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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 6 to House Bill 1443, Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 1847."

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

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Gracious and most sovereign God, who are the author and finisher of our faith, the giver and sustainer of our life, in whom we move and live and have our being, we pray your blessings upon this august Assembly, the Speaker of this House, its Leaders, its Members, its staff. We pray your goodness, your endless mercies, your unwavering love and constant guidance would be present amongst.. upon this House today. We pray for these who are in positions of authority, that they would use it wisely, with compassion. We pray that they take their charge and responsibilities seriously, that they may be impactful. We pray for the very best, that their unique gifts and talents would have to offer to those who desperately depend upon them. We pray they realize their need for you and for your direction, that they may do that which is right and stay on course. We pray they realize their need to hear you as they make decisions. That they heal, not harm; unite, not divide; build, not tear down. Pray that they will follow your guidance and wisdom as they

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are pulled in many directions and not be pressured to follow the voices of the misguided and unwise. We pray that they will have passion for your ways, for your truth, for your people, that they realize that those who are the greatest among you are required to be the greatest servants among you. This we humbly pray and humbly ask in your son's name, Amen."

Speaker Evans: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Luft."

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

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

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no Members on the excused absence for the Democratic side of the aisle."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative McLaughlin is excused for the day."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Clerk, please take the record. There being 117 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2021:

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recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 661. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1089, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 1920. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 318, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 225, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 1847. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2122; Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 2334, Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 2340. Representative Mah, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 693. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Museums, Arts, & Cultural Enhancements reports the following committee action taken on May 24, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 1833. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1410. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on May

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25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 814; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 812. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1770, Senate Bill 2460; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 44, House Joint Resolution 45, House Resolution 286, House Resolution 299, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 921. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2384; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 581, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2270. Representative Greenwood, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability & Accessibility reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 967. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 633, Senate Bill 818; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 817, Senate Bill 2088. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action on May 25, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 338, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1138, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1667. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken

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on May 25, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Joint Resolution 41, House Joint Resolution 46, and House Joint Resolution 47. Representative Robinson, Chairperson from the Committee on Tourism reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 317. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 298, House Resolution 321. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2158. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 25, 2021: do pass is House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 11; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 672."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except when necessary for eating or drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk and prior to Session. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone, as pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you, all. Leader Batinick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Batinick: "Would the record reflect that we'd like to excuse Representative Avery Bourne?"

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Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Buckner, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Buckner: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point, Sir."

Buckner: "Mr. Speaker, I ask that the House come to order. Today I rise to remember the tragedy at the heart of last summer's social justice demonstrations across the world that prompted sweeping legislation in Illinois to promote equity and justice. Every year we will be forced to painfully relive where we were when we saw the video of George Floyd's senseless murder one year ago today with the anniversary of his death that will always hold significance. And we know his story is representative of the injustices, the disparities, and the racism the black people across this country face on a daily basis. George Floyd was a man who deserved to live a full life. And he was so much more than an unarmed black man murdered at the hands of police. George Floyd was a father. He was a brother. He was a son. And that's why, here in Illinois, the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus demanded meaningful, systemic change. We unveiled an ambitious and long-overdue agenda to begin the process of dismantling systemic racism and to create a more equitable education system, to improve access to health care, to demand economic justice, and implement police reforms and criminal justice reforms. These are historic first steps to reforming a system designed to promote inequities, but we are far from done. This, and every, May 25, we'll remember George Floyd and all of our brothers and sisters who have been taken from us. And we keep working, day by day, until we can look up and see

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that the world has indeed changed. But we know that we have not done enough yet. As I pondered this week about how we would honor George Floyd on this floor today, many thoughts came to mind. I thought about what I could say that would properly sum up the moment and the last year in this country. I considered not speaking at all and asking for a 8 minute and 46 second moment of silence, the amount of time that Officer Derek Chauvin applied his knee to the neck of Mr. Floyd. But this afternoon, I was compelled to do none of that because silence is deadly. Silence is how we got here. Zora Neale Hurston once said, 'If you are silent about your pain, they'll kill you and say that you enjoyed it.' So, instead of silence, I will now call the names of a number of Illinoisans who have lost their lives to police violence. People who lived in this state, the Land of Lincoln, the home of the great emancipator. Where, unfortunately, 158 years after the Emancipation Proclamation, many of your fellow friends and neighbors still feel like they are negotiating their freedom. Aaron Brandon. Alfontish Cockerham. Angelique Styles. Angelo Brown. Antwon Johnson. Aquoness Cathery. Bruce Carter, Jr. Charles M. Smith. Christopher Anderson. Christopher Willis. Cleotha Mitchell. Corsean Lewis. Craig Hall. Curtis Stagger. DaNathe Gulliford. Daniel O. El. Darius Cole-Garrit. Darius Graves. Darius Jones. Darreon Neal. Darrin Langford. Decynthia Clements. Deonta Mackey. Derek Love. DeSean Pittman. Dishon McBride. Donte Johnson. Eddie Russell, Jr. Eugene McSwain. Gary Martin. Gary Smith. Harith Augustus. Herbert Johnson. Jamal Parks. James Anderson. Jason Brooks. Jeffery Kemp. Jeffery McCallum. Jemel Roberson. Joe Huff.

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Joshua Jones. Justus Howell. Kerry Blake. Lamar Harris. Laquan McDonald. Malcolm Franklin. Martice Milliner. Maurice Granton, Jr. Michael Elam. Michael Myers. Michael Westley. Myles Frazier. Nakia Smith. Pierre Loury. Quintec Locke. Quintonio LeGreir. Raason Shaw. Rashad Wells. Richard Grimes. Ronell Wade. Roshad McIntosh. Russell Donahue. Shaquille Barrow. Sharell Brown. Terrence Gilbert. Terrence Harris. Terrell Eason. Thurman Reynolds. Trevon Johnson. Tywon Jones. Tywon Salters. Arthur Walton, Jr. Bettie Jones. Cedrick Chatman. Chad Robertson. Dominique Franklin, Jr. Marlon Horton. Marcellis Stinnette. Rekia Boyd. Adam Toledo. Anthony Alvarez. Let's continue to do the work."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Chairman Buckner. A short moment of silence in the memory of these individuals. Thank you. Leader Ammons for an announcement."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The House Democratic Caucus will convene, virtually, immediately upon recess and will return to the House Floor after caucus."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Welter for an announcement."

Welter: "Mr. Speaker, the Republicans will caucus immediately in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "A announcement. Members, both caucuses will convene immediately. And then we will return to the floor for business. The House will stand at recess to the call of the Chair. The House shall be in order. The House shall be in order. We are now going to proceed to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. House Bill 690, Representative Collins. Clerk, please read the Bill."



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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 690, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Collins, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Rep Collins to explain the Amendment."

Collins: "So, House Bill 690, Amendment 3 becomes the Bill, Chairman."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative Collins moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 690, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Collins."

Collins: "All right. So, thank you, Mr. Chairman and the House... and Members of the House. House Bill 690, which is the oral care center on the west side. So, this is an agreed Bill between Aspen Dental, the Illinois State Dental Society, and Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. The Bill does the following. It authorizes temporary licenses for the dentist to practice at an oral care center on the West Side of Chicago that would serve disadvantaged veterans and underserved citizens. The permanent Illinois licensed dentists will oversee the operation. And the Amendment sets up a stricter standard to protect the safety of patients and

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the aftercare process so there is continuity of care. Aspen will need to get approval for each dentist from the Department of Professional Regulation. I know no opposition at this time, and I ask for a favorable vote on House Bill 690."

Speaker Evans: "All right. Thank you, Representative Collins. Is there any discussion? We have Representative Frese is recognized."

Frese: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. The Representative has worked very hard on this, brought us a number of Amendments. And even though our analysis might say that the Dental Society and IDFPR filed in opposition, she worked in order to get those back to neutral. I also would say that Aspen Dental is a great neighbor to have in your community, and I support the Representative's Bill wholeheartedly and urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you, Representative Frese. Representative Flowers is recognized for further comment."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of the Lady's Bill. And at the proper time, I would move for the 'aye' vote, at the proper time. And I want to thank the Lady for her hard work and all the negotiation and the stress that she's been going through in regards to this legislation. And so, once again, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote at the proper time. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Collins to close."

Collins: "Yes, thank you, Chairman. I just want to say thank you to the committee bipartisan support. This was a long journey to get here today, and I'm just honored to work with such amazing people who support this Bill. I want to give a special

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thank you to the Illinois Dental Society for their input for making sure that there are safeguards in place. Also, IDFP and Aspen Dental for coming to the table and reaching a mutual on this Bill 'cause it will serve a greater population. So, thank you all, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall Senate (sic-House) Bill 690 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on the Order of Second Reading, we have House Bill 1443, by Chairman Ford. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1443, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 4, 5, and 6 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford to explain the Amendment."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Clerk. I move to adopt House Floor Amendment #4. And I would like to table House Floor Amendment #5 and adopt House Floor Amendment #6. And is it... if it's okay, I could discuss the merits of the Bill, in its entirety, with the Amendments adopted."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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And the Amendment is adopted. Moving on, Representative Ford further moves to... further moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #6. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the second Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1443, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Chairman Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Before I present House Bill 1443, I want to make sure I give a special recognition and a thanks to Representative Cassidy and Leader Gordon-Booth for bringing in so much revenue to the State of Illinois by enacting the cannabis law here in Illinois. So, thank you very much, Representative Cassidy and Leader Gordon-Booth, and for all of the people that helped make this cannabis law what it is today. But, we realize that there's some things that we should do to improve it. And so, with that, I'd like to also thank my friend, Representative Willis, who over the summer spent her time fighting with the social equity applicants, doing everything that she could to move the needle forward. Thank you so very much, Representative Willis. And I'm sorry your name got moved away from the top. Things happen, but you've been working diligently. So, thank you so very much. And I should also thank Speaker Welch. Speaker Welch has done everything that he could do to make sure that we get to this point to have true social equity in

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the cannabis arena today. And, Sam, I know you've given your pure entirety to this legislation to get it right. And I thank you so very much for getting this to the point where it is, and for everyone that had something to do with getting this to the floor today with the hopes of passing it. So, as amended, House Bill 1443 does a number of things. House Floor Amendment #6 was just a line Amendment to House Floor Amendment #4, and it just corrected a drafting error. And so, that became the Bill, and it made a correction for the 1500 foot exception for social equity applicants. So, House Floor Amendment and the Bill as it is presented today creates 2 additional lotteries of 55 license each, in addition to the lottery for 75 licenses currently authorized under the CRTA that has been delayed for almost 400 days. The Bill also deals with relocation of existing earlier approval adult use dispensaries. House Floor Amendment and House Bill 1443 allows for early approval adult use dispensaries to relocate under certain conditions. One, the local government of early approved dispensaries have to approve and prohibit the sale of adult use cannabis. Two, the early approval dispensaries has obtained the approval of the municipality or the county if the location and the unincorporated area to move to another location within the same local government. It also sets up something that social equity applicants like. And I want to thank the Chair of the Exec Committee, Robert Rita, for holding a hearing where the people's voices were heard. And this part, the 1500 feet bumper zone exception for social equity applicants were added due to the fact that Representative Rita required that we have more input from the

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public. So, thank you, Representative-Chairman Rita. It allows for social equity applicants and social equity justice involved applicants to locate within 1500 feet of existing dispensaries. This allows for the dispensaries to catch up and gain some great locations to support their businesses. It also has a social equity justice involved medical lottery. House Bill 1443 creates a new lottery to issue five additional medical cannabis dispensary license to a new pool of applicants that qualify as social equity justice involved applicants. It expands the R3 Board. Currently, it expands it by eight individuals. And I want to thank the Latino Caucus for making sure that this had a real, true social justice board. There's no way we could really have a R3 Board if it didn't represent the people that we serve in our districts. It also creates the cannabis regulation and oversight officer. House Bill 1443 provides that the cannabis regulation and oversight officer serves as a conditional role among state agencies regarding the CRTA and Medical Act. For Marty Moylan, Representative Marty Moylan, I thank you for fighting to make sure that we had increased transparency. Because of Representative Marty Moylan, we have transparency in this Bill, which means that Marty Moylan demanded that ownership information about business owners will be known in the State of Illinois. Thank you very much, Marty Moylan. And with that, I'll take any questions as it pertains to House Bill 1443."

Speaker Evans: "All right. Thank you, Chairman Ford. Are there any discussions? Representative Welter is recognized."

Welter: "Does the Sponsor yield?"

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Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Welter: "Representative Ford, thank you for bringing this legislation forward. I had a couple questions here. With the additional licenses, why are we here today after we had passed the original cannabis Bill? I think a lot of us read in the papers and were briefed on how the initial round for equity applicants went. What is our hopes in this legislation to do to help those minority applicants that did not make that first round?"

Ford: "Representative Welter, that's a great question. And I know it was the intent of Representative Cassidy and the intent of Leader Gordon-Booth and all those people that worked so diligently to try to pass the most comprehensive and fair cannabis Act in Illinois, but it fell a little short. And right now, to date, almost 400 days later, there are no majority-owned black or brown, or woman-owned, majority-owned dispensary. This Bill, if it passes out of the House and goes to the Senate and the Governor signs it, we believe that it will increase the chance greatly for diversity in the cannabis emerging market."

Welter: "What specifically, in the Bill, are we doing different compared to what we did in the original Bill that's going to ensure that there's equity in this industry?"

Ford: "The lottery.. number one, we're going to have three lotteries. Lottery one had a provision in it where it required a perfect score. And with a perfect score, it eliminated a lot of the possible social equity applicants and it gave preference to a lot of people that may not be social equity applicants. And so, what did we do? We're going to make sure

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that the state responds to its responsibility to make sure that the people that paid the money to the State of Illinois finally get a chance to have their scores cured and have a chance to be in lottery number one. Then, working with Toi Hutchinson and the Governor's Office, they issued another 110 licenses. This will allow for the social equity applicants that did not score perfect scores to move into round two to have what you call a cut score. And that means that they have to score at least 85 percent or higher in order to qualify to be in that lottery. Then, moving forward, there would be a third lottery strictly for those in the DIA and those with a criminal record impacted by the 'war on drugs'. That gives a real shot and possibility that this field... that this field will target the intent of the original cannabis law in Illinois."

Welter: "And just to clarify for Members, the applicants that are going to be given a second look, do they have to go through the application process again? Do they have to pay the fees again? Or will this allow them to kind of get right back in the process where they were when they had submitted their application?"

Ford: "That's an excellent question too. The way this has been negotiated with social equity applicants and members that have concern is that we use the same pool of applications so that people will not have to pay any more money to apply again, which could take maybe two years before any licenses get out. So, we would use the same pool, no extra cost to applicants. They will just have an opportunity to have their scores handed back to them at the highest and best rate."



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Welter: "Okay. Thank you for clarifying the equity portion of this Bill, which is probably the most important portion of this Bill as we do cleanup language. There's a lot of other provisions that we've been trying to accomplish over the last year, year and a half. Obviously with the pandemic and Special Session, we attempted an omnibus Bill before that ended up failing. I would commend you, Representative Ford, for doing a great job of bringing stakeholders to the table to try to work out and correct some of the... I would say some of the shortcomings of our initial passage of the cannabis legalization for adult use in Illinois. I think we're all very well-intended as Sponsors of that Bill in negotiating at the table. Unfortunately, the way that the scoring and everything worked out was not to our original intentions. So, I'm glad we're coming back and cleaning this up. I do have one other point that I would like to touch on here that's in this Bill and that's the relocation provision. Could you touch on what it would take for a current dispensary to be able to gain approval to move from their current location?"

Ford: "So, the current... let me... I'm not going to go on my memory. Give me a moment."

Welter: "Yeah, yeah."

Ford: "I've got an attorney here. So, what was strategic about this relocation was keeping people in the same town that they were approved in so that they didn't go out and encroach on other social equity applicants or other people that might have a dispensary coming up. So, they have to be in the same town. They have to be approved by the local government. And they have to remain in the medical district."

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Welter: "Okay. Now, for like a dispensary in my district, as an example, they had come under the medical use program that we had in this state and then they were ruled... awarded a dual license for both medical and recreational use. When they were zoned locally for the medical usage, at the time with it being a new industry, they were kind of limited in terms of where they could be. When we saw them gain the adult use license, we saw the traffic at the location increase and public safety become an issue. How does your Bill address that for relocation when it comes to public safety?"

Ford: "Well, I think that the original drafters of the cannabis law really took all of that into consideration. So, everything about the inaugural Bill and law isn't bad. There's a lot good and that was one that Representative Cassidy and Leader Booth had a lot of guards there. So..."

Welter: "But in the relocation language for this Bill, does it touch on public safety as a reason to be able to move? I thought that was in the Bill."

Ford: "Yeah. As I said, it gives all of that local... all that to local governments and municipalities."

Welter: "Correct. If the local municipality agrees, they can..."

Ford: "Right."

Welter: "...apply and be given permission or granted to move their location in that municipality."

Ford: "Absolutely."

Welter: "Okay. To the Bill. Again, Representative Ford, I appreciate your efforts to correct some of the things that maybe we did not intend to happen in the original Bill. I believe we are addressing many of those here. I want you, on

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the other side of the aisle, to know I will be voting on this Bill today. And through my process of the original negotiations with the cannabis Bill, even today being engaged, there are folks on our side of the aisle, and we do care about the equity within this industry. And that's why I think you'll see, when this Bill is put up on the board, there'll be many of our Members who will vote in favor of this as well. This is a good Bill. I would request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "All right. Thank you, Representative. We're going to move to a three-minute timer on this legislative measure. We're moving on to... Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Questions for the Sponsor."

Speaker Evans: "Sponsor will yield."

Caulkins: "Representative Ford, this Bill answers a question that I've asked, how do we resolve the issues that you've been bringing forward on the House Floor. I have a couple questions. Does this legislation create 160 new licenses?"

Ford: "No."

Caulkins: "I know that there's... it talks about five licenses that haven't been issued. And then there's 55, 55, and 50 more licenses?"

Ford: "If you're talking about the medical licenses, it's... what we're doing with that, those groups, it's just a new process by which we're going to do our best to guarantee that social equity applicants are awarded those licenses. So, it's not..."

Caulkins: "Well, I'm..."

Ford: "...new licenses. They're already there."

Caulkins: "So, the..."

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Ford: "There was only 110 released licenses by..."

Caulkins: "Right."

Ford: "...yes."

Caulkins: "But this... the five licenses, I understand, have not been issued..."

Ford: "You're right."

Caulkins: "...and they're going to be put into your program, which I applaud. I think that's great. But then, I see that there's 3 other bans of licenses, 55, 55, and 50. Are those new?"

Ford: "That would be 55, 55. Not only. One hundred and ten."

Caulkins: "Okay. I misread, and I appreciate that. I think that this is, you know... the other part of this Bill that I think is very worthy is taking away the mandatory... having to designate a dispensary for medical cannabis. You know, that's been a huge problem for people with medical licenses, can only go to one dispensary when we've had limited supplies since the recreational cannabis Bill has passed. And I think this... that's a great, great point. I hope that this does what you seek it to do because the original Bill, obviously, did not live up to the promise that you were made. So, thank you very much for cleaning this up, and I appreciate your efforts."

Speaker Evans: "Thank... thank you. For further discussion, Representative McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "Indicates that he will."

McCombie: "All right. So, unfortunately, I'm going to have to... I'm not... I don't partake, per se, so I'm going to have to use my phone to ask you some questions. I had sent you an email

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and printed it off for you as well. I have a cannabis consultant within the district who I trust and respect quite a bit. And I see that we have six House Amendments. And anytime that we have six House Amendments on a Bill, it makes me leery that maybe we should really be looking at this a little bit. But he stated in his email that I sent to you, and for the record, 'We are writing to address the newly introduced cannabis program trailer Bill. In several significant flaws contained within, which serve to potentially deny social equity applicants the very opportunities the Bill was created to produce, and further stressed the supply issues that the program has been facing.' And that has been an issue from the start, the supply. 'In short, the fatal flaws...' so my question will be, were these addressed in one of these six Amendments? 'The fatal flaws are, one, altering the number of dispensary licenses a single principal officer may pursue, potentially deny valid social equity applicants that choose to work within professional services providers, such as consultants, lawyers, accountants, et cetera.' Was that addressed in any of these six Amendments?"

Ford: "Yeah, that's... all right. Could you narrow the question to... 'cause there was a lot of them in there."

McCombie: "Altering the number of dispensary licenses a single principal officer may pursue, potentially denying valid social equity to... that chose to work within the professional service providers."

Ford: "There was a cap placed for moving forward in rounds two and three. Yes."

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McCombie: "Okay. So, it says two, I believe, in the Bill now. And even the initial... this one had three and that was a concern that they felt was going to have some issues."

Ford: "Yeah."

McCombie: "So, you've even made it less."

Ford: "We made it less to give more people an opportunity."

McCombie: "Okay. The second, a trailer Bill fails to address or increase the number of cultivation center craft grower licenses despite drastically increasing the number of dispensary license, further straining the limited supply that is already plaguing the program. And let's keep in mind, the limited supply is also plaguing the programs of the medicinal users, which is more important to me. Has that been addressed in the Bill?"

Ford: "This Bill is simple... simply..."

McCombie: "Wait. Has that one been addressed in the Bill? The trailer Bill fails to address or increase the number..."

Ford: "The answer is 'no'."

McCombie: "No. Okay. Well, due to those... those ideas, I'm going to be a 'no' vote. And I recommend my side of the aisle, also, to be a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Representative DeLuca is recognized for further discussion."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

DeLuca: "Representative Ford, a couple questions. I know that it was... the question was asked, but I didn't hear a specific answer to how many dispensaries are currently allowed and how many will be allowed if this is passed?"

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Ford: "So, currently... let me get the answer for how many are currently now. But if this Bill passes, it releases an additional 110 licenses, which we should be releasing today if we were on track. So, this is nothing new. We're playing catch up. And it will release the 75 that's been on hold for almost 400 days. So, that's a total of 185."

DeLuca: "Okay. Thank you. And I also noticed that in one of the Amendments the 1500 foot buffer will be reduced or eliminated?"

Ford: "Yeah. The 1500 foot buffer is actually good for social equity applicants because, as we know, there's been a group of dispensaries that got out front and they've been able to capture some of the best locations. And what this Bill is doing, it's providing a opportunity for social equity applicants to move into those territories so that they can find the very best location to have a viable business. That's what the 1500 foot rule is going to do for social equity applicants."

DeLuca: "Something that concerns me, and I would ask you to keep in... this in mind as you continue to work on this, if it goes to the Senate, as... as you eliminate that 1500 foot buffer and you create the opportunity for more dispensaries... you know, there's many communities. Many that are low income. Many that are primarily African American where we have liquor stores on every corner. And this is setting it up to see the exact same situation for cannabis dispensaries. And I just want to ask you to keep that in mind as you continue to work on this. It's a real concern. It's not going to happen overnight. But in the future, it could happen. And the last item was that..."

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you're actually a chief cosponsor of a Bill, which is House Bill 314, that, for the municipalities that had opted out... to create a one and a half mile buffer for those communities within an unincorporated area, and it was not included in this. In case I missed it, I was looking for it. I don't think it was included in there. So, I would ask you to consider that, too, over in the Senate."

Ford: "You know, Representative, those are great suggestions. And I think that what we learned about this new Act that we're dealing with is like every other Act, the School Code, the Criminal Code. We will continue to work diligently to get this to the point where we address all of the concerns."

DeLuca: "Well, thank you, Representative Ford. It was a pleasure speaking you... to you today without any visual aids."

Ford: "I know. I was... I was looking."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Representative Wheeler is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Wheeler: "Representative Ford, I sat through the hearing that you referenced in Executive Committee, learned a lot about the issues that are left behind from the original Bill. I wanted to bring up a few things that came up in committee just for those who were paying attention to what Exec was doing. That last Amendment has to do with this 1500 foot buffer that the previous speaker just mentioned as well. Is that buffer related to schools and churches? Or is it a different kind of buffer we're referring to?"



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Ford: "Yeah. So, when we talk about relocating of dispensaries, local control will determine where they go. So, the state will be giving the authority to the local governments. And that's what we believe is best for deciding where dispensaries go. Local control will determine where dispensaries are located."

Wheeler: "Right. 'Cause part of it is we want to make sure that the social equity applicants that are coming online to these new licenses are going to have a chance to compete in high-traffic areas where they could be more profitable, rather than just have a monopoly by the entities who got there first. There'll be a chance to be a competition between the two entities now. Is that your intention?"

Ford: "That's right."

Wheeler: "But it still gives the locals a chance to protect areas that they're concerned about, whether it comes to school, children walking to school, churches in the neighborhood. Those kind of things are still going to be taken into account at the local level. That's your intention, correct?"

Ford: "That's correct, Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "All right. Thanks. I just want to make sure that's in record 'cause there's a difference between different kinds of buffers, and that one is an important one. If we're going to have competition for the social equity applicants, for people to catch up and make a difference in this market, they have to be able to be participating in an area nearby where the traffic already is. So, thank you, Representative Ford. I did not vote in 'favor' of the underlying... of the original Bill, but I'll be supporting your measure today. So, thank you."

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Ford: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Evans: "For further discussion, Leader Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield for a few clarifying questions?"

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Ford, can you clarify, in this provision, if this Bill passes, how many actual licenses can one entity receive?"

Ford: "So, in the new lotteries, they can only have two licenses."

Ammons: "So, those who were in the first draw, under the first piece of legislation, they're eligible for up to 10?"

Ford: "That's right."

Ammons: "And social equity applicants will be eligible for up to two?"

Ford: "That's right."

Ammons: "Thank you for clarifying that. Also, I..."

Ford: "That's under the 75 rule moving forward because we still have to deal with the problems that we have. And... I hear you."

Ammons: "Yeah. I can absolutely see that. You know where I stand on this issue. I'm asking these questions for my community members who are interested. I am not a 'yes' vote on this initiative."

Ford: "I understand."

Ammons: "I just... I do want to clarify though that... were there any attempts to put local preference into the applications so that the applicants who apply from a local area have a real significant chance of owning a dispensary in their own community?"

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Ford: "Leader Ammons, I think that we worked with all those interested parties and heard the concerns. And today we have a compromise, Leader Ammons, and this is what we have."

Ammons: "Okay. So, there is no preference for them. And also, in the provisions that will provide licenses ultimately, the persons who may end up in this lottery, those who are in the first can be in this lottery again. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Those that..."

Ammons: "Received the... that are currently operating. Current operators can be in this next lottery?"

Ford: "No, not current operators."

Ammons: "No. So, current operators are only going to be held to the 10 that they currently have unless they have a partnership with some social equity group?"

Ford: "That's right."

Ammons: "Got it. So, they can end up in this lottery with a partnership with other black or brown people?"

Ford: "Absolutely."

Ammons: "Okay. Thank you. And then, lastly, just to clarify, my dispensaries in Champaign-Urbana can be owned by someone in Michigan, or California, or Ohio, or somewhere else?"

Ford: "Is that rhetorical or..."

Ammons: "No. That's a... that's a clarifying question. My dispensaries in Champaign-Urbana can be owned by a group from some other state, taking the resources from Champaign-Urbana to Michigan, Ohio, or some other state?"

Ford: "You get extra points by being a Illinois resident. So..."

Ammons: "They... I'm sorry. I'm confused by that answer."

Ford: "You... the answer is yes."

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Ammons: "Yes, they can."

Ford: "But you... but your residents in Urbana have an advantage over out of state people because, if you live in a DIA, you get points based on that."

Ammons: "So, let me... let me clarify if... I've seen the lotteries happen. I don't do lottery. In this case, are there going to be some balls in there and juggle them up, and they're going to pull something out?"

Ford: "The Illinois Department of the Lottery, whoever those people are, I'm not sure how it's going to go. But I..."

Ammons: "But it's similar to a regular lottery, right? My chances are..."

Ford: "I mean, I'm not going to go on record saying how it's going to be because at the close I'll speak to the Governor and what we expect of him moving forward."

Ammons: "And can I also just clarify, this process, this Bill, will open the pathway for someone to get additional girl licenses as well, correct?"

Ford: "No."

Ammons: "So, the five licenses that were referred to earlier by my colleague over here, what are they talking about there?"

Ford: "Medical."

Ammons: "Oh, so it's new medical licenses that are in this Bill?"

Ford: "Correct."

Ammons: "How do we apply social equity to the new medical licenses?"

Ford: "There is a provision in the Bill that speaks directly to the social equity applicants. And they have to be impacted by a criminal record related to cannabis. And they have to live

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in a DIA for the... for 5 of the last 10 years. That's a major change to the law. We believe that that will target those individuals that should be in the lottery."

Speaker Evans: "Please bring your questions to a close."

Ammons: "I will. Thank you, Sir. Just final question, and I'll sit down. If... Representative Ford, if you could speak to how the process is going to overall work and what the measurement tool would be if you do this lottery and none of the balls come out for social equity applicants in... at the close? Thank you."

Ford: "Well, I mean, I can answer that right now. Because you're asking me a question as if you don't understand the process of... that we can't guarantee anything. But what we can do is make sure that we do everything that we can to increase the possibility. And doing nothing is not even given a chance. This Bill increases the chance and makes it possible, but it doesn't guarantee. And that's a good point to make for the record. Because I wish I could write a Bill to guarantee that black people wouldn't have to worry about the things that we worry today and that there was justice for all."

Ammons: "I certainly support you, Representative Ford. You know that. But the reality is, we have written a Bill that secures and guarantees certain communities but not our own. So, I'll leave it at that. And thank you for your time."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. For further discussion, Representative Moylan is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

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Moylan: "I would like to thank Representative Ford, the Sponsor of the Bill, for listening. I had some concerns about transparency. Representative, would you please just go briefly into what we discussed and how the transparency will affect this Bill? Because, in the previous Bill, the owners were hidden behind a shield of secrecy. And we discussed this. And, Representative, just go over briefly what we discussed."

Ford: "Yes, Representative Moylan. House Bill 1443 expands the discloser requirements for dispensaries to all of the various cannabis business license, such as cultivator centers. So, right now, if you're a cultivator and you have a center, a craft grower, or an infusion, or a transporter, you have to disclose. This Bill, because of your input, adds the cannabis dispensary ownership information of the businesses that are also licensed under the Medical Cannabis Act. Under this Bill, the other cannabis business, in addition to dispensaries, must file and maintain a table of organization, ownership, and control with the Department of Agriculture. That's what this Bill would do if it becomes law."

Moylan: "Thank you, Representative. As you know, my position on recreational marijuana, but I will be voting for this Bill because of your cooperation. Thank you."

Ford: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "All right, thank you. Our final speaker, Representative Willis, is recognized for questions."

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

Speaker Evans: "He indicates that he will."

Willis: "Representative, thank you so much for partnering with this... on this Bill. I think it's really important. Currently,

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have any new recreational licenses gone out to anyone except for those that already had medical licenses?"

Ford: "No."

Willis: "Okay. To the Bill. That is the issue that we're trying to address. The... Representative Ford and I worked very diligently over the last 18 months, I would almost say, trying to make sure that we brought forth a social equity piece to this. We are not going to get it perfect, but we have gotten it much, much closer to perfect, and that's what we have to see. Everybody's not happy with this Bill. There's no doubt about that. But as long as we delay, no new recreational licenses will be issued. And that is why it is so important for us to pass this Bill today. We need to get it passed so we can continue to move forward so that it is not the same few dispensaries that continue to make the profit from the recreational marijuana industry. We need to move forward. I cannot stress that enough. We have worked very hard to have as equitable a Bill, that it is transparent a process, as possible. We will continue to work on it, but we need to move this Bill forward today. I urge this Body to all vote 'yes'. Thank you so much, Representative Ford, for all your hard work on this. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, I would also like to make sure that I give a special thanks to one of youngest Members of this Body, and that's Representative Ortiz, who took it very serious and he worked with all the social equity applicants to get this right as well. So, thank you, Representative Ortiz, for your work on it. In closing, I just want to make sure that the Governor

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understands that this Bill, if it passes and it becomes law, it's his responsibility to make sure that we have a fair and equitable process to issue the licenses. The intent of the law is to increase diversity and to make sure that this industry is no longer dominated by a few people. With that, I thank you, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1443 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 70 voting in 'favor', 33 voting 'against', 0 voting... 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Attention, Members. We're going to proceed to the Order of House Bills... excuse me, Senate Bills on Second Reading. Please be at your seats. Starting with Senate Bill 84, Representative Spain. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 84, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Spain."

Speaker Evans: "Out of the record. Please recognize Representative Batinick. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Batinick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will you please excuse Representative Tom Bennett and Representative David Friess. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "The record will reflect. Moving on, on page 4, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading. We have Senate



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Bill 104, Chairman Zalewski. Clerk, please.. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 104, a Bill for an Act concerning hospitality. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Zalewski, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "I think we have an Amendment. Representative Zalewski on the Amendment."

Zalewski: "Mr. Speaker, Representative Ortiz is distracting me. Floor Amendment #2 adds the beer and the shot language to the Bill. This is an Amendment that we've talked about that incentivizes vaccination. I urge its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Going back to Senate Bill 84, Representative Spain. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 84, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Spain."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Spain on the Amendment."

Spain: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I wish to table Amendments 1 and 2 and adopt Amendment 3."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Spain moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 4, we have Senate Bill 153, Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. Senate Bill 154, Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 154, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3 and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit to explain the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #3 is an agreed upon language with the stakeholders with regards to housing and animals within the housing. Several changes were made, which regards the size of the unit, the number of pets, and the actual size of the animal. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5, offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit on Floor Amendment #5."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment 5 is simply correcting a drafting error."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit moves adoption of Floor Amendment #5. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 157, Leader Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. Moving along to page 5, under Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 225, Representative Gonzalez. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 225, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Gonzalez."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gonzalez to explain the Amendment."

Gonzalez: "The Amendment just offers some clarifying language to the Bill. Secretary of State is okay with it. I seek its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 5, Senate Bill 336, Representative Stuart. Out of the record. Continuing on

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page 5, Senate Bill 512, Representative Morgan. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 512, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan to explain the Amendment."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 3 is a technical cleanup that addresses concerns from several state agencies, including the Department of Revenue. And also some concerns from the American Cancer Society."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing of page 5, Senate Bill 555, Leader Andrade. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 555, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #... no Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Andrade."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Andrade to explain the Amendment."

Andrade: "Amendment 2 was a request by American Cancer Society to change and remove the word 'vaping' and to use the word for tobacco that is in the current statute."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Andrade moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing along page 5, we have Senate Bill 558, Representative Welter. Out of the record. Continuing along page 6, we have Senate Bill 632, Chairman Burke. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 632, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, we have Senate Bill 654, Representative Ortiz. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 654..."

Speaker Evans: "Clerk..."

Clerk Bolin: "...a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ortiz."

Speaker Evans: "Out of the record. Out of the record. Continuing on, we have Senate Bill 661, Representative LaPointe. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 661, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative LaPointe."

Speaker Evans: "Representative LaPointe to explain the Amendment."

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LaPointe: "The Amendment of SB661 provides further clarification about the duties of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission and inserts information about how grants will be prioritized."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, we have Senate Bill 812, Representative Mussman. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 812, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Mussman."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman on the Amendment."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Floor Amendment #1 simply removes the definition and reference to pupil-to-school support personnel ratio. And then it makes adjustments to the enactment date. It's just technical."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, we have Senate Bill 825, Representative Smith. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 825, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on, Senate Bill 826, Leader Hoffman. Leader Hoffman. Out of the record. Continuing on, Senate Bill 921, Representative Carroll. Representative Jonathan Carroll. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 921, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Carroll."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Carroll to explain the Amendment."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. This is simply a cleanup Bill that just makes sure that we just differentiate between the state... that it's not the state, but it's local agencies that control it. And I ask for its adoption. Thank you."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, Senate Bill 922, Representative Scherer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 922, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Scherer."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Scherer to explain the Amendment."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's simply a technical change."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, we have Senate Bill 1056, Representative Halpin. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1056, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Halpin."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halpin to explain the Amendment."

Halpin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #1 just adds additional language from another agreed Bill, which deals with CMS refunds to TRS beneficiaries. It gets added to the underlying Bill, which is an omnibus, essentially Agreed Bill List, that came over from the Senate. I'd ask for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Halpin moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."



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And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 6, we have Senate Bill 1089, Chairman Zalewski. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1089, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Zalewski to explain the Amendment."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1089, Floor Amendment #1, adds some technical changes to get stakeholder agreement. I'd ask for its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7, Senate Bill 1539, Representative Kifowit. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1539, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit to explain the Amendment."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of the Capital Development Board with regard to the Quincy veterans' home. House Floor Amendment #1 adds some language with regards to ensuring that the project can go forward."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit to explain the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 changes some drafting errors."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7, we have Senate Bill 1646, Representative Marron. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1646, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 has been adopted. No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7, we have Senate Bill 1655, Leader Harris. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1655, a Bill for an Act concerning property. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 if offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Harris to explain the Amendment."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Amendment adds one property in the City of Decatur, which is a quick-take for a road project."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7, we have Senate Bill 1667, Representative Welter. Representative Welter. Out of the record. Continuing of page 7, we have Senate Bill 1673, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1673, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1833, Leader Ramirez. Leader Ramirez on 1833. Out of the record. Continuing on page 7, we have Senate Bill 1845, Representative Harper. Out of the record. Moving on to page 8, we have Senate Bill 1905, Representative Croke. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1905, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke to explain the Amendment."

Croke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 1 removes all opposition and adds compliance mechanisms and enforcement provisions to ensure the Act is properly implemented. Removes all opposition and was a result of negotiations with various stakeholders."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 1921, Representative Caulkins. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1921, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 1965, Representative Ford. Out of the record. Continuing on page 8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2066, Chairman Zalewski. Out of the record. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 2109. Representative Kifowit. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2109, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit to explain the Amendment."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment 1 changes the dates of this Bill to begin in school year 2023 to 2024, rather than 2022-2023. And it must be... and the training must be included for school board members. And it... we changed the effective date to January 1, 2023."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 2136, Leader Flowers. Out of the record. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 2137, Representative Moeller. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2137, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Moeller."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Moeller to explain the Amendment."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 is a refile of House Committee Amendment #1, which essentially did four things: adds a definition of virtual visitation, adds a communication clause between HFS and the Department on Aging

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concerning funding for facilities, changes the name of the virtual visitation plan to virtual visitation schedule, and adds location within the facility to the list of necessary components to a virtual visitation schedule. Ask for its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 2172, Representative Elik. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2172, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Elik."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Elik to explain the Amendment."

Elik: "Sure. The Amendment extends the date of the registered certified pharmacy tech program requirement from 2022 to 2024. Recommend its adoption."

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

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8, we have Senate Bill 2182, Representative Walker. Representative Walker. Out of the record. Continuing on page 9 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2244, Representative Meyers-Martin. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2244, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Meyers-Martin, are you... you going to present the Amendment?"

Meyers-Martin: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a Floor Amendment to make some minor changes to an existing underutilized Bill. The Amendment will change the maximum deferral amount from 7... from \$5 thousand to \$75 hundred. It increases the eligibility of income from \$55 thousand to \$65 thousand. It keeps the interest rate at 6 percent. And these changes will be temporary between the tax years 2022 and tax year 2025."

Speaker Evans: "All right. Thank you, Representative. Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. On page 10 of the Calendar, under Agreed Resolution, appears House Resolution 73, offered by Representative Murphy. Clerk..."

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Murphy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today for House Resolution 73, which honors a gentleman who had a strong relationship with this chamber. Anthony 'Tony' Leone, a longtime public servant, local historian, friend to the arts and tourism, died early in the morning of February 3, 2021. Tony was born in Springfield on September 1, 1950. He graduated from Griffin High School and earned his associate's degree from Springfield College and his bachelor's degree from University of Illinois Springfield. Early in his career, he worked for local State Representatives Josephine Oblinger and Irv Smith. Tony was selected to be Assistant Clerk of the House in 1979. From 1981 to 1983, Tony served as Chief Clerk of the House. 1983 to 1992, he finished out his duties with the House as Assistant Clerk. My sister was part of the staff for many of those years and talks very highly of Tony. During this time, he also served on the Board of the Legislative Information System, which was created to computerize the General Assembly. Tony served in many other capacities in state and local government as well, including Director of the Secretary of State Index Department, Chairman of the State Property Tax Appeal Board, Sangamon County Board of Review, Chairman of the City of Springfield Rules and Regulations Review Commission. Tony also had a distinguished career dealing with election law, Supervisor of Public Discloser for the Illinois State Board of Elections, Chief Clerk of the Sangamon County Election Office, and Assistant Chief Clerk of the Springfield Board of Elections. Having served as an election officer in the city, county, and state level, a feat that few, or any, has ever achieved. However, the lasting legacy of Tony's life



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and interest was his restoration of the 125-year-old Pasfield House, just west of the Capitol Complex. Opened in 2002 as a bed and breakfast and has hosted many special events. That Pasfield House filled with art, antiques, rare books, and historical memorabilia reflects Tony's many interests and talents and underscored his well-deserved reputation as an expert on Springfield early history and the love of his state and country. Tony also served on the Illinois State Capitol Historic Preservation Advisory Board. He was named Historic Preservationist of the Year by the Illinois Historic Sites Commission in 2011. Tony also served on the commission in 2003, which helped design the Illinois Commemorative Quarter. In 2019, Tony co-authored *Springfield's Celebrated Horseshoe Sandwich* book, which I hold in my hand. And after this was published, I always introduced Tony as my favorite author. That's why... if you ever get a chance to read this book, I ask you to go to pages 28, 37, and 80 where he was so gracious and mentioned me in my efforts in promoting the horseshoe. Tony was buried on February 12, Lincoln's birthday, which was so fitting. I, like many others around the state, have been blessed to have known Tony and to be able to call him a friend. I, like many others, will miss him dearly. Especially his long-time special friend, Cathy Cragoe. I request your support of this Resolution, and I also request a moment of silence to honor the life of Tony Leone. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Prior to the moment of silence, we have a couple of remarks. Representative Weber for remarks."

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Weber: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to say, Tony's an amazing guy. My first time down here with my wife for orientation, we had met him. He invited us over to look at the Pasfield House. And my wife and I had stayed there up until his passing and.. he was an amazing man. He would take us around in his car, show us all the historical sites. He would call us before we came down to see if there's anything he could do to help us, anything we needed. And he was always a happy, smiling face. And Cathy, also. I couldn't have asked for anybody to be nicer to myself, my wife, and to make us feel more like at home here in Springfield than Tony did. I want to say thank you to him and Cathy."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Final remarks. Representative Brady for remarks."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I first became acquainted with Tony Leone when he lobbied for the Illinois Funeral Directors Association when I first came into the House. And simply put, to my colleagues, they've articulated so well, Tony simply was just a people person. His ability to connect, to talk, and give great historic perspective on so many, many things was a delight for most people. How he reached out to so many of us over the years, to the Pasfield House that's been attested to, whether it's colleagues that stayed there or the Dirksen House, or had receptions there, whatever the case may be, Tony was always there. He loved this institution. He loved those of us Republican, Democrats, that served in this institution and he held it in great esteem. He was a good friend and was always willing to go the extra mile to help somebody in need. He'll

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be missed. And to Cathy and so many friends that he leaves behind, we thank you for the life of Tony Leone. And may his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed to the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Speaker Evans: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Representative Murphy moves for the adoption of House Resolution 73. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution's adopted. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Consent Calendar-Second Reading-Second Day?"

Clerk Hollman: "No Bills have been removed from the Consent Calendar-Second Reading-Second Day today. Those Bills have already been read a second time, previously."

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

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon. At 4:00, the Redistricting Committee will be meeting with the Senate for subject matter in Room 114 and also in Virtual Room 1. At 6:00, the House Redistricting Committee will be meeting in Virtual Room 1."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 337, offered by Representative Crespo. And House Resolution 338, offered by Representative Niemerg."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Ammons moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Ammons moves that the

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House stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 26, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to Order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4087, offered by Representative Carroll, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4088, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4089, offered by Representative Nichols, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4090, offered by Representative Evans, Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4091, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4092, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4093, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 815, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Second Reading in full of Senate Joint Constitutional Amendment #11, offered by Representative Evans. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to

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amend the Illinois Constitution in Article I by adding Section 25 as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was Second Reading in full of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #11. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."