

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 1192. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."

Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Darrell Bendorf who is the Pastor with Harvard Bible Church in Chemung, Illinois. Pastor Bendorf is the guest of Representative Franks. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and please rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Bendorf: "Let us pray. Our Father in Heaven, we give You thanks. We give You thanks for our Representatives and their families. We give You thanks for our state officials and employees, the Governor and his administration, judges, and our judicial system, law enforcement officers, the many dedicated state employees. We pray that the decisions and the labor of all of our State Government result... may result in Your people leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. We give You thanks for the citizens of our state especially those serving our nation in the military and most especially those in combat. As we approach Memorial Day, we give You thanks for those who have fallen in our nation's wars and conflicts, fallen in the solemn hope that their sacrifice would win and preserve

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

liberty for us. I thank you for the memory of my own brother, a United States Marine, who lost his life in combat 47 years ago this very week. As we honor our state's heroes who have lost their lives in the last year, we ask that You would comfort their families and deepen our appreciation for their service to our country and service to our state and service to us. We give You thanks for the opportunity that this Body has to impact and affect the cause of righteousness and justice and freedom for righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. And every nation, everyone who fears You and works righteousness is accepted by You. And now, we invoke Your blessing and guidance on the proceedings of the day's... this day's Session of the Illinois House of Representatives made to You, God, our Savior who alone is wise. Be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever,. Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Hammond."

Hammond - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Soto is excused today."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect all Republicans are present and ready to do the work of the people."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 117 present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Verschoore, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2013: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1652, House Resolution 322. Representative McAsey, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2226. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2013: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1530, Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1764. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 21, 2013: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 350. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 2266, Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 2266. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 41, Senate Bill 1772.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 628; recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 and 2 to House Bill 100, House Resolution 310. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1307; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 306, House Resolution 347. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 301, House Resolution 303, House Resolution 317, Senate Joint Resolution #1. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 37, House Resolution 314. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 22, 2013: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 332. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 374, offered by Representative Moffitt. House Resolution 375, offered by Representative Golar. House Resolution 377, offered by Representative Acevedo. House Joint Resolution, offered by Representative 40 Lang. And House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Flowers. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Representative Unes, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Unes: "Mr. Speaker, with me today is a Page for the day. A freshman from East Peoria Community High School, Drew Clark, that I would like us all to welcome. And also, with Drew, up in the gallery behind me is his mom, Cynthia. If we could please give them both a warm welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Ma'am."

Hammond: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the Body, if you would join me in welcoming a group from McDonough County and the McDonough County Republican Women's Group up in the gallery. And not to single any two folks out, but they are... part of the group is Chris Myers and her daughter, Allison, and they are hopefully chaperoned by my husband, Leonard Hammond and George Dixon. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hatcher."

Hatcher: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Ma'am."

Hatcher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We often stand and honor our Pages when we're lucky enough to have them here. And I want to do that, but my story goes a little bit beyond that."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Today, we welcome Jesika Barmanbek, who is my Page from my district from Rosary High School; however, her family, who is behind me in the gallery, have more complete story. Tina Barmanbek, Erma Barmanbek and Mehmet Barmanbek, all came from Turkey, and they just saw their granddaughter named valedictorian of the school. So, thank you all. And welcome... give a United States welcome to our visitors."

Speaker Turner: "Congratulations and welcome. Representative Demmer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Demmer: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Demmer: "I'd like to welcome in the gallery behind us, Craig Sepich, who's a recent NIU graduate and an intern in my district office. Welcome to Springfield, Craig."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Meier."

Meier: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Meier: "I would like to recognize the Mayor of Nashville, Raymond Kolweier and his wife, Sandra, and their three grandchildren who are here today. Glad to have you here."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Representative Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Cavaletto: "Thank you. I'd like to introduce a person from my district, past Representative Ron Stephens, who's on the House Floor today. Let's give Ron a welcome here today."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome. Representative Ford."

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Ford: "I'd like to welcome and the Body to recognize the former bus driver of the House of Representatives, Joe Lyons, in the audience. Thank you, former bus driver. All right. He... he says..."

Speaker Turner: "Way to go. Welcome back, Joe. Mr. Clerk, can you please read House Resolution 356."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 356, offered by Representative Brady.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Al Bowman on the occasion of his retirement as President of Illinois State University; and

WHEREAS, Al Bowman serves as a model of hard work, integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Al Bowman on the occasion of his retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the future."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could just have your attention for just a minute. Seated behind me, here to my right, is President Al Bowman and his wife, Linda. And today is a bittersweet day for Illinois State University because we say goodbye to President Al Bowman in his role as President of Illinois State University where he has served as the 17th President since 2003. He was an excellent fit for this position

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

during very difficult years that continue to this day in higher education. Al was able to keep morale high of his staff and colleagues and was honored, respected and loved by the student body. His projects and accomplishments were many personally, and professionally, for Illinois State University. He gave and gave and gave of himself as much energy, passion and dedication as humanly possible on behalf of Illinois State University. He just didn't do his job; he lived it. His work on behalf of ISU will continue to be seen well into the future for the university in every aspect whether it be in the classroom, alumni relations, major donors, increased alumni giving, athletics, and the list goes on and on. And next to his side is his wife, Linda, the first lady of Illinois State University, who, like Al, is a speech pathologist and audiology professor and chair of the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Illinois State University. She was a beloved first lady, not only by the ISU family, but the entire Bloomington-Normal community. If I were to go into all her accomplishments and community involvements, we'd for sure, Ladies and Gentlemen, go into overtime Session. But in closing, on a personal note, the Bowmans in their expertise as speech pathologists were there for my wife, Teri and I, when son, Tom, was diagnosed with Aspergers. And the help that they gave was outstanding, not only to our family, but to so many families that have children who have special needs. The sweet part for Illinois State, my community in the state, is that Al will return to his roots of teaching a few classes, and Linda did not retire. The first public

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

university in Illinois is Illinois State University. Their motto is 'Gladly what he learn, and gladly teach'. Al, you've lived that motto. Thank you to you and Linda for your service. Ladies and Gentlemen, President Bowman and his wife, Linda."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you for your service. Members, we will begin on page 6 of the Calendar with Senate Bills on Second Reading. Please be prepared to move your Bill from Second to Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 1358. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1358, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1456, Representative Moffitt. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1530, Representative Tryon. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1530, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Tryon, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1530 allows us to host competitions for rowing sculls and racing canoes for the Chicago Rowing Club, Crystal Lake Rowing Club on inland lakes and exempt them from the requirement of wearing life

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

jackets during the competition and meets. This is exempted under the federal regulation, so when they race on Lake Michigan, Fox River, Des Plaines River and any of those rivers, they do not have to wear life jackets. And we would like to make this change to accommodate some of our inland lakes."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves... Representative Riley."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Riley: "Representative Tryon, I'm going to... I'm going to support your Bill. But was there any concern... you know one of the things that is sort of a mantra, always have your PFD on, always have your PFD on in all other forms of boating. Was there any pushback at all that... that you received with regard to these special kinds of situations like with kayaks and so forth 'cause even in a kayak you can have sort of a modified PFD."

Tryon: "Oh, not at all. This is actually agreed with the conservation police, the Illinois DNR. What... what happens in these situations in the competitions, they have guidelines that they have to follow with safety launches that follow along. There's never been, that I'm aware of, any loss of life in one of these due to drowning at an event. These events have to be approved by IDNR and the conservation police, otherwise, they would have to be wearing their personal safety device."

Riley: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Zalewski"

Zalewski: "Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "...Sir."

Zalewski: "I... I don't know which Art is... is presenting a Bill right now. Is it Art Tryon or is it Art Turner? I get you guys confused like some other folks, so I just want to be clear. Art Tryon is rep... is presenting this Bill?"

Speaker Turner: "Tryon is presenting the Bill."

Zalewski: "Will the Sponsor yield then, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Zalewski: "Rep... Representative Tryon are... are we... is this a Bill you and I spoke about on... with respect to canoeing on the... in your district?"

Tryon: "It... it is. It's actually racing sculls."

Zalewski: "Oh. I apologize."

Tryon: "Competitive rowing."

Zalewski: "Okay. To the Bill. It's a good Bill. I urge a strong 'aye' vote for Representative Art Tryon."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1530. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Lang for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Lang: "Thank you. I'm honored along with Governor Quinn, Governor Thompson, and Senate President Cullerton to be the cosponsors of an event tonight honoring and collecting

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

donations for the Executive Mansion Association. This is for the restoration of the Executive Mansion. There's an event at the Executive Mansion tonight from 5 to 8, and the chefs will be 12 students and faculty members Scott Lesht and celebrity chef Chris Koetke from Kendall College in Chicago. They are whipping up some great food, and we hope you'll come by and visit and bring some checks and support the foundation. These students and our chefs are up in the gallery to my left. Let's give them a welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome. And thank you. Representative Bost, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bost: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Member of the House, today, I am joined with... I'm really honored that I am joined by someone who used to come and visit this House quite often when he was much younger. Of course, since then he's served in the United States Marine Corps. He has actually served in Af... or in Iraq. He has been a judge advocate in the United States Marine Corps, served the last three years in the Pentagon, and now has moved back to Murphysboro, Illinois, where he is a law partner in a business there. If everybody could welcome my son, Steven."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to the Capitol, Steven. Representative Harris. Representative Greg Harris. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 492, Representative Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 492, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Amendment #3 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.  
No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Mitchell, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mitchell, B.: "Than... thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Mitchell, B.: "The young man... the younger man sitting next to me in Representative Brown's seat, is the son of Representative Reis will you... Nick... Nick Reis, would you please stand up? Everyone give Nick a big hand and his daughter. The whole family's here."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Senate Bill 1474, Representative Rita. Senate Bill 1474, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read... Out of the record. Senate Bill 1565, Representative McAsey. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1565, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative McAsey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. It's a technical Amendment to add a notice requirement with regard to vacating short-term guardianship. And it was put on the Bill to remove some of the opposition."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the pas... for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1565. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1621, Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1621, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1603, Representative Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1603, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 has not been approved for consideration. No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1762, Representative Chapa LaVia. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1762, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Poe, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Poe: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point, Sir."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Poe: "Yeah. I'd like to... everybody to welcome the eighth-grade class from Trinity Lutheran School, right here in Springfield. They come over once a year, and we always want to welcome and thank them for coming."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. Welcome to your Capitol. Senate Bill 1830, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1830, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2154, Representative Hurley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2154, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2255, Representative Beiser. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2255, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, the status of Senate Bill 1603, please?"

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1603 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Can you please move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. All Members are asked to be at

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

their seats. Staff, please remove yourself to the rear of the chamber. And all Members are asked to stand. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 319, Representative Durkin. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 319, offered by Representative Durkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of George Burditt Jr., and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family George Burditt Jr. as an expression of our deepest sympathy."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be brief. But I've known George Burditt for approximately 13 years. He was a Member of the Legislature for 8 years back in the 1960's. He's a... if you read the Resolution, it speaks volumes of the man. He's a... very dedicated to public policy. He was a graduate of Harvard undergrad, Harvard Law, played basketball at Harvard Law and that's a place where you win games with your brains and not your legs. But he's a person who dedicated, like I said, his career to public policy and also to the law. And some of the comments that I've looked up, and I've known George personally for... for many years as I said, but Governor Thompson made this comment about George Burditt that in a popular sense George Burditt was neither a liberal nor conservative. He was a moderate and represented the south center of the State of Illinois. And

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

I think that's really important and it's a wonderful characteristic, and I think that's part of this process, and he added so much because of having that centrist attitude. George also sponsored and revolutionized food and drug laws in Illinois as a Legislator. And this was in the 1960s, so he was a visionary. And he did make a contribution... a wonderful contribution to the safety of many of our Illinoisans many years ago and for the years moving forward. But again, George is a person I knew personally. He was an imposing figure. He was approximately 6 foot 5, so he played basketball. But people had described him as being Lincolnesque because he was a man if he gave you his word, you knew it was solid. But I will say that George and I had a few things in common. Both of us ran and lost the General Election for U.S. Senate and very unforgiving U.S. for years for the Republican Party. But we also... he went to Harvard Undergrad; I went to the Harvard of McLean County. I went... he went to Harvard Law; I went to the Harvard on Plymouth Court in Chicago. So, I do feel that we do have some things in common. But he lived 91 years. And I know that we are here to honor his death, but the people who know him will know that his passing is more of celebration of life. So, I do want to thank the Body for giving me these few moments to say these words about George Burditt. I don't believe anybody in this chamber was here when George served. I'm looking at maybe a few over here, my friend, Mary Flowers, I'm not sure if you were there back in the '60s but gladly, I think that's a nod in approval but you look lovely... you look lovely. Yes... yes.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

I'll stop at that. So with that being said, I know that George... knowing George's humor and also his personality is looking down, having a laugh, and saying thank you very much. But I just want to have this moment so we can thank George Burditt for his contribution to the State of Illinois and also to the suburbs that he grew up in the west suburbs. And ask for a brief moment of silence."

Speaker Turner: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, I would just like to say I, too, would like to offer my condolence. But I really wasn't here in the '60s but only in spirit I was. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Durkin moves for the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 1764, Representative Cross. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1764, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Leader Cross, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an Amendment that deals with a situation, unfortunately, we experienced in Oswego a few weeks ago... I'm not sure, you may have read the story; it was pretty incredible. The families of about 23 juniors and seniors in Oswego hired a... I think people commonly refer to it as a 'party bus' in the Oswego area to take

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

kids to prom. The driver of that vehicle was about 30 minutes late. On the way to prom, parents start... started getting texts as the driver went over the median into a ditch drove erratically the whole way there. At the... at the time he arrived there, there were some off-duty police officers that confronted him. Ultimately, it was just in DuPage County. He was arrested and charged with a DUI and had a blood alcohol level of at least .22. The State's Attorney of DuPage County along with Representative Reboletti indicated that, unfortunately, under the current law he could only be charged with a simple DUI. And you can imagine the potential catastrophic situation you would have if there'd been an accident with 23 high school kids in this car. The law currently provides that if you are a school bus... or if you are driving a school bus and you have kids under the age of 18 in it and you are under the influence of alcohol that offense can be raised or enhanced to an aggravated DUI. This Amendment simply says that if you have a school bus... driving a school bus intoxicated regardless of age, you could be... that charge could be enhanced to an aggravated DUI. and in the event of a drivers... driver for hire situation, you also could be charged with that aggravated DUI. I would appreciate any questions... if you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer them. And appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1764. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill for a third time, Senate Bill 1764."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1764, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Cross."

Cross: "Again, Mr. Speaker, thank you, and I see Representative Reboletti just came in. I want to say on that underlying Amendment that I just put on, Dennis was very involved and as was the state's attorney of DuPage County. The underlying Bill, also, contains some language of a Bill that Representative Reboletti had 24... HB2477 that passed out of this Body 113-0, and it was sent over to the Senate. This Bill came over in attempts to address an issue that the Second District Court... in a ruling for the Second District Court on the ability to charge people driving while revoked on top of a current driving while revoked. I'm not aware of any opposition either Bill as amend... as the Bill is amended. Would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Mr..., will please bring the noise level down in the chamber. It's becoming increasingly difficult to hear. Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. With respect to the underlying Bill and I know Leader Cross addressed the Amendment with respect to the Oswego and DuPage County situation, the Bill follows some court case that said that the Secretary of State could not suspend a driver's license or revoke a driver's license numerous times. So, if the underlying suspension was for not paying tollway fines and

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

fees, then you could never get a aggravated driving while license revoked or suspension for DUI and charged a felony because the underlying suspension or revocation was based off of something else. So, this would correct the current law and allow for Secretary of State and prosecutors to charge aggravated driving license revoked for DUIs because we believe that you should be able to suspend and revoke a driver's license for numerous violations if those violations are appropriate. And with respect to Leader Cross's Amendment, I think it's fair to say that anyone who drives a vehicle for hire or a school bus should be completely sober before they get behind the wheel and that it's implied that when we take a cab or a bus that we trust that that individual is not at a .24 and driving around 24 children between Kendall and DuPage County. And I'd like to thank Leader Cross for bringing forth this Amendment, the State's Attorney of DuPage County Bob Berlin, who I had a chance to meet with last week, because when you look at the Illinois Vehicle Code, we were all surprised that there were no aggravating factors if you drive a bus or limousine with a number of children who are being responsible and families being responsible, and the person has a blood alcohol content of three times the legal limit, and that driver would be eligible for first offender status meaning supervision, some fines, and some counseling, and a short, brief suspension of their driving privileges. So, both of these are commonsense measures. And I would urge your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Cross to close."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Cross: "Quickly, Mr. Speaker. I... I appreciate... Dennis did a very nice job, Representative Reboletti, explaining it. I just want to explain to you the sensitivity that this issue in our community, Representative Hatcher and I and... and Representative Roth also have Oswego. We had a situation about four or five years ago where there was a tragic accident one night and five of... kids, high school age, were killed and... and alcohol was involved. So, there's a heightened sensitivity to this issue in our community, but as Dennis said, the idea of anybody for hire with kids or adults that could apply to any of us that's under the influence, the very purpose of sometimes when you... you utilize somebody for hire that they could be under the influence of alcohol and not be eligible for one of these enhanced penalties is... is insane. So, sometimes I think this Body overreacts; I don't think that's the case on this. I also want to say to Representative D'Amico in committee yesterday his willingness to work on this and some other things down the road, I appreciate that and will be committed to working with him. So, again, thank you for your interest and your concern. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of Senate Bill 1764. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 1764, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Representative Walsh, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please state your point, Sir."

Walsh: "Mr. Speaker, Members, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to introduce some young men and women and their leaders here today from the University of Illinois extension 4-H youth leaderships te... leadership team. These 15 young men and women are through... from counties throughout the state, and they're here teaching leadership skills. And so, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to them and their... their coordinators Deb Stocker, and Bill Million, and Pam Weber. So, please give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to your Capitol. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 923, Representative Hoffman, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 923, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hoffman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Yes. This is just a technical cleanup of the underlying Bill that indicates that it's... the school district will implement the automatic traffic law enforcement system after the county or municipality in which it is located in enacts an ordinance that indicates that the school district shall then enter in an

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

intergovernmental agreement with the county or municipality and also indicates that any proceeds from the automatic traffic law enforcement system shall be divided equally between the school district and the county or municipality administering the system. It's simply a clarifying Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 923. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 1474, Representative Rita, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1474, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, the status of Senate Bill 2234."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2234 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Please move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading. Members, we're about to gin... being the Fallen Service Members Ceremony. Would all the Members and our guests in the gallery please stand for the presentation of colors by the 114th Illinois Volunteer Infantry Reactivated. Mr. Clerk, please read House Resolution 320."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 320."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

WHEREAS, In accordance with the established tradition of the Illinois House of Representatives, it is fitting that, in observance of Memorial Day, we honor our brothers and sisters who have given their last lives in service to our country as the guardians of our long-held freedoms; and

WHEREAS, No better words have been written to honor those brave souls who were sacrificed long ago or pay tribute to the those brave men and women of today who have continued that fight for freedom than the Gettysburg Address; let us now recite those words so humbly said by our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln: "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who have gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in the larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow - this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or distract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who have fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from those honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion, that we here highly resolved that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from this earth."; and

WHEREAS, These words from long ago still speak to those brave men and women of today who we now honor; it is all together fitting and appropriate that we, with heavy hearts, again accept the honor of reading the Roll Call of those American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from the State of Illinois who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the preceding year since the previous tribute; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that a copy of this Resolution and a copy of the Ceremonial Honor Roll and Program of the May 22, 2013 reading of names be presented to the families of those fallen heroes."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of House Resolution 320. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. All Members and guests in the chamber please stand and remain standing for the reading of the names of our fallen heroes. Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Specialist Samuel T. Watts, United States Army, Wheaton, killed in action May 19, 2012."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Corporal Bryant J. 'BJ' Luxmore, United States Army, New Windsor, killed in action June 10, 2012."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Specialist Trevor A. Pinnick, United States Army, Lawrenceville, killed in action June 12, 2012."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Sergeant Michael Ristau, United States Army, Rockford, Illinois, killed in action July 13, 2012."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Tryon."

Tryon: "Petty Officer 3rd Class John Larimer, United States Navy, Crystal Lake, died July 20, 2012."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Gunners Mate 2nd Class Dion Rashun Roberts, United States Navy, North Chicago, died September 22, 2012."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Meier."

Meier: "Corporal Aaron Ripperda, United States Marines, Highland, died March 18, 2013."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hatcher."

Hatcher: "Captain Brandon L. Cyr. US Air Force, Oswego, died April 27, 2013."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it has been fitting for about the last 10 years to 11 years that this program has been held in these hallowed chambers. It came to be by former Illinois State Representative Ron Stephens who is joining me at my desk today. Ron Stephens served at the height of the Vietnam War. He was a sergeant in the famed 173rd Airborne Brigade,

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

and yes, he was an infantryman. He, himself, was critically wounded, but he was able to come back and his passion today is wounded warriors. And his passion remains to see that this great day of honor is bestowed on those who have fallen. For those of us that have been here a few years, we recall in either in 2000 or 2004 or 2005, we honored I think the number was 60 men and women who had died in the line of duty. I think it would be fitting to mention that our Governor Pat Quinn has never missed a funeral of any of those who lost their lives from Illinois. It's a fitting tribute. It's a great honor that is bestowed in memory of those who gave so much. And it is such an honor to have retired Representative Stephens with us today to honor those men that were lost in this past year. And it is our prayer that this tradition continues for many years in the future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Riley."

Riley: "This day is one of remembrance to people who serve their country, but not only that, these were, and they would tell you, ordinary human beings doing what they thought was right. They represent our entire state. And I think that we have a responsibility not just to have this beautiful ceremony every year, but remember the sacrifices of not only the people who serve, certainly the people who have lost their lives in their nation's service, but remember the families, the families sacrificed also. We must do everything we can to make sure that they know that we are all behind them. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members. I want to read a little excerpt of a speech that was given on Memorial Day on May 30, 1884 by Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. entitled In Our Youth Our Hearts Were Touched With Fire. So, that to the indifferent inquirer who asks why Memorial Day is still kept up we may answer, it celebrates and solemnly reaffirms from year to year a nation's act of enthusiasm and faith. It embodies in the most impressive form our belief to act with enthusiasm and faith is the condition of acting greatly. To fight out a war, you must believe sometimes in something, and what something with all your might, so must you do to carry out anything else to an end worth reaching. More than that, you must be willing to commit yourself to a course, perhaps a long and hard one, without being able to foresee exactly where you will come out. All that is required of you is that you should go some whither as hard as ever you can, the rest belongs to fate. One may fall-at the beginning of the charge or at the top of the earthworks; but in no other way can be reached the reward of victory. I want you to understand that, you know, as a... as a veteran in the United States Army in the National Guard in the State of Illinois, I never thought twice of somebody who was next to me in exercise or bivouacs what color they were, what race they are, what political Party, but I knew as training as an Army officer that I could possibly be in a situation where I had to throw myself on a mortar or throw myself on a grenade or what have you to protect those around me. Now, as we stand here, you know, the veterans and those who have fallen before us made the

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

ultimate sacrifices, but think about this. Are you willing to do that for a fellow civilian or patriot? That's what we ask of our service members, women and men, in the United States to do that for our country. That is why we celebrate Memorial Day is those fallen that did that without thinking twice because that's the way we were trained and programmed. That's how great we are as a nation that we would lay down our life for anyone of you instantly, and there's not one person here from a general down to a lieutenant or veteran in the state that would say otherwise. Now, we were talking about that earlier with General Rosenthal this morning. If my country called me back today, even though I'm 47, I would go willingly and with enthusiasm. And I ask that all Members be added to this Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I've been around to watch each one of these ceremonies since Representative Stephens brought forth this ceremony, and we would do this every year. And I've watched the many names that have been read. As a veteran, you know that all those things are possible when you enlist or when you join and when you're sent. And then, as a parent, if you have... if you have a child that leaves, when they leave to go to that foreign land, your heart aches, and you have a constant fear. And you pray every night, and you pray that this would never happen. But thank God that there are those that are willing to do it. You might complain about your government at times, you might complain about how things

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

are, but thank God that we have men and women who will go and stand up, so you can have that right to complain. And the freedom that we have to live without fear of some other country overrunning us and taking those things and those freedoms away from us. It is my prayer and my hope that some day this ceremony will just be the opening and not a single name would have to be read, that is what we hope for from now and forever. But until that day, and even on that day, we still recognize those who have went before and who have fallen. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It is certainly right that we do this ceremony every year. It is a fitting ceremony. And ever since General Logan started Memorial Day, a famous Illinoisan who served in the Civil War and went on to serve as a United States Senator from Illinois, we have not lost the tradition of remembering those who have fallen. And we certainly remember the big conflicts. We remember the Civil War, the 625 thousand individuals who lost their lives as this nation tore itself apart and somehow came back together. We remember World War I when 116 thousand failed to return from that conflict. World War II when 400... more than 400 thousand lost their lives, Korea 37 thousand, Vietnam 58 thousand. We come up to the current time, of course, we all know Iraq, 4500, Afghanistan, 2200 and unfortunately, we added 8 more to that list today. And those are the big conflicts that we remember, but you know, there are little conflicts that too often many of us don't

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

think about yet where people have lost their lives. Four U.S. service members died at the Bay of Pigs; Beirut, 266 Marines died in the bombing at Beirut. In Somalia, 43 servicemen lost their lives in Somalia. And they answer the call whether they are active duty, reserve, or National Guard, they answer the call and they go when they are asked to go. And unfortunately, too many of them do not come back. They make the ultimate sacrifice answering the call to duty. We remember them here today. Our nation remembers them on Memorial Day. We would like to think that not another name would be added to any of these lists in the future, but the reality of the situation is that it probably will not be the case. There will be future Memorial Days, there will be future new names added to the list, and it's important for us to do this every year in memory."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Costello."

Costello: "Ladies and Gentlemen, Winston Churchill once said, 'we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.' And I would just like to thank every veteran, both alive and deceased, for giving us the life we, as Americans, too often take for granted."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Farnham will be the final speaker."

Farnham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a 17-year-old, I joined the United States Navy. Now, today, I stand here, many years later, proud to be part of the sisterhood and the brotherhood of people who served their country actively. And I'll always remember those people that went with us,

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

'64, '65, '66, 1967 that never came back. And I've got to tell you, I'm very proud to stand here today and thankful to all of those people who make it possible for us every day to greet each other and raise our children and enjoy them."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Chapa LaVia moves to add all Members as Sponsors of House Resolution 320. Seeing no objection, all Members will be added as Sponsors."

{Playing of and Taps and Amazing Grace}

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Members, returning to the Order of Second Reading, on page 8 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2136, Representative Davidsmeyer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2136, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "We're just trying to add an Amendment to a Bill that just clarifies the statute of limitations and 24 months to keep records for violations of the do not call list. It kind of puts teeth into the do not call list. So, I'm... ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House... to Senate Bill 2136. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 26, Representative Feigenholtz, Please read..."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 26, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Jefferson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a reminder.. a point of personal privilege, if I may. A reminder that the Hispanic Caucus and the Black Caucus is having their annual year-end Session party this evening from 6 to 9 at the Black Caucus house. Be there or be square. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "What's that time again, Representative?"

Jefferson: "Nine... 6 to 9 at 614 College Avenue which is right across... adjacent from Boone's Saloon."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you very much. On page 11 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill #9, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I move for the total... for the override of the Governor's total veto of Senate Bill 9. We all know what Bill this is. This Bill passed the House overwhelmingly. The purpose of this Bill is to inform the Commerce Commission in clear terms what we did last year. So, you'll all recall that we passed the Smart Grid law last year. The Commerce Commission was required to do several things under that law, and they failed and refused to do them. And then, during the Veto Session, we came back with a Resolution of this House that

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

passed overwhelmingly re... asking the Commerce Commission to follow the law as we wrote it. And while they talked a good game, they didn't complete the mission. This Bill is only designed to require the Commerce Commission to do what they were supposed to be doing in the first place. This Bill is not in any way a rate increase. This Bill simply requires the Commerce Commission to follow the law we passed last year. I would urge your vote... your 'aye' votes on this Motion."

Speaker Turner: "On that, we have Representative Sullivan."

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

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor will yield."

Sullivan: "Representative, we are all just getting back to the floor, and, obviously, after a somber moment, trying to collect some folks. Can you maybe go through a little bit about, once again, how we got to this approach? We know that the ICC, we've had a problem, and so, with this problem, we're trying to correct it through legislative action. The underlying legislation, though, is one that we believe is good for Illinois. Is that correct?"

Lang: "Well, there's no question about that, Sir. And so, the... the original legislation we passed last year was designed to allow Commonwealth Edison and Ameren to upgrade their systems, to modernize, to ensure that they have up-to-date technology and in so doing, help in situations where there's a power outage. So, I would tell you that on the original Bill, I voted 'no' the first time. But I came to realize, because we had a summer filled with power outages in my area, how important this was. And all this Bill,

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

again, says is that the Commerce Commission ought to follow the law that we originally passed. I know when the Governor vetoed this Bill, he did it very emphatically, some of you may have seen that on the news. And he said the General Assembly should not get in the way of the Commerce Commission, but I have a different story to tell. The story is that the Commerce Commission does not make public policy in this state, the Illinois General Assembly makes public policy, and they ought to follow the policy we set."

Sullivan: "So, some of the really good portions of the Bill really revolve around what you just said, smart metering and we're going to have these smart meters. And by doing that, you have an outage and in the past, we'd be sending crews out willy-nilly and not really knowing where to target and where to try and bring the system back online sooner. And so, by doing this, you can pinpoint. Is that... is that your recollection on how the Bill went?"

Lang: "That is exactly correct. So, in the situation of the power outage that happened near my house, instead of making... instead of it taking 10 hours to find the location to fix, it could take an hour, it could take an hour and a half, it could take twenty minutes because the... the new technology would enable them to pinpoint that very quickly."

Sullivan: "And so, the ancillary savings are... are a couple-fold here. You get the power outages back, and you get back online, you're not wasting food, you're not having problems there. But people can also read their own meters on when they should be using their power, and therefore, have a

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

savings that will far offset what any increased costs might be."

Lang: "That is absolutely correct. Additionally, I think most people, and we're referring back to the original Bill now, most people that I talked to in my district and I'll bet in yours as well, Sir, when they questioned us on our 'yes' vote and we explained to them why we voted yes..."

Sullivan: "Right."

Lang: "...they were not unhappy about paying a couple dollars a month to ensure reliable and consistent electric service."

Sullivan: "Well, thank you for your comments."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First off, I would stand in support of the Gentleman's Motion. We've worked on this several times. We worked the original Bill, then after working the original Bill, the Commerce Commission, as the Sponsor said, decided that, well, maybe our law that we sent them was maybe just a suggestion. And Ladies and Gentlemen, when we passed this Bill, and I'm pretty sure it got... I don't even remember what the count was but it was... it was very high, to send a clear message. There were many that maybe didn't agree with original Bill sent but the statement was and it was very clear, you might, as an agency, not agree with we, the General Assembly, but remember this, we are the General Assembly, and we are those that make law, not suggestion, law. And it is unfortunate that we had to pass this to... to make sure they understood that again, but then, it's very unfortunate, I believe, for the Governor to veto this. If he wanted to

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

veto the original Bill, which I think he did, that's one thing but to veto this that tells very clearly obey the law, obey the law. We pass it, you implement it. I would ask that this gets as many... I would hope that the whole Body would vote 'yes' for what this Bill really does. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Speaker. Due to the potential for a conflict of interest, I will be voting 'present' on this Bill as I did on the first Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Lang to close."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, at its core, this Bill is simply about upholding the integrity of the Illinois House and the Illinois Senate. We passed a piece of legislation last year directing the Illinois Commerce Commission to do several things. They have not done those things. And all this Bill does is reinvigorate our in... our interest in having the Commerce Commission follow the law as we wrote it last year. I would urge your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang moves that Senate Bill 9 do pass notwithstanding the Veto of the Governor. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourself. Representative Currie, Feigenholtz, Fine, Franks, Mitchell, Tabares, Zalewski. Mitchell, Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 71 voting 'yes', 41 voting 'no', and 5 voting 'present', Senate Bill is... Senate

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Bill 9 is hereby declared passed notwithstanding the Veto of the Governor. Representative Kosel, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kosel: "I... Mr. Speaker, I meant to vote 'yes' on that Bill and inadvertently vote... voted 'no'. Would you please have the record reflect that I wanted to be a 'yes'?"

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will reflect your request. Members, we're moving to Senate Bills on Third Reading. Beginning on page 5 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2320, Representative Gabel. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2320, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Currently, statutes require minority women business enterprise program applicants to choose to participate as either minority or female certified businesses. The State of Illinois is the only organization that... with this requirement. So, this Bill would allow minority female-owned small businesses to qualify as participates in both the minority and the female plans. It would expand the pool of vendor participates, thus increasing competition and helping to keep costs down for this state. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2320 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Ford. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

a count of 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2320, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, the status of Senate Bill 2326, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2326 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Can you please move that Bill back to the Order of Second Reading? Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to adopt Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2326. The underlying Bill provides for uniformity in the sales tax exemption for rolling stock that is used in interstate commerce. The Bill originally would have brought to the same level of usage in interstate commerce airplanes and boats that currently applies to buses, liveries, cars, trucks. This Amendment, however, would apply that uniformity principle only to purchases of boats and aircraft after January 1, 2014. I'd appreciate your 'aye' votes. And I'm happy to answer your questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2326. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2353, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2353, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Cassidy."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 2353 is the result of a great deal of work between advocates and industry to bring about greater transparency, greater availability for data for consumers seeking nursing home options for their loved ones while still protecting important information that... that is... allows businesses to operate and protect propri... proprietary data. There has been... there's no opposition. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no debate, the question is 'Shall Senate Bill 2353 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Senger. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2353, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2356, Representative Costello. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2356, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Costello."

Costello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bi... Bill 2356 increases the maximum speed limit on interstate highways to 70 miles per hour outside the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, Will, St. Clair and Madison. Also, very important to note that 65 miles per hour would be the speed limit on highways whereas... where it is designated by the Department of Transportation. These highways would have at least four

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

lanes, have a separation between the roadways and be... that... they would be moving in opposite directions, again, interstates. Other highways would remain 55. Again, extremely important for everyone in the chamber to understand the counties that could opt out of this speed limit would be Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, and Will. Also, Senate Bill 2356 adjusts the penalties for excessive speeding for an individual who is driving 26 miles per hour over the speed limit instead of the old limit was 30. This would be a Class B misdemeanor, up to six months in jail, and a fine of \$1500. And an individual who's driving 35 miles per hour over the speed limit instead of the old limit of 40 would be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor which would be under one year in jail, fine of up to \$2500. I think it's important for the Body to know. 34 states currently have speed limits of 70 mile an hour or more. Fifteen of those 34 states have speed limits of 75 miles an hour or more. One state, Utah, is 80 miles an hour or more, and also, Texas has... has parts that are 80 miles an hour or more. Of the 16 states that have a speed limit of 65 mile an hour or less, 11 of them are the megalopolis states, so... so these are the states in the East Coast, very, very small geographically with high population densities. And also, it's important to know that five or six of these states could actually geographically fit inside the State of Illinois. People should know the top two reasons the most common denominators in accidents are actually them happening 25 miles from your house and happening between 3 and 6 p.m., so it's not actually

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

excessive speeding. Colorado and California have both done studies which showed when they raised their speed limit from 65 to 70 actually fatalities and injury crashes went down because people moved from highways which are not as safe to interstate highways. I thank you. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Turner: "On that, we have Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an extremely important Bill, and I hope you listen to all of the debate. I... though I have the greatest respect for the Sponsor and all of those who are backing him, this Bill is... is fraught with issues. And I know that the motives behind wanting a 70 mile per hour speed limit, we hear all kinds of statistics on how, you know, really nobody's going to go an additional 5 miles an hour over the speed limit, additional 10 miles an hour over the speed limit, and of all the statistics you hear today, Ladies and Gentlemen, please remember this particular one. For every increase in 5 miles an hour over the posted speed limit, it takes an 80 thousand pound vehicle another 100 feet to stop. I am a CDL operator. My farm equipment business owns two 80 thousand pound trucks. I don't drive all the time, but in the summer and on weekends, I do. And at 69, I will agree that my reflexes aren't as fast as perhaps the Sponsor or other Members that do have CDLs. But this is an important piece of legislation, Ladies and Gentlemen, to defeat. Just look at the opponents here, the law enforcement community does not support this Bill. Other organizations that have a vested interest do not support

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

this Bill. There are arguments that it's important to be in concert with our neighboring states who are allowing a 70 mile per hour speed limit for heavy trucks. You know there's an old law enforcement saying, five you're fine, nine you're mine, meaning five miles an hour over the speed limit you probably won't get ticketed, nine miles over you will. You run the speed limit up to 70 with an 80 thousand pound truck, guys are going to push it further. And you are going to hear statistics that statistically they're only going to go an additional one mile an hour over the speed limit. Ladies and Gentlemen, 65... when we passed the legislation to have trucks and cars run at the same speed that was extremely sensible legislation. I take issue with this legislation. It's not necessary. The trucks, the cars on a 65 mile an hour highway are already running in the neighborhood of 73 or 74. It's a Bill that should be defeated. And I urge your 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Kay: "Representative, I'm curious, I see in our analysis here that the only reason we're doing this is for consistency purposes. Is that correct?"

Costello: "That's not the only reason, Representative, but I... I would tell you consistencies in speed is very important. It's also important for people to understand this. At a posted speed limit of 65 or a posted speed limit of 70, the average speed vehicles drive on the interstate is 72 to 74 miles an hour across the country. So, when you reach that

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

85th percentile which is the safest free flow of traffic, which would be around that 72 mile an hour, that is an extremely important speed from a safety aspect. So, the disparity in speeds, Representative, is what many times causes accidents. Does that answer your question?"

Kay: "No. It doesn't."

Costello: "Okay. So..."

Kay: "Other, I guess, the other reason I'm looking for here is beside consistency, is there another valid reason that we would do this? And I can think of one, but is there others beside the consistency issue?"

Costello: "So, I would think that maybe you're talking about moving commerce better across the state?"

Kay: "Well, I mean, is... this is supposedly a business friendly Bill for transportation."

Costello: "I believe it is a business friendly Bill. I also personally believe, and mind you, I'm a past police officer, I believe this is safer legislation than the 65 mile an hour speed limit that we currently have."

Kay: "I'm going to... I'm going to make a... a statement here because I wouldn't let my trucks drive 70 miles an hour, they have governors on them. And there's 18 hundred of them on the road, and they don't go any faster than 62 miles an hour; there's a lot of reasons for that. But there's other people who maybe can't afford to do that, so they do run at higher speed limits and they would probably appreciate the fact that they could move commerce quicker or faster. So, being a... a business friendly Bill, I think is the second reason that you may have introduced that... or this."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Costello: "Correct."

Kay: "Okay. If, indeed, it's business-friendly, why are we carving out some counties?"

Costello: "So, the car... the counties that are carved out are the urban counties. And... and so, the thought there is the population density makes them a higher ratio of possible accidents. So, as I told you before, and also, if you look, too, when the 55 mile an hour speed limit was repealed in Congress, rural highways were the very first area that was affected. I believe that was in 1987. Then, in 1998, we actually exempted all... all interstates from... from that particular a..."

Kay: "So, and maybe you've answered this already, but if this is... if our second reason for passing this Bill is to be business-friendly, why would we have cars running at the same speed as trucks unless it's an even flow issue?"

Costello: "Because, absolutely, one of the major issues with accidents is the disparity of speed. So, if you... and actually it's proven, also, I think it's important for people to know, if cars are driving at 70 mile an hour on average, someone who's doing 60 has a higher propensity of being in an accident than someone who's doing 80. So, actually the slower moving traffic causes most of the accidents."

Kay: "Okay. Representative, I... I appreciate your answers. I'm going to... I'm going to support your Bill, but I want the Body to know I do it with reservation. I... I think there are some valid reasons that Representative Sacia has provided to us today. But I will say this to you, and I apologize

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

for having to... to bring this out in your Bill, but this is the only business-friendly Bill that we have brought to the floor and I suspect we will come close to passing. this year. And there are people in the trucking business and other modes of transportation that need some help. Isn't it sad, and this is no reflection on you, Jerry, but isn't it sad that this is the only business-friendly Bill? The only thing that creates a better environment for business in the State of Illinois, isn't it sad? Representative, I'm going to support your Bill with some reluctance. Thank you."

Costello: "Thank you, Represen..."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I don't know that this is a business-friendly Bill. I know that it sure is not a people-friendly Bill. All the studies show that when you increase road speeds, you increase road crashes, and when you increase road speeds and road crashes; you also kill a lot more people. There's a reason that this Bill is opposed by our State Department of Transportation, by the... the automobile... American Automobile Association, Teamsters Local 700, the Illinois Insurance Association, and the Illinois State Police. And the reason that these organizations oppose the Bill, is because it is bad for the public's health to set speed limits as high as 70 even on rural interstate highways. It also means less fuel economy, so it's bad for the air. But most important, it is bad for people's health, it is bad for people's lives. I encourage you to be really friendly to businesses across the State of Illinois by being careful and cautious

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

and helpful to the people of the State of Illinois. I encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Franks: "Representative, how many other states have their drivers speed... the speed limit at 65?"

Costello: "There are 16 states. Two of those are Alaska and Hawaii, and 11 of them are what I told you were the megalopolis states..."

Franks: "At 65, we're talking?"

Costello: "At 65."

Franks: "Okay. And the 11 megalopolis states..."

Costello: "And... and then five other states, but two of those, again, are Hawaii and Alaska which, I mean, kind of seems obvious."

Franks: "Now, how many states allow for drivers... the speed limit to be at 70 miles an hour?"

Costello: "Thirty-four."

Franks: "So, we're in the minority here?"

Costello: "We're in the minority. Close to 70 percent of states have 70 or higher."

Franks: "And many of those states are like our... like our state. What... what is Texas by the way? What's the maximum speed limit in Texas?"

Costello: "So, Texas... the maximum at one part, is 85 miles an hour."

Franks: "And many of the western states are 80 and above."

Costello: "Ab... absolutely."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Franks: "Right. So, this is not something that we're being elaboratory for. We're not leading the nation, actually we're one of the few laggards at this point."

Costello: "We are in the minority. And I would also say, as I indicated in my op... opening comments, there are numerous studies that show raising the speed limit to 70 from 65 is actually safer."

Franks: "Well, thank you. And I... I appreciate the Gentleman's answer. And in all due respect, I will stand in support of his... his Bill. I think it makes perfect sense. And one that's long overdue for the State of Illinois. And I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Brauer."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates that he will."

Brauer: "Representative, have you ever been in a car with Sacia?"

Costello: "I have not, Representative."

Brauer: "Well, I would think it would be advisable not to even think about a car let alone a CDL. I, also, have my CDL. I've... haven't put a lot of miles on a truck especially the last several years, but I have that experience. We went through this differential speed limit for 13 years on the floor, and all we heard was how unsafe it is. It's not safe to have semis going that fast. In the three years that we've done that, the fatalities have dropped dramatically in all three of those years."

Costello: "Representative, that's a terrific point. And if I could just tell everybody, and this is IDOT's information

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

from the Illinois Crash Data Report, if you look at crashes in 2010 versus crashes in 2011, and this is of tractor trailers, so tractor trailers total crashes has gone down, fatal crashes has gone down, injury crashes has gone down, urban crashes have gone down, rural crashes have gone down. And actually, it says right here that 9 percent, it went down 9 percent in 2011 compared to the previous four years. January of 2011 is when trucks were able to drive 65 instead of 55."

Brauer: "Well, I think this is... is really good, commonsense legislation. Speak... to... to the Bill. I think what we do is we look at what's happened in the past. We have a uniform speed limit now of 65. This is not a business-friendly Bill, this is a safety Bill. We have all this at 70, we look at the results, and if it's a mistake, then we change it in several years. But I think we'll see what the other 30-some states have done that this is actually a commonsense, safety Bill. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reis."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Reis: "To the Bill. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill. And I know Representative Davidsmeyer worked very hard on this. I hear a lot of the same speeches that I heard a few years ago when... when I carried the Bill that raised the speed limit of trucks to 65. And I don't think there's a person in this state that doesn't feel that the interstates are much more enjoyable to drive now. So, we heard all this thing that it takes a longer distance for trucks to stop;

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

well, most of the other states have speed limits for 70 for trucks. It doesn't take any longer to stop in Illinois than it does in Iowa or Texas or any other state. We all vacation in these states. We drive through these states. We all come home safely. So, you know, the AARP, and the AAA, and all these organizations that oppose these Bills know that there... that is not true. They know that the other states that have the higher speed limits, you can get from point A to point B faster, you don't have near as much road rage, you're better utilizing your time. So, I stand in strong support of the Gentleman's Bill, and ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Davidsmeyer: "Representative, I've enjoyed working with you on this. I've worked with a number of people on both our side of the aisle and your side of the aisle, and I think this is a great commonsense Bill to get us into the 21st Century. I've talked to a number of people up north, friends and family, that live in the Chicago area, and they tell me that they, specifically, avoid driving through the State of Illinois when they're heading south because of the speed limit. People steer clear of our roads because it takes them longer to get through which means we're not getting the gas revenue, we're not getting people stopping for food, we're not getting a number of other benefits. I just want to say I have enjoyed working with you on this. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mell."

Mell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Mell: "Representative, if we pass this, how much faster will that Oberweis Dairy Truck get to your district?"

Costello: "You... you know, that's a very good question. I would say that, I believe, for every 15 miles that you drive, you would save a minute."

Mell: "Okay. To the Bill."

Costello: "Roughly."

Mell: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I think Representative Currie and Representative Sacia did a great job, but I just want to say from the top to the bottom of our state is 430 miles. And if we're driving 65, it takes us 6.6 hours to get there. If we're driving 70, it takes 6.1. So, it's not a huge savings, and I think... I think we got to think is it worth it balancing safety versus, you know, getting there just a few minutes faster. So, I urge a 'no' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Davis, M.: "Representative Costello, if you're traveling down the highway and you have your baby in the backseat of the car in a car seat, maybe two of your babies in the back of the car in A car seat, and you have this huge truck behind you, what will happen if that huge truck hits the back of your vehicle?"

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Costello: "Representative, obviously, there would be a, you know, a bad accident. But one thing that I would tell you is this, and this is extremely important for people to know as well, in the case of car-truck collisions, 81 percent of car-truck collisions are caused by the cars."

Davis, M.: "But if we pass this Bill, it will then be caused by the trucks."

Costello: "I... I would disagree with you respectfully."

Davis, M.: "Representative, why are all of the state agencies, those who have fleets of vehicles, why are they all opposed to this Bill?"

Costello: "Representative, I'm not sure. The only thing that I can tell you is the Governor's opposed to it and the state agencies fall under the Governor."

Davis, M.: "I just think... I just think that in the interest of business, and yet, a greater interest in lives, greater interest in the importance of human beings, that we should keep it at 65. I don't believe that getting ice cream some place faster and having that driver a nervous wreck because he's got to get there quicker 'cause now he's got a speed limit that's a bit more, and yet, is it really that important? I mean, when you consider human lives and the value of human lives, is it really that important?"

Costello: "And... and Representative, I go back to studies that I have, University of Colorado, California Department of Transportation that actually have said fatalities and injury crashes have decreased in those states when the speed limit was raised from 65 to 70 because people went out on the interstates instead of driving the two-lane

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

highways. So, those states have become safer with the raise in speed limit."

Davis, M.: "Representative, why is the United States Federal Secretary of Transportation opposed to your Bill?"

Costello: "I... Representative, I couldn't tell you other than the fact of going back to 34 other states have a speed limit of 70 or higher. So, I would tell you that close to 70 percent of the states in the United States have this particular speed limit or higher."

Davis, M.: "You know, most of the states in Illinois are rural, most of them are rural, so I'm sure they would, perhaps, have it."

Costello: "And... and that's a terrific point, and that's why this Bill is for the rural interstates. You're exactly making my point which is that the urban counties..."

Davis, M.: "But we have to travel this way."

Costello: "...are exempt. They can opt out."

Davis, M.: "Representative Costello, we have to travel this way. Now, our Governor and all of his agencies, the Secretary of Transportation at the Federal Government are opposed to your Bill. They all like you a lot, they respect you, as I do, but they are opposed to this Bill. It has been tried many times before you came to this Body. This is the same Bill they've tried to pass at... against the safety of people in the State of Illinois. And I urge my colleagues, who are still concerned with human life over the increase in business or the rapidity of delivering things to people, I urge you to vote 'no' in the interest in of our families and our children."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Representative Costello to close."

Costello: "Ladies and Gentlemen, it's extremely important to realize what I've said earlier. The average person on the interstate in the United States drives 72 to 74 miles an hour regardless if the speed limit is set at 65 or the speed limit is 70. So, what you have is two class of citizens: the people that are trying to follow the speed limit at 65 and 85 percent of people who are driving 72, 73, 74 miles per hour. It is safer if we close that disparity in speeds. Also, talking about why insurance companies would oppose this particular Bill is kind of like asking Budweiser how they feel on prohibition. Insurance companies make money off of speeding tickets, obviously. What I would also, tell you, in 1987 is when Illinois adopted the 65 mile an hour speed limit, 1987. Okay. '89 is when airbags were mandated in cars. Engineering, safety, cars nowadays are much, much, much safer than they were in 1987. They're designed to go faster. Engineering has designed our interstate highways to handle faster traffic. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2356 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Drury, Dunkin, Sims. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 85 voting 'yes', 30 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2356, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Members, can we please bring some order to the chamber. Shhh. Thank you, Members."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Can we please bring some order to the chamber, we have just a few more Bills to move through on Third Reading. Senate Bill 2362, Representative Welch. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2362, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2362 creates a standard of regulations for the owners of reptiles and amphibians. The Illinois Conservation Police and local law enforcement are encountering an upswing in the possession of amphibians and reptiles and are seeking to strengthen regulations on how owners are required to maintain them, protect them from escape and/or possible injury to the public or the animals themselves. This is a Bill that is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. It's the first of its kind in the country. And I'm asking the House to vote 'aye' on Senate Bill 2362."

Speaker Turner: "Members, again, please it's very hard to hear the debate. We have a few people wishing to speak on this important Bill. Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please state your inquiry, Sir."

Reboletti: "Are there any pending Amendments with respect to this Bill?"

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, are there any pending Amendments in respect to this Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "No Amendments are pending. Amend... Amendment #1 was filed in committee; it was not adopted, it was tabled."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reboletti."

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

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Reboletti: "Representative, so, that Amendment was tabled. You did not want that added to this piece of legislation?"

Welch: "We do not need the Amendment."

Reboletti: "And does this Bill involve any fees or new fees, and what would the... the price of those fees be?"

Welch: "The Bill does not have new fees contained within it. Those would be set administratively."

Reboletti: "But this... that would... there'd be a creation of fees though. These fees do not exist right now; there would be new fees set by administrative rule, is that correct?"

Welch: "That is correct."

Reboletti: "Do we have an idea of what those... the cost of those fees may be, the range of those fees, so if Members are voting for a new fee that they'd be aware of what that might... that range may be?"

Welch: "There would be a fee set administratively of \$250 annually for a person to possess any crocodiles or two of the largest monitor lizards. There's also a fee of \$100 that would be set administratively."

Reboletti: "And what would the new fee revenue be used for?"

Welch: "Representative, those fees would go into the fish and wildlife fund."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Welch: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Reis."

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

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Reis: "Representative, under our analysis, it says it provides that all employees of IDNR authorized by the director shall have the power of and shall be peace officers in the enforcement of this Act and may carry weapons as necessary in the performance of his or her duties. Does other DNR employees have that capability in any other part of statute?"

Welch: "Representative Reis, that is currently the law as it exists today. And if there's ever an arrest, DNR calls the Conservation Police. This law does not change existing law."

Reis: "I was just wondering..."

Welch: "This Bill..."

Reis: "...why we're putting it in there if it's already in state statute?"

Welch: "I probably should have said that in my introduction, Representative. There are a number of different Codes currently in existence that govern reptiles and amphibians, and what we're doing here is making one herptile Code... we're... we're making it simpler. You can go to one Section to... to see what rules and regulations govern reptiles and amphibians."

Reis: "Okay. Just out of curiosity what's a herp?"

Welch: "A herp is reptiles and amphibians."

Reis: "Did you... did you ask staff what a herp was?"

Welch: "I just wanted to make sure. This is going into the record."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Reis: "While we're on the question, the DNR staff's there, have you asked them how long it's going to take to promulgate rules for this new law?"

Welch: "It shouldn't take long. It's in the works. It shouldn't take long."

Reis: "I passed a hound hunting Bill five years ago, and we still haven't got the rules so."

Welch: "Sorry to hear that."

Reis: "My last question is, you've got closed areas, and it says that bow fishing is not prohibitive but it's prohibited in certain counties and it'll also be prohibited to take copper belly water snakes in the following counties. Why are these counties excluded for these two... these two things?"

Welch: "With regard to the turtles, it's because of the alligator snapping turtle, and it's an endangered species."

Reis: "What about the copper belly water snake? I... I think all... all nine of my counties are prohibited."

Welch: "It's an endangered species."

Reis: "But can you take those from other counties?"

Welch: "Yes."

Reis: "They're just not endangered in those counties."

Welch: "They're not found, Representative, so it's kind of an impossibility that you're talking about."

Reis: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Welch: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Representative, this is a pretty expansive Bill. I've only gotten through the first 10 pages of it, and

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

quite frankly, it... it horrifies me what I'm reading, quite frankly. So, you have to have a permit to, in essence, own, possess these types of animals. Is that correct?"

Welch: "Yes."

Sullivan: "Okay. So, within your Bill, and let me get back to the spot where I was because I've been reading through this, it talks about, and I apologize, I just... I just had it and I lost it. Okay. Power of entry and examination, within this Section on page... on Section 1-60, you're giving certain powers to not necessarily police but employees of IDNR that are granted powers by the director. So, an employee could be granted powers by the director to, in essence, have police powers."

Welch: "Representative, that is currently the law as it exists today. We're just taking that..."

Sullivan: "And that's fine."

Welch: "...and putting it all in one code."

Sullivan: "This... this is just leading me into the next line of questioning that we're going to go through."

Welch: "Okay."

Sullivan: "When we look at this, one, I should have a... I should have a permit to have these. You go and talk about they should be able to examine... enter all lands and waters to enforce this Act. Authorized employees are further empowered to enter all buildings, private or public clubs except dwellings, fish markets, railroad shows, it kind of goes through a whole litany of things. And then it talks about or other means of transportation or shipping including tents, bags, pillow cases, coats. So, what you're

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

saying is, a person authorized by IDNR, under current law that doesn't have police powers, can search my tent if I'm at a campground. And if they find an un... prohibited reptile, I could be arrested because you go on to the next Section of the Bill where you say it's prima facie evidence of possession that you're against... you're... you have, in essence, violated the Act. Is there something in there that would preclude that?"

Welch: "Yes."

Sullivan: "Okay. And I..."

Welch: "We have..."

Sullivan: "And like I said, I... I started..."

Welch: "...we have to be clear."

Sullivan: "...this whole thing by saying this is an expansive Bill, and I haven't read it all, but I'm trying to get through it."

Welch: "Yeah. You have to go to Section 1-70 that specifically talks about a warrant being required to do a search and seizure."

Sullivan: "Okay. So, in the... in the case of search and seizure, how would this work then? I'm in the campground and you... and they see this happen. Are they going to hold me while they go and get the search and seizure request from the Circuit Court? I'm assuming it's the Circuit Court."

Welch: "Was there a question? I didn't hear the question."

Sullivan: "Yeah. I... So, how will this work if they see something like this happen? Do they first have to run off to the Circuit Court or is there any type of detention of me or my person while they wait for that.?"

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Welch: "The... the way the Bill is written it is required that a person files a complaint in the Circuit Court and..."

Sullivan: "I'm sor I'm..."

Welch: "...and get a warrant first."

Sullivan: "Okay, Representative. Than... thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's the last two weeks, and so those that are new here, you're going to see a lot of strange things kind of pop up. I don't even know how many pages this Bill is, but it... it goes to regulating reptiles and other certain little things. It gives expansive powers. I don't know if this is soup yet, turtle soup on top of it, but I... I think we should all have a 'no' vote and maybe bring this back when we have a little more time to read it. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Welch to close."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2362 is a very important piece of legislation that is sponsored by our Department of Natural Resources. It has wide support within the state from the trade show organizers, zoos, accredited by the Associations of Zoos and Aquariums, reptile and amphibian rescue organizations, veterinarians, private breeders, pet store owners... pet store owners, and the public. And they all support this because this Bill enhances public safety, it protects the animals, it's good for Illinois business, Ladies and Gentlemen, and it reduces bureaucracy by combining various Codes into one Code. I ask the House to consider that and vote 'aye' on this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2362 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

wish? Have all voted who wish? Members, please record yourself. Representative Davis, Jakobsson. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 38 voting 'yes', 78 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 2362, having failed to receive a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared failed.. lost.. lost. Leader Lang in the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Representative Golar."

Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 9, my switch was reflected as a 'no', and I would like the records to reflect that I wanted to be a 'yes' on Senate Bill 9."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions, Representative."

Golar: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Drury."

Drury: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Drury: "On House Bill 2356, there were some issues with my switch. I would like to be recorded as a 'no' vote. I believe it was a... it showed that I didn't vote at all, but I should be a 'no' vote for 2356."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions. Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "you Mr. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to change my vote on Senate Bill 9 to a 'yes'. My switch was incorrect. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. Mr. Smith."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Smith: "Mr. Speaker, I, on Senate Bill 9, should have been a 'yes' on that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention, Sir. Senate Bill 2380, Mr. Sandack. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2380, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2380 amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. It provides that recipients of state grants shall not intentionally use grant funds or goods or services purchased with grant funds to engage either directly or indirectly in prohibited political activity. This did have one opponent which is now neutral; that's the Donors Forum. This is supported by the Attorney General. And I believe it's a good government initiative. I'd welcome any questions. And I ask for your support and urge an... a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Please record yourselves. Mr. Burke. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2350, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2350, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2350 amends multiple aspects of the on bill financing... on bill financing program created in the Public Utilities Act. It allows for utility customers to purchase cost-effective energy, efficiency measure... measures with no up-front payment and pay the cost of those products and services over time on their u... utility bill. I ask for a favorable vote from the Body."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Representative, I was reading the Bill, and I wrote myself a note and I wasn't sure and I was hoping you could answer this for us. Does this Bill in any way increase utility costs?"

Turner: "No. I don't believe, that it'd they'd increase utility costs for a customer who would like to make these energy efficient upgrades on their home. This just simply provides a financing program through the utility company that would allow them to re... repay for the cost of those energy efficient upgrades to the... to the utility company directly and would actually save the customer a great amount of money over time."

Franks: "Okay. So, it's like... so, basically it's a financing arm of the utility to allow them to give a low interest loan to the homeowner?"

Turner: "Yes, Sir."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Franks: "Oh, that's what I couldn't figure out when I was reading it."

Turner: "Okay."

Franks: "So, this will actually save people money?"

Turner: "Yes."

Franks: "All right. Well, thank you."

Turner: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reis: "Representative, I commend you for bringing this Bill to the floor. It's been tried a number of times. My... my only question to you is how will this affect the electric co-ops? A vast majority of rural Illinois is covered by elective... electric cooperatives. Will they be required to... to do this program as well?"

Turner: "Representative, I don't want to give you a wrong answer on that."

Reis: "I'll wait for your staffer to come by then."

Turner: "Would it be all right if I got back to you with the answer and that we proceed with the Bill?"

Reis: "That's... that's the only question I have"

Turner: "Okay."

Reis: "And that's... that's always been a problem with us moving this Bill in the past is that they just don't have the capital resources to... to do this in... in a big way and that was always their concern, so."

Turner: "My trusted, counsel is here. Would you want to... can you just ask your question one more time?"

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Reis: "To repeat my question, will electric cooperatives be required to do this program?"

Turner: "It would actually be any electric or gas utility company serving more than 100 thousand customers. So, if they serve more than 100 thousand, then they would be eligible for this program."

Reis: "Eligible to do it or required to do it?"

Turner: "Required. They would be required, Representative."

Reis: "I, along with most other people are probably going to support your Bill, Representative. I can't imagine electric co-ops missing this Bill, but we'll certainly get to them and I guess we'll have one more crack at the nut with the Veto. So, thank you."

Turner: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Please take the record. On this question, there 95 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 2339, Mr. Mautino. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2339, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2339 is an initiative of the Department of Insurance. And what this does is, it requires health insurance pools that are out there, and these are maybe

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

your township or your city health funds, to report how their funds actually are. And so, they're going to have to require actual... actuarial data be sent into the department. We ask for this in current law now. Only about two-thirds of the 32 public plans that are out there actually comply with the law. So, we've had some situations where a risk management agency has gone insolvent. And what our law requires is that all the cities, past and present, in that... in that policy would have to pay assessments. So, we want to make sure that they're healthy. These funds carry about a billion dollars worth of taxpayers... taxpayers in combined assets. And I know of no objection. Appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Berrios, Flowers. Please take the record. On this question, there 115 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Turning to page 8... excuse me, turning to page 6 on the Calendar, there appears Senate Bill 1192, Mr. Turner. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1192, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Turner."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Floor Amendment #2 is a page and line Amendment that removes the changes made to two Sections regarding the Prisoner Review Board procedures. I'd ask for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Members, we're returning to page 3 of the Calendar at the beginning of Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading. We begin with Senate Bill 105, Mr. Phelps. Out of the record. Senate Bill 626, Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz. Out of the record. Representative Feigenholtz, do you wish to move your Bill? Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 626, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Than... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 626 is a Bill regarding early intervention services. It bring... brings the state into compliance with the Federal Government to preserve \$17 million in federal funding. The EI program, as many of us know, provide therapy services for Illinois children from the ages of birth to 3. This is essentially an opportunity for us to save a little money. And I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Representative Bellock."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I am supporting this Bill because I think Senate Bill 626 is not a mandate on insurance companies. We know that early interventions is one of the best programs we do in the State of Illinois helping kids that are 0 to 3. And in this case, especially last year when we did all the work on the SMART Act, we worked very hard to see if people that had insurance could pay for their services out of their insurance rather than having the state pay for their insurance. This Bill just goes along with what the Federal Government says and the deadline is June 30 of this year to bring our state with early interventions statute into compliance with the new federal regulations. Also, the passage of this Bill will save the state 5 to 6 million dollars, and these are the issues that we're working towards this year. So, I would encourage you to support the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Please record yourselves, Members. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Nekritz, Rosenthal. Mr. Rosenthal. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 925, Mr. Moffitt. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 925, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 925 is an initiative of Mid-West Truckers Association and IDOT. And this would bring Illinois in compliance with new federal regulations. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration does... did not reduce the daily limit to ten hours or less as they feared, but it does require a 30-minute rest after 8 consecutive hours of driving and cuts the weekly total from 82 hours to 70. It would bring Illinois in compliance with federal regulations. I'd be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Chapa LaVia, Walsh. Please take the record. On this question, there are 104 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1197, Mr. Beiser. Please read the Bill. The Gentleman needs the Bill to be moved back to the Order of Second Reading. With leave of the Body, please put the Bill back on the Order of Second Reading, Mr. Clerk, and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1197, the Bill was read for a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Beiser."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment simply exempts veterans' nursing homes that do not serve Medicaid

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

residents. I'd ask for the adoption of the Amendment and discuss the Bill on Third."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1207, Representative Pihos. Representative Pihos. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1207, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1207 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. This Bill will allow DFS to hold off on having to conduct an administrative appeals hearing on a person or persons identified for abuse or neglect until any cases in the juvenile or Circuit Court have been completed. This Bill... it deals simply with an administrative process, not a criminal or juvenile Circuit Court process. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Dunkin. Mr. Unes. Please take the record. On this question, there are 88 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

passed. Senate Bill 1256, Leader Currie. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1256, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is an initiative of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Governor Quinn promulgated an Executive Order in 2012 which would've restored to the Department of Central Management Services, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Juvenile Justice some health care activities... health care purchasing activities and oversight activities that had been turned over to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services by an earlier Executive Order of Governor Blagojevich. The Legislature did not reject Governor Quinn's Executive Order; that means it went into effect. This will codify what is the current implementation of that Executive Order. I'd be happy to answer your questions. And I and LRB would appreciate your support for the Bill."

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

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Lady yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Flowers: "Representative, can you please explain to me what is it that we're doing again? Are we... are we..."

Currie: "We're codifying... codifying the current status of health care purchasing and other responsibilities that is what is happening right now in Illinois State Government. Governor Bla... then Governor Blagojevich had tried to

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

transfer many of the activities from the Department of Central Management Services and other agencies to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. Some of the things never actually transferred, but under a 2012 Executive Order from Governor Quinn, things moved back to the original status quo. So, things went back to the Department of Central Management Services. The Legislature didn't reject the Executive Order, that means it went into effect, but in order to make sure that the statutes reflect the reality, the Legislative Reference Bureau wrote this Bill."

Flowers: "So, are we going back pre-Blagojevich? Is that what you..."

Currie: "But many things didn't change even after the Blagojevich Executive Order. So, we did, we went back last year. And as I say, many things hadn't changed anyway, but everything went back the way it used to be and that's already what's happened."

Flowers: "Will the names go back as well?"

Currie: "No. The only thing that doesn't change is the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is the Department of Healthcare and Family Services."

Flowers: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Chapa LaVia. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

declared passed. Senate Bill 1294, Mr. Moffitt. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1294, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1294 is also an imitia... initiative of the Mid-West Truckers Association, Illinois Farm Bureau, and Illinois Trucking Association, and it's supported by IDOT. What this would do... and it only impacts trucks operated within Illinois, in other words, intrastate not interstate. And it amends the Vehicle Code and provides that operating a motor vehicle without a required safety sticker is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$95 and a maximum of 250 unless the violation is in combination with a motor vehicle accident in which the person is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor. Under current law, failure to have this safety sticker would... would be... be guilty of an offense as serious as a DUI, first offender. This... there are no opponents now. And I want to point out some things. When this first was introduced in the Senate, there was some... some concerns from labor, those changes... an Amendment took care of that, so they've... all labors removed their opposition. And only proponents... it's... I would like just to just mention a few more points. This only impacts less than 10 percent of commercial vehicles on the road in Illinois. Most are farm trucks that average a few thousand miles a year; only intrastate trucks within the state. A typical inspection costs less than \$65. People are not going to

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

avoid the safety sticker; it's just a case where they've forgotten it. I'd appreciate your support. Be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor of the Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed will vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Evans, Jackson, Kay. Please take the record. On this question, there are 91 voting 'yes', 26 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 12... excuse me, Senate Bill 1354, Representative Will Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1354, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Senate Bill 1354 creates a business enterprise program within the Illinois Horse Racing Act and the Riverboat Gambling Act to encourage those industries to use contractors that are owned and operated by minorities, women, and people with disabilities. This program will allow the Illinois Gaming Board and the Illinois Racing Board to write rules with goals for racetracks, off-track betting facilities, and riverboat casinos to award a certain percentage of their contracts to businesses owned by minorities, women, and people with disabilities. The boards may also subdivide these goals so that they're... so that there are different goals of different types of goods and services procured by the businesses holding the

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

licenses to operate these facilities. Each licensee must file an annual report with the board evaluating the licensee's progress toward meeting goals set by the boards. Licensees can request a waiver from attempting to reach these goals if they can show that they made a good faith effort to attempt to find contractors owned and operated by minorities, women, and people with disabilities. If a board finds that the licensees are not meeting the goals that it said, it may adopt remedies for such violations and recommend ways to meet those goals in the future. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Bost: "Representative, when... when we first passed the gaming Bill was any... were any of these... I thought there was some kind of criteria already in place, apparently there's not?"

Davis, W.: "If... if you're going back to when the gaming Bill was first passed here..."

Bost: "Well..."

Davis, W.: "...I... I don't know, but my guess is that there weren't. Now, when we passed more recent gaming Bills, we did try to add that kind of language."

Bost: "That... that's what I thought."

Davis, W.: "Yes."

Bost: "That's the ones I was talking about."

Davis, M.: "Yes."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Bost: " And so... so, what does this do? Does it enhance that and is there quotas set or is it just a study to figure out where they're at?"

Davis, W.: "Well, I... well, doesn't necessarily study, it probably, if anything, gives more flexibility to how these rules and these goals are established. So, it gives that flexibility to be able to look at, you know, where they procure products and services and make some judgments as to whether or not these entities or these, excuse me, categories are... have appropriate numbers of minorities, women, disability-owned businesses to be able to set rules. If anything, I think it just gives a lot more flexibility to be able to set appropriate rules and not imposing, you know, too high of a bar that we know that no one's going to be able to meet. It allows the various gaming boards to be able to set appropriate rules for that purpose."

Bost: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Pritchard, Sacia, Zalewski. Mr. Zalewski. Please take the record. On this question, there are 80 voting 'yes', 36 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the record to show a 'yes' vote for HB or SB1294."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions, Sir."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Lang: "Senate Bill 1493, Mr. Sullivan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1493, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill 1534, Representative Tracy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1534, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Tracy."

Tracy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1534 amends the Deferred Compensation Article of the Illinois Pension Code and allows employees in the deferred compensation plan, offered by the State of Illinois, to participate in a Roth plan at posttax contributions in addition to the current pretax investment options. And I would entertain any questions."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Franks: "Why do we need this? Hello. Sorry. Why do we need this Bill?"

Tracy: "Well, currently, state employees are not allowed to participate and rollover into a Roth plan like they do with the deferred compensation. And so, it's... it's something that is supported by AFSCME, passed unanimously in the Senate, gives our employ... state employees other options."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

It... it actually passed the House... you know this is Senator Rose's Bill from the Senate."

Franks: "Well, don't kill it, don't kill it."

Tracy: "And he's right here."

Franks: "Come on, I thought you wanted this thing to pass?"

Tracy: "Well, I did, but he passed it in the House as well."

Franks: "Well, we won't hold that against him. Look, I'm glad to see you back, Chapin."

Tracy: "No. I mean and the idea is..."

Franks: "There's a pulse on this side of the Rotunda."

Tracy: "To... to give employees... the Roth clients have become more popular, and... so, it gives our state employees another option. CMS thinks it's a good idea as well."

Franks: "So... so, you're telling me right now we don't have the ability to use Roths?"

Tracy: "Right."

Franks: "That's... I did not know that."

Tracy: "Well, now we need to."

Franks: "Well, thank you. Apparently, Mr. Rose hadn't explained that well enough otherwise I might have remembered. But I know Roths are important 'cause those are... you don't get the tax break at the time, but when you put the Roth... when you contribute to your Roth, but you get it on the other end when you take it out."

Tracy: "That's correct."

Franks: "And pretty much every employer in the state allows that, but we're behind the times."

Tracy: "So, that's why I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Franks: "Oh. It makes sense even though it was Mr. Rose's idea.  
And I'd encourage an 'aye' vote."

Tracy: "That would be Senator Rose."

Franks: "That's right."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Reis: "Representative, I know you have Senator Rose's blessings  
on this Bill, but do you have Representative Roth's  
blessing on your Bill?"

Tracy: "I do. In fact, she's a cosponsor, but I'd don't think  
there's any conflict of interest as I don't believe she's  
related to the original.. originator of the Roth Plan."

Reis: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote  
'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who  
wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?  
Please record yourselves. Mautino, Mitchell, Zalewski.  
Please take the record. On this question, there are 117  
voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received  
the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr.  
Clerk, Rules Committee report."

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the  
Committee on Rules reports the following committee action  
taken on May 22, 2013: recommends be adopted a Motion to  
Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 189."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Morrison."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Senate Bill 1294, I accidentally hit my 'no' button, would you please record me as a 'yes'?"

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intentions, Sir. On page 9 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, appears House Bill 101, Representative Will Davis. Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 with House Bill 101. It's my understanding that the Amendment adopted in the Senate simply removes the FOIA requirements in lieu of some type of larger FOIA Bill that will probably come at some point and they would prefer to be included in that."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves that the House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 101. And the Chair recognizes Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "Is there... you talked about a larger FOIA Bill."

Davis, W.: "That is what... when I... when I heard from the pawn broker industry, they said... they told me that the Amendment which removes the FOIA requirements was done in lieu of what they're being told is going to be a bigger FOIA package that's coming at some point."

Franks: "It's like... I like the hand motions is that... maybe you're telling us where it's coming from, but it's sort of like Nixon's secret plan to get us out of Vietnam."

Davis, W.: "Well, I thought..."

Franks: "You know..."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Davis, W.: "...Nixon did this."

Franks: "He did."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Never... never mind."

Franks: "But I'd like to see that plan before we actually exempted FOIA. I mean, could we... could we write this Bill to a sense that... that the FOIA provisions of this Bill would be removed if there's a subsequent FOIA Bill that includes them. But otherwise, we're hoping that there may be a secret plan that is yet to be shared..."

Davis, W.: "Well..."

Franks: "...with us."

Davis, W.: "...I mean, as you know, when the Bill passed out of here, that was included."

Franks: "Right."

Davis, W.: "I can only assume that the Amendment was done because they felt like there was some assurance that that was going to happen. Otherwise, I don't think the industry would've signed off on the Amendment."

Franks: "Well, forgive me if I don't that so... that same warm, fuzzy feeling that we're going definitely get a Bill. That's my concern here, 'cause I know when we passed it, I hate to weaken the FOIA provisions. Would it be better to wait, 'cause we're here for another week, to see if a Bill comes forward with FOIA before we pass this because that seems to be the argument here, otherwise..."

Davis, W.: "Well, I... I... otherwise, I think, if I knew it was coming, I'd say yes. Now, again, I was only told that there would be another larger FOIA Bill coming at some point in

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

the future. I wasn't told that it would be this Session, so I don't know the answer to that question."

Franks: "I think... the Majority Leader just indicated to me that the FOIA provisions that we moved... removed was actually removing the exemption. Is that... if that's correct, then I'll shut up and apologize for wasting your time."

Davis, W.: "Oh, no. Never... never wasting my time, Representative."

Franks: "Okay."

Davis, W.: "And I can only agree with the Majority Leader's analysis of that and say that yes, that is the case."

Franks: "Never mind."

Speaker Lang: "I wonder if we can get that time back. The Chair recognizes Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Speaker, I need to ask a parliamentary question. Have we ever limited debate for a Member 'cause I know everybody's thinking the same thing I am about my... my cohort here. I don't know if we've ever done it, but I'd really like you to check into that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Maybe the Rules will someday reflect that. Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Drury, Durkin, Fortner, Hatcher, Sosnowski. Mr. Drury. Please take the record. On this question, there are 63 voting 'yes', 54 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 101. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

hereby declared passed. House Bill 181, Mr. Zalewski.  
Please proceed, Sir."

Zalewski: "I wish to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House  
Bill 181, Mr. Speaker. It simply removes the State  
Treasurer as the agency that receives the money from the  
clerk."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves the House concur in Senate  
Amendment #1 to House Bill 181. The Chair recognizes Mr.  
Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, I didn't really hear what you said  
there, if you could..."

Zalewski: "Representative, if you remember, this was a Bill  
that dealt with the fees assessed to those that violate the  
child pornography Section of the statute. In the Senate,  
they felt that it would be a wise choice to let the... not  
have the State Treasurer be the agency that receives the  
money and instead let the State Police be the re...  
repository for the fees."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will  
vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all  
voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Tryon. Please  
take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting  
'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate  
Amendment #1 to House Bill 181. And this Bill, having  
received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared  
passed. House Bill 1139, Mr. Welch. Please proceed, Sir."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with the Senate Amendment to House Bill 1139. This is the Gang Crime Witness Protection Act. And it would create the Witness Protection Act subject to appropriation. I ask the House to approve the Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves to concur with Senate Amendment #1. The Chair recognizes Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, this is going to be subject to appropriation. Who would you anticipate would be appropriating this 'cause I don't... I don't think the state has very much money. So, is this going to be from a county level or from the state level?"

Welch: "Well, currently, the way the Bill is written the... the program would be funded through grants. The subject to appropriation only will allow us a mechanism to... to allocate additional moneys."

Reboletti: "Without it being subject to appropriation, how... how did you anticipate it would have been funded under your version?"

Welch: "Through grants, through the criminal justice department."

Reboletti: "And so, if there's no grants, there's no gang crime witness protection program?"

Welch: "That's correct."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Reis. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1139. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1486, Mr. Mautino. Mr. Mautino on House Bill 1486. Please proceed on your Concurrence, Sir."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move that the House do concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1486. This is an initiative... as the Bill came back from the Senate, it took two Bills, which received over hundred votes in the House, and combined them into one. One of them allows beer distributors who have multiple locations to keep their records in one location... in the one central location. And the other item provides for a manufacturer who's licensed in this state to make sales or deliveries to licensed distributors, they have to register as agents with the liquor Control Commission. The first Bill was 115 to 0, second was 113 to 3. I ask for your 'aye' votes on a Motion to Concur on final action."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman concurs... the Gentleman moves to concur in Senate Amendment #1. Those in favor of the Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1486. And this Bill, having received the

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1868, Mr. Unes. Please proceed."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wish to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1868. Senate Amendment #1 is agreed upon language with the State Board of Ed... Education and makes a couple slight technical changes to the provisional... part-time provisional career and technical educator endorsement. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves to concur in the Senate Amendment. Those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Ford. Mr. Sandack. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1868. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2311, Mr. Beiser. Please proceed, Sir. Out of the record. House Bill 3190, Representative Osmond. Please proceed. Don't hurt yourself, Representative. Take your time."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to concur with Amendment #1, 4, and 5. Number one deals with... it's the department's suggestion that they didn't believe that the Bill needed to be added to the School Code, only needed to be added to Communicable Disease Prevention Act. Amendment #4 broadens the current Bill to include advancements in the meningitis vaccines, and also the second part of that Amendment will ensure that schools have enough time to put

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

the recommendations in place. And #5 is a technical change."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves to concur in Senate Amendments 1, 4 and 5 to House Bill 3190. Those in favor of the Lady's Motion will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Cassidy, Smith, Sosnowski. Mr. Smith. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendments 1, 4 and 5 to House Bill 3190. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3388, Representative Kelly Burke. Representative Burke. Out of the record. Members, an announcement to Members, please pay attention. If your Bill is on the Concurrence Calendar, you need to file a Motion to Concur or a Motion to Nonconcur or your Bill will not be called. So, many of you have been waiting for your Bills to be called on Concurrence, but you need to file a Motion and the Rules Committee needs to send that Motion to the floor. So, this would be a good time to run up to the well and file your Motions. Leader Currie on a point of personal privilege."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. You will remember that we've adopted a Resolution in honor of Terrence O'Brien who retired November 30, 2012, as President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. We're not going to read the Resolution, but Mr. O'Brien is with us today and I... he's in the back gallery. And I hope you will join me in remembering the many good things he did

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

for the people of our state. He served for 24 years... 24 years on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, 16 as its President. His responsibility to the taxpayers knew no ends, in fact, he left... he... he was one of the few governmental agencies in the state to have a AAA bond rating. He's the one who gave us the deep tunnel; the deep tunnel is still getting more than that to us. And he worked very hard on issues that are important to our environment. He took over Stormwater Management in Cook County. And he found a way for us to report illegal dumping. He also chaired the Irish Fellowship Club of Chicago and served on the President's Council of his alma mater, John Carroll University, and the Special Olympics Program for Misericordia. So, I hope you will join me in thanking Terry O'Brien for his 24 years of excellent service to the people of the northern part of Cook County and effectively to the people of the state. Terry O'Brien."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, President O'Brien. Welcome to Springfield. Members, we're moving to the Order of Resolutions. We're going to be starting on page 12. If you have a Resolution that's ready to go, be ready in your chair to present it. Let's get through these. The first one is House Joint Resolution 33, Representative Jakobsson. Please proceed."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 33 resolves that the General Assembly encourages all certificate and agreed granting institutions within Illinois to post links to the Federal College Score Card on their school's website. And it also encourages them to work

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

together to design and post online an Illinois college school course... score card that will contain complimentary data so that people can compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges. And this will help students as they are trying to sort out their careers in their education choices."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. The Chair recognizes Mr. Dunkin."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Dunkin: "Representative, I think this is a very interesting concept, especially as a parent who is looking for schools."

Jakobsson: "Can't hear you."

Dunkin: "You okay?"

Jakobsson: "Mr. Speaker, can you ask for a little quiet?"

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, let's give them a little peace and quiet. Please proceed."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Jakobsson, again, I think this is a very interesting concept. Is there a cost associated with this information sharing?"

Jakobsson: "Well, to post something on their website, I don't see how it would have, I mean, obviously, somebody's going to take a few minutes to do it but... or some time to do it, but it shouldn't increase. And remember, it's a Resolution encouraging them so they will I'm sure find the right resources when they feel they have them."

Dunkin: "So, there's no teeth in this? It's just a Resolution just said... say hey, look, we really want you to do this."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Jakobsson: "It's not a mandate."

Dunkin: "It's sort of a good warm and fuzzy approach?"

Jakobsson: "Hopefully, they'll think of it as more than that and they'll..."

Dunkin: "So, who's doing it right now in our great state?"

Jakobsson: "I think that there might be some, as we know from the committees that we serve on, some community colleges that try to work with the universities or colleges that are close to them. But this is going to help our students all over the state."

Dunkin: "I agree. Two questions. Is that a jacket or a coat?"

Jakobsson: "You do..."

Dunkin: "Or a cape?"

Jakobsson: "You tell me what you think it is."

Dunkin: "Is it a cape?"

Jakobsson: "It's got sleeves."

Dunkin: "It is beautiful. Can you... okay. That's good. If Barbara Flynn Currie says it's beautiful, it's beautiful."

Jakobsson: "And you know what, when you send your daughter back to Urbana, I'll show her where the store is."

Dunkin: "Oh my gosh, that would be so incredible. I lost my other question. Can you put me on as a cosponsor?"

Jakobsson: "Sure thing."

Dunkin: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Arroyo. Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will... will say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 4, Representative Flowers. Don't run, Representative, we'll wait for you."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am pulling up my Resolution now. House Resolution 4 authorize for the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Task Force which was created previously under HR286. This task force would review whether or not clients, particularly, people with disability and elderly are satisfied with the health care and have adequate access to health care and are adequately informed about their health care options. And I move for its adoption, please."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Bost, Golar. Representative Golar. Please take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 57, Representative Greg Harris. Please proceed."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Resolution is the result of many hours of testimony that was taken by the committee on Appropriations-Human Services in both Springfield and Chicago regarding the provision of health care in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Those of you who followed this issue may know that we have a 10-year \$1.36 billion contract with an outside provider to provide health care in our correctional institutions and there were many concerns raised. There... this is an agreement between the advocates, the Department of Corrections, and the provider to have a series of audits of our health care corrections..."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

correctional system health care provided by an outside, third-party entity to be sure that the State of Illinois is getting its money's worth and that the people who are in our custody in the Department of Corrections are, in fact, receiving quality health care."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davis, Jakobsson. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 69, Mr. Reboletti. Please proceed, Sir."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Speaker. This is a Resolution that allows me to have one more task force to attend this summer. I have an Amendment here..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti..."

Reboletti: "...I have to adopt."

Speaker Lang: "do you have an Amendment on this?"

Reboletti: "If I could adopt the Amendment before I am appointed to the task force, yes, please."

Speaker Lang: "So, please explain your Amendment."

Reboletti: "The Amendment would allow this task force, which was passed last year which expired because it never had a chance to meet, the people were not put in place to meet, would allow this task force to begin this summer and would dissolve it... it would be... it would owe this Body a report by October 15 of this year."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. And if you would, now, explain your Resolution, Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "I would urge an 'aye' vote. This task force is extremely important with respect to the fact that what has been happening across the state and especially in the City of Chicago, and I think we need to go back and review some of our legislation and laws working with law enforcement to see what it is we can do to curb our gang violence in the state."

Speaker Lang: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those 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? Sosnowski, Sullivan. Mr. Sosnowski. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 80, Mr. Acevedo. Mr. Acevedo. Out of the record. House Resolution 120, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 120 states that the Auditor General is to conduct a management audit of the Department of Children and Family Services compliance with its rules and procedures for locating and returning missing runaway children and children that have been abducted. And I would urge for its 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. The Chair recognizes Mr. Reboletti."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Reboletti: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Reboletti: "Representative, this is... is this agreed upon between the... with... between the agency as well as the Auditor General?"

Flowers: "I'm sorry?"

Reboletti: "Is this an agency initiative this... this Resolution?"

Flowers: "No, this is an initiative, quite frankly, of Cook County Sheriff Thomas Dart. He and I had worked together on DCFS issues back in the '90s. And he'd know the importance of what has been happening with DCFS and the lack of keeping in contact with the runaways, and we need to know what has... what has happened to them."

Reboletti: "What... what is... what's the status of... of the procedures for locating, returning missing runaway and abducted children? Is there... is there some issues you're hoping to address with this in particular?"

Flowers: "Well, yes, because we're responsible for these children. They are our children. If they have ran away, we need to know where they are. You know, because we place some of these children in homes or institutions, and if they're no longer there, where are they? Is there someone out looking for them? We need to know."

Reboletti: "Are you suggesting that DCFS is not in compliance with the rules and procedures that are set..."

Flowers: "We will..."

Reboletti: "...in place?"

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Flowers: "...we... I am suggesting that there has been some problems, and we need to find out if they are in compliance because you do... you are aware that there were cuts in DCFS's budget throughout the years. So, this will help us to locate our missing children."

Reboletti: "Is there a date that the audit will be complete by?"

Flowers: "No, there is not a date in the Resolution requiring a time line."

Reboletti: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Jefferson, Sims. Please take the record. On this question, there are 117 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 154, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 154 urges Congress, the President of the United States and the U.S. Department of Education to award Promised Neighborhood grants to communities in Illinois which includes the City of Chicago. The Promised Neighborhoods was founded in 2010 on the premise of significantly improving educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in distressed areas. And I would urge an 'aye' vote on House Resolution 154. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. The Chair recognizes Mr. Kay."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Representative, the term 'promised neighborhoods' can you define that for me?"

Flowers: "Well, I cannot define it, but I can, once again, repeat that Promised Neighborhood was founded in 2010 on the premise of significantly improving educational and developmental outcomes of children and youth in distress... in distressed communities. And by having a Promised Neighborhood, fundings thus far totaling over \$100 million have been awarded to 50 communities representing more than seven... 700 schools to help leverage and sustain grant work. One thousand national and state community organizations have signed up and partnered with a Promised Neighborhood site including over 300 organizations supporting 2012 grant winners."

Kay: "So, there would be some private money involved in these grants?"

Flowers: "Yes, there will be private money involved."

Kay: "And how about public money?"

Flowers: "Well, considering that it's coming from the Federal Government, yes."

Kay: "And do we know how much money has been set aside for these grants?"

Flowers: "Well, thus far, there has been nearly \$100 million awarded to over 50 communities representing 700 schools."

Kay: "Okay. Other than Cook County, are there so-called distressed neighborhoods or school districts or areas in

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

the state that would qualify for a Promised Neighborhood Grant Award?"

Flowers: "Yes. If I'm not mistaken Representative Chapa LaVia's community is one of the Promised Neighborhoods that is also applying, and it, too, would qualify. And there's quite a few neighborhoods in the State of Illinois would qualify.. I'm sorry, quite a few counties that would qualify."

Kay: "So, in other words, it's not just applicable to Chicago."

Flowers: "Oh, no. No, no, no, no, no. Not at all."

Kay: "What... so, explain to me though, what is a distressed community because we have some areas presently in the Metro East area that I think are distressed. Can you explain to me what a distressed area is?"

Flowers: "Well, I would... distressed communities would be high unemployment, lack of school funding or low-income communities that would be the beginning of what is called or recognized as a distressed community."

Kay: "And that's... that's the definition that the President is using?"

Flowers: "I don't know the definition in which the President... I don't know the Federal Government's definition, but the usual language would be high unemployment or lots of Medicaid or Medicare assistance and high crime neighborhoods."

Kay: "Thank you, Representative. Tell me one more time, what's the aggregate amount of money involved in this program?"

Flowers: "I'm... I'm sorry?"

Kay: "What... what is the aggregate amount of money that will be involved in the grants that would be disbursed?"

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Flowers: "I have no idea. This is all coming from the Federal Government, but once again, I will repeat, thus far, nearly \$100 million has been awarded."

Kay: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Flowers: "My pleasure."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 179, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 179 is asking for a task force to be put together to have hearings on the DSM-V and the DSM-IV. There has been a lot of controversy about these two books. And unfortunately, a lot of people are suffering from some form of mental illness, and judges are going to have to use these books in order to make proper diagnosis in regards to crime. Doctors are going to have to use these books in order to make the proper diagnosis in regards to mental illness. And sometimes there has been quite a... there's been quite a bit of controversy and there's been misdiagnosis because of the controversy that's going on in regards to these two books. And I'm merely asking that there be a conversation to be had on the DSM-IV and the DSM-V. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to this."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. The Chair recognizes Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise in absolute strong opposition to this

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Resolution. The Gentle Lady and I have had discussions about this, and I understand the intent, but I want to bring up a group that supports this Resolution. This group is supported by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights, for those who that... of you that do not know what that commission is that is a commission that is backed exclusively by the Church of Scientology. I bring this up because my family has some issues, has had some exposure with the Church on Scientology and without getting into details it hasn't been very good. To the day I die, I will not support anything that has to do with the Church on Scientology. Representative Flowers, I apologize, you and I have had discussions and I'm not trying to go beyond my scope but this is an organization that should not have any say in Illinois Government. And with that, I ask for your support in opposing this Resolution. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Bellock: "Thank you. And I respect... I know Representative Flowers, you've always had a concern on mental health, and we've worked together on a lot of legislation regarding that. But in this regard, on this task force, I think we've had a discussion about this before, and I just wanted to ask you if the major mental health groups in Illinois are still opposed to this task force? I think that's NAMI, the Med Society, and the Psychiatric Society."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Flowers: "Well, I'm glad you asked that question, Representative, because when you say major, you know, it depends on where you are. There's plenty of opponents and there's plenty of proponents as you can see in regards to this legislation. Not only NAMI, who's in opposition, or Scientology, who might be for it, those are just one group on each side of the equation. That's how serious this... this matter is. There's lots of groups out there that's proponents of this, and there's quite a few... quite of few that are opponents. And that is more reasons why there needs to be some type of discussion on what... which way is the right way to go because you could have a doctor in the room... five doctors with one patient and you'll get five different diagnosis. The only thing I am asking for is to have a conversation. What are we afraid of? That's what we do all the time. We talk, talk, talk. But it's not up to us, we're not the psychiatrists or the psychologists. There is... there's a problem in the community with the DSM-IV and the DSM-V. So, if these two groups of people want to talk about it, what is the problem? We do it all the time."

Bellock: "I guess my major concern in this is when I see the proponents for this, those are not medical groups. And I think that what you're asking for here is an analysis of mental health issues by medical groups to talk about what's being done medically in the mental health arena. But the two groups I see here as proponents are not really medical groups, whereas the Med Society and the Psychiatric Society definitely are. And NAMI usually always has medical doctors on their staff. That's my concern with the Bill."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Flowers: "Well, the Community Behavior of Health Care Association is a medical group and the Association of Psychology and Health Services is a medical group. You know, Representative, we can go tit for tat all day long, but you and I both know we know about the debate, we know about the argument. What is one side afraid of? What is wrong with merely having a task force to have this discussion on what is in the best interest of the people of the State of Illinois? Some people... some children have been overmedicated. We've seen the headlines in the newspaper about doctors overmedicating adults as well as children because there's money involved. That's not the purpose of psychotropic drugs. That's not the purpose of the medicine that is to be given. Some doctors have been given this without any type of oversight. Some wards of the state. There's a problem. There's a report that was put out not too long ago that if you are on Medicaid, you were guaranteed to get psychotropic drugs. If you're not on Medicaid, if you're a private payee, then you might get some type of psychology or psychiatrist talking to you. That's no way to treat a person, a human being. If... if I have a mental illness, whatever ails me on Medicaid should ail you on... on your private pay, and so the medication should be the same. The quality and the diagnosis should be the same. Do not discriminate. So, let's have a discussion, Representative. This is not a mandate. This is not a law. This is merely a Resolution calling for a task force to have a discussion."

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

Bellock: "I didn't realize, from the description in the analysis, that this was anything to do with Medicaid."

Flowers: "No, Representative, we're talking about the medication and the stories that's been in the newspaper, and I said to you that there... there is a report that is out that people who are diagnosed with mental illness that's on Medicaid is guaranteed to get some form of psychotropic drugs. That same person that has private pay is guaranteed to get some form of counseling, and there lies the difference. And if... it should not be that way if maybe that person on Medicaid should not have gotten that medication. But for some reason, again, there's a discrepancy between the DSM-IV, the DSM-V and certain psychiatrists are picking and choosing. And this Resolution is merely causing... calling for a task force."

Bellock: "Thank you very much. And I always respect your opinion on these issues. I still disagree with this. And to the Bill. Mr. Speaker, I would ask for a Roll Call vote on this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reis."

Reis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Along with the Roll Call vote, I would ask for a verification should this receive 60 votes."

Speaker Lang: "Your request is acknowledged. Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, I understand and recognize your interest in... in this subject. But let me mention two things, if I may, regarding this Resolution. First of all, I think it, quite frankly, I think it is, if I can be direct, it is inartfully drafted. You say resolved that the task force on mental health

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

diagnosis within Illinois law be created, I'm not sure what that term of 'art' means. But more specifically, this is a lot more than a just a merely Resolution. If you look at what the task force is expected to do to thoroughly survey the Illinois Compiled Statutes and Administrative Code to identify all instances where laws, et cetera, et cetera, may have been recently discredited or found to be inaccurate or seriously called into question. The... to... to thoroughly survey the Illinois Compiled Statutes, nine books high in seven-point type, double columns, and report back by... by... what's the date that it has to be reported back by? December of 20... what... what's the reporting date?"

Flowers: "December 31 2014."

Harris, D.: "December 31 of 2014. My point simply being that if we really want to have a task force that's going to look at this seriously, I think you've given them much too broad of a charge that, in reality, cannot be logistically completed with any... with any real thorough, honest report."

Flowers: "Well, and... and I agree with you, Representative. And I'll be more than happy to change the date, but it... it is a year away. So... but... once again, I'll be more than happy to extend the dates or change the date; that's not a problem."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers to close."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I heard some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle talk about scientology, and they're not the only ones that's concerned about the DSM-IV and the DSM-V. I have articles from the Chicago Tribune, Forbes Magazine, the Huffington Post which also support the claim against DSM-V

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

psychiatry manual. And articles concur that the DSM-V has had potential to over or misdiagnose mental health patients as well as no longer recognize the conditions that were formerly identified in the DSM-IV, and such differentiation in diagnosis, can lead to a loss of health coverage for a patient whose disorder are no longer acknowledged in the DSM-V manual. The only thing I'm asking for is to have a conversation so we can clear up the concerns that the Tribune, Forbes Magazine, Huffington Post, and others are concerned about. And I would really appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Mr. Reis has moved for a verification. Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Davis, Drury, Ford, Sims, Thapedi, Turner. Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 22 voting 'yes', 92 voting 'no'. Mr. Reis, may I assume you're withdrawing your verification request? The request is withdrawn. And the Resolution is defeated. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 372, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 373, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 376, offered by Representative Scherer. House Resolution 378, offered by Representative Senger. House Resolution 379, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
98th GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

60th Legislative Day

5/22/2013

And House Resolution 380, offered by Representative Flowers."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements. Members, please.. please listen to the committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting at 4:00 or immediately after the conclusion of the Democratic Caucus. Judiciary is meeting in Room D-1, Public Safety: Police & Fire is meeting in Room 413, Labor & Commerce is meeting in Room C-1. Tomorrow morning, the Executive Committee is meeting in Room 114 at 11:00. The two approp... Appropriation Committees for this afternoon were canceled; Appropriations-General Services and Appropriations-Public Safety were canceled for this afternoon."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, immediately upon adjournment there will be a House Democratic Caucus in Room 114. Immediately following adjournment there will be a House Democratic Caucus in Room 114. The Chair recognizes Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Yeah, there won't be a Republican Caucus. Thank you Mr..."

Speaker Lang: "Have a lovely evening. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, May 23 at the hour of 12 noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. The House stands adjourned until Thursday, May 23 at the hour 12 noon. Thank you."