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Speaker Mautino: "The hour of 12:30 having arrived, I'd like to call the House of Representatives to order. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Steve Rigdon, who is with Tapestry, a church for all people in Champaign, Illinois. Pastor Rigdon is the guest of Representative Rose. Pastor Rigdon."

Pastor Rigdon: "Thank you. Would you bow with me in prayer? Heavenly Father, we take this moment together to acknowledge You as our creator, redeemer and Lord. To seek Your aid on behalf of these Representatives of the State of Illinois, elected by the people, but called and appointed by You, Lord, to govern justly. Father, I ask You this day that You would give them wisdom to make the right decisions, courage to do the right thing even if it's costly and patience and understanding with each other as they work together. And Lord, give them mercy for those who are unable to represent themselves and their own interests, to help those who most need their help. Lord, I pray for their families while they're away serving others. Protect and keep them and guard their hearts over these Leaders from the temptations that often befall them as they're away from home. And Lord, I pray for the hearts and souls of these political leaders. Keep them humble as they walk in places of power. Keep them pure and guard their integrity while many succumb to diverse temptations. And renew their commitment to act as servants rather than lords. Encourage their hearts, Lord, the hearts of those

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who may be discouraged or are tempted to become cynical or give in or give up. For as Your word says, Lord, 'Do you not know or have you not heard that the Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary and his understanding no one can fathom, for He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble or fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on the wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint.' Oh Lord, strengthen those who are here today to give their best as they govern this great state. In Jesus' precious name we pray... pray, Amen."

Speaker Mautino: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Careen Gordon."

Gordon, C. - 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 Mautino: "Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Clerk, take the record. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect the excused absence of Representative Nekritz."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Myers, Mathias, Black and Durkin are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

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Speaker Mautino: "113 Representatives having answered the roll, a quorum is present. And we're prepared to do the business. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 15, 2010: approved for floor consideration is Amendment #1 to House Bill 3693, Amendment #4 to House Bill 4711, Amendment #1 to House Bill 4936, Amendment #2 to House Bill 4990, Amendment #1 to House Bill 5113, Amendment #2 to House Bill 5691, Amendment #1 to House Bill 5713, Amendment #1 to House Bill 5846, Amendment #1 to House Bill 4... correction 5996... House Bill 5996, Amendment 1, Amendment #1 to House Bill 6141, Amendment #1 to House Bill 6148, Amendment #2 to House Bill 6151, Amendment #2 to House Bill 6257 and Amendment #1 to House Resolution 693; and approved for consideration, refer to the Order of Second Reading is House Bill 1470."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Menard, Representative Brauer, is seeking recognition."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's my pleasure to introduce to you, Miss Haley Freedom... Freeman, the 2010 Miss Illinois County Fair from Menard County. Haley is a... Haley's the first young lady from Menard County to reach this status. She is also the daughter of Zach and Lori Freeman of Athens. She's a 2008 graduate of Athens High School and is a sophomore at Bradley, double majoring in health sciences. Please give her another warm hand of... to be in Springfield."

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Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to the House of Representatives. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burns."

Burns: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Burns: "With me today are folks from the Federation for Community Schools in Reavis Elementary School, which is in the 26th Representative District. We've got parents and school coordinators and children. I'd like them to stand and be recognized and welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Sacia: "I'd like to acknowledge the Eastland FFA from Lanark, Illinois. Their director, Mr. Stan Toepfer, joins us every year and with him is Shelby Corey, Jordon Price, William Murphy, Renee Palmer, Kailyne Palmer, Jacey Strohecker, Justin Santacruz and Dan Schoeninger. Would you please make them feel welcome. They're right back up here, our FFA."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, I'm very honored today on behalf of Representative Black to have in the gallery behind me Miss Amie Burke and if she would stand. Amie is the State FFA

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President, she's 18 years old, and is the President for '09 and '10. She's from Oakwood, which is in Representative Black's district. Her advisors are Darcy Nekolny and I probably butchered that, so I apologize, and Joel Gehrig. She's the daughter of Debbie Burke and Virgil Burke. She served as Section 18 president and reporter and was a three-year Chapter President. Her SAEs include nursery operations, specialty animal entrepreneurship. Her favorite CDE is Job Interview and her favorite FFA activity is serving as a delegate to the national convention. She plans to attend a four-year college and major in agricultural education and also sign language interpretation and communication. So, if we could please recognize Amie and thank her for her service to the FFA."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Iroquois, Representative Cultra."

Cultra: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Cultra: "Joe Lyons, I'd just like to thank you for the delicious corned beef sandwiches."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Joyce."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Joyce: "Ladies and Gentleman of the House, Mr. Speaker, I'd... it gives me great honor to introduce the newest member of the House of Representatives, from the 36th District replacing

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Representative Jim Brosnahan, is Mike Carberry. Mike Carberry."

Speaker Mautino: "The Chair would like to recognize Representative Carberry."

Carberry: "Thanks so much for the warm welcome with all of you I've meet already and I look forward to meeting the rest of you soon. Thanks, again, very much."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome, Representative Carberry. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 1012, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House Resolution 1013, offered by Representative Durkin and House Resolution 1016, offered by Representative Madigan."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 18(g), I have filed the proper paperwork and I move to discharge House Bill 6086 from the House Rules Committee. Under House Rule 54(a)(2), as you know all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status, I wish to debate my Motion. Upon conclusion of the debate I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49, Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by recorded vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. There are at least five Members on my side of the aisle that wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the measure from House Rules Committee."

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Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk... Representative Currie moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yesses' have it. And Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Representative Eddy, you have three Motions that you have filed. Which Bill would you like to direct your Motion to, Sir?"

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, it's House Bill 6086. 6086. I think the board had 6026, but 6086."

Eddy: "Is it necessary to restate my Motion or..."

Speaker Mautino: "Rep..."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "No, I just... between the three pieces of paper I needed to find which one you were acting on. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker. I object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Eddy, the Motion requires unanimous consent. There has been an objection, therefore the Motion fails."

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Specifically, requested a Roll Call vote on my Motion pursuant to rights granted in the House Rules and the Illinois Constitution. This breach of rules should be corrected immediately with a Roll Call vote on my Motion to Discharge. And Mr. Speaker, if I could, I just want to very, very quickly discuss the... the aspects of 6086 that make perfect sense and I'm not sure why anyone would object to bringing this out, discussing and debating it. This is a Bill that would certainly revitalize our sagging economy and I think you

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would agree that it's vital that we encourage economic growth and investment throughout our state. House Bill 6086 would create an additional 50 enterprise zones that would offer tax advantages and incentives to businesses located within those zone boundaries. Mr. Speaker, Illinois does not stand a chance of becoming a business friendly state if we do nothing to foster economic growth and attract new business to our state. Enterprise zones are among Illinois' most important and effective tools to stimulate economic growth and neighborhood revitalization. The enterprise zone program is overseen and supervised at the state level by DCEO, but its ultimate success depends on the level of localized commitment and participation. I urge you, Mr. Speaker, to immediately discharge House Bill 6086 from Rules Committee, so that we can pass legislation that begins to send a message that Illinois is open for business, we're job friendly and we're ready to turn this economy around and there's no better way to do it than to start with House Bill 6086."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr... the Motion has been defeated and therefore has... has failed. Do you have any other Motion you'd like to make?"

Eddy: "Okay my Motion is to overrule the Chair and the recorded Roll Call vote on that Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "The question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting

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'present', the Chair is sustained. Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, I know it's early in the day, but that last Bill is so important. In my district alone, my little hometown of Greenville, 500... 500 union construction jobs await news about what we're going to do with our enterprise zones. Sending them a message that we're going to let them expire is exactly... exactly how we got in the mess we're in today in Illinois. We keep chasing good jobs away from Illinois. These jobs are going to go to Missouri. Five hundred construction jobs, \$234 million investment in downstate Illinois is nothing to sneeze at, a hundred and sixty jobs, averaging sixty-five to eighty-five thousand dollars a year are of a permanent nature, spinoff industries of untold millions of dollars. All because you want to play politics and don't want to give the business tools to the business and community leaders that they need. Greenville cries out, please... please help us. And the Democrat Party says, no... no, not this year. No. We don't really mean jobs. We don't mean jobs, we mean, oh, another social program maybe. Maybe the President wants to talk to me about health care. I'll give you health care. Give my people jobs, they'll buy their health care."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Gentleman's comments. I would just like to say a couple of things. It's amazing

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to me... amazing to me that you are now standing up on the side of working families and unions and good paying jobs when look at your voting record with the AFL-CIO; when you vote against prevailing wage, when you vote against jobs for people, when you vote against safety in the workplace. I'm glad finally you've joined us in caring about good paying jobs for working people."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose is seeking recognition."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under House Rule 18(g), I move for discharge of House Bill 4095 from the Rules Committee. Under the applicable House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon conclusion of that debate I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 in Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be recorded whenever five Representatives so shall request. There's more than that raising their hands, Mr. Speaker. And therefore, I wish a recorded vote on my Motion to Discharge House Bill 4095 from the Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Rose, could you restate the Bill number? I couldn't hear over the commotion in the House. Members of the House..."

Rose: "House Bill 4095."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Currie."

Currie: "I object to the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion requires unanimous consent. There has been an objection and therefore, the Motion fails."

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Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. We specifically requested a Roll Call vote on the Motion pursuant to the rights granted in the House Rules and more importantly on the... under the Illinois Constitution. We request that a Roll Call vote on my Motion be taken. And Mr. Speaker, absent that, under House Rule 57(a) I would move to appeal the ruling of the Chair."

Speaker Mautino: "The Chair has ruled that the... that your Motion has failed since it does require unanimous consent and there has been an objection. So, we will act on your Motion to sustain the Chair. And the question is, 'Shall the Chair... Representative Rose.'"

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that before we take the vote, I think it's important that people know what exactly they're voting on. This would bring accrual accounting to the Illinois General Assembly into the state budget. It's amazing to me that the Illinois Comptroller's Office has to adhere to generally accepted accounting practices and principles and yearly uses accrual accounting in issuing its documents, but we don't have to do the same thing. We shouldn't need a law in place forcing lawmakers to spend money that we don't have, Ladies and Gentlemen. The time has come, no more gimmicks, no more accounting tricks. A budget that is based on the amount of revenue available and takes into account overspending from the previous year is what we need to do. This brings clarity, it brings transparency. Ladies and Gentlemen, it brings generally accepted accounting practices. We ought to all be for that. The people of Illinois deserve to know what is in

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our budget and not in our budget. I don't know why we would be against that. And so with that, I would again renew my Motion for a vote, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Under the Rules of the House, the maker of the Motion is entitled to two minutes and there's two minutes allowed for a response. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. We have been very generous with our interpretation of how much time people get to speak on these Motions. But I think I... it's important to remind the Members of this chamber that to talk on the Motion should be the Motion about sustaining the Chair, not the issues that are in the underlying Bill you were concerned about. And I would have to say I think that we have bent over backwards to give you opportunities to share with us the rhetoric that you worked on so hard over the weekend and someone typed up so you can read it to us on the House Floor. But this is a gentle reminder that you should be talking about the Motion of sustaining the Chair, not the underlying substance of the Bill. So, I think we'd get a lot more work done this week and next if we pay more attention to what the Rules actually say and comport ourselves accordingly. Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House."

Speaker Mautino: "Under the Rules of the House, the Gentleman from Champaign will receive one minute to close."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Lady's points, I find it amazing that the Majority does not want to talk a balanced budget. She doesn't want to talk about a balanced budget. Why is that? Maybe because in seven years of complete

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Democratic control of the State of Illinois we haven't had one balanced budget. Now, if the Lady wants to dispute whether I've actually read the State Constitution, in fact, I have. I've read it several times. I wonder sometime, whether anyone in the Majority has ever read the State Constitution. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "The question is, 'Shall the House... shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no, 0 voting 'present', the Chair is sustained. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the House to please welcome Calumet Perspective High School. Would you please give them a hand."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to the House of Representatives. Representative Phelps is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Phelps: "Actually, I have two. First, I want to... to my left to welcome the Harden County FFA to Springfield. And the second, I'd like for you all to join me in wishing my seatmate, Dan Reitz, a happy birthday. Forty years old, 40 years old."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield and happy birthday. The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 18(g), I move to discharge House Bill 5812 from House Rules Committee. Under House

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Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved that the House discharge House Bill 5812. On that Motion, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker. I object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion requires unanimous consent. There has been an objection and so the Motion fails. Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, I rise now to a point of order. We specifically requested a Roll Call vote on my Motion pursuant to rights granted in the House Rules and the Illinois Constitution. This breach of rules should be corrected immediately with a Roll Call vote on my Motion to Discharge. And Mr. Speaker, if I might just say, we are not going to sit down, we are not going to be quiet when it comes to creating jobs and economic development in this state. We have been called do nothing. We, today, are proposing Bills for job growth and real economic development in this state. And to the Gentleman from

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Madison, you can't protect jobs you don't have. And if you're not willing to help create them, you're not going to be able to... to worry about protecting them. Ladies and Gentlemen, during the past 10 years over 727 thousand people have left our state to look for better opportunities elsewhere. People are leaving for better opportunities because Illinois is unfriendly to business. We need to turn that around. House Bill 5812 is a good start. This Bill allows employers to receive a tax credit for all employees who participate in educational, vocational training. And to the... to the Majority Leader's point, you're voting on a Motion to Discharge a job creation Bill. That's the Motion. You're voting on a Motion that would allow us to debate on the House Floor the fact that Illinois is not moving in the right direction when it comes to jobs and job creation. The results of continuing education yield a more knowledgeable and experienced employee data... or base and a business friendly environment. Mr. Speaker, we know House Bill 5812 is not a cure all to all business problems, but it is a start. And if we're going to turn this state around, we're going to do it with job growth, Mr. Speaker. The key to solving our state's financial crisis is to get people working again. Mr. Speaker, reinstating the training expense credit will provide employers with a reason to hire and train more people. Right now our employers are hurting; they're looking for ways to cut expenses. By providing them with this credit, we can give them the financial incentive to hire new employees and turn this around. This, Ladies and

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Gentlemen, is a Motion to Discharge a Bill that can create economic development. You're voting for the future of jobs in the State of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask for a recorded vote to overrule the Chair."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved and the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' The Gentleman has had his two minutes to state his point. And we will accept two minutes in response. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, are you speaking in response?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So far on the three Motions that have been made, which are Bills that would be brought to this floor to deal with issues that we face here in the State of Illinois, the response from your side of the aisle is obviously we've talked... we talk too much. And obviously from the other comment that we don't care about the working men and women of the State of Illinois, really now? After seven years how do you care for the working men and women of the State of Illinois? Seven hundred and fifty thousand jobs out of this state. How do you think those working men and women feel? Huh? And then you sit over there and you just say, okay, well, this isn't really a vote on these issues. Well, really? Tell that to your constituents. 'Cause it's getting old. You sit there and tell us, oh no, no, we... we just want you to show up and vote when we want you to vote. Don't talk on the issue. Because we care for the working men and women. How about the working men and women's children that we've left in debt to the tune of about \$130 billion, does that feel good? I'm sorry that you all have done that to my grandkids. And you have done

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it. You've been in control, not us. You... your side of the aisle and you're showing it again today. You're sitting here and shoving these things and keeping them back and not allowing us to vote on them, not allowing us to work on them. And why? Because you... you, the Democrat side of the aisle, the Democrats in the State of Illinois are in control. Yeah, see the mess you've got us into. And you can't blame it on anybody else no matter how hard you try. Not... no matter how hard you try. We're deeper in debt; we're out of control. You get certain prime candidates up there. Let me see, one that holds a knife to his girlfriend's throat, but you throw him out. Is that the way you think it's right to handle government or just look over here and tell us to shut up and not talk? Well, we're getting tired of it. We're getting tired of being stifled in committees. We're getting tired of having this all shoved down our throats. My constituents are worth just as much as yours. And we want the opportunity to debate these Bills. And I know good and well that many of you..."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Eddy, you have one minute to close."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let's... let's talk about the process and what we're doing here. I think the Majority Leader is correct, I'm going to speak to the Motion. The Motion before you is... is whether or not we will overrule the Majority Leader and allow a vote to come to the House Floor. It's very simple. Last week the Governor talked about jobs, he talked about the importance of getting the economy turned around. Why

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are we afraid to bring a Bill out to the House Floor that has a potential to create jobs. All I'm asking you to do is to bring the Bill out for a debate. If you want to vote against the Bill once it's on the House Floor, obviously you can vote against the Bill. Override the Chair. Let's get moving on... on the most important issue in the state to the men and women of this state and that's job creation."

Speaker Mautino: "And the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Burns, Flowers, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. The Chair is sustained. Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Mautino: "Yes, Sir. State your inquiry."

Reitz: "Do we all have to yell today?"

Speaker Mautino: "It... it is your birthday. So, you can choose."

Reitz: "I'd rather not yell, though, but I... I'd just like to... I know Representative Cultra, they said thank Joe Lyons for the great sandwiches. We'd like to thank him again and also welcome all of the 4-H groups in the gallery to Springfield."

Speaker Mautino: "And also a special thank you to the... to the 4-H groups for the lunches for the Representatives. The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

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Eddy: "Thank you... thank you once again, Mr. Speaker. Under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge of House Bill 6626 from the House Rules Committee. Under House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon conclusion of the debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. And under Rule 49, Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by record vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. There are at least five Members on my side that wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the measure from the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion has been made. And on that Motion, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, for this opportunity to object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Eddy..."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "...the Motion requires a unanimous consent. There's been an objection and the Motion is declared lost."

Eddy: "I... I noticed that. Mr. Speaker, though I rise to a point of order. And by the way, I... I wasn't shocked. We did specifically request a Roll Call vote on my Motion, though, pursuant to rights granted in House Rules and the Illinois Constitution. This breach of the Rules should be corrected immediately with a Roll Call vote on my Motion to Discharge. And.. and if I could, Mr. Speaker, the Bill in question, House Bill 6626, as... as you know last week you heard, again, from our Governor about his agenda for the

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coming year. He suggested a number of proposals that... that are not going to be pleasant for the residents of Illinois, we understand that. Those folks depend on state services, not going to be pleasant for taxpayers. He... he asked taxpayers to foot the Bill for what has become a fiscally incompetent State Government. But what this Body did for Governor Quinn, if you'll remember, was to give him the courtesy of an extra month to prepare his remarks. And all we're asking for today in this Motion to Discharge this Bill is to debate the same courtesy to the people of Illinois in order to allow them a full week to look at just how and where we plan to spend their hard earned tax dollars. House Bill 6626 would simply require any budget appropriation to be posted on the state web site for seven days prior to any vote. One week of sunshine. This is certainly not a controversial proposal. And with all of the talk of increased transparency, Mr. Speaker, I can't imagine a better place to be completely transparent than legislation that will result in the spendings of tens of billions of dollars being transparent to the citizens for seven days. Doesn't cost a dime, it's completely straightforward. And as long as we're... we're doing our jobs correctly and state funds are being spent responsibly there is absolutely no reason that we can't make this requirement a transparent one for the people of this state. I don't know if you've noticed, Mr. Speaker, but the citizens of Illinois are not trustful of State Government right now and I personally don't blame them. This isn't our money, Mr. Speaker, these funds belong to the people of

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Illinois. And I think we owe them the common courtesy to review just how their money is going to be spent. Mr. Speaker, I move to override the Majority Leader."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Grundy, Representative Careen Gordon is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Gordon, C.: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could have your attention on a lighter note. I've been... had the privilege of introducing this FFA chapter each year that I have been a Member of this chamber and if they could stand up, please, over on the corner to my right. The Seneca FFA Chapter has the number one program of activities in the state for 15 years in a row. They are located in both... Seneca is located in both LaSalle and Grundy counties, which is my district as well as Mr. Speaker, Frank Mautino's district. If we could please represent this number one chapter in the state and welcome them to Springfield, I would truly appreciate it. Thank you very, very much."

Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Jasper, Representative Reis is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Reis: "You know the hypocrisy in this room never ceases to amaze me. You guys want to talk about jobs, you got a Jobs Task Force that will do nothing. You talk about... you talk about doing measures to bring home jobs and you do every

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Bill possible that kills jobs. The Gentleman from St. Clair, I bet you got a perfect record for job killing measures in this chamber. It's pathetic. You come in here and talk about jobs and then look at your record. But I have another point of hypocrisy. Say, we're supposed to have notes that we're supposed to read, well, these notes were written a long time ago. And I quote, 'two people of 118 elected to this chamber determined to kill a Bill, to table it, to make it impossible for the Bill to have any kind of hearing in any other forum in this Assembly.' So, two out of 118 to kill a Bill, doesn't seem like a fair and open practice to me. Doesn't seem like a fair and open procedure. Doesn't seem like there is any real opportunity for full participation. It's by the... Representative Currie, February 9, 1995. You remember what it's like to be in the Minority. It was outrageous that two people could kill a Bill, make it impossible to have the Bill have any kind of hearing. Well, Representative, only one thing worse than having two people kill a Bill and that's one. What are you so afraid of to vote on these? Vote them up, vote them down, but let the people have a hearing on these Bills. You want to talk about job creation, you want to talk about transparency, you want to talk about open government. Vote up or down on these Bills."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Eddy to close."

Eddy: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, look, this is pretty simple. As you know, in the last couple of weeks we have been accused of having no ideas, do nothing, no... no input, that we... we don't bring ideas forward for

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this Body to consider. The fact of the matter is, the ideas we bring forward aren't even allowed the common courtesy of floor debate. Why in the world would we not look another direction? Do you have to look very far as to whether or not we've been successful in this state with our policies over the last seven years except to see where we are? Ladies and Gentlemen, we have to do something. What about jobs? What about transparency? This Bill is about transparency. Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 57(a), I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair and there be a recorded vote on my Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "And the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes', opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Chair is sustained. The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia is seeking recognition."

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

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, back on February the 1st, Representative Cavaletto introduced House Bill 5199. Two Members from the other side of the aisle, Representatives Careen Gordon and Lisa Dugan joined on board because it's an Illinois Income Tax Bill that increases the jobs tax credit for a trade or business located in an enterprise zone to \$2,500 for each eligible employee hired to work in that enterprise zone. Very commonsense legislation, supported on both sides of the aisle. It was re-referred to Rules and Mr. Speaker,

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under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge of House Bill 5199 from the House Rules Committee. Under House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon the conclusion of the debate I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 in Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by record vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. There are at least five Members on my side that wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the measure from the House Rules Committee. I await your response, Sir."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved to discharge House Bill 5199 from the Rules Committee. On that question, the Lady from Cook, Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. You are very generous with your opportunities today and I do appreciate it. And I'm happy once more to object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Sacia, the Motion you made requires unanimous consent. There's been an objection and so the Motion is declared lost."

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 57(a) I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair that there be no recorded vote to discharge House Bill 5199 from the House Rules Committee. And I ask for a recorded vote."

Speaker Mautino: "Are you... Mr. Sacia, are you asking whether the Chair be overruled?"

Sacia: "I am... I am, Sir."

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Speaker Mautino: "Okay. In your final statement you had mentioned discharge. So, the Motion you are making is to overrule the Chair?"

Sacia: "Is to overrule the Chair, yes, Sir. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Motion, the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would hope everybody would join to rise to overrule the Chair here so we could actually have a debate on a jobs Bill. Representative Hoffman says he was glad to see us talking about jobs. Where were we when we were talking about prevailing wage? Well, you know what, this isn't a state that's just about union jobs, it's about all jobs. What good is it to be the highest paid union worker in the unemployment line because that's what we've got. Twenty percent of our union workers are unemployed and we can't talk about having a Bill debated that's going to help attract business to our state? We got a request, we got a Bill out here to do a sales tax... Sales Tax Adjusted Revenue Bond over in St. Clair County or Madison County to try to help promote the construction of a... of a business that could employ several hundred jobs. And you know what, right across the border they have that law. They have the ability to do that. We need these types of tools here so we can attract jobs. You have an opportunity now here to debate this and you're going to say no. And everybody's going to be 69, 44, just like it was before. Because I don't know, why don't you vote once just to say let's put the Motion up, let's debate it. There's nothing wrong with

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this Bill. It's got good bipartisan support, let's hear it. Why should the Rules Committee have the say on what we're going to debate? Give it a fair chance. Everybody in this state wants a fiscally secure state, they want a job. They're worried, they're scared. You go back, you go to your districts and you can see it in their faces and we're down here not debating good jobs Bill? Stand up, have some guts. Vote for jobs. Vote to override the Speaker's ruling. Let's get the debate started."

Speaker Mautino: "There's been a Motion, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' Mr. Sacia, would you like one minute to close?"

Sacia: "Yes, I would. And I thank Representative Tryon for his comments. Again, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is very much a bipartisan issue. As I pointed out, Representative Gordon, Representative Dugan, two very highly respected Members on your side of the aisle advocated for this. It will encourage growth and provide badly needed new jobs to our state. And... and it's just such a significant piece of legislation that it's beneficial to the entire state, both Parties, all folks in this great state. And I ask for your support. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Motion... the Chair is sustained. Mr. Clerk, on Second Reading of the House appears House Bill 5824, Representative Bost. Read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5824, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia, you're seeking recognition?"

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, ahead of the previous Bill I did have my light on and I wanted to make a comment. A point of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Sacia: "Back on 3/3, introduced by Representative Darlene Senger, was House Bill 6625. A very important Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen, one we all agreed to a year ago. And synopsising, the General Assembly Compensation Act requires Members of the General Assembly to forfeit 12 days of compensation in fiscal 2011 and we did it in 2010. It certainly stands in line with a state that is in a critical financial issue. And Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge of House Bill 6625 from House Rules. Under House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon the conclusion of the debate I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 in Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by record vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. There are at least five Members on my side that wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the measure from the House Rules Committee."

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Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved the House discharge from committee House Bill 6625. And on that question, the Lady from Cook, Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. First, I have an inquiry of the Chair. Would this be Representative Sacia's top priority? As you know, we are moving down our priority list this week and I thought the idea was that everybody should have an equal opportunity to call the Bills that are very important to them. So, this is perhaps Mr. Sacia's second priority and perhaps he's done for the week when we are done with this? 'Cause it seems to me that there is a question whether we have to listen to all the Motions before we even begin to hear priority Bills. So, you may want to inquire of that of the Sponsor of this Motion whether we count this as his second priority and then, of course, he can tell us his third. But in the meantime while we find the answer to that question, I will object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Sacia, the Motion requires unanimous consent, there has been objection so the Motion is lost."

Sacia: "I... I heard the Lady's objection. And I will happily make it a priority Bill if that will have her recognize it with a little more understanding. Would she remove her objection if it is my number one priority?"

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Cook."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I'm not sure it's his choice, whether it's his priority. He's taking up a lot of our time with what seems to be his second priority and I will, whatever he does, continue to object. But I would suggest that perhaps we ought to make sure that Motions like this

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in the future count against the Sponsor's priority list. Otherwise, the whole point of giving everybody a fair shot is totally destroyed, is off the table."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion has been made and has failed for objection. Mr. Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Lady insinuated that someone else has made a determination whether or not this should be my priority. Nobody tells me what I'm going to introduce, Representative Currie. It is my decision. And I ask that it be debated and released from Rules."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Motion, the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Majority Leader suggested, rather directly, that we have now a list that we provide to her of our priorities. So, I have not given her a list. I will provide the appropriate list within the hour and included in that list, Majority Leader, will be three of the Bills that for some reason Democrats don't want to discuss. So, I... I take you as a woman of your word and we will... we will put those three Bills on the Calendar and we will begin that debate, I suppose, as early as this afternoon if... the Majority Leader can make that happen. We know that. And I know it... as a woman of her word, she'll let me provide that list and... and honor it. There still is a sense of honor in this chamber, isn't there?"

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, on Second Reading appears House Bill 5330. Representative Beiser. Out of the record. House Bill 5334, Representative Berrios. Out of the

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record. Representative Lyons... Representative Lyons is seeking recognition."

Lyons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "Sir, state your point."

Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, it's my privilege to announce in the gallery above the Democrats over on the right side of the chamber, to my right, we have my friend Valery Gallagher and the Hemophilia Federation... Foundation of Illinois. March is Hemophilia Awareness Month. Please give them a warm welcome and thanks for coming down, folks."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 57(a) I move to rule... I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair on House Bill 6625. And I ask for a recorded vote."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Sacia, there's currently no Motion on the table. Intervening business has taken place. At the appropriate time, you did not make a Motion. And so, that Motion would be out of order."

Sacia: "I did make such a Motion, Sir. At the outset, I said I move for the discharge of House Bill 6625 from the House Rules Committee. Is that not correct?"

Speaker Mautino: "That... that Motion failed. And then you did not..."

Sacia: "So, we're gonna play a little..."

Speaker Mautino: "...make the follow-up..."

Sacia: "...administrative game now..."

Speaker Mautino: "...follow-up Motion, Sir."

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Sacia: "...and tell me to shut up and sit down, right? You won't give me a recorded vote, is that correct? Do I understand I don't get a recorded vote on this? I don't believe you'd do that, Representative."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think what you're suggesting is that Representative Sacia should start over with his Motion. And he has every right to do that under the Rules of the House. So, perhaps if Representative Sacia began from the top. We were trying to... to get a recorded vote, business took place in between. I understand what you're saying. So, perhaps Representative Sacia should start from the top on that and go through his Motion? If the... if the Chair... he has that right as a Member, I believe?"

Speaker Mautino: "He would... he would need to refile his Motion in order... and then go through the proper motions."

Eddy: "I think that... I think that has occurred. And... and I think he should be extended the courtesy of a vote on his Motion. If that takes going back through the Motion, I think, Mr. Speaker, you're a fair man. He did not get his vote. Allow him that courtesy."

Speaker Mautino: "In order to do it properly, let's please start over from the top."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Once again with feeling, the Gentleman from Winnebago is recognized for a Motion."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I truly appreciate your indulgence. You honor... you are an honorable man. Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge

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of House Bill 6625 from the House Rules Committee. Under House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon the conclusion of the debate I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 in Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall by record vote whenever five Representatives shall so request. There are at least... at least five Members on my side that wish for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge the measure from the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion has been received as filed. We have a Motion to Discharge committee House Bill 6625. And on that Motion, the Lady from Cook."

Currie: "Just as on the earlier Motion, Speaker, I object."

Speaker Mautino: "There has been an objection. This Motion requires unanimous consent. Therefore, it's declared failed. Mr. Sacia for a Motion."

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, under House Rule 57(a) I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair."

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. The Gentleman has moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair. And on that question, the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Stephens: "I would... I would request, Mr. Speaker, if we could have the Body's attention. One of your staff, a certain Mr. Steve Brown, does not have speaking privileges in this chamber and for him to stand virtually face to face with Representative Sacia in a mocking manner is the least... the

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least polite thing that I can think of anyone doing. For it to be on your staff and for you to stand there and allow it means that you don't mind that a Member of this General Assembly is mocked. Mr. Brown was rude and unattractive. I demand his apology directly to Representative Sacia and I hope that you will put him on a shorter leash. I am tired of his personal theatrics. This chamber belongs to the people, not to Mr. Brown."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia to close."

Sacia: "I ask for a recorded vote, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 69 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Chair is sustained. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's the intention of the Chair to go to Bills on Second Reading. Representative Acevedo is seeking recognition."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Acevedo: "I'd like for all of my colleagues to help welcome a group of individuals down here with the Federation for Community Schools and they're from the Little Village Community, Enlace is right up here. Welcome to Springfield."

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Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The intent of the Chair is to go to Second Readings. On Second Reading appears House Bill 4723, Representative Brady. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4723, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative... Representative Burke, on Second Reading appears House Bill 4801. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4801, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Brauer, on Second Reading is House Bill 5688. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5688, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 5699, Representative Cultra. This Bill is on Second Reading. Do you wish to move this Bill? Out of the record. House Bill 5863, Representative Eddy. Do you wish... do you wish to move the Bill? Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Clearly, there are individuals on our side of the aisle who are trying to work within their rights as Members of the House to have Motions heard. The Motions have been filed, the individuals are waiting. They're... they're elected Representatives just like on your

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side of the aisle. I... I would hope that you would provide Representative Tryon the courtesy of his Motion. He's filed that Motion and I appreciate the fact that we're trying to get to Second Readings and, yes, please move my Bill to Third. But please recognize Representative Tryon. He's within his rights to speak, he's filed the proper Motion. Give him the respect he deserves as an elected official in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Eddy, do you wish to move the Bill from Second to Third? Yes? Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5863, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. It is the Chair's intent to go to Motions after a bit. Currently, I'm on the business of getting all Members, both sides of the aisle, Bills moved from Second to Third so we may prepare for the work of the House. Representative Colvin, House Bill 4871. Out of the record. Representative Currie, House Bill 5813. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5813, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Davis, Monique, House Bill 4664. Would you like to move the Bill? Representative Davis? Out of the record. House Bill 4933, Representative Fritchey. Out of the record. Representative Golar on House Bill 5836. Representative Golar, would you

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like to move this Bill? Out of the record. Rep... Representative Osmond, House Bill 4877. Would you like to move this Bill? Out of the record. Representative Pihos, House Bill 5011. Would you like to move this Bill. Sandy? Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5011, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Pritchard. Read the Bill. House Bill 5025."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5025, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Ramey, House Bill 5489. Representative Ramey. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5489, a Bill for an Act concerning orders of protection. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Leader Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. I, unfortunately, had to leave for a minute. I know there were a couple of Members on our side of the aisle with their hands up and lights on and filed a Motion or several Motions to discharge Bills from committee. I... we'd like to proceed on those. I... I know the Majority Leader would rather we not, but I think we have every right to pursue those. They're significant Bills, they're substantive

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Bills and we'd like to move forward on those right now.
What's the intention of the Chair on that?"

Speaker Mautino: "Yes. Leader Cross, as I had said while you were out of the chamber, the... the intention of the Chair is to come back to this order. But, currently it's the wish of the Chair to move Members' Bills from Second to Third so that all Members may get their Bills in position for action. But, I've..."

Cross: "Mr. Speaker..."

Speaker Mautino: "...I've told the Members I will go ahead and..."

Cross: "All right. Let me ask you this."

Speaker Mautino: "...move to that order once we get through that list."

Cross: "We... we have every right to move forward on these. It's the prerogative of the Members to, on a point of personal privilege, to move on a Motion to Discharge. We can stay later today if the concern is that we can't move Bills from Second to Third 'cause we don't have enough time. We've been leaving relatively early most every day. We are ready and willing and able to sit here as long as it takes to move Bills from Second to Third, but first, if a Member stands up and wishes to be heard on a Motion he or she should have every right to move forward on that and then we'll proceed to Second or Thirds at the appropriate time. And if that means we have to stay a little later, we are willing and ready to stay a little later, but we would like to move forward now. I know Representative Tryon has his light on. We'd like to move forward on his Bills and then followed by Representative Chapin. These are important

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Bills, they're not Bills that we take lightly. One of the Bills I know Representative Rose has deals with redistricting. Every major newspaper in the State of Illinois has advocated for a different way to do redistricting in the State of Illinois. The State Senate, across the chamber... across the building, even on the Democrat side has acknowledged that we need to do redistricting differently. So, I'm curious why we can't move forward right now with our Motions when a Member stands up?"

Speaker Mautino: "Thank you, Sir. The..."

Cross: "No, I asked... I'm asking a question. Why can we not move forward right now with our Motions?"

Speaker Mautino: "And I'm responding. The Chair has the ability to set the agenda for the day. And I have, as I said, every intention and will go back and deal with all of the Motions at the appropriate time. However, the order that we're on now is moving from Second to Third."

Cross: "Well, Mr. Speaker we're going to go to caucus. And we'll... we'll be back in a little later, we'll get to you when we can. And then we'll see what other Motions we have ready to go."

Speaker Mautino: "Yes, Leader Cross and that is... that is absolutely within your right. Do you have any idea how much time you'll need for the caucus?"

Cross: "No, I don't right now, but I'll let you know. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Mautino: "For the Members of the House, the House will be at recess until the hour of 2:30. The House will be in order. The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Tryon: "Thank you. In January, I filed House Bill 5212. According to the request from the Speaker's Office I made numerous attempts by e-mailing, asking that this be discharged from the Rules Committee. And therefore, under House Rule 18(g) I move for the discharge of House Bill 5212 from the House Rules Committee. And under House Rule 54(a)(2) all Motions are assigned to Standard Debate status and I wish to debate this Motion. Upon conclusion of the debate, I'm asking for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. And under Rule 49, Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution any vote shall be recorded.. a recorded vote whenever there is five Representatives who so request. And I believe there are five Representatives on my side of the aisle who are going to make that request and, therefore, I request that this Motion be discharged from the Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved to discharge from committee House Bill 5212. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "I object."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion requires unanimous consent. There's been an objection and the Chair would declare the Motion fails. Representative Tryon."

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Tryon: "I rise to a point of order because we specifically requested that a Roll Call be made and that that vote be recorded and I had five Members on my side of the aisle make that with me."

Speaker Mautino: "The Motion required unanimous consent. There was an objection, so your Motion has failed. Further Motions?"

Tryon: "Well, the... well, I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair if you're going to declare a 'no' vote. And..."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair. Mr. Tryon."

Tryon: "I would just like to say the importance of what we're about to do here. We are \$13 billion in debt. We've heard it from the Commercial Club, we've heard it from about every major newspaper in the state. COGFA gives us the number 13.6 billion. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget gives us 13 billion. And you know what, what is the true debt of the... of the state? In addition to that, we have \$82 billion of unfunded pension liability, \$22 billion of bonds that have been sold, another \$32 billion of bonds that have been issued. We have \$25 thousand of debt for every household in this state. And what this Bill will do is require that the General Assembly adopt an accrual base financial statement that gives every Representative here a true financial picture of what the state's finances are prior to a vote on the budget. Now, how is that a bad thing? How is it a bad thing to say before we vote on a budget that's going to create a \$13 billion deficit, we shouldn't have the right to know where

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we are? In addition to that, on page 147 of the Comptroller's Consolidated Annual Financial Report he says in his report that the General Assembly did not pass a balanced budget last year. Our Constitution requires that we have a balanced budget. We don't have a balanced budget and as Members we don't even get the opportunity to know what the true financial position of the state is. Once again, this is something we should all be able to agree on. Every county board in this state files a resolution to accept the financial condition from their auditor's report, every county. Every municipality does this. State Government doesn't do it. I hope that you will move to override the ruling of the Chair so that we can get this Bill discharged from the committee, get it heard, make this a law, so that each one of us gets to vote on a budget knowing what the financial position of the state.."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has made his Motion, the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Representative Hannig, do you wish to be recorded? Take the record. 68 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Chair is sustained. It's now the intention of the Chair to go to Bills on Second Reading. We'll be calling Democrat and Republican Bills. Mr. Tryon, you are seeking recognition?"

Tryon: "I am seeking recognition under my rights to rise for a point of personal privilege. And I'm also going to make a Motion under House Rule 18(g) to move for the discharge of

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House Bill 5008 from the Rules Committee. Under the House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status; therefore, I wish to debate this Motion. Upon the conclusion of the debate, I'm asking that we have a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 in Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be a record vote whenever five Representatives so request and I believe there are five Members on my side of the aisle that are requesting to have this vote. Therefore, I move that this Motion be discharged from the Rules Committee."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative, as I indicated we are moving to Second Readings. I will not be... acknowledging that Motion."

Tryon: "Okay. I... I do have a point of inquiry then..."

Speaker Mautino: "At this time, the Chair..."

Tryon: "...and I agree that while you can set the motions of the order of the day, this has nothing to do with the order of the day. And I'm making a point of personal privilege. And when I'm recognized as a point of personal privilege and I make a... Motion, I believe I have the right to make that Motion and you have to... you have to hear that Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "The Chair will now move to the Order of Second Readings. And on the order of Second Readings, Mr. Clerk. Representative Bradley, House Bill 5765. Would you like to move this Bill? Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5765, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. On Second Reading, House Bill 5191, Representative Fortner. Out of the record. Representative Kosel, on Second Reading appears House Bill 5483. Representative Kosel, do you wish to move this Bill? Out of the record. Representative Harris, House Bill 5085. Out of the record. The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti, you're recognized."

Reboletti: "A point of parliamentary inquiry."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Reboletti: "I'm trying to find out from Mr. Ellis if the point of... of procedure here is that when I make an inquiry or Mr. Tryon makes an inquiry, a point of personal privilege, if that trumps anything else here as far as the order of the day and the order of... of what's on the Calendar? It does, according to my interpretation. I'm asking for Mr. Ellis's interpretation."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Reboletti, under Rule 31 the Speaker determines the Order of Business for the day."

Reboletti: "This is not... Speaker, this is not a point of business, Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Un... the Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to discharge House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #56 from the House Rules Committee. As you know, under House Rule 54(a)(2) all Motions are to be assigned Standard Debate status and therefore, I wish to debate my Motion. At the conclusion of the debate, I wish for and request a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49(a), in

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Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Constitution any vote shall be recorded by vote whenever five Representatives so request. There are at least five people on my side of the aisle so making such a request, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 56 is exactly what is needed to stop what happened here today. It is the Fair Map Amendment, which has been endorsed by every major newspaper in the State of Illinois. It is the Fair Map Amendment, which has been endorsed by virtually every good government in the State of Illinois. It is the Fair Map Amendment that's been endorsed by the League of Women Voters, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Farm Bureau and a whole host of people who want their democracy back in the State of Illinois. What happened here today is exactly why we need the Fair Map Amendment. Mr. Speaker, I respectfully request that House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #56 be discharged from Rules."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has... place the Motion on the Board... moved that House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 56 be discharged from Rules. This requires unanimous consent. Representative Currie on the Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "Hold, please. Mr. Clerk, would you correct the board, please. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 56. The board is now correct. As you've heard the Gentleman's Motion, the Lady from Cook is recognized. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I still object to the Motion."

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Speaker Mautino: "There has been an objection. This Motion requires unanimous consent; therefore, the Motion is declared lost. Representative Rose."

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, I rose to a point of order on that. We specifically requested a Roll Call, Mr. Speaker, on my Motion. And pursuant to the House... pursuant to the House Rules and the Illinois Constitution, this is a breach that must be corrected, Mr. Speaker. Therefore, under the applicable House Rule 57(a), I move to appeal your ruling, Mr. Speaker, and go to a discharge to... to not discharge House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 56. As you know, this Amendment is exactly what is needed in this state, exactly what is needed in this state. And while not asked, this would be my top priority to restore democracy to the people of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair under the House Rules. He is allowed two minutes which he has had to make his statement. Anyone in opposition may speak for two minutes. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Currie certainly is in her rights to object to the Gentleman's Motion. Let me tell you what I object to, I object to making a Motion cloaked by a point of personal privilege. When you look at Rule 31 of the House, Rule 31 of the House clearly gives the Speaker the power to set the agenda. But even in the absence of the Speaker setting the agenda, out of the 23 items that we could be doing on the floor, the 23 different Orders of Business, item 20... item 20 out of 23 is Motions

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to Discharge Committee. Cloaking a Motion to Discharge Committee over and over and over again within a Motion... a point of personal privilege is certainly beyond any Rule of the House. I would ask that the Chair begin to rule these Motions out of order, which they are. Additionally, Mr. Speaker, when a Rule says that it requires unanimous consent and somebody stands up and objects, to then appeal the ruling of the Chair is a ridiculous place to go. It's a waste of our time, a waste of your time, a waste of the taxpayers' time. Even if the Gentleman's Motion was well-founded and even if it was a good Bill and even if we all agreed to it, it's out of order as soon as one Member declares their objection to the Motion. Additionally, Mr. Speaker, I'm getting a little tired of people speaking to the Bill when the Motion is shall the Chair be sustained. That's what they ought to be speaking to. It is completely out of order. The Motion was out of order, you recognizing them was out of order. This debate is out..."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Rose, you will receive under the House Rules one minute to close."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will simply say, what are you all afraid of? You don't want the citizens of Illinois to take back their democracy? Members... Members, forget Leadership. Members, this is your right to stand up for your constituents. These Bills are your right to stand up for your constituents. You don't agree with it, fine, vote 'no', but at least take the vote. Every one of these today, whether it was budget transparency, the Fair Map Amendment, any of them, it's your right to represent your

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constituents. You've just given that up. Last week we had 10 or 15 of you... 10 or 15 of you were joining with us on these. What happened to you? This is your rights as Members to represent your constituents. Do the right thing, take back the State of Illinois, overrule the ruling of the Chair and let's have a vote on the Fair Map."

Speaker Mautino: "Question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 68 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Chair is sustained. The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Tryon.

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise under a point of personal privilege and under House Rule 18(g), not House Rule 31, I move for a discharge of House Bill 3948 from the Rules Committee. Under House Rule 54(a)(2) all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon the conclusion of this debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 of Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be a recorded vote whenever five Representatives of this House shall so request and I believe there are five Representatives on my side of the aisle. Therefore, I move the Motion to Discharge from the Rules Committee."

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Speaker Mautino: "This is a point of order, but not a point of personal privilege. I will recognize you for that and the Gentleman has made a Motion that House Bill 3948 be discharged committee. This requires unanimous consent. On that Motion, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I object to the Motion."

Speaker Mautino: "This Motion requires unanimous consent. There has been objection and therefore, the Motion fails. Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to appeal the ruling of the Chair and ask for... that we override the Chair. I think this is a very important piece of legislation. This is legislation that would repeal the sales tax increase in Cook County and in this economic times, we have heard from people in Cook County, all over the county, about the higher sales tax. The fact that the cities in Cook County have even had debates about trying to withdraw from Cook County because it's affecting their sales tax base. I would hope that at least on this Motion we could come to an agreement since we already did half of this. That we... we could appeal this one and... and send it back for... at least have a debate on this House Floor about it. Therefore, I am overruling... I'm requesting that we overrule your decision."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has made a Motion. On that Motion, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would just like to address what's going on here. I have been lucky enough to have been in the Illinois General Assembly since 1991. We've seen this

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before, I believe it was '93 and '94. Frank was here, and I'll get to '95. '93 and '94 stall tactics... and you're within your right to do it... you're within your right to do it. At that time, '93 and '94 we were at fault. We were at fault in that we, as the Majority Party, weren't calling your Bills. In '95 you took over the Majority, we did what you were doing as a result of you not calling our Bills. The difference is, is that we both have Bills, both sides of the aisle have Bills to move that are Second Reading, they're on Third Reading. You made your point, you can make more points tomorrow, but I would just suggest that in the orderly fashion of things that we, as Members, begin to move the Bills on both sides of the aisle. Make your points, let's get through it and let's move the Bills so we can help the people of our districts and the people of Illinois."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Tryon to close."

Tryon: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's our right to come here and debate Bills. It's our right to file Bills. Each one of these Bills has significant merit. This Rules Committee that just bottles it up and doesn't let it be heard, it's time that we rethink that process. When our Bill deadline passed last week, I only have the Bill that day. So, I have to come here today and do this. I have one more of these. I'll hope you'll accommodate these so I don't have to come back tomorrow, but let me have a fair chance to get these on the floor for debate so they can move through the process. Let these Bills have a chance to have a fair two weeks to be moved. Let these

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Bills have the same process that those Bills have if they're good enough to be heard. How can you be against commonsense legislation like this? One, we've already passed half of this already. Let's finish the job. Two, the other Bills are about good government, so let's let one or two of these get heard in the next two weeks. That's all I'm asking. All I'm asking. Don't bottle all my Bills up in the Rules Committee. This is wrong."

Speaker Mautino: "Question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 68 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Chair is sustained. Back to Seconds and Thirds. It is the intent of the Chair that I go to all Members' Bills on the Orders of Second and Third Reading. On Second Reading of the Calendar we have House Bill 4933, Representative Fritchey. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4933, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative McAuliffe, House Bill 5996. Out of the record. Representative Bill Mitchell, House Bill 4663. Out of the record. Representative Reboletti, House Bill 5149. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5149, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Reis, House Bill 4608. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4608, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative William Davis, 5289. Excuse me. On... House Bill 4608, Third Reading. House Bill 5289. Out of the record. Representative Dunkin, House Bill 5281. Out of the record. House Bill 6112, Representative Flider. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6112, a Bill for an Act concerning employment has been read a second time previously. No Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 4991, Representative Ford. Representative Ford. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4991, a Bill for an Act concerning state employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 3998, Representative Careen Gordon. Representative Gordon. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3998, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 5900, Representative Jehan Gordon. Representative Gordon. Out

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of the record. Representative Hamos, House Bill 5976.
Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5976, a Bill for an Act concerning
civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 4672, Representative
Harris. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4672, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment
#1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No
Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez,
House Bill 5501. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5501, a Bill for an Act concerning
hunger. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Hoffman, 5064.
Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5064, a Bill for an Act concerning
gaming. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1
and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No
Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Holbrook,
4985. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4985, a Bill for an Act concerning
electronic records. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor
Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Howard, 5399. Out of the record. Representative Jackson, House Bill 5065. Representative Jackson. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5065, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Jefferson, House Bill 1629. Representative Jefferson. Out of the record. Clerk, House Bill 1629, Representative Jefferson, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1629, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Floor Amendment... Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Jefferson, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative... On the Amendment, Representative Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. The Amendment simply makes this exclusive to Rockford. Amendment #2 makes it exclusive to Rockford."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2. Representative Eddy on the Amendment."

Eddy: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, could you once again state what the intent of this Amendment is? Describe it for us? How does it change the underlying Bill?"

Jefferson: "Amendment #2... House Amendment #2 is a city initiative to annex unincorporated land to Rockford. And this makes it exclusive to Rockford."

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Eddy: "Well, according to our analysis it provides for the forcible annexation of territory within the City of Rockford. Is that the intent of the Amendment to allow for the annexation of territory within the City of Rockford?"

Jefferson: "Unincorporated areas that haven't been annexed into the city for at least 10 years, yes."

Eddy: "So, are there certain parameters or rules regarding what territory can be annexed? Does it have to be contiguous? Does it have to be a certain size? Are there any other... are there any other requirements?"

Jefferson: "It has to be a certain size."

Eddy: "What... an acre? Can they... can they go pick up an acre here, a football field there, seven acres? How... how large of parcels... what are the requirements?"

Jefferson: "I want to say 60 acres."

Eddy: "So, that's the... it has to be larger than 60 acres in order for the..."

Jefferson: "At least 60 acres."

Eddy: "...at least 60?"

Jefferson: "Yes."

Eddy: "So, what's the purpose? Why is this necessary for Rockford to be able to... to forcibly annex parcels of 60 acres or more? Representative, I... the question was, what is the purpose? Why is this necessary?"

Jefferson: "Simply because we've got unincorporated areas that have not been part of the city for at least 10 years. And what they're saying is that we need to... because of the safety issue more than anything else we need to annex these

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unincorporated areas into the city so that they can begin to receive city services."

Eddy: "So, right now the city can do this on parcels under 60 acres and you're trying to extend that over 60 acres. And I... Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Amendment. Actually, I... I don't see why it's necessary. I don't think the Representative has given us specific reasons as to why it would be necessary for the City of Rockford to be able to... to have some kind of forcible annexation power of 60 acres or more. Mr. Speaker, I would request a Roll Call vote on the Amendment and I would urge Members to vote 'no'."

Speaker Mautino: "I've acknowledged the request. There will be a Roll Call Amendment... a Roll Call vote on that Amendment. Representative Reboletti on the Amendment."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates that he will."

Reboletti: "Representative, how many people live in... in that affected area? What if... if you describe the type of... of property that's there? Is it commercial, retail, is it mixed, residential?"

Jefferson: "They have different populations, depending on the areas that have been incorporated."

Reboletti: "Would you... is there a thousand people there? Is there... do you know?"

Jefferson: "In some cases there might be a couple of hundred, in other cases there might be a hundred. It... it, you know, it has no specific amount. It's just unincorporated areas that have not been annexed to the city for at least 10 years."

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Reboletti: "Are... are these... are the citizens that live in this affected area, are they supportive of forced annexation? I have unincorporated areas in my communities that do not want to be a part of the municipalities that they border. So, I want to make sure that we're not forcing somebody against their will into the City of Rockford."

Jefferson: "I appreciate that, Representative. You know this is an initiative of the City of Rockford. And oftentimes, I think we allow municipalities to tell us what's good for them. The City of Rockford is simply saying this is something that they want to happen in the City of Rockford, not anything to do with your municipality or anyone else's municipality. So, at this point... you know, the mayor comes and says, this is something that they want to do for the City of Rockford. I don't think it's anyone else's concern outside of the City of Rockford to be objective to this."

Reboletti: "Well, I... I guess that goes to the heart of the question, Representative. Is... do the people that live outside of Rockford want to become Rockford citizens? They're usually is... there's a petition process if they want to do that. And I was wondering what the history of... of that petition process was, if there was one?"

Jefferson: "There is going to a petition process. This only allows them to be able to do this. They will have to go back to the people, and still through an ordinance or whatever it is they do, to ask permission from the people to do this after this legislation passes."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Representative."

Jefferson: "You're welcome."

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Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Fortner on the Amendment."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates he will."

Fortner: "Representative, it strikes me that this is an unusual circumstance. This is a parcel greater than 60 acres is that correct, that Rockford is seeking to annex?"

Jefferson: "No. Up to."

Fortner: "Up to? As I'm reading this, so... so this is still a parcel less than 60 acres? Is..."

Jefferson: "Yes."

Fortner: "The way I read the Bill it looks like it's affecting a parcel in excess of 60 acres. It... it... this looks like it's a very big tract of land that's surrounded by Rockford, not a small... these types of annexations usually take place with a very small number of small lots that are wholly surrounded. This looks like it deals with a... an area that's much, much larger the way I read the Bill. And I just want to..."

Jefferson: "It's not one big parcel, it's numerous small parcels."

Fortner: "It's a number of small parcels, but the total area is very large is... is what it looks like. Is that... is that correct?"

Jefferson: "Yes."

Fortner: "The... I guess my concern here is that... To the Bill... to the Amendment, sorry, to the Amendment. The... normally municipalities seeking to annex islets, it happens in municipalities all the time that they have surrounded

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islands. Generally, and I would say what should continue to be our state policy, is that is restricted to those islands that are under 60 acres in size. In this case we're dealing with islands some of which would be substantially larger than 60 acres. And even though I can see the Representative's tried to provide some relief to the owners through a short transitional period of tax abatement, I think that... and even though it only is written right now for the City of Rockford, I think that still opens the door to a number of other municipalities who would also then be seeking this same authority from this Body and this Amendment would take us on a path that I think takes us to a policy that would not be beneficial. And I would urge that we do not accept this Amendment."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Joyce on the Amendment."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates that he will."

Joyce: "Representative Jefferson, I, too, have read this Amendment and I think I disagree with the previous speakers. Is your attempt here to try to create a separate abatement with regards to the 60 acres for those properties that are under 60 acres and those properties that are over 60 acres?"

Jefferson: "That is the intent of the City of Rockford."

Joyce: "And... and that's... Ladies and Gentlemen, if you look at the Amendment it calls for two separate sets of abatements; one that is for 60 acres or under and one for that is under... in excess of 60 acres. And so, I think the City of

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Rockford has come to us to try to allow them some help in some very difficult financial times for all of our communities. And I would think that the discretion that each of us over the years has asked for our fellow Members when it comes to our hometowns should apply here. And I think that an 'aye' vote is probably in order despite the confusion that's been created on this conversation on this Bill. This would allow for folks that are in residential properties to have abatements once they are annexed and for commercial properties to possibly be developed to have abatements. And I think it's very specific, I think it's very clear. And I think that the same professional courtesy has been extended to probably everyone in this chamber as long as they've been serving here, when it comes to their hometowns and to their districts. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Boone, Representative Wait."

Wait: "Thank you. Would the speaker yield?"

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Wait: "Chuck, is this the great land grab Bill for the City of Rockford that we killed in the city and municipality because the people did not want it? And we were able to kill it, but then you took it to a different committee? And then most of this area that you want to grab and put into Rockford is in my district and my people do not want to be forced to be annexed to Rockford, is that true?"

Jefferson: "No. This is not the Bill that was killed, this Bill is very much alive, Representative."

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Wait: "Yes. But it was the same Bill though, isn't it? The same... it's the same purpose, to force people to be annexed who do not want to be annexed. In fact, I understand Zeke Giorgi for 20, 30 years has been down here trying to do this. Even the great Zeke Giorgi was trying to do this. Are you trying to do something that even Zeke Giorgi could not do?"

Jefferson: "I'm not competing... I'm not competing against Zeke Giorgi, Representative."

Wait: "Well... to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is strictly a land grab Bill by the City of Rockford. They're hurting for money like every municipality, but if this is to through for Rockford, this could also happen to your community. These people do not want to be annexed to Rockford. This would move the... the limits from 60 acres. They want to annex between five and six hundred acres, 10 times what we currently have. That would be like taking in a whole nother community. Would you like to have them come down there and force your community into this? I would hope when this comes up on Third Reading or on the Amendment that you would vote 'no' and kill this land grab by the City of Rockford. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Indicates that he will."

Winters: "Representative Jefferson, I believe Representative Joyce asked you a question. I wasn't sure that the question was phrased or the understanding was to the... to

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the General Assembly. This deals with parcels of greater than 60 acres, is that not the case?"

Jefferson: "It excludes single parcels over 60 acres."

Winters: "It does not. If you read the Bill, this is exclusively designed..."

Jefferson: "We're looking at the Bill, Representative."

Winters: "...for parcels exceeding 60 acres. The language, if you read it, is for parcels larger than 60 acres. You've misread the Bill."

Jefferson: "Well, Representative, I'm looking at the Bill here. And the Bill reads, it excludes single parcels of property in excess of 60 acres located within the territory that's wholly bounded by the City of Rockford. It's meant so bounded by for at least 10 years and no petition for incorporation has been filed. These parcels have been out there for 10 years."

Winters: "The... the question I have is, we have... we have a real... there are two different ways to read this. Could you pull this out of the record until we could... we can talk without the time pressure..."

Jefferson: "Representative..."

Winters: "...of the clocks?"

Jefferson: "Representative, I appreciate that. You know, we have been dealing with this situation, I think the former Representative, Representative Wait said that probably since the days of Zeke Giorgi. So, nothing has changed since then. We're trying to incorporate these unincorporated areas into the City of Rockford. This is a

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safety issue more than anything. You know, these people are without fire, without police..."

Winters: "Representative, I hate to break in... that's not the question I was trying to deal with."

Jefferson: "...without ambulance. No."

Winters: "We have an... we have an issue on the interpretation of how the language is... is written in the Bill. I would appreciate it if you could call it out or pull it out of the record until we can determine whether this is for under or over 60. If it's in fact... if it in fact limits it to parcels under 60 acres they already have that right. They already have the right to forcibly annex under 60 acres."

Jefferson: "Representative, with much respect to you, this is simply adopting the Amendment. We're going to Third Reading. So, we've got plenty of time, Representative, for debate from this point on. So, it's not like we're passing this on to the Senate today. We're just adopting the Amendment and moving it from Second to Third. So, from that point I'd be happy to talk to you about any concerns that you might have, but we're moving it from Second to Third Reading."

Winters: "I take your point. I... we will discuss this further before Third Reading. Thank you."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Lady from DuPage, Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates that he will."

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Bellock: "I wanted to ask since this seems to be so controversial about annexation of people who don't give their permission, was the Illinois Municipal League opposed to this Amendment #2?"

Jefferson: "Not... not to my knowledge, no."

Bellock: "Have they taken a position on the Bill... on the Amendment?"

Jefferson: "I haven't seen a position if they have."

Bellock: "But it is annexation by a municipality of people who do not want to be annexed? Their permission has not been given."

Jefferson: "It's... the permission, I don't know at this point if it's been asked. This is the city's right, they feel, to be able to do this."

Bellock: "It would be forced annexation without the permission of the people who own the property?"

Jefferson: "Excuse me, Representative, I've just been informed that the Municipal League was in favor of this."

Bellock: "Of Amendment #2?"

Jefferson: "Yes."

Bellock: "Thank you. But just the second question... thank you, Representative Jefferson... was, it is forced annexation of people who have not given their permission on the property?"

Jefferson: "Absolutely, Representative. You know you are always going to have people that disagree with progress, but after progress takes place they realize that it's better for them than what they were."

Bellock: "Thank you for your comments."

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Jefferson: "So, yes."

Speaker Lang: Representative Tryon, are you speaking on the Amendment? The Gentleman does not wish to speak. Representative Lang in the Chair. Representative Jefferson to close. Representative Jefferson to close."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like I said before, all this Amendment does is makes it exclusive to Rockford. With what we're doing with the annexation, we're offering fire protection, police protection, ambulance service, snow removal, septic systems, library services, street cleaning, garbage pickup, city water, on and on and on. And this is an initiative of the City of Rockford. I would ask for your support on adopting this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "A Roll Call vote has been requested. Those in favor shall vote 'yes'; those opposed shall vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Crespo. The Clerk will take the record. On this question, 57 voting 'yes', 55 voting 'no' and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. However, notes have been requested and not yet filed."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. On the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 4818, Representative Sacia. Mr. Sacia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4818, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 4936, Representative Jakobsson. Out of the record. On the Order of Third... Second Reading appears House Bill 57... 5057, Representative Joyce. Mr. Joyce. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 4975, Representative Saviano. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 5749, Representative Schmitz. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Reading appears House Bill 5802, Representative Senger. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5802, a Bill for an Act concerning job creation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. However, notes have been requested and not yet filed."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill will be held on the Order of Second Reading. On the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 5799, Representative Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Mr. Speaker, I have an inquiry of the Chair. Is it possible for me to give up my time to Representative Tryon at this point?"

Speaker Lang: "Not at this point, Sir."

Sullivan: "Oh, okay. One... one moment please about the Bill."

Lang: "Mr. Sullivan, do you want to move your Bill to Third Reading or not, Sir?"

Sullivan: "I have to look at it 'cause I can't quite remember at this point."

Speaker Lang: "We'll come back to you, Sir."

Sullivan: "Oh, here it is."

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Speaker Lang: "Next Bill... if you're ready? Are you ready, Sir?
Out of the record. Next Bill is House Bill 5372 on the
Order of Second Reading, Representative Lyons. Mr. Lyons.
Out of the record. House Bill 6094 on the Order of Second
Reading, Representative McAsey. Representative McAsey.
Out of the record. House Bill 5021 on the Order of Second
Reading, Representative McGuire. Out of the record. Oh,
I'm sorry. I missed you, Representative. Please read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5021, a Bill for an Act making
appropriations has been read a second time, previously. No
Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5419 on the Order of
Second Reading, Representative Mell. Representative Mell.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5419, a Bill for an Act concerning
health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1
was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5538 on the Order of
Second Reading, Representative Mendoza. Please read the
Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5538, a Bill for an Act concerning
State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill.
Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor
Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5623, Representative
Watson, on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Watson. Out
of the record. House Bill 5972 on the Order of Second

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Reading, Representative Winters. Mr. Winters. Out of the record. On the Order of Second Reading, House Bill 4975, Representative Saviano. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4975, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5623 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Watson. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5623, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. All Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on House Bill 5623 replace that Bill to the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 4858 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Phelps. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4858, a Bill for an Act concerning identification cards. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5224 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Reitz. Mr. Reitz. Out of the record. House Bill 5448 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5448, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. A Floor Amendment

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has been referred to the Rules Committee, but not approved for consideration. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Do you wish to move the Bill with the.. without that Amendment, Representative? Gentleman wants to move the Bill. Third Reading. House Bill 4917, Representative Sente. I'm sorry. It's 4817, Representative Sente. Out of the record. House Bill 4984 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Smith. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4984, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 5409 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Thapedi. Out of the record. House Bill 4847 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Turner. Out of the record. House Bill 4959 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Walker. Out of the record. House Bill 4909 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Washington. Read the Bill, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4909, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading House Bill 5525, Representative Yarbrough. Representative Yarbrough. Out of the record. House Bill 4788 on the Order of Second Reading, Representative Zalewski. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4788, a Bill for an Act concerning the public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Members, we're moving to Third Reading Bills. Third Reading Bills. First one, on page 26 of the Calendar House Bill 6148, Representative Biggins. Please read the Bill. Mr. Biggins, I'm told there's an Amendment filed on your Bill."

Biggins: "Yes, there is, Mr. Speaker. And I would like to ask the Amendment be adopted."

Speaker Lang: "Do you move the... do you want to move this back to the Order of Second Reading, Sir?"

Biggins: "Yes, we have to do that. Right, do that."

Speaker Lang: "All right. Mr. Clerk, please put this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Biggins, we'll get back to you. Next, House Bill 5764 on Third Reading on page 24 of the Calendar, Representative Bradley. Out of the record. On page 26 of the Calendar appears House Bill 6262, Representative Cole. Representative Cole. Do you wish to move the Bill, Representative Cole?"

Cole: "It's on... it's on Third, Mr. Speaker? I ask to call the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "The Bill is on Third Reading. Are you ready to proceed?"

Cole: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6262, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cole."

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Cole: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 6262 amends the State Officials and Employee Ethics Act. Under this Act, currently, public service announcements on behalf of a state agency by a State Representative, a State Senator or a Constitutional Officer cannot appear on broadcast TV or radio, printed commercial newspaper or a printed commercial magazine. This Bill amends the Ethics Act adding billboard or electronic message board to the number of... to the places where a state employee cannot use their image or their voice or their name on these billboards. Be happy to answer... I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Lady's moved for the passage of House Bill 6262. This Bill is on Short Debate. The timer will be in play. The Chair recognizes Representative Fritchey. Mr. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Just so I under... so I understand, you're simply trying to take the existing ban from static, which is all the billboards, to the electronic billboards, correct?"

Cole: "Correct. Currently, billboards are within the Ethics Act. Electronic billboards such as the video billboards would also be part of the Bill."

Fritchey: "Why do you believe that an electronic billboard isn't covered under the definition of billboard?"

Cole: "Because it's more of a video."

Fritchey: "It's... it's a..."

Cole: "...as a TV would be."

Fritchey: "They're... they're... they're not regulated like TV sets are; they're regulated like billboards are. For land use purposes by municipalities, et cetera, they're regulated... I

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mean, they're billboards. I'm not... I'm not saying that this is a bad idea, I'm saying it's a redundant idea. This is already done. Electronic billboards are billboards. They are... they are treated as such under the law. And I do believe they're covered under the Act already."

Cole: "Representative, I think it would make it more clear that these electronic billboards are also... fall under the Ethics Act. And this Bill, it just... just for reference, this Bill has passed the House and the Senate several times. This is not the first time..."

Fritchey: "Oh, there... there's a lot of things that have passed..."

Cole: "...we've had it go through."

Fritchey: "...there's a lot of things that have passed this chamber several times that never should have. But at the... at the end of the day, I mean, here, and if we want to... you know, if we want to throw more statutes on the books and we're going to put more Amendments in there, that's fine. Billboards are covered. This is already the law of the land. I'm not trying to take issue with you. I'm just simply trying to point out, you know, we don't pay attention to what we do sometimes. Folks, we've done this. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cole to close."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for passage of House Bill 6262. Those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take

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the record. On this question, 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 24 of the Calendar appears House Bill 5783, Third Reading, Representative Burns. Out of the record. House Bill 6132, Representative Fortner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6132, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 6132 will clarify that honey whether on the comb or off the comb in its natural state is a raw agricultural commodity and should be treated as such in terms of regulations, not subject to the stricter regulations that one would expect for processed food. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4780, Representative Chapa LaVia. Out of the record. House Bill 6267, Representative Hatcher. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6267, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hatcher."

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Hatcher: "Thank you, Speaker. The legislation that's before the House today covers what I hope may be a big step going forward for an open and more transparent approach to our fiscal approach to legislation in this state. This sets specific guidelines whenever the Comptroller's report should be made public to both the Legislators and the public."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of House Bill 6267. And there being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Coladipietro, Representative Colvin, Representative Ramey. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 5012, Representative Collins. Out of the record. House Bill 4627, Representative Kosel. Representative Kosel. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4627, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Years ago the county treasurer and the county collector were slated to take office at a different time than the rest of the, excuse me, township officials. The township assessor takes office in January after being elected in April. This leaves him with an eight month lame-duck period. This Bill would shorten that lame-duck period, not for the sitting assessor, but for the

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assessor after that. So, it would not affect anyone now. It would eliminate very, very bad public policy of having someone with an eight-month lame-duck period. There has been quite a few people who have told me horror stories about what can happen during this eight-month period. And I would ask for your support on this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Representative Biggins. Mr. Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in objection to this Bill. The Assessors Association is against the Bill. And I don't know of a single assessor, except the one that's in this chamber, that's for this Bill in Illinois. And it's a bad policy... public policy to start changing the tax lien date or assessment lien date for purposes of valuing real estate does not coincide with the terms of office of the assessors who are elected currently in spring and have to wait until January, I understand that. But the taxing of property for governmental purposes, which is what this is, is not to be started in the middle of May. It's supposed to be started before... around January 1. You're going to put all the taxing bodies at a disadvantage that are due to receive these moneys, any moneys. And there's very little groundswell for the Bill. Mr. Speaker, can I ask a question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Biggins: "Yes, Representative, does... are there any supporters for this Bill?"

Kosel: "Yes, there's quite a few people who are supporting it, including many, many local newspaper editorial boards,

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local citizens. And I have received positive comments from many assessors across the state, saying that this Bill made absolutely perfect sense in the good old days when assessment was kept in paper and pencil and in your head, but now any assessor worth... worth his salt can absolutely take over in the middle of someone's terms because it's... it's done in so much more contemporary form than it ever has been before. This is just a plain good government Bill. No one needs to have an eight-month lame-duck period."

Biggins: "Well, do you want to finish your comments or can I ask another question?"

Speaker Lang: "You completed your questions, Mr. Biggins?"

Biggins: "Yeah. I have a..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Biggins: "...I have a letter..."

Speaker Lang: "Oh, I apologize, Mr. Sullivan. Please proceed, the timer is on, Sir."

Biggins: "Oh, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do have a letter from the Will County Assessor's Association, I think they're unanimously opposed to the Bill. I believe the Sponsor lives in Will County. Other than that, everybody's for it she said. Okay. That's all."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill affects what I do when I'm not down here. As you can see, I am a Sponsor of this Bill. You will hear many assessors that are opposed to this; that is somewhat of a turf war that's going on. They don't want to

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change what affects their... their job. They will say that you do not want to change the assessor qualifications in the middle of an assessment cycle. What happens is January 1, technically, the assessment cycle begins and if you change it to the middle of May that it will be undue pressure for an assessor to complete their work. I completely disagree with them, quite frankly. And.. and I'll give you a couple reasons why. First off, the Department of Revenue when they give us our data by which we do our assessments, they do not even transmit the data to us until April. So, the reality is you're only talking about a month lag time by which you can start your.. start your work. Second, and Representative Kosel actually said it the best, in the past when you're doing paper to pencil to do your assessments it took awhile to do those assessments. Nowadays with computer assisted mass appraisal programs you could do this much faster, much quicker and much more accurately. Second, assessors are one of the few people that have to have continuing education to even run and they have to have a certification called a CIAO to even run in the first place. So, the idea that you can't do your job when you start in May should have no bearing because you should already know how to do your job 'cause you have to take classes to do it. So, hopefully you understood what I meant by that. But it.. it.. it's fairly straightforward. Here are the problems, you have assessors that have a lame dunk.. lame-duck period from April to January. We see problems after problems after

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problems where they spend down their budget and leave nothing for the few months before the new fiscal year..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Franks: "Representative, would this Bill put the assessors in-line with other elected officials such as township supervisors and clerks? And they would..."

Kosel: "Yes, it would."

Franks: "...and they would take... What you're basically saying is they would take office when the rest of the township officers take office?"

Kosel: "That is correct. All township officers under this Bill would take office at the same time."

Franks: "Okay. So, right now assessors for some reason are not being treated like other township officials?"

Kosel: "They are not. Assessors and collectors both take office eight months after their collected, allowing for all kinds of things to happen during that eight-month period."

Franks: "To the Bill. I want to... I want to commend the Sponsor for bringing this forward. There's no rational reason for the assessors not to be treated like the other township officials. Once someone is a lame-duck or... or loses an election or determines not to run again, they don't have quite the incentive as someone who has just won that seat. And to have that person there for an additional eight months is unnecessary and also it's unproductive. What we have here is a way to really, across the board, make it more equal for all of those who are elected to office. We

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should shorten these lame-duck periods. Think of in our positions if we lose an election in November, we're out of here in January. Can you imagine the... the mischief we can cause if we got to stay through the next Legislative Session. We need people who are committed. And this is one way to tighten up government, to make it more accountable and we should all be voting 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan, since I forgot to put Mr. Franks' timer on I'm gonna let you finish your remarks, Sir. But I would ask all Members to be brief."

Sullivan: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have one more point and it's actually the most important point. When an assessor fails to do their job because they choose not to, they don't bring on new property for tax purposes. When they don't do that, that hurts every taxing body out there by not doing their job. So, if you want to continue that practice, don't vote for this Bill. If you want to streamline what goes on and... and not allow the problems that go on, please vote for this."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. I'm standing in strong support of this Bill as well. In Evanston Township we had this exact situation. We worked very hard to defeat the incumbent, all of the Democratic elected officials got behind a new reform... reformer minded assessor candidate. She won and now we are stuck for eight months with somebody we didn't want that we worked very hard to defeat. This is a very long lame-duck period for somebody that we elected, that the voters strongly elected to be out of office. And

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all kinds of things happen during this very long period. It makes no sense. And I really strongly sup... urge you to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be very brief. All of the assessors in my county... in two of my counties, Mercer and Rock Island are against this. And I have a letter in my hand from Kelli Lord who is President of the Will County Assessor's Association and that's... I'm assum... I think that is the county that the Bill presenter's from and they're in opposition to this. If it's such a good thing, why are they in such opposition? That's all I have. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kosel to close."

Kosel: "Thank you very much. This is... this is a great good government vote. This is... this is something that will make a difference, this is something that is great for the people of... of the State of Illinois. And I can show you just stacks and stacks of newspaper articles that come out of just one assessor in... in my district. Maybe the assessors aren't for it, but I will tell you the people are. It's something we need to do. First of all, I also want to let you know that... that assessors in Cook County don't assess property. So... so, this does not... the arguments that we are hearing do not affect the assessors in Cook County because they don't actually assess and in the City of Chicago there actually are no assessors. So, I would ask for your vote. A great good government vote, a

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great vote for tightening something that has been wrong for years."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Bellock, Brauer, Mitchell, Winters. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting 'yes', 29 voting 'no', 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 6257, Representative DeLuca. Are you ready to proceed on your Bill, Mr. DeLuca? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6257, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca, I understand there's an Amendment filed on this Bill. Would you like it moved back to Second so we can do the Amendment on another day?"

DeLuca: "No, we're holding off on Amendment #2."

Speaker Lang: "Say that again, Sir?"

DeLuca: "We're holding off on Amendment #2."

Speaker Lang: "So, you move to table that Amendment?"

DeLuca: "We're withdrawing it."

Speaker Lang: "With... hold, please. All right. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. The Bill's read a third time already, so the Chair recognizes Mr. DeLuca."

DeLuca: "And we're holding on... we're tabling Amendment #2?"

Speaker Lang: "You're... you're fine... you don't even have to that, Sir."

DeLuca: "Okay."

Speaker Lang: "Just proceed with your Bill."

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DeLuca: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is what is also known as the Crime Free Housing Legislation. Last year we passed it out of the House, it was Bill 1783, which licensed and regulated landlords. Well, we made some changes. And what this does is this requires in all leases to have language that the commission of any felony or Class A misdemeanor under the laws would void the lease. It's current state... it's current State Law and all this does is require that that language is included in the leases. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Eddy."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Eddy: "Representative, the original... the underlying Bill and of course that's all we have because you didn't go with the Amendment, but is there opposition to the legislation as presented?"

DeLuca: "I believe the Housing Action Illinois and Sergeant Shriver National Center are opposed."

Eddy: "Well, what about the Illinois Association of Realtors?"

DeLuca: "They are proponents. They are supporting it with Amendment #1."

Eddy: "Okay. So, the... Amendment #1 was adopted, that removed the opposition of the Realtors Association."

DeLuca: "Yes."

Eddy: "It did not remove the opposition of Housing Action Illinois and it did not remove the opposition of Chicagoland Apartment Association. Amendment #2, which you

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did not choose to attach, was that an effort to remove the rest of the opposition?"

DeLuca: "No, it was not an effort to remove because the opposition, as it stands right now, is opposed to the State Law. They're not necessarily opposed to this legislation. They're opposed to the State Law as it stands right now."

Eddy: "Okay. So, the significant opponent that was removed by the Amendment that you did adopt was the Association of Realtors, they are now proponents with the Amendment?"

DeLuca: "With the Amendment #1, yes."

Eddy: "Okay. And that was adopted. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. DeLuca to close."

DeLuca: "I ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Winters. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, sorry... 105 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 6271, Representative Mathias. Out of the record. House Bill 6... 5956, Representative Dugan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5956, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 5956 addresses an issue that has to do with firefighters killed in the line of

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duty. And what it does is it amends the Line of Duty Compensation Act as we did last year with House Bill 22 for veterans. It just adds firefighters in the line of duty as far as the Compensation Act. And I'll answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Golar. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 113 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Howard on a point of personal privilege. Chair recognizes Representative Howard on a point of personal privilege."

Howard: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As everyone knows March is Women's History Month. And in accordance with that, I'm going to talk about a person who is from Illinois or who was from Illinois and who we are very proud of. Her name is Marita Bonner. She was born in 1898 and she passed away in 1971. Ms. Bonner was educated in Brookline, Massachusetts, public schools and Radcliffe College. She published short stories and essays from 1924 through 1941. These books were published regarding issues of race, gender, and class. Her characters struggled to develop in the face of social limitations. Her 1925 essay, 'On being Young, A Woman and Colored', which dealt with racism, sexism and poverty, is an example of her social commentary. Ms. Bonner moved to Chicago with her husband, William Almy

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Occomy in 1930 where they raised three children and where she also taught school. After she joined the Christian Science Church in 1941, she no longer published. However, six new stories were found in her notebooks after she died in 1971. A collection of her work was published in 1987 as Frye Street and Environs: The Collected Works of Marita Bonner. Thank you very much, my colleagues, for your indulgence."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative Howard. The Chair recognizes the Clerk for committee announcements."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee announcements. Two cancellations on the committee schedule. The Labor Committee that was to meet in Room 118 immediately after Session has been canceled. Labor is canceled. Tomorrow the 9 a.m. Revenue Committee has been canceled as well. For tomorrow, Revenue is canceled. The following committees will meet immediately following Session: Judiciary I-Civil Law will meet in Room 114, Renewable Energy in Room C-1, State Government Administration in Room D-1, Vehicle Safety in Room 122B, Adoption Reform in Room 413 Stratton, Counties & Townships in Room 115. At 4:45 p.m. today Youth & Family will meet in Room 413 Stratton and Judiciary-Criminal Law, Jud II will meet in Room 122B."

Speaker Lang: "Now, Representative Burke moves that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 17 at 10 a.m. Those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The... and the Motion carries. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "One further cancellation. Today the Counties & Townships meeting in Room 115 has been canceled. Counties

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& Townships is now canceled as well. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law reports the following committee action taken on March 16, 2010: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 6390 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 6459. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on March 16, 2010: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 6094 and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 6177. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Youth & Family reports the following committee action taken on March 16, 2010: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1826. Representative Graham, Chairperson from the Committee on Renewable Energy reports the following committee action taken on March 16, 2010: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1470. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on March 16, 2010: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5483. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on March 16, 2010: do pass Short Debate is House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 57. Introduction and Reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 6835, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6836,

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offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 6837, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 2488, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2490, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2541, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Senate Bill 2578, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2635, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Senate Bill 2638, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 2798, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2819, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Senate Bill 2824, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 3004, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Senate Bill 3022, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 3025, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Senate Bill 3061, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Senate Bill 3070, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act

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concerning safety. Senate Bill 3158, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning hunger. Senate Bill 3162, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 3169, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 3173, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 3214, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 3265, offered by Representative Zaleski, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. Senate Bill 3293, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. Senate Bill 3347, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 3386, offered by Representative Gordon, Careen, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 3388, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3405, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 3418, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Senate Bill 3421, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Senate Bill 3433, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning the transfer of real property. Senate Bill 3467, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 3478, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 3483, offered

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by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3543, offered by Representative Gordon, Jehan, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 3552, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3584, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 3587, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 3590, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 3608, offered by Representative McAulifffe, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3635, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3655, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 3684, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 3708, offered by Representative Gordon, Jehan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 3710, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3721, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 3734, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 3738, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning foreclosure. Senate Bill 3739, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 3745, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Senate Bill 3747, offered by Representative

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Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning real property. Senate Bill 3763, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 3780, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. And Senate Bill 3815, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."