescription drug while under the patient's current or previous health insurance plan, and the prescribing provider submits evidence of failure or intolerance, or the patient is stable on a prescription drug selected by his or her health care provider for the medical condition under consideration while on a current or previous health insurance plan.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you very much. That's the -- and again, that's the portion that was corrected on the off formulary, not the formulary. So, the formulary portion is the part we're talking about.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

Yeah. So, I mean the patient can't just pick and choose the doctor and then we'll sit down and go through what's the best that's medically necessary for the patient?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay. Okay. In Committee, of course we -- we talked about and we clarified that that's, -- that's not the case, which is one

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of the reasons why the - again, the insurance companies were concerned that this was going to add another 4 to \$500 dollars a year to working families -- coverages. The other question I wanted to ask about was... -- In this legislation, it requires that a hospital treat an individual that shows up in the emergency room -- with a -- a mental health concern - that the hospital will cover them for 72 hours and the insurance company has to cover that without question or without having pre-authorization. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

If an individual shows up for a - hospital that does not have a full-time psychiatrist or does not have a full time -- a mental health department, is that individual still going to be covered at that hospital if they're, in an observation room but not being treated by mental health providers?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

I mean, they will have medical professionals who can help treat the patient. I would just like to point out that I've had multiple cases with family and friends who've had to go to a hospital for mental health emergency, had to stay there for 72 hours, one pretty recently. And I think the idea is that when

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they're in that moment of crisis, the 72-hour period that we provide them with the best treatment possible that that hospital may be able to provide, preferably, of course, to be able to - they have a mental health professional there. But no matter what, it's about the security of that patient.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I guess, the question is, does the wording of the language? Is wording of the bill have any protection if they go to a hospital that does not have a psychiatrist -- psychiatrist on hand, doesn't have those services, but the patient is going to be just in an observation. Is that hospital going to get full reimbursement for those 72 hours even though treatment wasn't provided?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I appreciate that. That's what I was looking for. The -- the last part of that about this bill is the issue of rate making. So, this is -- this requires companies that are over 50 large insureds to have their rates all pre-approved by the insurance department. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters?

SENATOR PETERS:

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That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

What's the current role now that the Department of Insurance has with rates for large employers, do they have to or large carriers? Do they currently have to submit those rates to the Department of Insurance?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

So, they can - the key thing is that they can look, all we're adding is that whether they can approve or deny a product.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

And are they only approving or denying the base rates or the final rates?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

The final rates.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Let's try that one more time.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Senator -- Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

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All of them. Both. Yes, both.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So, you're saying, the Department said, over and over again that they're only approving the base rates? Are you saying now that it's changed, that this policy is - that the Department has to approve both the base rates and the final rates from the insurance companies?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

They -- they want the -- they want the base rates for the rate making.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay. Thank you. So, let's just - we'll try that one time - one more time. Because for legislative intent this is on the record. So, the under this legislation they're only going to be approving the base rates and not the final rates. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters?

SENATOR PETERS:

You are correct. The base rates.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you so much. So, now the State of Illinois has had the

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option - so, over the last 20 years, the carriers have all submitted their rates to the Departments already. And when we ask the Department about that, can you -- can you tell me how many times that the -- the State and the carriers disagreed on a final rate?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

Two.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Yeah, I think it was actually 1, in 20 years, and that was a Land of Lincoln ACA plan that wasn't even a large group plan. So, of course the concern is we're creating this whole new division, enlarging the whole Department to review rates that they have reviewed for the last 20 years and they've always come to the same, exact same agreement. So obviously, the concern is we're going to be enlarging the Department of Insurance. But I appreciate you answering the questions tonight. We just need to remember we have passed just tonight, 2 or 3 pieces of legislation that are all increasing the rates for working families by hundreds of dollars a month for their health insurance. As you remember from the last two years, Illinois passed the mandates that this Body passed over the last two years has caused the largest increase in the State of Illinois's health insurance in the history of our State. So, there's consequences when we keep adding more and more of these costs. This is one more that it's going to be boar solely by working families, not by those of us in government, because

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we're on the State's plan, not by those on Medicaid, they don't pay for it, but the working families that are paying for our health insurance and paying for Medicaid and have to pay for their own health insurance. They're about to get hit with yet another rate increase as a result of this legislation. So, this really is a really anti-consumer legislation for -- for Illinois. And I would urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Senator Peters, to close.

SENATOR PETERS:

This is a good bill, vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 5395 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 45 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 5395, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bennett, what purpose do you seek recognition? We're going to go -- with leave of the Body, we're going to go to Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We're going to go to page 2, middle of the page, it's Senate Bill 458, Senator Walker. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. It's a recall. Senator Walker seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 458 to the Order 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 458. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Walker.

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Senator Walker, on your amendment.

SENATOR WALKER:

Mr. President, please adopt Floor Amendment 2 and we can discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 458. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 458, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker, on your bill.

SENATOR WALKER:

Thank you very much, Senator. Senate Bill 458 is about the RTO program currently existing in the State. It does a simple thing. It extends the expiration date from August 2024 to August 2027.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bennett, your light is still on. Are you wanting to discuss? Senator Halpin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HALPIN:

Just a brief question for the sponsor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR HALPIN:

I may have missed it, Senator, but is this your first bill over here in this August Body?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

It is my first bill, and hopefully not my last.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Very good. I won't give you a hard time since it's already late, but welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. A question of the Sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you. Senator, did I hear you say you want to extend restraints until August of 25?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

I don't believe I said that. I -- I think what I said was I want to extend the program that limits and guards our youth and other vulnerable people from restraints until August 27.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, that means you want guards to restrain our children until August of '27.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

I would prefer the word guardrails.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

You're going to restrain them to the guardrails.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

The best way to express this is we're the people that care for these people, should be provided training and help and support and understand what they need to do. Those are the guardrails that I would like them to adhere to.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Senator. And -- and we won't put guardrails on you in the Senate like you might have had in the House. So, welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. I'm feeling a little higgledy-piggledy tonight. I need a little -- I need a little coffee, I'll try to go get that in a few minutes. I'm super excited about you being over in the Senate. And -- and I thought you had a bill yesterday; didn't you have a bill yesterday?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

Not here!

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I wish I could think of that word that Senator Tracy used a little earlier today for the way I'm feeling about this bill. But, anyway, I'm so happy that it's your first bill and that you're here. Had a chance to serve with you over in the House, looking forward to serving with you more here. And I'll just go get a cup of coffee now and try to bring my thoughts together.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

A question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Looking at this bill, it appears that you want time outs

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until August 1st.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

Pardon me.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

It says here time out reports until August 1st, 2027.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

Yes, we -- we currently require that through August 2024. And I'd like to get reports on time outs and restraints until August 2027.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Do you believe that this is an unreasonable amount of time? One might say a preternatural time.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker

SENATOR WALKER:

I -- I am not Senator Tracy.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Okay. It appears that I must have misread this. You just want to do reports on time outs, is that correct?

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

That's correct, that's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura.

SENATOR VENTURA:

With that understanding, I see that this is a good bill, indeed. And I urge Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Will the sponsor yield, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, you're -- you're from the House, right?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

I am from a House, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, as I seem to recall, when you first got to the House, we had a tradition. And the tradition was that in your first bill you -- you wore a red jacket. I don't see your red jacket here today, Senator Walker.

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Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

Thank you, Senator. If I recall correctly, a representative of Chapin Rose provided that jacket and called it a Cardinal's jacket for any Cubs fan.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, sadly, the Cardinals aren't doing that well this year, and I don't have my jacket. However, I do notice that Senator Edly-Allen is wearing a pink jacket. Perhaps she could provide hers.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

Pink. Pink is not my color. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator -- Senator -- Senator Rose. Senator Walker.

SENATOR WALKER:

Thank you so much. I've actually worn the jacket for Representative Tracy's bills in the past.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose, are you done?

SENATOR ROSE:

Mission accomplished. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Senator Walker. Although your description of your bill was fairly nondescript, I am very happy that there was much fanfare in

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the upper Chamber to welcome you. This is a great bill, and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Walker, to close.

SENATOR WALKER:

I would like to follow Senator Peter's, say it's a good bill, just vote for it. However, I understand in this Chamber it is customary to thank the Senators for their incisive questions and comments. And as a man of tradition, for that reason and that reason only, I will do it. Please vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 458 pass. All those in favor of 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 458, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Welcome, Senator Walker. We're going to go down to the bottom of page 2, we're going to go to Senate Bill 496, Senator Villivalam. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Villivalam seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 496 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House -- is Senate Bill 496. Are any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, Offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, on your -- on your amendment.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the Amendment and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 496. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 496, an Act concerning elections. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, on your bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. It's a hard act to follow by Senator Walker, but I'll do my best. Senate Bill 496 with Senate Floor Amendment No. 1, is an initiative of the Secretary of State's office. This bill streamlines automatic voter registration process and expands the persons who will be automatically registered by the SOS and existing designated automatic voter registration agencies, which will increase the number of registered voters. Happy to answer any questions, would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Any discussion? Senator Sally Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the sponsor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you, Senator. I just have some technical things that when I read through it, I just had some questions. One of the things I noticed with the bill states that the Secretary of State shall record type of documents presented. Can you tell me how those documents are recorded and how they're stored?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. Thank you for this question. We're looking for the line.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Our understanding is that obviously when there's an interaction with the Secretary of State's office -- the documents that are presented, are verified by that the -- the Secretary of State, and then they're given back to the person that is seeking the service. So, they're -- they're not stored with the Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator. Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Okay. Thank you, Senator, for that information. I appreciate that. There's a, and I'm sorry, I should tell you what page I'm looking at because I know that's huge, so then the next thing I just wanted to ask was on page 38 and 39 it talks about the five-

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day notice required by the clerks to mail the notice. So, that's going to be an added expense for the clerks, to do that five-day notice and also that pressing amount of time to do it within five days. That's a tedious, timely task. That's the three T's - tedious, timely, task. And I'm just wondering will there be any additional monies to help the clerk's offices, implement that?

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you for that question. I do want to, note for the record that we had a conversation with the Association of Clerks. We committed to hear their concerns, we incorporated some of their feedback, and we also committed to continuing conversations. So, at this point, no, they're not - will not be any additional funds. At the same time, we all -- we definitely do want to work with our clerks, to ensure implementation of this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I appreciate that, Senator, because that's extremely important, because in county government there's not a lot of money to go around. And not only the -- the five-day turnaround, but the printing costs for the new forms as well. So, there's a there's a lot of money that I hope that you can get those things worked out with the Clerk's Association. I appreciate you and your answers. Thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

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Thanks to the bill, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I -- I rise in opposition to this for a couple of simple reasons. You know, first and foremost is -- is just the obvious. You're going to automatically register a bunch of people, when they move, we know this just from common practice. They're less likely to cancel their previous registration. That just leads to individuals registered in multiple jurisdictions where they vote or not. That, of course, increases the propensity and the opportunity for -- for fraud in our elections. However, that's as big of a problem as this can create. I'm actually rising in opposition from a civil liberties perspective. Whether we like this or not as politicians, people have a right not to participate in their government. People have a right to say, I don't want any part with these goofballs in Springfield. I don't want anything to do with those goofballs in Washington D.C. Just leave me alone. And in fact, that very - what I believe to be a constitutional right -- to privacy. Is only burdened more -- impacted more, implicated more, when you consider that -- that registration, once you register, it becomes available to every campaign under the sun. I hear all the time from people who say, I don't want to register to vote because I don't want to get 1000 phone calls. I don't want to register to vote because I'm tired of people stopping by my house. All this junk mail that shows up in the mailbox, people affirmatively choose not to registered to vote. Not just because they don't like politicians, but because they're sick of all the BS that comes with politicians. And here we're telling

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people they don't have a choice. And not only do they not have a choice, we're going to give their information out to every campaign under the sun. Your campaigns, our campaigns, all the campaigns. What -- I mean, like, look, I've never understood this -- isn't it the civic duty and responsibility of every citizen to participate in democracy? Yes. Everyone in this room agrees with that. But why is our place to judge them if they say no? We want people to vote because they want to be participants in democracy. By the way, a healthy democracy has people wanting to vote. Does anybody remember in Persian Gulf when the Iraqis went in and they had to get their thumb stamped, and everybody's standing there with their thumb stamped because they were so proud, for the first time ever, to have a free election to vote in. Then you turn the page to other countries where you have 100 percent voter turnout, former Soviet Union. Does anybody really believe everybody in Russia voted in the former Soviet Union? Of course not. What's this first step to everybody voting in Russia and 100 percent turnout. It's automatic voter registration. You know, I'm not comparing this bill to that, but I am saying that people have a right. I mean all I heard was like what's this thing that's right to be forgotten, right? The right to be forgotten. Why do we keep forcing stuff on people? We want people to want to vote. Not be burdened by politicians and the mail and the phone calls and all that stuff. Yeah, we're going to sign them all up and then we're going to pound them with mail, we're going to pound them with phone calls. And you know what? I bet they still don't vote. I bet they still don't vote. If anything, they'll call us up, all up, and tell us to screw off because they're tired of the phone calls. Oh, look, why don't we just trust people to show up and register? You want to vote, vote.

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Great. If you don't, don't. But why don't we just trust people to do what's in their own best interests? This whole progressive socialism thing where we've gotten away from individual liberty, the individual right of a citizen to be a citizen, and we're going to force it on them. Ohhhhh, my goodness, not enough of this category is voting today, let's make sure they're all registered to vote. You're like, I remember -- that -- first election I was involved in 1994, the U of I, the polling places were in the dorms and yet that wasn't good enough. How hard is it to roll out of bed, walk past the polling place on your way to breakfast, lunch and dinner? And yet, most of the kids never voted, so let's automatically register them. They're still going to vote, or are they going to go play their Sega? Go to class? Go to the bar. Sega. I did say Sega. Senator Anderson. What is it now? Nintendo. Okay, anyway, the point is people have a right to participate and people have a right not to participate, and we're forcing it on them. That's not a democracy. A democracy doesn't force something on someone. And then take their information and hand it out to everybody and their brother so we can pound them with male, pound them with phone calls, and hit their door every day. I urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to close.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I -- first let me start by saying, I'm -- I'm so excited that the previous speaker is -- is interested in having conversations about a healthy democracy. I can't wait to go to his district and talk about that with every constituent, about what a healthy democracy means. But let me clarify a couple

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items. One, updating your driver's license through this legislation, will actually update your voter registration address. So, that should answer his first point. Secondly, this does not compel a vote in any -- anyway, shape, or form. Third, folks can opt out. Every person that is registered through this new system can opt out. Eleven states have managed to pass this and sign this into law. Seven states have managed to implement this. Three states have passed and signed this into law on a bipartisan basis. And the Earth is not falling apart. I would strongly recommend an Aye vote. I want to thank the Secretary of State, the Just Democracy Coalition, the -- other organizations that were a part of this effort and again, ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 496 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 40 voting Yea, 19 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 496, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going to the bottom of the page we're going to go to Senate Bill 497. Senator Ventura seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 497 to the Order 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now, on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 4 -- 497. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Ventura.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura, on your amendment.

SENATOR VENTURA:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, is Senate Bill 497. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 497, an Act concerning elections. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ventura, on your bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 497 amends the Election Code provision concerning petitions for nominations when the State Elected Electoral Board has a -- hearings on an objection to a petition, the nomination papers of a candidate will be deemed invalid and the candidates' names will not appear on the ballot if the candidate is found to have personally engaged in material fraud or a pattern of fraud in connection with the signatures on the nominating papers or false swearing of the nominating papers, and I yield for questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no -- no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 497 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The

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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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 497, have received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to jump over to page 5, we're going to go to the top of the page Senate Bill 863. Senator Simmons seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 863 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 863. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Simmons.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, on your amendment.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment, and I will discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 863. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 863, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, on your bill.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 863 provides that newsletters and printed material printed on behalf of a Member of the General Assembly may include autobiographical or biographical information about a Member, as long as the information does not include past or future campaigns; information designed to provide an economic benefit to the Member of{sic} (or) the Member's family; or finally, family news unrelated to the Member's official role. I will take any and all questions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 863 pass. All those in favor of 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 43 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 863, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to Senate Bill 899. Senator Simmons seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 899 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 899. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Simmons.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, on your amendment.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

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Thank you very much, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and I will discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Simmons.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, on your amendment.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

I would like to adopt the amendment, and I will discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, the Senate Bill 899. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 899, an Act concerning transportation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, on your bill.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you so much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate.

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Senate Bill 899, -- essentially is a trailer bill to legislation we passed last spring. Senate Bill 2278, which provided local cities and villages with the authority to improve dangerous intersections that would prove too tight for certain length trucks and also encourage bike and pedestrian improvements. After we passed this bill, IDOT raised an issue with the authority to effect signage controlling turns on these intersections. So, this bill is largely to clarify an intergovernmental issue of who has the authority to install which signs. As such, this legislation clearly establishes that IDOT has the power to approve intersection designs that do not allow certain length trucks to turn and to sign them appropriately. Finally, it includes the power for the local municipalities to request that IDOT also sign their portions of the intersections as well. And as a result of negotiations, IDOT and CDOT for City of Chicago support this amendment, as does the ATA and MPC. There are no opponents. And then finally, I just want to say that this law needs to be passed now, in order, for IDOT to move forward on certain critical intersection improvements that have been stalled pending this trailer bill. I'm happy to answer any questions and would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator DeWitte?

SENATOR DEWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR DEWITTE:

I just want to take this opportunity to thank the sponsor for his continued work. As he mentioned, this bill actually came

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through this Body last year, with significant concerns that had been expressed by the trucking industry. Very pleased to see he continued to work with those Agencies, those Associations, I should say, they have come to neutral. And I would urge an Aye vote on our side of the aisle. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Simmons, to close.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I respectfully request an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 899 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 899, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to go to page 8, we're going to go back to House Bills 3rd Reading. To the bottom of the page we have House Bill 4226, there's been a change of sponsor - to President Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4226 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 4226. Mr. Secretary any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 4 -- 4226. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4226, an Act concerning courts. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, on your bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senator Doris Turner was kind enough to share House Bill 4226 with me for purposes of my amendment. The underlying bill that she sponsored from the House made the proficiency testing of court reporters permissive rather than mandatory at the request of the chief judge of the circuit. The amendment that I have added -- is at the request of the Office of the Courts. It is intended to clarify the schedule pursuant to which associate judgeships are recategorized as subcircuit judges in Cook County, following our redistricting and our expansion by adding five additional subcircuits. Very, technical in nature. Just clarifying the schedule. I'm not aware of any concerns. Happy to answer questions if you have them, but I ask for your Aye votes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 4226 pass. All those in favor of vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? -- All right. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4226, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 14 in the middle of page House Bill 5324, Senator Aquino. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5324, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, on your bill.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 5324 amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Education Labor Relations Act{sic} (Board). It adds a substantive requirement to the annual reports generated by each of the Boards and submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly. It also requires both Boards to adopt specific timelines goals for the processing of unfair labor practice charges. This was an initiative of AFL-CIO. It passed unanimously out of the House and also out of Committee and I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 5324 pass. All those in favor of vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 5324, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 15 in the middle of the page we're going to go to House Bill 5561, Mr. -- Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5561, an Act concerning civil law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro, on your bill.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 5561 amends the Whistleblower Protection Act. It updates definitions of "employer", "employee", and "adverse employment action". And adds definition for "Supervisor" and "Retaliatory action" which includes taking any action that would intentionally interfere with an employee's ability to obtain future employment. Take any action -- taking any action prohibited by the Illinois Human Rights Act, or contacting or threatening to contact United States immigration authorities. It prohibits employers from taking retaliatory action against an employee who discloses or threatens to disclose to a public body, law enforcement agency, or to any supervisor, principal officer, or board member information related to an activity, policy, or practice of the employer. If the employee has a good faith belief that the activity, policy, or practice either violates a State or federal law, rule or regulation, or that the activity, policy, or practice poses a substantial and specific danger to employee's public health or safety. House Bill 5561 adds

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new penalties from employer violations of the Act, including permanent or preliminary injunctive relief; liquidated damages of up to 10,000; a civil penalty of 10,000 payable to the employee. The bill also enables enforcement by the Attorney General, who may conduct investigations, issue subpoenas, and bring an action in civil court to obtain remedies on behalf of the employee in the name of the "People of the State". It also provides a new defense for employers that the retaliatory action was predicated solely upon grounds other than the employee's exercise of any right prohibited in the Act. I look forward to the discussion.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 5561 pass. All those in favor of 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 44 voting Yea, 15 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 5561, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. You've all received the Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we're going to go to House Bill 2nd Reading. Let's start at the top with House Bill 581. Senator Villanueva, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 581, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. We'll go to House Bill 681, Senator -- President Harmon. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 681, an Act concerning criminal law. 2nd Reading

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of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1855, Senator Chesney. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1855, an Act concerning conservation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Agriculture adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Any floor amendments approved for consideration.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4592, Senator Hastings. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4592, an Act concerning transportation. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the front room of the Chamber? Committee on Assignments. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following legislative measures have been assigned: refer to Education Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3081, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3473, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3768 and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3771; refer to Energy and Public

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Utilities Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3506; refer to Executive Committee - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1732, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 317, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 860, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2804, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3238, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3412, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3649; refer to Health and Human Services Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 3112, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3137, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3753; refer to Judiciary Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3136; refer to State Government Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 692, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2682; refer to Transportation Committee - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 381, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 898, and Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2667. Be Approved For Consideration - Senate Bills 698, 862, House Bill 4623, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 8 -- 681, Floor Amendment 3 and 4 to House Bill 4488, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 5371, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 5496, Floor Amendments 2, 3, and 4 to House Bill 5511. Pursuant to Senate Rule 3-8(b-1), the following amendments will remain in the Committee on Assignments - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 26 -- excuse me -- Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4621. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President, for an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

State your announcement.

SENATOR AQUINO:

The Senate Democrats will caucus in the Senate President's office upon adjournment.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

An omission from the report. Referred to State Government Committee. In addition, Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2682.

PRESIDING OFFICER (SENATOR KOEHLER)

On -- upon adjournment, Democrats will go to caucus. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 12 noon on the 24th day of May, 2024. The Senate stands adjourned.