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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Barry Robinson, who is an assistant Pastor from Mt. Olive Community Church in Peoria. Pastor Robinson is the guest of Representative Gordon-Booth. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Robinson."

Pastor Robinson: "Let us go before the Lord in prayer. Oh most gracious eternal heavenly Father, our God, we come now before thy throne of grace to say thank You. Thank You, Father God, just for waking us up this morning, for starting us on our way. We know, Father God, that it was not the alarm clock on our smartphones that woke us up this morning. It was Your twin blessings of Your grace, and Your mercy. And for that alone, Father God, we say thank You. We say thank You, Father God, for being our God, and allowing us to be Your children. We say thank You for Your spirit, Father God, and with all reverence we say thank You for Your Son, Jesus, by whose work on Calvary's cross, we are saved. Father God, the reality is, if You never do another thing, You've already done enough and we say thank You. Now, Father God, we petition You this morning. We come humbly but boldly to Your throne this morning to ask for a blessing. We ask that You would be with us this morning. We ask that You allow Your spirit, Your Holy Spirit to reign down on us this morning, as You did the Apostles in the upper room. We need You right now, Father; we need You to show us the way. Father God, show us Your vision of what You would have Your community, this great state, to look like,

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Father God. We must realize that this is not just our community, not just our state, but Yours, Father God. And we pray Your blessing right now. We pray, Father God, for a spirit of discernment this morning. We pray for wisdom. Father, You've done it before and we know You can do it again. You did it for Solomon, now please, Father, do it for us. Father God, allow us to be cognizant of all our people, rich and poor. Allow us to meet their needs with passion, compassion, discernment, and thought. Father God, this morning I pray for a conciliatory spirit in this wonderful House. I pray that You would lead, God, and order our steps this morning. That all we would do on this day would be pleasing, pleasing in thy sight. In Jesus name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge by Representative Winger."

Winger - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Brown."

Brown: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Anthony, Brady, Cavaletto, Reis, and Tryon are excused this morning."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 110 Members, and we do have quorum. Chair recognizes Mr. Martwick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Martwick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, would you please join me in welcoming my two Pages for the day. I have two exchange students here with me. They're exchange students currently studying at Northeastern Illinois University. I have with me Andreas Rau from Germany and Joanna Nowacka from Poland. Please give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, welcome to the House of Representatives. Thank you for being here. Representative Willis."

Willis: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Willis: "I would like to have the entire Body congratulate our seatmate Mr... Representative Yingling. This past Friday he went and jumped the broom and got married to his life-partner Lowell Jaffe. So, congratulations, to..."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Representative. You don't look any different. Mr. Butler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Butler: "Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues in the House, I'd like to welcome the newest Member of the Illinois General Assembly, and now that I have two Members that I have seniority over, I'm very happy about this, my friend, a fellow Sangamon County resident, Sara Wojcicki Jimenez has been sworn in as the newest Representative for the 99th District. Many of you may know Sara, she's been a staff person for Leader Cross here. She's been an elected official in Sangamon County as a park board member. She's been a Channel 20 reporter. She's a wonderful, wonderful outstanding person in our community, but

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more so she's the proud wife of Jose and mother of two, darling, young twin boys. So, please join me in welcoming Sara Wojcicki Jimenez to the Illinois House."

Speaker Lang: "Representative, congratulations. Welcome aboard and we'd like to hear from you. Representative Jimenez."

Jimenez: "Thank you very much. Thank you for that kind introduction that was very nice. And one of the things that I learned on staff is that I should definitely keep this brief. So, I am very humbled by the opportunity. I'm honored, I look forward to working with everybody in our caucus and for our friends across the aisle. Just ready to get to work. Thanks so much. Take care."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you and congratulations, Representative. Representative Cloonen"

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Cloonen: "Today, I have with me my Page, Mr. Jimmy K. Riley from Gardner, Illinois. Please give him a round of applause and welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Happy to have you with us. Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Demmer: "I'd like to welcome to the House Floor today Bryson Reyes, who's Paging for me today. He's from up in the Sauk Valley Area and we're glad to have him here at the Capitol. Welcome, Bryson."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for being here. Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you... thank you Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Mitchell, B.: "Standing right next to me is Dalton Cox from Oakley, Illinois, and he's job shadowing me today. So, give a big welcome to Dalton."

Speaker Lang: "Happy to have you here with us. Thank you. Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Hammond: "First, I would like to congratulate Western Illinois University Leatherneck football coach, Bob Neilson for being named the Missouri Valley Coach of the Year. And also, to congratulate the Western Illinois Leatherneck football team for reaching the playoffs. They've won their first game, and they will be playing Illinois State University at Illinois State University this weekend. Standing behind me is someone from our staff, my privilege to introduce Mike Stieren, a member of the 2010 Western Illinois University championship football team. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, congratulations and welcome aboard. May we have some order in the chamber, please? Chair recognizes Representative Andersson. Could we have order in the chamber please for Representative Andersson?"

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Andersson: "Thank you. Friday the 13th of November, 2015, started as any other day, but by the end of that day the City of Paris, France and the world was in a state of shock due to the horrific attacks perpetrated by ISIS terrorists on the people of that city. By the end of that day, 130 people lay

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dead and 350-plus were injured. To my family, this hit home in a very direct way. My wife, Nannette, grew up in Paris in the early 1980s, while her father was stationed there as a member of the U.S. State Department. She attended the American School in Paris with other diplomat and military children. Unfortunately, attacks are not new to Paris. During her time there she experienced many attacks: the detonation of a bomb in her school as a protest when President Reagan visited the city, an assassination of the parent of one of her classmates, and the hostage taking of other parents she knew during the Iranian hostage crisis, who had previously served in Paris. She recounted to me how explosions and these attacks are a regular part of life in Paris. So, when these most recent attacks occurred, it was a literal form of post-traumatic stress disorder for my family, seeing the tragedy unfold in a city we hold very, very dear. Thank you for allowing me to speak about this terrible attack and to speak for those victims. I struggled with what to say to honor the people who have been lost and the families that must go on without them. More specifically, I struggled to understand why this attack had the impact it has around the world. After all, just two days earlier Beirut was attacked, and two weeks before that an airplane was destroyed, all by ISIS. These are but a few of the attacks in 2015; however, to me and I think to the world Paris was something different. I believe it's because of what Paris represents to the world. Other great world cities may represent many things, business, finance, trade, but Paris is the heart of culture. The center of all those things that represent what civilization strives to be: art,

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theater, architecture, cuisine, fashion, literature. It is the literal incarnation of creativity. And so, I'm reminded of a quote by President John Adams, he said, 'I must study politics and war, that my sons may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music and architecture.' Isn't that exactly what Paris represents? That which we aspire to allow our children to become. So, to attack Paris is to attack that which is best in our world, best that what we can aspire to. And I believe that's exactly what those terrorists intended, to attack the values we hold dear, to attack the virtues of the civilized world, because they are anything but civilized. So in the coming days, the world will deal with this evil. However, that's not my point today. For while we go on, while Paris will certainly rise from this tragedy, those victims will not. Their days ended on November 13, 2015. They left unfinished all their goals, their dreams. They left their families and friends to suffer their loss for the rest of their lives, and they deserve to be remembered. I took the opportunity to read about all the victims, to honor them by learning a little bit about them, and while it's beyond the scope of this moment to talk about them all, I want to recount one of them to honor all of them. A woman named Helene Muyal was 35 years old and a Parisian. She was a makeup artist, she was a wife, and she was the mother to a 17-month-old son. She died at the Bataclan music concert. Her husband, Antoine Leiris wrote to the terrorists, days after they killed his wife, and his words are so strong and true I use them here.

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He said, You will not have my hatred. On Friday evening you stole the life of an exceptional person, the love of my life, the mother of my son, but you will not have my hatred. I don't know who you are, and I don't want to know. You are dead souls. So, no, I will not give you the satisfaction of hating you, you want it, but to respond to hatred with anger would be to give in to the same ignorance that made you what you are. Of course, I am devastated with grief, I will grant you that small victory, but it will be short-lived. I know that my wife will be with us every day and we will find each other in Heaven with free souls which you will never have. You would like me to be scared, for me to look at my fellow citizens with a suspicious eye, for me to sacrifice my liberty, for my security, you have lost. Those are amazing words for someone so wronged. I believe Antoine is correct. They have lost. Antoine's view will prevail, civilization will be... prevail, but we must still properly mourn the dead. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the victims of the Paris attacks, the families that continue to suffer from their loss, and for all victims of terror, no matter where they occurred, I would respectfully ask for a moment of silence in their honor. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Mr. Andersson. Members, you may be seated. Page 5 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading appears, House Bill 687. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 687, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Bradley."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley on the Amendment."

Bradley: "I wasn't going to call this, but this was a centerpiece of the Governor's remarks yesterday. So, as long as, we're going to talk about it, we are going to continue to try to pass it. The property tax Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack"

Sandack: "A few questions of the Sponsor please."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sandack: "Representative Bradley, how many times have you brought this Amendment to the floor?"

Bradley: "I don't know."

Sandack: "17 sound possibly correct?"

Bradley: "It's possible."

Sandack: "Could be 18, could be 16 right?"

Bradley: "Correct."

Sandack: "And you said that the impetus for bringing it this time, whether it's 17, 18, or 32 is because of what the Governor said yesterday?"

Bradley: "It was a centerpiece of his remarks. So, as long as he's going to talk about it, vote for it."

Sandack: "Okay. Well, then..."

Bradley: "So, either vote for it, or quit talking about it."

Sandack: "Then... well, he can't vote for it, and what I would suggest is if you're sincere that yesterday's discussion by the Governor was the impetus for bringing your repeated Amendment, why would you bring his Bill? Why don't you instead of continuing to cut his Bill in half, because that's what you've done..."

Bradley: "Representative..."

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Sandack: "Let me finish my question, please."

Bradley: "Okay."

Sandack: "Why don't you... instead of this futile attempt again for mailing pieces and gotcha moment politics, why don't you instead bring his Bill, and we'll get a floor vote on that Bill?"

Bradley: "Representative, my experience in this is when we did the... for historical perspective, and I can't remember if you were in the Senate at that time or you were in the House, but I called a tax reform Bill, and it had objectionable pieces. And my recollection is that the first vote on that Bill with all the pieces together got like 8 votes. So then, I broke it into pieces, so that a voting block that could support one part of it would have the opportunity to vote for that part, a voting block that could support another part of it would have an opportunity to vote for that part. I'm actually giving an opportunity here by putting it in pieces to allow for the adoption of both of these Amendments. Were the folks that voted for these or inclined to support these Amendments willing to vote for them?"

Sandack: "To the Amendment, Mr. Speaker. That was an interesting and novel explanation. I guess after 16 or 17 times you could come up with something new. The only problem with that explanation is, is that this Amendment has passed with 60 or more votes 15, 16, or 17 times. So, if the Sponsor were legitimate in his endeavor to bring a Bill in whole or in part before this Body on Third Reading, he would move his Bill to Third Reading. The fact that he hasn't done that is proof positive in the fact that he doesn't believe for a

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minute this is a legitimate vote. What this is, yet again, is a disingenuous use of our time. I suspect we'll see this Bill 4 or 5 more times. This Amendment, I should say, and that's embarrassing. I wish the Sponsor would find another way to do what he says he wants to do. The best way would be to bring either House Bill 136, which is my Bill, and Representative Bradley, I'd love it if you were a cosponsor and could get it out of Rules, or let Leader Durkin's, or you can take the Bill, and let the Governor's real tax freeze Bill see the light of day, rather than this charade. Vote 'no' or don't vote at all, because it doesn't matter either way. Vote 'present' or don't vote at all, because it doesn't matter either way. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley to close."

Bradley: "I object to the term disingenuous. And let me say, there was a statement made that this vote had gotten 60 votes. This has never gotten 60 votes. This has never gotten 60 votes. So, either quit talking about it or get release to vote for it. Vote 'aye' on this Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no.' The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 47 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no', 25 voting 'present'. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Bradley."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

Bradley: "This is the prevailing wage collective bargaining portion of the Governor's proposal. I do not support it."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no', the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 2 voting 'yes', 78 voting 'no', 11 voting 'present'. And the Amendment fails. Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. Chair recognizes Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I have a moment of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you. If I could have the attention of the Body for one moment. In the gallery with us today we have Lynn Pearson, Lynn Pearson please rise. Lynn Pearson is a county board member in Peoria County. Lynn Pearson has served the county board for almost 20 years. She is chair of the Democratic Women's Organization, excuse me, a former chair of the Democratic Women's Organization, former UAW Local 974 member, served in many capacities within that Union. And personally, Lynn Pearson, along with many of the other women in the gallery, Helen King, Pat Kenney, Rachel Parker, Camilla Kellerstrass, who is my Chief of Staff, have been a part of what I call my kitchen cabinet. We all know there's a group of individuals who we all bounce things off of, rely on for support, and they are that group for me. Today with us we have Lynn Pearson's family, Jay Pearson and Genice Pearson, and I wanted to take the time to recognize Lynn for all of the work that she has done on behalf of people that she knows and folks that don't know she's been working on their behalf. So, I wanted to take this moment and ask the Body to please

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give Lynn Pearson a resounding round of applause for all of the valiant work that she's done in our community for the last 30 years."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations for your work, and thank you very much for being here with us today. Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the previous Bill, Senate Bill 687, Amendment #2, I'd like the record to reflect that I am voting 'no'."

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

Leitch: "Thank you. I, too, would like to add my word of welcome to Lynn Scott Pearson. I've known her for many, many, many years. She's done an outstanding job on the Peoria County Board and welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Davis, W.: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the chamber, can I have your attention for just a very brief moment. Earlier this year we were pleased to celebrate the retirement of a long-standing employee of the House in the Enrolling and Engrossing office, which is the office behind the Speaker's chamber there. And today I'd like for us to... to do the same for another employee that's graduating from the Enrolling and Engrossing office, Ms. Joyce Musselman. Wave, Joyce. Joyce Musselman will be retiring December 31. She has spent 40 years working in the Enrolling and Engrossing office and I'm told that she's the

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best boss ever. She is most known for all... for all... most known... most known of all for her contagious attitude and her laugh, which can be heard all down the hall most days from the elevator as she makes her way to the office in the morning. Her husband Rick who has been giving her a countdown each day as to how many days she has left, and her daughters Kelsey and Audrey are looking forward to her retirement. She plans to travel to Colorado to visit her daughter Kelsey. She is the queen of Irish and celebrates St. Patrick's Day all year long. This year... this year she will be getting her green on in New Orleans while visiting with family. She is an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, so instead of hanging out with us during Spring Session, you will find her hanging out with Cardinals team in Florida during spring training camp. She will be truly missed not only for... not only by the ones who work with her on the 4th floor, but many that work in this building and the surrounding buildings as well. So, please let's give Joyce congratulations for 40 years of outstanding service in the Enrolling and Engrossing office. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Joyce. Thank you for your service to Illinois. Page 16 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, appears House Bill 1285. Mr. Hoffman. Please proceed, Sir."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1285 is the unemployment insurance agreed Bill. This is an agreement that was reached between the department, the organized labor as well as business. As you know, this was the agreed Bill process. It worked. I think we

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should be doing it for other items such as worker's compensation because this shows that we can come together in order to reach an agreement. What this would do, it would do basically two very important things. It would eliminate the Social Security offset. We are one of only two states that has a Social Security offset that reduces an unemployed worker's weekly benefit by 50 percent of their Social Security retirement payments. That was agreed to by business and that was agreed to by labor. In addition, this would expand the misconduct definition to limit the number of employees who are eligible for... to receive UI benefits. And that was agreed to by business as well as labor. It would also eliminate what we call a speed bump for 2016. When speed bumps are done... or put in place so that labor and business have to come to the table in order to reach an agreement on unemployment and ensure that the trust fund is solvent. This would eliminate that speed bump, a speed bump that would have greatly increased taxes on the employee... employers and reduce benefits on employees. So, this would get rid of that speed bump because of this agreed Bill. In addition, it would indicate that there would be a moratorium on UI legislation through 2017, unless the legislation is agreed to by business and by labor, the department, the Governor's Office, and the Legislative Leaders. It would also develop a mutually agreed method for evaluating the benefit each side will receive from this Bill. They're still working on that, and it is my intent that it is an agreement that they will continue work to verify the benefits to the employers. This is, once again, an agreed Bill and I ask for your favorable Roll Call."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Of course, Sir."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative, for legislative intent purposes, am I correct in understanding that the changes to section 602 are not intended to upset any portion of the Appellate Court's ruling in *Alternative Staffing v. Illinois Department of Employment Security*."

Hoffman: "Yes, in consultation with the Senate Sponsor, Senator Link, your understanding is correct."

Sandack: "Thank you. And I want to commend you and every Member of this Body, the... the upper chamber and importantly organized labor, the business community, the Governor's Office, everyone that got together and really put together an agreed Bill. Because I agree with what you said when you opened up. This is how good legislation should be conducted. More often it takes time, it's laborious, but it's worth it. And this is a great example of compromise and a good endgame. So, congratulations to you and everyone involved. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Representative, as you know, I wholly support this Bill. For those who are wondering if this is a good Bill or a bad Bill because they haven't had time to read the Bill, this is a fundamentally good Bill. It is an extraordinarily good Bill. And I thank you, Representative, for the work you did on it because there were times when we had some disagreements over

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many hours of phone calls, and those disagreements were worked out. They were worked out in a fair and equitable way, all participants involved. But I will give credit where I think credit is due, and I am giving credit to you. But I think Tim Drea was an extraordinarily big part of the conversation to get the job done, and I've complimented Tim as I compliment you today. I compliment the Governor's Office for getting this thing moved to a conclusion. This was a good working group. It took many, many hours to get this pushed through into Bill form and to the floor today. This is a good Bill for all parties involved. And Representative, thank you for your leadership on this issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Very quickly, I just want to thank everyone who participated in the task force and in the agreed Bill process. As someone who has carried the Bill to repeal the Social Security offset for seniors who receive unemployment and... and were the only people in the country here in Illinois who found their benefits cut as a result of being on Social Security. I want to thank everyone who... who participated, who heard the unfairness of that policy, who signed on to cosponsor our Bill, and who heard from my constituent who was a one woman army, who brought this issue to the forefront. Many of you have met with her, heard from her. And this is a great day because this is proof that one person can, in fact, make a difference. The unemployment... the agreed Bill process was never inclusive of seniors. They weren't at the table and until my constituent, Nancy Solomon, started speaking up and getting her friends to call you guys,

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it wasn't an issue. So, I want to thank you all for getting us to this place and for proving that one woman, like Nancy, can in fact make a difference. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes the Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on December 02, 2015: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4156, Floor Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 2039."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. This is a tremendous effort in the right direction. I want to say thank you to Representative Hoffman, Representative Kay, to the Governor's staff who worked on this, all the interested parties who met. Today, with this Bill, we are finally telling the business community in Illinois that the General Assembly will take steps to improve the business climate here in this state. I have heard from a number of small businesses throughout our state who have been negatively affected by the unemployment system as it exists today, the abuses they've been through, the costs that they've incurred. This Bill shows we can make progress. We've got a lot more to do, but we really can do it. So, thank you, and urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Mr. Speaker, thank you very much. And just a brief comment to the Sponsors and everyone who worked on this Bill. My congratulations to everyone who was involved in this, a hat's off to you. You really did an absolutely fine job, and

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I think we ought to use it as an example, that if there's a willingness on the part of the Legislature and the second floor to get to 'yes', to come to an agreement, here's a case where we can do it. Let us use that as an example of what we can do on the budget and on other issues that are... that are tying us up in other areas. So, congratulations, great job."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. And I agree with the previous speaker, and I thank Representative Kay also for his comments and the work that he did on this. We, in the past on issues of unemployment insurance as well as worker's compensation, have had an agreed Bill process. I would suggest and I would submit that if we truly want to reform the worker's compensation system that agreed Bill process should be in place and that's what we should be working towards is working together to come up with a consensus. I move that we concur in Senate Amendment #2. This is, once again, an agreed Bill. And I would also like to thank Representative Cassidy for all her work and her advocacy on getting rid of the Social Security offset. I would also like to thank Rob Carr who led the business effort, Tim Drea who led the AFL-CIO effort and labors effort in this matter coming up with a great Bill. I asked for your favorable Roll call."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the Concurrence with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1285. 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? Mr. Clerk, please take the record.

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On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House concurs with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1285. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 500, Mr. Zalewski. Please proceed, Sir."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd move to concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 5 to House Bill 500. This is a Bill that extends the Dental Practice Act for 10 years. It also contains several aspects of... or several provisions dealing with access to care. Namely, allowing hygienists to participate in an underserved community to do cleanings, allowing dental assistants to do scaling with... with substantive training, and other issues. I know this Bill is the subject of a lot of debate amongst... in our district offices from hygienists. This Bill is not rabid anti-dentide it's not anti-hygienists. It's straight down the middle of a fair compromise to offer access to care for dental patients in Illinois. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A few questions of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Representative, we had a chance to talk a little bit, and I know you've been diligent with respect to this Bill and a lot of moving parts. Can you break down a couple things?"

Zalewski: "Sure."

Sandack: "Because several good hygienists representing their industry saw me today and they're concerned obviously about the health and welfare of patients getting services. Take me and take us back a little bit to the... kind of the impetus of

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your Bill, or this Bill, and how you and why you think it's good Bill all around."

Zalewski: "Sure, Mr. Speaker, I heard that question but I have a feeling it's going to get harder to hear. Thank you. First of all, Ron, this is a 10-year extension of the Act. So it's important to remember, and were this Bill not to get the votes, beginning January 1 we would have unlicensed dentistry in Illinois, and I... that doesn't do anyone any favors as far as policy. The issue that we've grappled with in this committee has always been the pursuit of access to care, allowing hygienists to participate in underserved areas by doing cleanings and those roll... those acts that hygienists always do. Over the course of several months of negotiation, there were several entities involved: the Illinois Public Health Association, PEW, the dentists, the hygienists. There came about a policy proposal where, in addition to giving the hygienists a step toward access to care by allowing them to participate in these areas where there's underserved communities, dental assistants would be allowed to do scaling which is cleanings in a controlled environment of children under 12 years of age. There's a belief among the hygienists, that that's unfair, that it's an encroachment upon their territory. I have to say, I don't view it that way, I view it as a fair compromise. If we're going to talk about access to care, it means cleanings by hygienists, it means scaling's by dental assistants. I think it's fair. If it's concerning training, we're a continuing Body; we can always come back and revisit those issues."

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Sandack: "Well, and that... thank you for that last portion. Thank you for the expansive answer, Mike, I appreciate it. I know that the obviously, the Act sunsets, so it's important that that not occur because that would be a real problem overall, and we're nearing the end of this year. To the last point you made. So, for hygienists that did get expanded services under this Act but are not happy about the scaling and services dental assistants are permitted to provide here, we can look at this in a year and we can always amend it, obviously following experience that we've learned in the industry from the dental hygienists themselves, dentists, and obviously patients. So, there's nothing stopping us from tweaking this..."

Zalewski: "No, no."

Sandack: "...this, if there's experience that says we should tweak it, right?"

Zalewski: "I... I would urge anyone who's concerned about that to listen to the transcript of the committee hearing we had the last time we were down here, I think it was the 10th. We went through that, we went through this specific issue long and... for a long, time and what I came away hearing from the hygienists was that they were uncomfortable with the arrangement of a thousand hours of practical care followed by 16 hours of training. And I specifically asked them, is your fundamental concern that assistants are going to do this or is your fundamental concern training? And the answer I got was training. And if that's the case, then my answer back to them is, we're here. We're not... regrettably to the citizens of the State of Illinois, we're not going anywhere. So, let's

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come back next year, let's continue to have a constructive dialogue, and we are always available to... to amend the Act to address concerns about training."

Sandack: "Thank you for answering all the questions, Mike. Thanks to your diligence and work on this. I know not everyone's completely happy, but it seems like at least everyone involved in this process have gained something and we can... and I know the hygienists have a continuing concern, but we can look at that and see what our experience is. And obviously, like you just said, amend, alter, and adjust accordingly. But thank you for your answers to the question. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davis, W.: "Representative, can you say unequivocally that the hygienists are neutral on this?"

Zalewski: "I don't think the hygienists are neutral, Will."

Davis, W.: "They're not still neutral on this. So, when you just said a minute ago about access to care, when I was trying to address this issue this was about hygienists being able to go out in the communities and provide care that dentists weren't doing at any given time. Maybe some dentists were, but a wide array of dentists weren't going out into communities, they weren't going into underserved neighborhoods to provide this care. So, is the idea that the assistants are now a part of this, are they going to go out into the community and provide the care?"

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski, before you answer. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is very noisy in the chamber. Ladies and

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Gentlemen. Please move your conversations to the rear of the chamber. Mr. Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Will, I think what my understanding of the Bill is that in... in areas where dentists are choosing to perform their services in underserved communities, they feel it would be an asset to have their assistants be able to perform this scaling act. So to the question of access to care and what dentists... what, value dental assistants provide when we want our dentists to go out into these communities and do the... the... serve these communities. They feel it's important to their profession, if we're going to shift the focus to access to care to allow the dental assistants to do the scaling."

Davis, W.: "Okay. But my question, because when I had... when I was doing... was trying to address this issue and talking to hygienists, they wanted to go into communities where dentists weren't serving and provide care. So, I'm trying to understand because the assistants are now a part of this..."

Zalewski: "Yeah."

Davis, W.: "...are the assistants now going to be in the communities providing the care or are they going to still be in the offices? And if so, then how is this increasing access to care if they're not willing to go where the hygienists at least said they wanted to go?"

Zalewski: "Because the hygienists are going to go where... I don't want to speak for you, but the core mission of what the hygienists have always wanted is to be able to go into the communities without having to be under... in the orbit of a dentist. So, we've always said, we want hygienists to go in underserved communities, and we don't necessarily want them

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to have to be tethered to the dentist. Under this Bill, which is what we... what PEW has said, and what the health associations have said this is a step in that direction. Hygienists are going to be able to do the... do the cleanings and apply their craft in underserved communities. As a corollary to that, as a sidecar to that, in instances where dentists are serving underserved communities, they're going to be allowed to supervise dental assistants that... when they do the scaling."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Well, I guess if it's a matter of going back and evaluating at some point in the future, I guess we have the opportunity to do that."

Zalewski: "Yes."

Davis, W.: "I'm still concerned that we're... that access to care is not necessarily increasing as a result of this and that the dentists decided to put the hygienists in this as pawns in this conversation 'cause if the... if they don't like what the hygienists wanted to do, then let's add the assistants in there. Now I can appreciate the idea of adding more training for the assistants to give them the ability to provide a service. But my question as I've talked to Representatives, lobbyists about this, who's going to be out in the community because if the assistants aren't going out of the offices, who's going to be out in the community driving, I guess, that business to the... to the dentist."

Zalewski: "The flip side of that, I think, Will, is. I think if we made the dentists' assistants along... if we align them with the hygienists, then I think the hygienists would even feel more threatened by the assistants doing the scaling."

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Davis, W.: "Okay."

Zalewski: "Like, so the... the concern by the hygienists is you're doing... you're allowing dental assistants to do this thing that we don't think they're qualified for. If... if we do that, if we... if we were to say, well, we want to more aggressively put dental assistants in underserved communities, I don't necessarily agree that the hygienists will be okay with that. So, I don't know. I want to work continue to work on access to care. I know this isn't a perfect solution, but I really truly believe it's a step toward what we've all been trying to push in dental care for underserved communities."

Davis, W.: "Okay. Thank you very much for your work on this, Representative."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Will."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McDermed."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

McDermed: "Rep. Zalewski, isn't it true that the nature of the Health Care Licenses Committee is to try to get the various members of a practice group to come to some agreement going forward on how they want their scopes of practice to look like? And isn't it true that when this Bill passed out of the House it passed out 114 to 0, with that original agreement?"

Zalewski: "Yeah, but to be fair, Margo, I don't think that this had the intricacy of the assistant and the hygienist thing when we sent it over. It was a simple extension of the Practice Act. To your point though, we do strive for agreement in health care licenses; we don't always get it, but we strive

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for it. And we strive for good compromise and that I think we've taken a step toward here."

McDermed: "And we had some agreement earlier in the summer didn't we on this Bill?"

Zalewski: "We had agreement on which aspect?"

McDermed: "Most of it, yeah. My next question is, doesn't the scope of practice for the assistant's sunset earlier than the rest of the Act, in fact in only 5 years? So that if this experiment should not go as desired by everyone, we can revisit it earlier than the rest of the Act?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

McDermed: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hernandez."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Hernandez: "Representative, would you say that overall would this Bill give more ability for hygienists and now dental assistants in the dental field?"

Zalewski: "More ability to treat more patients?"

Hernandez: "Correct. So, I'm getting at the accessibility portion. So, would you say this affects in a positive way more accessibility for oral health to the communities?"

Zalewski: "I would."

Hernandez: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Zalewski to close."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you for the debate. I note there was a concern from colleagues about payment of dental assistants if they were to undergo this treatment. Our understanding from the Dental Association is they find that

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they compensate dental assistants who've gotten the treatment... gotten the training more than they... than they do otherwise if they hadn't gotten the training. I can't say those two words together. So, but we're happy to also always have a dialogue about that. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves to concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 5 to House Bill 500. 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? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 105 voting 'yes', 4 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present', and the House does concur with Senate Amendments 2 and 5 to House Bill 500. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 1365. Mr. Zalewski, please proceed."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is... I move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 1365. This is a one-year extension of the Medical Practice Act. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, 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? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and the House concurs with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1365. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 13 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1751, Leader Currie. Mr. Clerk, please read the

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Bill. I understand that there's an Amendment on this Bill. Mr. Clerk, please place the Bill on the Order of Second-Reading and read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1751, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Chair recognizes Mr. Wheeler."

Wheeler, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead, Sir."

Wheeler, K.: "I'd like to inform the chamber today that we have with us as a Page, Kylie Bohman from Yorkville. She is a senior at Yorkville High School along with my niece. She is very interested in politics and is taking an active role by being here with us today. Her grandmother is an Aurora alderman and that's how she got to know Representative Linda Chapa LaVia, who actually brought her down here today. I want to say that she's we're very glad that's she's here and give a warm Springfield welcome to Kylie Bohman."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, glad you're with us today. Page 6 of the Calendar, House Bills-Second Reading, House Bill 1260, Representative Williams. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1260, a Bill for an Act concerning business. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been

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approved for consideration Floor Amendment #1 is offered Representative Williams."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill you may recall deals with data security. It's an initiative of the Attorney General's Bill. This is one of two Amendments we'll be adopting. This basically incorporates the language in the Governor's Amendatory Veto."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Williams."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This second Amendment is to accommodate the concerns of the community bankers and the financial institutions and the credit unions. And this would provide a more of a parity and balance between the notification requirements of groups that own data and those that maintain data."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phelps on the Amendment."

Phelps: "Will... will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Phelps: "I just want to clarify. I heard Representative Williams say something about the second Amendment so I get a little nervous sometimes, I just want to see if she could clarify that."

Williams: "I think that's a different... different second Amendment."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1260, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Good. As you guys recall from this discussion we had earlier this year, this deals with data security and increasing the categories of information that is protected. So, what we've done here is adopt the language in the Governor's AV, but we're ending up with is a very strong Bill that adds to personal information things like medical information, health insurance information, username, email, and password. And this is very, very timely, unfortunately, data breaches are all too common. Just recently there was a breach of a company called Vtech, and it's a child's programmable tablet company that has educational programming. And they had a breach which resulted in the loss of children's names, addresses, gender and even photos also usernames and passwords to access the account. So, some of those items would be addressed in this Bill if it's passed into law. So I would, again, appreciate your support and ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

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Sandack: "Thank you. Representative, obviously your Bill has taken a circuitous route, and it's been heavily debated and discussed in committee and on the floor. Is it safe to say that now, all objections from all interest groups that have played a role in the negotiations associated with your Bill, are all on the same page, those... those issues have been satisfied and we have essentially an agreed Bill?"

Williams: "Yes. It's my understanding we're a... everyone's on board with this version."

Sandack: "Thank you for your continued diligence."

Williams: "Sure."

Sandack: "I know it was an interesting process, but thank you for getting everyone to the table and getting an agreed Bill."

Williams: "Thank you for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Franks: "I was having trouble hearing the previous question. I just... I... Ann was this a... you said an agreed Bill now?"

Williams: "Yes. We've accommodated all those remaining concerns with this version. So there is no opponents at this time that I know of."

Franks: "Okay. I appreciate it 'cause I know I had concerns for it before and I didn't support the underlying Bill. And the... can you tell us what the differences are with the original Bill that passed with 63 votes and this one?"

Williams: "Oh, sure. Okay. Well, we're going two Bills back now. And the original Bill provided for expanded categories. The... the Amendatory Veto version still provides for additional

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categories but limits some of the information we sought to cover, things like geolocation information, consumer... consumer marketing information, et cetera. Ideally, those would have been in the Bill, but we had to work with what we had, and the... the advocates that we're working with supported the version without those items in it. So we moved forward in that way. What remains in the Bill in that category are medical information, health insurance info, some biometric data, and username and email and password, which of course are very critical if you have a breach. Additionally, reasonable data security requirements are now provided for. And that category is one that would be particularly helpful in the breach that I just referenced, of the company Vtech. So, basically, it's just requiring companies to provide for reasonable means to take care of your own personal data. And right now, there's nothing in the law that requires that. So finally, it provides that you can notify a local media in the event of a breach instead of if you're having a breach, say, in downstate Vienna perhaps, nod to my friend in the back row, you don't have to call the *Tribune* and report that in. So that's just a small change as well."

Franks: "So the... the requirements have been changed for the requirements to notify and you actually have to have a breach instead of an event. Would that be a fair way of stating it?"

Williams: "That's not my... I didn't use those... that language, but we didn't change what was a breach. We basically modeled it after the underlying Personal Information Protection Act. So we didn't change how the breaches are... how notification happens or... we just changed the categories of what constitutes

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private personal data, sensitive data. So the underlying Bill, what we've done for the past 10 years, remains the same."

Franks: "Thank you for your work."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Williams to close."

Williams: "I'll just appreciate your support on this very important data security legislation."

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? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Brown is recognized. Representative Sandack is recognized."

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans wish to take a caucus at this time. A brief caucus at that."

Speaker Lang: "The Republicans will caucus immediately in Room 118. The Democrats will caucus immediately in Room 114. And Members should be notified that when the caucuses are completed, we'll be returning to the floor to vote on some items including appropriations. So please return to the floor immediately after caucuses. The House will be in recess 'til the call of the Chair. The House will be in order. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 863, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 865, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 866, offered by Representative Bourne. House Resolution 867, offered by Representative Kelly Burke. House Resolution 868, offered by

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Representative Ford. House Resolution 869, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 870, offered by Representative Greg Harris. House Resolution 871, offered by Representative McAuliffe. House Resolution 872, offered by Representative Anthony. House Resolution 874, offered by Representative Anthony. House Resolution 875, offered by Representative Anthony. House Resolution 876, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 878, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 879, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 880, offered by Representative Sente. House Resolution 881, offered by Representative Ives. House Resolution 882, offered by Representative Unes. House Resolution 883, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 884, offered by Representative Martwick. House Resolution 885, offered by Representative Sandack. And House Resolution 886, offered by Representative Verschoore."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Turner 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 Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Rita, Chairperson Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on December 02, 2015: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4264."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

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Ives: "Yes. I want to thank the Body for voting for the... voting for the Agreed Resolutions that did two things. One of them it recognized a business in my community that has been in business for a hundred years, 100 years, Carlson Hardware. And I just wanted to give them a shout-out on the House Floor for that. And then secondly I really wanted to commend two schools in my district, in District 200, it's Emerson Elementary District and Longfellow Elementary School, both of which received blue-ribbon status from the United States Department of Education. So they competed for the Blue Ribbon status. These are 2 out of only 13 public schools in the State of Illinois that received such a status, two of them from my home district. And I wanted to give them a shout-out. So, just a little update. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Page 14 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2039. Mr. Clerk, please read Bill. And please move this to the Order of Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2039, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted previously. Floor Amendments 2 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Christian Mitchell."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mitchell. Amendment 2 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Currie and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie on Amendment 4. Can we move this to Third, Representative?"

Currie: "I would be delighted, if we could."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 2039, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Some portions of this Bill are familiar to everyone in this chamber. We had a Bill earlier this season sponsored by Representative Moylan that spent quite a lot of the money that we collect for local governments, giving that money back so that road projects and other activities that are important to local governments could be funded, not GRF funded, but funded through these special funds that we control. Since that time, the Governor has approached us asking for help, making sure that the bureaucracy that is State Government can continue to operate. As you know, under court orders we are already paying our workers, but some activities through State Government cannot happen unless we authorize additional spending. That's what these measures would do. Without GRF money, without general funds, it would become special funds. And then finally, there's another Section of the Bill that many people in this chamber have been concerned about since we didn't adopt a budget that began July 1. Programs like low-income energy assistance, programs like domestic violence shelters. We've had hearings on this House Floor. We know how struggling these agencies and these programs have been. The

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winter heating season is now upon us and it is critical for our low-income neighbors that they get some help to pay the energy bill. We do not want them with frozen pipes; we do not want small children, unable to stay warm in their very own homes. So this measure will fund some other activities making sure our domestic violence shelters can keep their doors open and making sure that at least the state portion of the low-income energy assistance program is funded. Again, this is primarily not using general funds these are using other funds. And I would be happy to take your questions and I would be delighted if you would join me in supporting passage of Senate Bill 2039."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields."

Sandack: "Leader Currie, could you just break up this Bill a little bit? So there's portions that are other state funds, very similar to our colleague Representative Moylan's Bill, I think it was 4305 if I'm not mistaken. Is that correct?"

Currie: "Representative Moylan, yes."

Sandack: "And didn't..."

Currie: "And we did approve that measure, but it is not yet been approved by the Senate. So, this Bill incorporates all of what was in that Bill. That's the first thing it does. And again, this is not general revenue money. These are things like the local distributive money, the gas tax money, that we collect for the local governments. So, much of the money in that portion of the Bill goes back to local governments. There

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were also lottery scratch off programs that this funds and were also funded in 4305."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an important Appropriations Bill. Could we lower the volume in the chamber or leave the chamber?"

Sandack: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leader Currie, you were very expansive and I appreciate the extended answer, but did I hear you correctly that the Senate hasn't taken up action on 4305. Is that what?"

Currie: "That's correct."

Sandack: "Well, they haven't taken up 'cause you put a brick on it, right? You made a Motion to reconsider"

Currie: "Representative, I think we should confine our discussion to Senate Bill 2039 which is on the board before you. If you have questions about this Bill, I'll be happy to answer them."

Sandack: "Well, I appreciate that education, Leader, but I was responding to your statement that the Senate hadn't acted on it. Well, they hadn't acted on it because you made a Motion to reconsider."

Currie: "Yeah. But Representative, you may remember that during discussion on Senate... on the 4305 there were many items that were not in that Bill..."

Sandack: "I do."

Currie: "...that you thought were really important to include."

Sandack: "I remember it distinctly."

Currie: "Today is your opportunity Representative, we listened to you."

Sandack: "I wish you'd do that more often."

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Currie: "And look what we've got now. We've got Senate Bill 2039 with many of the items you wanted included in the earlier Bill. Now is your chance."

Sandack: "Thank you for that and I appreciate you listening and I appreciate the extension of additional items that we did ask for, that the Governor asked for. No doubt about it, that's a good compromise. I am absolutely grateful for that. I was just remarking on your unique commentary on the history of the other Bill. It was unique. How much General Revenue Funds is implicated by your Bill?"

Currie: "I believe that the total would be about 20... 28 million. And that's divided between keeping the domestic violence shelters open, and some moneys that the Secretary of State needs in order to be able to do his work."

Sandack: "Can you identify which portion is for domestic violence shelters to keep doors open versus to the Secretary of State?"

Currie: "Eighteen million approximately for the domestic violence, and 10 million approximately for the Secretary of State."

Sandack: "And what is the 10 million to the Secretary of State for? What is it designated to do and fund?"

Currie: "Their... yeah. Their regular operations. Much of the Secretary of State's budget is funded out of general revenues that is much more so than is true of the other constitutional officers."

Sandack: "So, this is just a designated sum that was agreed upon as being appropriated for the general operations of the Secretary of State's Office?"

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Currie: "Yes. And there also are Secretary of State Moneys that I think come from the other kinds of funds as well. And this measure appropriates to the other constitutional officers, Comptroller and the rest, from, again, special funds that are not part of the general revenue picture."

Sandack: "And thank you for that. The last question I have for you is. Kind of a general question. I know this isn't a large appropriation of GRF dollars, but it's still a meaningful appropriation. How is it that they're going to be funded? How is it they're going to be paid..."

Currie: "Well, general..."

Sandack: "...given the continuing backlog of unpaid Bills now with the Comptroller about \$7 billion?"

Currie: "General revenue continues to come into the state, and as you know, the Comptroller does her best to write checks to see to it that we pay our debts, that we keep up with our obligations. I should suggest that we are spending at a rate that exceeds the revenues that ultimately will be available to us during the current fiscal year, but in the meantime money is being spent, General Revenue Funds are coming in, General Revenue Funds are going out. State workers are by and in large paid out of general revenues. Much of the operations of the Department of Children and Family Services, the Medicaid budget, that all comes from general revenues and under... under court orders and requests that money is continuing to flow. So, this additional general revenue spending is a drop in the bucket compared to the general revenue dollars that are already on their way out the door."

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Sandack: "Thank you, Leader, for the explanation of the Bill. I appreciate it. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of this. I don't think it's a great process example. This is something we could have done the last time we were here. It's something we tried to get accomplished last time, but better late than never. I do wish to dovetail a little bit on my colleague's last comments about a drop in the bucket. Twenty-eight million dollars on a global... from a global perspective is a small portion of General Revenue Funds, no doubt about it, but our backlog of unpaid bills continues to grow daily. So, this drop in the bucket is another drop in the debt category and is a continuing problem that requires our serious effort and concern. Someday we're going to get around to actually looking at a real budget, I hope it's sooner than later because we keep getting called down here and we are soon to start regular session in January of the new year. It really would be appropriate for us to address the budget as a collective Body. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, so we say there's \$28 million of general revenue funding here so, we're appropriating 20..."

Currie: "Yes. And I did not mean to say that's a drop in the bucket as a general proposition..."

Harris, D.: "Absolutely, absolutely."

Currie: "...but only by comparison..."

Harris, D.: "Absolutely."

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Currie: "...with general revenue obligations that we are currently required to make."

Harris, D.: "Absolutely. I couldn't agree more. Twenty-eight million dollars is a drop in the bucket, but it is general revenue. So we can appropriate general revenue. My point being that we have this budget problem that we can't resolve, but oh, we can spend \$28 million in general revenue. So it seems as though we can come to an agreement at least on \$28 million. But let me look at the other, and I will compliment you by the way, let me look at the other and ask you a question about the other parts of the Bill. And I compliment you. Representative, 4305, Representative Moylan's Bill was a good Bill; it passed out of here with 114 votes. There was a difficulty with the Bill, and that is, it was de novo it was generated in the House, the earliest it could have been acted on in the Senate presuming they didn't come back would have been January, right?"

Currie: "Yeah."

Harris, D.: "So 4305 really, the intention of 4305 was good but it couldn't have been acted on the way it was because of parliamentary requirements until January. So what you have done is you've taken 4305 as well as some other things and put into this Bill as an Amendment to a Senate Bill so it can go back to the Senate for Concurrence. So all you need is Concurrence in the Senate and the moneys can start to flow as soon as the Governor signs the Bill, right?"

Currie: "Well, we believe the Governor will sign the Bill. In fact..."

Harris, D.: "Right..."

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Currie: "...if you remembered my opening remarks, much of what is in this Bill was requested by the Governor himself."

Harris, D.: "Right."

Currie: "and as well my understanding is the the Senate will be in Session next week and I have every reason to believe that if we succeed in a 'yes' vote on this Bill today, in this House, the Senate is very like to concur early next week."

Harris, D.: "Right. So, that's a good thing meaning that the dollars will be able to, presuming that the Governor has agreed and we understand he probably is, the dollars and the moneys will be able to flow to these entities fairly quickly rather than having to wait until January, correct?"

Currie: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Okay. That's good. That's good. Let me ask you though, why just these other state funds? How many... how many funds are there in the State Treasury?"

Currie: "There are quite large number, as you very well know."

Harris, D.: "In excess of... 900 in excess of are there not?"

Currie: "Well, and again, this was a negotiated settlement. The Governor decided it was time to govern and so he has asked for... for items that will make it possible for his agencies to operate the way they should. He was very resistant earlier in the Session and I believe he still is, to using moneys in all the special funds. I don't know if he has designs on them, if he wants to borrow from those funds for other purposes. But as I say, this was a negotiation and there certainly were other things we would've liked to have seen in this Bill, that we did not get support from the Governor's Office to proceed with."

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Harris, D.: "Well, the Governor's... the Governor's intention..."

Currie: "I mean there are many items that are not yet funded. State universities, student assistance money, the MAP grants, those things haven't been funded at all. Many other agencies that help people in our communities who are rape crisis centers, sexual assault programs, they're not funded in this Bill. I myself would have wished that they were."

Harris, D.: "Would they be funded if we funded all other state funds?"

Currie: "Some of those might be, yeah, But some of them..."

Harris, D.: "So...so, the Gov..."

Currie: "...some of them come, some funding for some programs comes from general revenue."

Harris, D.: "So, the Governor's intention aside. We are the Legislature and I agree, quite frankly, with the Speaker of this House who says we are an equal branch of government. I buy that. It is our responsibility to pass an Appropriation Bill. So my question is this, why don't we appropriate all other state funds?"

Currie: "So, why don't we need..."

Harris, D.: "We can pass an appropriation to do that."

Currie: "We... actually we did in May. We did exactly that. And I don't think you were part of that particular solution, that particular important piece of the puzzle, but the people on this side of the aisle did pass a budget. We passed a budget that included all the items that are in Senate Bill 2039 and a good many that are not. Now, the Governor complained they were out of balance and yet he went ahead and signed the education budget, which was no less out of whack than anything

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else that we put on his desk. The Governor had a chance to fashion the budget through reduction, a line-item reductions and through line-item Vetoes he chose not to take the chance I think now his agencies are telling him that it is time to govern. And I think that's why we're looking at the provisions in Senate Bill 2039 that will help the bureaucracy do its job."

Harris, D.: "The budget that was passed in the spring was clearly out of balance, everyone admitted that. We know that, okay. The issue in the budget that was passed was general revenue not other state funds. The other state funds, the dollars are in these funds. The dollars in the Lottery Fund to pay the prizes. The reason that the Comptroller can't write the check is because we have not passed an Appropriation Bill to give the Comptroller the appropriation authority to write the check. So..."

Currie: "And we are, in this Bill..."

Harris, D.: "In this Bill, that's correct. But my point..."

Currie: "...we would do just that. If we have your support to do so."

Harris, D.: "I'm not... Representative, I'm not arguing against the Bill. What I'm saying is, why just these funds? Why not... why not all the other state funds. And oh, by the way, is this not true. If we passed an appropriation to appropriate all those other state funds, all that is appropriation authority, correct?"

Currie: "That's correct."

Harris, D.: "It does not have to be spent, correct?"

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Currie: "Well, in fact, of course it can't be spent if we don't have enough money in those funds for the Comptroller to be able to cut the checks."

Harris, D.: "Well, in the other state funds, though, there generally is sufficient dollars to pay the... to pay them. But the point is, the Executive has that authority because we... what we did in February to grant 1.5 billion where we swept all those funds, it's because the Executive had not spent the money in all of those funds. So the dollars were there to sweep, correct?"

Currie: "I will only just reiterate, the Governor did not agree to a Bill that would have spent the money in all the special funds. I don't know if he plans a sweep, I don't know if that's what he has in mind, it might be."

Harris, D.: "Okay."

Currie: "But I guess I would encourage you to go have a chat with the second floor to see if you can't free up more of the special fund dollars so they can be used for their original purposes."

Harris, D.: "As a matter..."

Currie: "Early in the Session, if you recall, the Governor's people were very strenuously opposed to the idea that we should appropriate the low-income energy money, even though that was a special fund, not... had anything to do with general revenue. They didn't want to do that and it was always my guess that they wanted to be able to sweep it if things got tight in other portions of the state budget."

Harris, D.: "Well, as a matter of fact, I did have a chat with the second floor on this very issue, just earlier today, so

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I know where they're coming from. But Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand in support of the Bill. There's a lot of good things in this Bill. There are however, the issue is real. The issue is, why just these funds? Why not all the other state funds? And oh, by the way, I had a conversation with a fairly high level individual within the Governor's Office and I asked him, well, why when Representative Moylan's Bill 4305 was being considered, why don't we do something to help here and take some action on these other state funds? And the answer that I got was this. Well, we don't want to do anything piecemeal. What are we doing? This is known as piecemeal. So next month we're going to come back, of course it'll only take 60 votes next month, but we're doing things piecemeal. We can pass these things, we need to come to an agreement, get a full budget. But why not... why are we concentrating on just these funds when we have so many other... other state funds that need to be funded. So I stand in support of the Bill. I just don't think this is the right way to run a railroad. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Greg Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the Bill. I just want to point out that in July, Ladies and Gentlemen, we had a Committee of the Whole where the topic of domestic violence and domestic violence shelters in the State of Illinois was discussed, which was the middle of the summer. Now, here we are at the beginning of winter. In that time, you know, there are 52 domestic violence shelters in the State of Illinois. One of them has already closed in Centralia, and it's had to reopen on a very limited basis. Others are about to close.

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They have exhausted their lines of credit, they have reduced staff, they have reduced hours, they're putting women at risk in a season of the year where we don't want people you know, to be put out at risk and be put outside. We have a chance here to make that right. So, you know, I thank everyone who's involved. I commend the Speaker; I commend the Sponsor; I commend, yeah, everyone who is involved in this negotiation. There are a lot of things we probably would like to see in this Bill. But taking care of, you know, women who are victims of domestic violence in every corner of our state, providing money for breast cancer treatment and detection is important, providing money for HIV detection and prevention is important. So, I would urge everyone to vote 'yes' for this piece of legislation."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Moffitt: "Leader, I want to be very brief and I want to thank you and everyone that worked on this to get it this far."

Currie: "Sure."

Moffitt: "Just to be sure, 9-1-1 funds are listed here. This is the full amount then that they have been... they're entitled to, or have been earmarked for them. Nothing else is being withheld on 9-1-1 is it?"

Currie: "Yes."

Moffitt: "So it's the full amount?"

Currie: "Yes."

Moffitt: "Yeah, and I really appreciate that. It's so important that that happened."

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Currie: "Correct."

Moffitt: "It includes the lottery. Soil and water districts have not gotten their money; I think that's general fund. There's nothing in here for soil and water, is there?"

Currie: "Correct."

Moffitt: "Correct?"

Currie: "Correct."

Moffitt: "Okay. And this will only take one day in the Senate if we pass this 'cause they're just going to be concurring."

Currie: "This will be a Concurrence Motion in the Senate, if the Motion is adopted in the House, so they would only have to concur. They don't have to be there for three days, it's not a new Bill."

Moffitt: "Yeah. Well, some very important things here. Thank you and just commend everyone. I'm glad we're going this far. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Of course, Sir."

Pritchard: "Leader Currie, there's a number of very positive programs included here as we've already heard about and I know all of us have heard from some of those agencies that are about ready to close. One of the areas that I'm also interested in is English as a second language. Is that covered in this Bill?"

Currie: "Well, that was covered in the education budget that we sent, without your help, to the Governor in the spring, and

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the Governor, in fact, did sign it. Even though he had suggested he would not ahead of time."

Pritchard: "So, what I'm speaking of though is the ESL programs beyond K-12 that may be provided..."

Currie: "Are you talking about continuing edu..."

Pritchard: "...be provided by the community colleges that may be provided by other organizations in contract with community colleges or with the department?"

Currie: "So, if you are talking about the Adult Education Program, the federal funding for adult education operated through the community college board is included in this measure."

Pritchard: "Yes. I noticed that and that given the provisions I had in House Bill 4321. But I just wanted to clarify that the English second language programs that they are provided at community colleges oftentimes, but sometimes at other agencies."

Currie: "Well, to the extent that the other agencies are operating under contract with the community college, they will be covered. But remember, these are only the federal funds part of the traditional moneys we have spent on continuing adult education."

Pritchard: "Correct. Well, thank you very much, Leader. And Members of the House, I think we wish that this process of budgeting could be done differently. But at least this process was a give and take and I think that type of collaboration is a great model for the rest of the budget."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to build on what my friend Mr. Pritchard just said about the process. And I do

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want to thank the Governor for his evolution here because just a few short months ago he implored this Body not to enter into a piecemeal budget. Mr. Harris pointed out quite succinctly how this is a piecemeal budget and unfortunately that's what we're doing here. This Bill is based on Marty Moylan's Bill, and what's interesting about that is the Governor, until shortly before the vote, was opposed to that Bill saying it was a piecemeal budget. And to paraphrase, I think he also said it was a bit of a budget buster because it was too big, but now that we've added more money to it, the Governor is now for it. Again, I appreciate the evolution, because I think it's the right Bill. And I want to thank Barbara Flynn Currie because if you would not have put a hold on the previous Bill, 4305, we would not be here today getting this done, which is a better Bill that will get done quicker now because it will be a Concurrence on a Senate Bill and you were able to negotiate what needed to be done. So I want to shout out to my Majority Leader. It's because of her efforts, that's why we are here today. So nonetheless, we are in great peril. And I think it's time that we need to stop playing political games. The Comptroller skipped, Ladies and Gentlemen understand, the Comptroller skipped... last month's pension payment. Think about that. We passed a budgeting for results law a few years ago that required... required that the pension be paid first before anything else. And the Comptroller did not make that payment because we didn't have the money. Our unpaid bills are on course to exceed 8 and a half billion dollars 8 and a half billion dollars. That's more than 20 percent more than our anticipated revenues, the

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shortfall. Our current credit rating is not only the worst in the country, it's one of the worst in the world. So let's not pretend that we're solving our problems today. We're simply delaying the hard choices. It's quite possible that Governor Rauner will give next year's budget address without a budget for this year. So let's not break our arms patting ourselves on the back. What we ought to be doing is passing Bills to tighten our Tax Code, to encourage job growth, and to level the playing field. We still need structural reforms. So I would ask the Governor to keep the General Assembly in continuous Session until we reach a budget agreement no other business should be conducted. And instead of lending money... and I can't tell you how insidious I think this is... instead of lending money to our locals, we ought just to do our job and to pass a budget. So Governor, if you're listening, please keep us here. Let's negotiate a real, full budget agreement and let's build off of the success today because that's what we ought to be doing and that's what we need to be doing, and that's what our constituents expect us to be doing. So I think the time for politics has passed; the time for action is now. I encourage everyone to vote 'yes', but with your 'yes' vote go back to our Leaders, go back to the Governor and say enough is enough. Let's get this done right."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Lady yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Lady yields"

Kay: "Representative Currie, I worry a little bit about how to pay my bills at home. I worry a little bit about how to pay my bills in corporate world. And I really am concerned about

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how we intend to pay our bills in the State of Illinois. So I want to ask you one question. Do you have a balance sheet in front of you as you speak today about this Bill?"

Currie: "That does what?"

Kay: "A balance sheet."

Currie: "I believe the Comptroller would have that information."

Kay: "Well, you're presenting the Bill though. Do you have a balance sheet in front of you?"

Currie: "I have the spending that is included in the provisions of Senate Bill 2039, the vast bulk of which come from special funds, not from general revenue. If your point is that we are building our debt, the answer is we are. I said that earlier. I don't have the numbers, but I do know that when the Governor agreed to pay the workers when we entered a consent decree with respect to Medicaid and with children and family services, I know we are spending at a rate that is well beyond what the revenue projections that we will bring in, that we will exceed those projections."

Kay: "Leader, do you have a balance sheet in front of you that shows... and this is what it will show you. You said..."

Currie: "No."

Kay: "...you said... Okay. That's good. Now we... now we're somewhere. So, we're talking about what you described as a drop in the bucket, but you have no idea about the revenues you say are coming in and the expenditures that are going out, do you? No idea."

Currie: "Yeah. I'm telling you we are spending at a rate that exceeds our revenue projections. We are spending on the workforce; we are spending Medicaid money, not at the rate

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that we agreed to in May, a cut rate, but to the rates that were in effect before we reached agreement on a fix for the last fiscal year."

Kay: "But you..."

Currie: "I'm telling you that at some point we are going to be in deep trouble because the revenues will not sustain spending. And that's true, but then you get..."

Kay: "Well that... that we... that we certainly agree with."

Currie: "Before you get to Senate Bill 2039."

Kay: "Leader... Leader..."

Currie: "Again, most of this money comes from special funds, not the General Revenue Fund."

Kay: "Okay. I appreciate... let's skip past the word salad here and let's just try and get down to the questions I'm asking, please. If you don't know how much we've taken in, if you don't know how much we have spent, why would you bring this Bill today?"

Currie: "I brought this Bill 'cause the Governor asked me to."

Kay: "Well, wait a minute... wait a minute..."

Currie: "Because local mayors and managers asked us to give them back their money."

Kay: "That's fine. Well, they... they asked that... they asked that under 4305."

Currie: "And because people are very concerned about the domestic violence shelters that are about to close their doors and the low-income families that can't heat their homes as winter approaches. That's why I brought this Bill. I hope I will have your 'yes' vote to ensure its passage."

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Kay: "Well, I'm sure... I'm sure that I'll give it some consideration to it, but I think this Body needs to recognize that this state is in grave peril. We are penniless; we are out without a dime. And you have no clue bringing this Bill to the House today, how in the world we're going to climb out of the debt because we can't stop spending. Now, I've heard a lot of people today blame the Governor. Well, guess what? The Governor is new on the job; you guys have been here 12 long years running this place, 12 long years. So, I don't know that I would begin to point a finger in the direction of the Executive Office, forgive me. I think it's a fair question to ask, how much we've taken in and how much we've spent. Because a drop in the bucket here and a drop in the bucket there and pretty soon you have a billion dollars. So, Leader, I guess I'm just asking you when you present a Bill that has to do with expenditures that you know what we spent, you know what we're taking in because forecasting is a pretty important process, in this process and it's one that we've turned a blind eye on. Mr. Speaker, I'm going to vote for this Bill, but I'm going to do it with... I'm going to do it with serious reservations. I'm going to do it with serious reservations because, quite frankly, Mr. Speaker, we have been rendered constitutionally ineffective by one person, one person and it's not the Governor. We are a constitutional anomaly, and this is just one example today of it and I'm tired of it. We could've moved forward months ago. You talk about piecemeal and you talk about bits and pieces, here and there and we talk about drops in the bucket, we have no idea how we're

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going to climb out of this mess, none. And we have been rendered a constitutional anomaly. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. First and foremost, I want to thank Leader Currie and Representative Marty Moylan for bringing this Bill forward. Something that my colleague just said a few minutes ago that really strikes close to my heart, we could've moved forward months ago. Actually, we could've moved forward months ago because back in May we submitted a Bill that would have funded all of these things with a couple changes, if the Governor had simply did a line item Veto we actually wouldn't be here, talking about this Bill. Over the last several months the public has witnessed us attempting to fund the needed services that are now represented, some of them in this Bill. The thing that is really striking me about this and I support every one of these items, as I drove 72 this morning and the snow was coming down, my thought went immediately to how we're going to have enough salt for the roads to make sure that the public is safe as we travel the highways this holiday season. And the salt was one of the most important things I thought of this morning, Leader, as I drove 72 because it's a very dangerous stretch of road. And so this Bill includes things that are important to us that may not be as... in the forefront of some people's minds, but as I think about the 9-1-1 services in my community I think about the City of Urbana that's been suffering trying to figure out in this budget how to pay for 9-1-1 services, working with our METCAD system as well as the City of Champaign. And so we have been struggling for the

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last several months to get our colleagues on the other side of this aisle to support something that is in the best interest of the state, and this is the negotiation that we've come forward with this morning. And so I'm thankful to the Leader for really carrying this ball; it is not easy to do. Because we know we are short revenue because the discussion hasn't gotten to that point. But I'm hoping that this afternoon our Leaders will begin the talk... conversation about adding this topic of revenue to their discussion. But finally, I want to say as I traveled over this morning I received a call from our domestic violence shelter and that shelter is, as Representative Harris pointed out, one of those shelters that may end up having to close its door to the families in Champaign County and throughout the area because it is the only shelter that provides that type of service. And so I'm hoping that as soon as you all vote 'yes' on the other side and join us with this that that shelter will have a little bit of courage and support to continue to hold on until the Comptroller can at least release funds to save this shelter. And then finally I'll just say, yes, I agree that the state is in grave peril, but it is not in grave peril just because of one side of the aisle. We have not done what I believe is necessary for the long haul for the state, which is to look at how we tax in this state. Flat taxes do not provide revenue for ongoing generations and we know that that's a fact. So I hope that the discussions include a way for us to look at our Tax Code, to really address the long-term problems that the state will face even after all of us are gone. I am thankful for you, Leader Currie and for our Leadership on this side of

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the aisle, for continuing to fight for the needed revenue, for LIHEAP services in the State of Illinois for domestic shelters and believe it or not, people who are struggling daily have lost their jobs and child care and all of the work that we've tried to do to stand in the gap. Thank you and I look forward to every person, regardless to their verbiage, to vote 'yes' on this Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sullivan: "Leader Currie, we've had discussions about different parts of the Bill and different asks from different caucuses and the Governor and it's been in negotiation. The one Section that I'd like to highlight and where the ask came from, and who inserted this into this Bill is the \$28 million in GRF. Do you have an idea where that request came from? What caucus?"

Currie: "Well, I would, first of all 18 million of it is intended to keep open the doors of our domestic violence shelters."

Sullivan: "Right."

Currie: "I know that mattered deeply, a lot, greatly to many Members of my caucus and I would be appalled if you were to tell me that it didn't matter at all to yours."

Sullivan: "That wasn't the question, actually, because obviously it does matter. But who specifically asked for GRF, either the 10 million or the 18 million, two provisions, which caucus had that inserted into this Bill?"

Currie: "Well, that was one of our requests certainly, but I would have thought that you supported it."

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Sullivan: "Okay, okay."

Currie: "If not, than I anticipate your voting 'no'."

Sullivan: "Listen, I certainly understand..."

Currie: "The other 10 million..."

Sullivan: "...but that's all I want to know."

Currie: "...is money the Secretary of State needs in order to be able to fund the operations of that agency. Most of the money that funds the Secretary of State's Office comes from general revenues, and if he's not able to keep handing out driver's licenses and making sure that people know how to obey the rules of the road, then we're all in very deep trouble."

Sullivan: "Thank you. I just wanted to now that the House Democrat Caucus asked for the GRF in this Bill. Thank you."

Currie: "Yeah. But that isn't the GRF that the Governor had requested in terms of paying workers, in terms of the Medicaid lawsuit, in terms of the Department of Children and Family Services. That is real General Revenue Fund money of much greater proportion than anything that is in Senate Bill 2039."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Davidsmeyer: "Who scheduled today's Session?"

Currie: "I believe the Speaker scheduled today's Session."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Who scheduled our last Session?"

Currie: "The Speaker. As you know, we've been operating since Session was supposed to end, under a rule that says that we are, we will convene at the call of the Speaker and that's what's been happening."

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Davidsmeyer: "All right. I just wanted to address something one of the prior speakers said. They said that Governor Rauner needs to keep us here."

Currie: "The Governor..."

Davidsmeyer: "Governor Rauner isn't the only one that can do that, correct?"

Currie: "The Governor can call the Legislature into Session, yes. The Speaker..."

Davidsmeyer: "And then... and then if he does it, we all get paid. If the Speaker does it, we don't, correct?"

Currie: "That's true."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Just clarifying that. To the Bill. I will be voting 'present' because of a possible conflict of interest. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Wheeler."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wheeler, K.: "Leader Currie, Happy Holidays."

Currie: "And to you."

Wheeler, K.: "As usual I'm going to ask you a quick question regarding General Revenue Funds spending because it's my understanding based on the Illinois State Constitution and the COGFA Act that we are supposed to have a revenue estimate adopted before we spend these GRF funds. I'll just ask you kindly, do you have a schedule when we may be adopting that revenue estimate?"

Currie: "No. And that we've been asking for the Governor to tell us how he's going to organize a budget request from us that

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he made early in this current Session, and that did not match the reality of revenues that would be available."

Wheeler K.: "I understand that's... that's what you have to say about the Governor's budget. I'm just asking about our responsibility, as a Body, to adopt a revenue estimate according to the COGFA Act. And I just would ask again if you'd kindly schedule that revenue estimate to be adopted?"

Currie: "No, but if you want to put a request in writing, I'll make sure it goes to the appropriate authorities."

Wheeler, K.: "I may do that. I appreciate that. Thank you, Leader."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie to close."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. I, too, would like other than a piecemeal approach. We tried it in May; it was a very good effort and it was one unfortunately that we were not able to sustain. But I would say that a piecemeal approach is better than no approach at all. It is important to fund Illinois State Government and even doing it in a partial way is better than not trying at all. I want to provide low-income families with help paying the energy bill; I want to keep our domestic violence shelters open; I want tourism to happen across the State of Illinois and I certainly want our roads salted, our police and fire training to continue on. So I would appreciate your 'aye' vote for this admittedly piecemeal approach, but maybe it's the start of a full out approach that will help us fund State Government for the remainder of the fiscal year. I urge your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?"

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 13 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1380, Representative Gordon-Booth. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. No running, Representative."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1380, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1380, it's a really... it's a fairly simple piece of legislation. It simply extends the deadline and the repeal date for the Commission on Police Professionalism. If you all remember, the Commission on Police Professionalism was created by Senate Bill 1304, which was carried by our illustrious Chairman... Chairman Elgie Sims, as a part of the officer warn Body Camera and Police and Community Relations Improvement Bill. The commission was created to review the current training and certification process for law enforcement officers. The duties of the various types of law enforcement officers, including auxiliary officers standards for the issuance of badges and shields and to examine whether law enforcement officers should be licensed. This has come under a great deal of scrutiny because of a lack of funding, but obviously with the legislation that we just passed along with passing this piece of... other pertinent piece of legislation it will allow many of the law enforcement communities in our, excuse me,

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many of the law enforcement entities within our communities to have the necessary, clearly, the necessary training that they need in order to protect and serve. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin, are you rising on this Bill?"

Dunkin: "No, Mr. Speaker. I'm rising..."

Speaker Lang: "We'll get back to you then. 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? Evans, Guzzardi. Please take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Mr. Speaker, on House Bill 2039 my switch should have been voted 'yes'. Now there are a number of Members meeting in the back, and my Bill... my... my... button was the only button somehow that was stepped over or not hit as a 'yes'. There are other Members who were not at their seat, but my button was not hit. Now we know how things work here in this chamber, with staff and other Members looking out for each other. So, my vote should have been a 'yes' on House Bill 2039. So I ask you to change the record, or take off all of those Members who were not at their seats, but put mine on and keep other Members. If you're going to keep other Members on, put my Bill... put my vote on 'yes', as are the other Members here on the Democratic side."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention, Sir. Senate Bill 1262, on the Order of Senate Bills Second Reading, Representative Mayfield. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1262, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mayfield, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Thank you. This Bill here, you've seen this previously on Senate Bill 1854. That initial Bill was vetoed by the Governor and we were not able to bring it back here to the House. So what I did is I took the language from that Bill that the Governor's Amendatory veto had, he was fine with this portion of the language, so that's the only portion that I brought back for a vote, there is no opposition. This Bill would simply add Lake County to the Upper River Management Development Authority for bonding purposes to save Lake County millions of dollars."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack on the Amendment."

Sandack: "A few questions of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Sandack: "Representative, I apologize I was looking at the Bill."

Mayfield: "It's okay."

Sandack: "Go back procedurally for me. What was... did we already vote on this Bill?"

Mayfield: "We voted on the Bill. It went to... it passed the House; it passed the Senate; it went to the Governor. The Governor did an Amendatory Veto on the underlying Bill, 1854. The Senate chose rather than to accept the Governor's AV to move forward on the Bill. Okay? We did not want that. I am..."

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Sandack: "So the Senate tried to override, is that what I am understanding?"

Mayfield: "And they did."

Sandack: "They overrode? Okay."

Mayfield: "They did. But I... you know, we were not accepting that. We wanted to... or at least I wanted to go with the amendatory language; I was fine with that. So I took this portion off of the Bill and I just put it on a separate Bill by itself, as a standalone."

Sandack: "So, am I understanding you correctly that what we have up here is basically the Amendatory Veto Bill?"

Mayfield: "No."

Sandack: "It's not?"

Mayfield: "There were two parts to the original Bill. The part to add Lake County to the Upper River Management and the other part of the Governor's Amendatory Veto would have been for North Shore Sanitary district. But they had wanted a raise for themselves in there; the Governor didn't want that. So, I just totally took out all of their language."

Sandack: "All right. So that portion at least jives with what the Governor did. And I was told by staff that there is another Bill out there, House Bill 3434."

Mayfield: "We're not moving that."

Sandack: "All right."

Mayfield: "We're moving this one."

Sandack: "That one you're not moving at all? Alright. So with respect to the Bill that's on the board, are there any known objections to that Bill?"

Mayfield: "No, none."

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Sandack: "Thank you for answer..."

Mayfield: "This Bill will actually save Lake County millions of dollars."

Sandack: "Thank you, Representative."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1262, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mayfield, have you already explained the Bill?"

Mayfield: "Yes. I just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Representative, you might not know this. It's come to our attention that this exact language is on another Bill. House Bill... Oh, did you ask? Oh, you're not running 3434? Okay. Sorry, I didn't know that was asked."

Speaker Lang: "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. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 75 voting 'yes', 35 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 13 of the Calendar, under the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, there appears House Bill 4156. Representative Kelley Burke. Mr. Clerk, can we please read the Bill. I understand there's an Amendment on this,

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Representative. Please move the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading and please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4156, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. Amendment... Floor Amendment #1 was adopted previously. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Kelly Burke, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Burke."

Burke, K.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 to House Bill 4156 is an appropriation for Monetary Award Program only at \$397 million and change. It is the same amount that was in the Higher Ed Bill that was passed this spring. Again, I'll echo the comments that I made in trying to pass the Higher Education funding Bill last week. Our MAP recipients, 125 thousand of them, have not received their funds. Our schools are suffering, both our state universities as well as our community colleges, and our private universities. This is something that needs to be done. It affects all... areas of the state. It affects all, constituents in every single district. And I urge that you... in light of the fact that we don't have an omnibus Bill, let's help out our students, let's help out our universities and community colleges. And please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be at ease for one moment. This Bill will be taken from the record for the moment. Page 12 of the Calendar, House Bill 4104, House Bills-Third Reading, Mr. Smiddy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4104, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Lang: "Out of the record. Mr. Smiddy has returned. We'll return to his Bill, House Bill 4104. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4104, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Smiddy."

Smiddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill will mandate that the conservation police have a mandatory minimum for staffing. And I would ask for an 'aye', vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Sandack: "Thank you. Representative, I... I apologize. I like brevity. It is the key to wit, Shakespeare said; however, when passing legislation a little more elaboration might be worth it. So would you mind explaining what your Bill does?"

Smiddy: "Certainly, Representative. What this Bill will do it will actually give the Department of Revenue Conservation Police Officers a minimum staffing for their department through the State of Illinois. And it will say that there should be 175 sworn officers at a minimum, but it will be ramped up over a period of time. So it's not all at once to cause more funding against the State of Illinois during these times of budget uncertainties."

Sandack: "I appreciate the budget uncertainties portion. As the law stands right now, Representative, is there a mandatory minimum number of Conservation Police required to be maintained by the State of Illinois?"

Smiddy: "Not currently, no."

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Sandack: "All right. So give me the policy support for making 175? Why shouldn't it be 185, or 200, or 100? Why does the State of Illinois mandate a minimum number of Conservation Police? Isn't that subject to the department? Shouldn't the people on the ground that run the department determine what the right number of sworn officers?"

Smiddy: "We worked with the Conservation Police Officer's Lodge regarding this... this number. And they have been actually more than that in the past. And what we have tried to do is if it would fall under 165, that's when it would trigger the 175 officers to be brought back up to force. So it wouldn't be if there's a 175, one retires, we wouldn't have to then automatically hire somebody. It would be for after 10 officers would retire or leave, that's when it would trigger to then hire those individuals. We have a very... the big problem right now with having officers able to cover the 102 counties in the State of Illinois and do the job that they are needed to do. And that's why we brought the Bill forward."

Sandack: "Do we mandate presently how many State police officers are required to be on the rolls and employed?"

Smiddy: "Not to my knowledge."

Sandack: "Okay. So this is a unique Bill when you think about it, right? We're doing something different. By the way, I assume Representative, that's the same answer for the Secretary of State Police, and any other police-like agency applicable under Illinois law, that there is no mandatory minimum number of employees. Isn't that right?"

Smiddy: "Yes. The Department of Corrections could be different because they have to have a minimum number of staff at the

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facility on all three shifts, first, second, and third, to be able to run the operations. So that would be where this would be different."

Sandack: "I agree, it is different and I want to be clear. You could get any law enforcement professional to say what do you think it take? You could ask this person and she or he could tell you what they believe is professionally responsible. And people can disagree whether that's fully enacted if the force is appropriate that number. But what you're doing here is putting in la, a mandatory minimum number of sworn police officers for the Conservation Police when that's never been done in any other policing unit under State Law. That's different, right?"

Smiddy: "Yes, it is. We have done similar things to this under the fire department as well for a mandatory minimum of staffing for the fire districts."

Sandack: "We did. That's true. That was a... that was a different mandate. That was a mandate on local government. This is a state mandate that's a little different. And so last question, by the way, I appreciate the dialogue. What is this going to cost the State of Illinois?"

Smiddy: "We don't know the cost right now depending..."

Sandack: "I'm sorry?"

Smiddy: "I said..."

Sandack: "Speaker, I can't hear Representative Smiddy and it's a pretty important question. I'm sorry, Representative, I asked you how much this was going to cost?"

Smiddy: "I don't know the total exactly, but the estimated cost would be about three and half million dollars to get up to

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the 175 officers. But again, that's over, I believe, a three-year period. It's not all at once again. And when you look at the cost of the officers compared to the cost of what they actually bring in in revenue, with what they do, it can be compensated by that."

Sandack: "Okay. Thank you for your answers. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is kind of an important Bill. It's an important Bill on a policy component or perspective first, and then there's the costs. There's dollars and cents. The policy perspective is unique because the Sponsor is asking the State of Illinois to mandate, by way of law, a minimum number of police officers for Conservation Police Officers, which has never been done before and yet we have a lot of police officers in the state. We don't do that. But now we're all of a sudden going to tell the administration, you have to have X number of police officers. Man, if we did that we every department and every number of employees, our budget problems would be 10 times as bad as they are right now. And they're really, really bad right now. The second reason not to vote for this is the cost. We have another basically unfunded mandate which is going on here. We can't fund this new mandate we seek to impose upon ourselves. And I know a lot of conversations going on that's very important; this is an important Bill. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, so this would be precedent setting... this would be precedent setting? We are dictating to the

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Department of Natural Resources that the department will maintain at least 175 conservation officers. We don't do that with any other department, do we?"

Smiddy: "No. And what I did say, though, is with Corrections, depending on the shift, there is a mandatory minimum of staffing that has to be there for the facility."

Harris, D.: "Right. But we don't say to the Department of Corrections, you must maintain a certain number, an X number of Corrections officers on the pay roll. We don't say that, do we?"

Smiddy: "Not for an overall, but facility.. facility to.. facility."

Harris, D.: "Right."

Smiddy: "...We mandate that they have to have a certain amount, yes."

Harris, D.: "Right. And we don't say to the Department of Human Services that they have to maintain a certain number of employees in the Department of Human Services, do we? No."

Smiddy: "No, sorry."

Harris, D.: "Okay. I really do believe this is precedent setting and I think we ought to pay attention to this. You mentioned that the conservation officers bring in revenue. That this 3.5, or 3.7 million dollar mandate would be covered potentially by the revenue that the conservation officers bring in. How much revenue do the conservation officers generate in a year, do you know?"

Smiddy: "I don't have that number now, but I know it was considerably higher. The other thing that we have to look at, too, is when the conservation officers are patrolling the rivers, in the State of Illinois, they are then reimbursed by

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the Federal Government. So that also takes away from some of the costs that would be for these... these folks."

Harris, D.: "And I understand the logic of the Bill, I will tell you it looks to me to be a job protection kind of Bill. How many officers are... how many conservation officers does the department have now?"

Smiddy: "Eight-two."

Harris, D.: "Eighty-two?"

Smiddy: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "And we're saying they have to have... It says if it drops below 165... Am I reading it correct? It requires the Department of Natural Resources to maintain a force of 175 Conservation Police Officers."

Smiddy: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "And they only have 82?"

Smiddy: "Yeah. Due to retirements that they had about 109, but due to the retirements by the end of this month, they'll be down to 82. Frontline staff."

Harris, D.: "So they have to add 90 officers?"

Smiddy: "Over a period of three years, not all at once, because we know that that would be stressful to the budget. But we need to... We have 102 counties and we have conservation police officers that we do not have in any of these, in some of these counties."

Speaker Lang: "Ladies and Gentlemen..."

Harris, D.: "Okay. Ladies and Gent..."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me, Sir. Ladies and Gentlemen, I know we all want to go home sometime today. But I'm going to wait until I can hear these people speaking."

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Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. The Bill mandates that the Department of Conservation have a force of 175 conservation officers and you just heard the Sponsor say that right now they have 82. So basically, they have to hire 90 conservation officers. Believe me, I support the Department of Natural Resources. As a matter of fact, Representative Mautino and I were the cosponsors of a Bill that added \$2 to the license plates so that the Department of Conservation, which was woefully short of financial resources a number of years ago, would have the adequate resources to run the department. But we're saying here that they have to have a minimum of 165 officers. We don't even mandate that for the Department of State Police. And oh, by the way, we should have a Department of State Police Trooper school to add more State Police, quite frankly, I believe and we... than before we add conservation officers. Let me throw out a number to you, by way of what this impact is going to mean. The Department of Natural Resources, a short 10 years ago, had a budget excess of \$100 million. You know what the Department of Natural Resources budget was as proposed by the Governor for this year, 38 or 39 million dollars? They are struggling... they are struggling to fund themselves. They don't have enough money, in my opinion, to run the Department of Natural Resources. Starved Rock State Park gets 2 million visitors a year and we're starving the Department of Resources. Yet now, we're going to add a three and a half million dollar unfunded mandate on to the department. Absolutely the wrong direction to go. The only right vote here, as much as I want to support the department

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and the conservation officers, the only right vote is a 'no' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Kay: "Mike, I didn't hear some of the answers to your questions because it was so loud. How much revenue does the department take in with respect to the officers that you're speaking of?"

Smiddy: "I don't have an exact number, but going from memory, but please don't quote me, it's around 33 million."

Kay: "Okay, okay."

Smiddy: "I believe is the number."

Kay: "The other question I have is, if there is a mandatory minimum in law, does that mean then that you can't lay these people off, these officers off?"

Smiddy: "That would be correct. But the min... the mandatory minimum staffing of 175, we would have to be at that number by July of 2020. So we have time to get that up and that we took into account the budget issues that we were having. So we didn't have to hire the 90 officers right... right now."

Kay: "Well, no. I understand that. My question is though once they're in place would this law say that we could not lay them off? Is that... is that..."

Smiddy: "Yeah, we would have to maintain 175 officers."

Kay: "So we could never lay them off? Okay."

Smiddy: "We would have to maintain that amount of officers."

Kay: "Okay. All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Smiddy to close."

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Smiddy: "I believe that this Bill is a good first step in ensuring that our Conservation Police Officers are able to take care of those needed counties that currently have.. that do not have an officer. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Bill will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there 58 voting 'yes', 42 voting 'no' and 4 voting 'present'. And Chair recognizes Mr. Smiddy."

Smiddy: "Postponed Consideration, please, Sir."

Speaker Lang: "Bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. House Bill 4264, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, Representative Hurley. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4264, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. This Bill was read a second time on previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Hurley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Do I have to adopt the Floor Amendment? Okay. So I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 4264."

Speaker Lang: "Can you explain the Amendment?"

Hurley: "Floor Amendment 3 becomes the Bill. It adds one hour of continuing education into the domestic violence awareness training for cosmetologists, hair-braiders, estheticians, and nail technicians."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons, is it all right with you if we move the Bill to Third Reading and you can debate it on

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Third? Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4264, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "House Bill 4264 will include one hour of domestic violence awareness training and sexual assault awareness training to the continuing ed component for cosmetologists, estheticians, hair-braiders, and nail technicians. No liability for an act or a fail to act. And I'm here for any questions."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, 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. Mr. Franks. Please take the record. On this question, there are 97 voting, 'yes', 12 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Mr. Speaker, I'm sorry. On the Bill prior, I asked to speak to the Bill before it was passed. I'll postpone my comments at this point, but it was a real concern about that Bill that we just passed for cosmetologists."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Page 17 of the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrence, there appears House Bill 3213. Mr. Mautino. We might want to listen to Mr. Mautino on what

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might be his last Bill. And be formal, Sir, put your jacket on."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3213, yes, it is my last Bill. It's also a very important Bill for the people of Streator, Illinois. You have voted on this legislation a few weeks ago. And this would allow for St. Mary's Hospital in Streator to become a standalone emergency center. There are five others within the State of Illinois. And with this Bill, St. Mary's would become the sixth and it would allow the 18 thousand people in Streator and the surrounding area to retain their health care. The Bill has been negotiated and has been agreed to by Blue Cross Blue Shield, the insurance companies, the hospitals. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack on the Concurrence Motion."

Sandack: "Thank you. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Lang: "I'm sure he'll have an answer to your question."

Sandack: "Actually, it's more of a statement. Best of luck on your next endeavors, Frank. You're a Gentleman and a scholar. It's been a pleasure to work with you. Godspeed."

Speaker Lang: "That's the best debate you've ever made on the floor, Sir. Representative Reaves-Harris."

Reaves-Harris: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Reaves-Harris: "This is to the Bill, Representative Mautino. As I spoke on your... the Bill the last time it was here, I support this effort. It's your attempt to bring quality health care to your community and I support that initiative. I wished my language was able to be added to this Bill because I'm just

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as concerned that my community has the same access to the quality health care that you're attempting to bring to your community. But I do understand your need is imperative and I would not hold up your Bill in any way because, again, I support your efforts to bring that health care, again, that quality health care to the community. But I just want to make it be known to this... to the Members of chamber, that I intend to Sponsor a similar Bill next year, one which I believe will also bring much needed quality health care to my community. I believe that I, as well as a member of my community, are in the best position to make determinations as to what is needed in our community. And I would ask every Member that is supporting you and your initiative to keep an open mind when it comes to a Bill that, a very similar Bill, that I will be sponsoring next year. And keep an open mind and take into consideration that this is something that has been vetted by other elected officials in my community, by the people, the stakeholders in my community and this is something that they want. And so good luck to you in your new endeavor. I support your initiative. And I'm just asking the Members that when it's my turn to sponsor a similar Bill that you keep an open mind and keep in mind that we are making the determination that we... this is something... this freestanding ER is something that we believe is vital to our community as well. Thank you, Speaker."

Mautino: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

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Durkin: "Representative Mautino, I'm going to support your Bill. You did a great job of negotiating it, and working it out with all the interested parties. But more importantly, I want to thank you for so many dedicated years of public service to the State of Illinois and being a true Gentleman through this process, through some very, very, difficult times. You epitomize bipartisanship, you really have and it's something that we need to see more of. I'm going to miss you. I consider you a friend. But I will say this, that what you've been through over the past two years is truly inspiring. There was a time that I was worried whether I would see you again, but your challenges and how you fought through them really give me a greater, greater respect for you and how you look at life. I know that you'll do a great job as our Auditor General, that's why I supported you from the beginning. But I just wanted to let you know that it's been a true pleasure to work with you and I look forward to seeing you in your new capacity many years down the road. Thank you, Frank."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Leader Durkin. Leader Franks."

Franks: "I appreciate Leader Durkin's comments because I was going to say the same thing."

Speaker Lang: "Then you could be finished?"

Franks: "I could be, theoretically, theoretically, but I wanted to give... I wanted to get Representative Mautino 'cause this is... this is his last Bill. So, I wanted to ask him a couple questions. Frank, do you remember your first Bill and what was it?"

Mautino: "Actually, let's see, it was October 22, 1991; it was House Bill 295. The Bill was called Jordan's Revenge. It was

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a retaliatory tax placed on out-of-state sports and performers when their states place a retaliatory tax on our athletes."

Franks: "Wow. What was your favorite Bill that you passed?"

Mautino: "The Stabilization Act for the Department of Natural Resources, which everyone in this chamber took part in."

Franks: "Well, I just want to tell you that you've been terrific here and I've looked up to you for a long time. And on my first day here you helped me you gave me a lot of... a lot of good advice and you've been really a rock. And we're going to miss you a lot. I know you're going to be terrific in your new job and I look forward to working with you closely. And as a parting gift, I'm not going to vote on this Bill. So, that way you won't have one minus."

Mautino: "I was going to mention if you remembered you're the only 'no' vote I had the last time."

Franks: "Exactly. So, I'm going to give you that gift. So thank you, and I look forward to working with you in your new capacity, and really you brought, you bring a lot of class to this joint. And we need more like you, you're going to be impossible to replace."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Bellock."

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

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Bellock: "I just want to... our Leader did a great job, but I just wanted to say, thank you so much to you Frank and it's a bittersweet day, for all of us here. Because you have been an inspiration to all of us, not only for your last couple of

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years but ever since I came to this Assembly, you probably were one of the most important people on your side of the aisle, and you never raised your voice. You never screamed or yelled, and yet you were the most... one of the most important people informing opinions on how people would vote on an issue. And so I want to thank you for all of your leadership for our entire General Assembly. Thank you."

Mautino: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe that I was probably... I'm probably one of a few that are left of us that actually served with Frank's father. When I first got elected in 1990, Frank's father was here in the Illinois General Assembly. He, like Frank, was a true Gentleman, a leader in the community, a leader in the Ottawa area. Unfortunately, he had an untimely death and then came Frank. Frank, our hair was darker, our weight was less, but I could tell you, even from the beginning you were a very dear friend. I'm going to miss ya. I'm better for having known you, I'm better for having worked with you and I'm certainly better for being able to call you my friend. God bless you and good luck."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to take the occasion to rise and congratulate my seatmate these years on the occasion of presenting his last Bill. I have really been privileged to be able to sit next to Frank, to learn so much from him over these last couple Sessions. And one of the lessons that Frank taught me over the years was always to be

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very, very wary of Bills that were on the board, that were Mautino-only Bills, only Frank's name as Sponsor. So today, luckily it appears that Frank does have a cosponsor and so I will very, very gladly be supporting your legislation today. I wish you well in your new position and want you to know how very much you will be missed. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Frank, I just got a phone call from my Uncle David and he said, as just as the rest of us, I know he got to serve with your Dad, he got to serve with you. I had the luxury and the honor of knowing your Dad when I was really young, growing up here. And I got to serve with you. I just want to tell you as a downstater, your Leadership to us, I don't know if it can be replaced. And I mean that with the bottom of my heart. You're a dear friend, I love ya, I love your family. It's Illinois's loss that we're losing ya, though I know you're not going to be that far away. Frank, we love ya."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Leitch."

Leitch: "This is indeed, as others have said, a bittersweet day. I, too, served with Frank's Dad. He was a wonderful guy and a strong downstate advocate. But I must say that I have not respected any other Member more in Springfield than Frank Mautino. We have worked very, very closely through the years. And I know I'm comforted, as we all should be, that you will have the position of Auditor General. And that you will carry forward in the position with a very high level of integrity. So, Frankie, I'm going to miss ya."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bradley."

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Bradley: "I'm going to miss ya. We're all going to miss ya. The people of the State of Illinois are going to miss you. We wish you the best, we know that you're going to be do great in your next role. And on behalf of my family to yours, congratulations, my friend. God bless, we love you."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. It's been my pleasure to serve with Frank as I did serve with his father. Frank is also an officemate and I certainly will miss him in 300. But like his father, Frank has always had a strong streak of independence. He's also been able to use his laser-like brain to get to the bottom of spending decisions in various state agencies and departments. He also, this summer, faced very serious challenges, personal challenges, and he did so with grace under pressure, grace and a plum. Frank, you have been a good friend and we know that we'll keep running into you as you serve as our Auditor General. I've been proud to know you, proud to work with you and I wish you and your family Godspeed."

Speaker Lang: "Frank, speaking from the Chair, we're going to be sorry to see you go. You have been one of the great leaders in Illinois and you'll go down as a legend for your hard work, for your ability to work on both sides of the aisle. Mr. Mautino to close."

Mautino: "And that is how you pass a Bill for the Streator St. Mary's Hospital. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker, Leader Currie, Speaker Madigan, Leader Durkin and all great friends. It's been an honor and privilege to serve with you and yes, Jay, you're right our hair was brown and our ass were narrow."

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Didn't happen anymore, you're the last of the downstate caucus in that picture that you just showed. But this place has been amazing, serving with all of you and I've served with hundreds of people throughout the years here. Everyone here for the right reason. It's... it has been 25 years; God, what a long time. And in that time I've come to respect all of you and this chamber, as you all should, you have the ability to do some tremendous things. And always keep the independence of the Legislature, and always utilize your... your district offices and those staff, cherish them, they're the ones that keep you strong in your district. I look forward to becoming the Auditor General and having all of your confidence. As far as the people over there that I've met in this last month, they are amazing and they work hard for all of you. So I'm not really going to be all the far away, and my heart is always here."

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? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3213. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Batinick."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Batinick: "Two important points: number 1, I intended to vote 'yes' on House Bill 4264. Number two, when I go like this

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with my thumb that means green, not red to my seatmates. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "You need better seatmates. Representative Winger."

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could request to let the record reflect that I intended to vote 'yes' for House Bill 4264."

Speaker Lang: "The record will reflect your intention. House Bill 740, Mr. Hoffman, House Bills-Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 740, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hoffman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This language is identical to a portion of Senate Bill 374 that passed to the Governor. It concerns the Kaskaskia Regional Port District Act, gives them additional authority. There was no opposition to this portion of that original Bill. The Governor did veto the Bill based on some portions of the Township Code, had nothing to do with this portion. So we're just taking the part that he did not object to and we're trying to pass it as a Bill. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Sandack."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Sandack: "Thank you. Jay, just walk me through what it is the Bill does. I heard the procedure loud and clear. I'm looking

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at it amends the port authority to do a number of things. What is it providing the authority to do?"

Hoffman: "Yeah. It's specifically only for the Kaskaskia Regional Port Authority, which is a port authority on the Kaskaskia River, down by us. It moves its headquarters from Chester to Red Bud. It allows them to build and mortgage real estate, providing that the port authority pays the money back within 20 years rather than only 3 years currently. And then it... the power to accept or purchase property rights 'cause they want to build some trails."

Sandack: "So, about it... and I make sure I heard one thing. The borrowing authority goes from 3 to 20 years to pay... basically, get a mortgage? Is that what... essentially it's going?"

Hoffman: "Yeah. They would mortgage a portion of their property in order to make improvements and they could pay that over 20 years. And if they don't make the payments, obviously, the bank would take the property."

Sandack: "Right. And I... I'll wanna make sure I heard you on your opening. There's no known opposition?"

Hoffman: "No, and the Governor vetoed a portion of the Township Code that was part of this Bill. Now, he indicated that he was fine with this part."

Sandack: "Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 740, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Hoffman, have you already explained the Bill?"

Hoffman: "Yes. I just ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "There being no debate, 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. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 83 voting 'yes', 23 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Riley in the Chair."

Speaker Riley: "Members, refer to the page 19, Order of Resolutions. We have for you House Resolution 709, Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I move for the adoption of House Resolution 709. It simply extends the reporting date for the Commission to Reform Childcare in Illinois to September 1, 2016."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 709 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 111 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. House Resolution 709 is hereby adopted. House Resolution 838, Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "House Resolution 838 designates November 13 of this year as World Pancreatic Cancer Day. I talked to a lot of

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Representatives that got on the Bill. It's kind of a silent killer, a deadly killer. A lot of people don't... aren't aware of how bad pancreatic cancer is. This was an event that was handled worldwide. Wear purple every November 13. Thank you very much. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "The question is, 'Shall House Resolution 838 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 111 voting, 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present.'" House Resolution 838 is hereby declared passed. Senate Joint Resolution 19. Senate Joint Resolution 19, Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 19 calls for a portion of Route 6 in my hometown of Peoria, Illinois, to be called the Gold Star Memorial Highway. As many of you know, Gold Stars are awarded to the families of fallen soldiers. And this designation would honor those families. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall House Joint Resolution 19 pass?' All in... 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, take the record. On this question, with 111 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay' 0 voting 'present'. Senate Joint Resolution 19 is hereby declared passed. Senate Joint Resolution 21, Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 21 extends the reporting deadline for Teacher's Recruitment and

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Retention Task Force to September 1, 2015, so we can get the proper information out to the General Assembly. I ask for its passage."

Speaker Riley: "There being no debate, the question is, 'Shall Senate Joint Resolution 21 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? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 110 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present'. Senate Joint Resolution 21 is hereby declared passed. House Resolution 805, Represent... Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. The Resolution names October 19, 2015, as Career Accelerator Day... STEM Career Accelerator Day and commends students who participated in a special STEM program at PepsiCo's facility in Chicago."

Speaker Riley: "Lady moves adoption of House Resolution 805. All those in favor state by saying 'aye'; all those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 805 is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 163. Senate Bill 163, Leader Lang. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 163, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Riley: "Leader Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill deals with citation to discover assets. We passed a law last year that was effective January 1, regarding citations that were too expansive and appeared to authorize any party to litigate a civil action under the guise of a citation proceeding. Additionally, the law that we passed went too far

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because it would be inconsistent with citation precedent and practices in Illinois. This Bill reverses that. I know of no opposition by anyone and passed the Senate, I believe, unanimously."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Sandack."

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

Speaker Riley: "He indicates he will."

Sandack: "Leader, I remember a little dialogue on this in committee. Refresh my recollection. Are we undoing a Bill and a law that we just put into effect?"

Lang: "That's correct, Sir."

Sandack: "And we're doing that because we have an opinion from judges that the law we put out there was too expansive and had unintended consequences?"

Lang: "That's also correct. Both the judges and the practitioners in citation court believe this gave folks an opportunity to re litigate and start new proceedings within a citation proceeding. And as an attorney yourself, you know that's not going to work."

Sandack: "No, that's not good at all. Remind me, who is the Senate Sponsor of the underlying Bill?"

Lang: "It would be my Senator... Senator Silverstein, I believe."

Sandack: "So Senator Silverstein was the author or the Sponsor of the underlying Bill and then he's... By the way, I meant the original Bill that was too expansive. So is he undoing the Bill that he proposed?"

Lang: "Presumably that's the case. If he were here now, I would have him come over and talk to you."

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Sandack: "No, that's okay. I just think it's an interesting way to end the day. That occasionally we get too expansive, that we don't think through consequences and then, yes, we have to come back. I commend you on coming back quickly before damage is, frankly, done and things that were foreseeable that we didn't take the time to do the right time.. the right way the first time, at least we're doing it now. So thank you for that."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Riley: "Leader Lang to close."

Lang: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Riley: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 163 pass?' All those 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, take the record. On this question, with 110 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present'. Senate Bill 163 is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3687, Representative Wallace. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, bring House Bill 3687 back to Second Reading for an Amendment."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3687, a Bill for an Act concerning education was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Wallace, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you. This is a Bill that will help to increase the job readiness of our adult learners. We're just extending the high school dropout age programs for two years, from 21 to 23. I encour..."

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Speaker Riley: "Representative Wallace moves for adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3687. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3687 is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk."

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

Speaker Riley: "Third Reading. Read this Bill for a third time."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3687, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Riley: "House Bill 3687, Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "I just strongly encourage an 'aye' vote. This Bill has previously passed unanimously out of this chamber. And I'm asking that everyone here supports it this time."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Leader Bellock."

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

Speaker Riley: "She indicates she will."

Bellock: "Thank you. So when you did this Bill Representative did you agree that the people that were 24 were going to be in a different building than the younger people?"

Wallace: "We have discussed that issue. In any public school setting, they can't be there after 21 anyway, so yes."

Bellock: "I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you?"

Wallace: "They're not allowed in a public school setting under this statute and under the previous statutes."

Bellock: "The 24 year olds are not allowed there under this statute?"

Wallace: "No, they are not. Not in a public school setting."

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Bellock: "Oh, so the alternative would be somewhere else. The alternative school..."

Wallace: "Yes."

Bellock: "...that they are going to..."

Wallace: "Yes."

Bellock: "...would be somewhere else? But this issue... the only thing my concern is and I think I'll hear from is people that are disabled, children that get to go to the school to age 21, after that they're not allowed to get any education after 21 years old."

Wallace: "This extends the high school diploma..."

Bellock: "But this would allow others to get education up to 24?"

Wallace: "It extends the enrollment to the age of 23 into these particular programs."

Bellock: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Leader Hays."

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

Speaker Riley: "She indicates she will."

Hays: "Would it be accurate to suggest that the State Board of Education has indicated a serious concern about the broad age range that this would bring you know, for students. You now would have students ranging from 14 years of age to 24 in the same facility?"

Wallace: "No, they won't."

Hays: "My understanding is they've raised some pretty serious concerns about the wisdom of doing that."

Wallace: "The Bill clearly states that in a public school setting that will not be the case."

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Hays: "The older students will not be intermingled with the... what I would say traditional 14 to 18 or 19-year-old students?"

Wallace: "Correct."

Hays: "So, how will that will be accommodated by the local district and will that not almost certainly kind of be yet again an unfunded mandate on not only the local districts, but certainly there's a cost affiliated to the state here that I don't know... you know, do we have a grasp on what the cost is?"

Wallace: "First, this will be a very small number of students who would qualify. And secondly, by extending this age it makes us more aligned with some of the federal education grant programs for adult learning. And we'll be able to bring those dollars back to our state."

Hays: "To the Bill. You know, one of the common threads when I speak to educators, administrators, in all of the school districts that I have the privilege of serving, the common thread is please do not, from Springfield, send us another mandate without funding to ensure that the mandate can be carried out. And we have consistently done that over the last many, many years, and there was a time when there was almost a murmur over this chamber, when one of those unfunded mandates would come up. I do have a concern... I certainly, certainly applaud and appreciate, I think what you're trying to do here. And I think there is a huge upside to ensuring that young people are vested in education. I think there's a huge upside in GED programs and attracting nontraditional students back to settings such as a community college, but I do have a real concern about even the potential of having

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students with a 10 year age difference in the same kind of programs. And I have a very serious concern about yet again Springfield lording down something that may well be well intended, but certainly comes with a price tag that we rarely write a check for. So for that reason, I will not be supporting your Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Wallace to close."

Wallace: "Okay. Well, I would like to address the particular issues that have just come up. This is not going to do any of the things that were just stated. It adds two additional years. Any adults will not be in a public school setting. I repeat, they will not be in a public school setting. It will be very similar to what we do now. I do encourage an 'aye' vote. It does allow us to bring back federal dollars to our state for adult ed programs. Thank you."

Speaker Riley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3687 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 70 voting 'yea', 38 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present.' House Bill 3687, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Joint Resolution 77, Representative Smiddy. Out of the record. House Joint Resolution 93, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the indulgence of the Body. This is to name a section of highway for a fallen soldier. And in tribute to that soldier. I would appreciate if you would stand and I'll make some comments and then Representative Verschoore will also make some. This an area

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that he had represented for a number of years and knew the family. Could you..."

Speaker Riley: "Members, please stand."

Moffitt: "This is to name a section of highway for Corporal Bryant J. (B.J.) Luxmore; he was from New Windsor in Mercer County. The Resolution was requested and suggested by several residents of Mercer County including the County Board and the County Board chair. This area was represented for several years prior to 2012 remap by Representative Pat Verschoore. Mercer County is in Western Illinois, just south of Rock Island County. This Resolution is to designate a portion of Illinois Rt. 17 from Henry/Mercer County line, which would be at New Windsor, west to the village of Viola. As this is near where Corporal Luxmore had lived. It would name it the Corporal Bryant J. Luxmore Memorial Highway; it's an eight mile section. I just want you to know a little bit about Corporal Luxmore. B.J. entered the United States Army in April of 2011 as an infantryman. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division. After he had honored his parents wishes for him to receive his Bachelors of Arts degree, then he pursued his desire to serve in the military. B.J. Luxmore was deployed to Afghanistan in March of 2012; he died June 10 2012, in service of our country at the age of 25. There he suffered injuries while encountering enemy small fire, and of course, has been awarded the rank Corporal, awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantry badge for his efforts. He was so well liked in the community as well as in the service; his heart was huge and his smile was infectious.

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His first entry in his journal that he kept in Afghanistan read, 'If you don't live for something, you will die for nothing.' Corporal Bryant J. Luxmore lived and died for all of us. His service was at the high school where he had attended there in Sherrard. Governor Quinn attended those services. Tremendous tribute, tremendous outpouring of the community for Corporal Luxmore who was doing what he wanted to do and that's to serve our country and protect the rights and privileges of all of us. Any service like that is so touching and really tugs at the heart, but the moment when essentially I lost it was when his little son came walking in holding on to the teddy bear for all he was worth as he walked up to the casket holding his father. Naming this section of highway is a real tribute to him. I know it would mean a lot to the family and to citizens of Mercer County. I know Representative Verschoore has some comments and then just a moment of silence following that. So, Representative Verschoore."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As Don said, that used to be my district until the remap. And Corporal Luxmore died way too young. And like Don said, I don't think there was dry eye in the place when his son went up to that casket. They held it in the gym at Sherrard High School and there every seat in the place was filled and there was people standing around. When they went to the cemetery, there was a line of cars, probably a mile long. So I'm proud to be a hyphenated Sponsor on this Resolution and I thank Representative Moffitt for bringing this forward. Thank you."

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Speaker Riley: "Thank you. The Sponsor requested a moment of silence, please have a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. The question is, 'Shall House Joint Resolution 93 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? Mr. Clerk take the record. With 107 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I, too, may ask for a moment of silence and the Body's attention, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, we all know that the holidays can be a time of joy, but for many families it can also be a time of great sadness, as we just experienced in the previous Bill, a very difficult time. I would also like to share with you it'll be a very difficult time this holiday season for Justice John Turner and his family. Many of you may remember if you've been here for a little while, serving with then Representative John Turner. John, and his family lost their young son Jack, 22 years of age, Sunday evening. His funeral will be tomorrow at 10 a.m. at St. John's United Church in... of Christ in Minier, Illinois. In his memory, John and his family have set up a memorial contribution, and I have that information here with me at my desk, and information regarding this service. But for all those of us that remember, especially John Turner, let all this Body remember Judge Turner and his family at this most difficult time at the loss of their son Jack. And I simply ask for a moment of silence, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Riley: "Moment of silence, please. Thank you. Members, please remain standing for these next two Resolutions. Next, we have House Joint Resolution 96, Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you... thank you, Speaker. We all have heroes in our districts and our neighborhoods that have served this country with temen... tremendous bravery, and today we have the opportunity to honor a true American hero. If you look to the gallery, you'll see Mary and Bob Patterson, both Navy veterans and their son, Marine Carl Patterson. He's a Marine. Th... they are the parents of Army Specialist Christopher A. Patterson. Specialist Patterson graduated from West Aurora High School in 2009 and was attending Valparaiso University when he enlisted in the Indiana National Guard, serving as a 12-B combat engineer with the 713 Engineering Company. Although Specialist Peterson received an exemption to complete his studies, because of his bravery and commitment to duty, he volunteered to join his unit overseas when they were deployed. On January 6, 2012, Specialist Patterson along with three of his fellow Indiana National Guardsmen were killed in action in Ang... Afghanistan. The Resolution before you names a stretch of Illinois Route 31, as it passes through North Aurora, the Specialist Christopher A. Patterson Memorial Highway. I ask for your support for this Resolution. And I want to thank his loved ones, both here today and at home, for their sacrifices that they have made in their family. And to remind all who travel on that highway of the hero that we have lost, but we will never forget. I'd also like to ask Representative Fortner to say a couple words from the mayor at the appropriate time,

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and Representative Kifowit, if she'd like to, at the appropriate time, I ask for a moment of silence as well."

Speaker Riley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Resolution. I had the great pleasure and honor of meeting the Patterson family this morning, and what a wonderful meeting it was to see the service that all of them project as well as the service that their son, Chris, had in protecting all of us and paying for it for... with his life. I want to thank them for their patience and hopefully they've enjoyed the day watching us go through a great number Bills, so that we have the chance to recognize Chris's service and recognize your loss by our actions today with this Body. As Representative Chapa LaVia mentioned, I have some comments from Mayo... Mayor Dale Berman of North Aurora. He apologizes that he could not be here today, but he wished to have some comments read into the record as well. That freedom isn't free. We honor the life of Specialist Christopher Patterson for his ultimate sacrifice for his country and community. God bless his family and God bless America. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is an honor, a privilege to be on this Resolution with Representative Chapa LaVia and Representative Fortner. To honor, we... we just got out of Veteran's Day, and while we thank our veterans that are here today, a formal thank you and a double thank you to the Marine, Semper Fi, then. But we also... also realize as... as was mentioned previously that our great country, the great state that we are in, cannot and... and should not ever compromise

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our freedom, principles, especially the ones that have been given to us by those that have given the ultimate sacrifice. And so, I am... I am so proud to have served, and I am so proud of those that we now memorialize for their ultimate service so that we can live every day in freedom, and I ask that every day we do not take advantage of those freedoms that are given to us every single day, by all sorts of heroes those that are with us and... and those that have gone beyond. So, with that, I... I always and forever will pray for peace and comfort every day because I know losing someone who is loved, especially someone so loved, is very difficult. And I also thank you for your service and your eternal gift that all us veterans give of the freedom of this great country. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you. Now, a moment of silence for Specialist Patterson. Thank you. The question is, 'Shall House Joint Resolution 96 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? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 107 voting 'yea', and 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 96 is hereby adopted. Representative... Leader Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A moment of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Riley: "State your point."

Gordon-Booth: "I, too, would like to ask for a moment of silence. This moment of silence is being asked for due to all of the... the peaceful protestors that, right now, either are in Chicago or ascended on Chicago, on last Friday to protest clear

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injustices that are happening in our communities. I think that it... it is incredibly important to recognize that we have individuals who are practicing their First Amendment right that is being... that is fought for so gallantly by our veterans. But that First Amendment right is being exercised because of the gross injustices that are happening, not just in the City of Chicago, but they're happening all over the state. And I think that we have to be mindful that we have a lot of work to do, not just in this Body, but in our communities if we want to live up to life, liberty, and justice for all. I think that most of us in here, if not all of us, believe that injustices need.. those in.. injustices and wrongs need to be righted. And I think that those protestors, whether they're 7 or 70 years old, they deserve to be recognized by this Body with a moment of silence because of what they are doing to bring justice to the City of Chicago."

Speaker Riley: "Request for a moment of silence, please. Thank you, Members. House Joint Resolution 99, Leader Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 99 seeks to name a portion of Illinois Route 1, running south of Westville, Illinois to Georgetown, Illinois in honor of Sergeant Kenneth R. Nichols. Sergeant Nichols was killed in Kunar Province, Afghanistan on December 1, 2009, when his unit was attacked by small arms fire and rocket propelled grenades. Sergeant Nichols grew up in the small town of Chrisman, Illinois, attended Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School. I had the opportunity this excuse me, this Veteran's Day to participate in the dedication of a beautiful memorial to our veterans in the small town of Ridge Farm, Illinois in

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southern Vermilion County. And I mentioned, during my remarks, that the previous day this Resolution had passed in committee and would be moving forward on the floor of the House in the near future. And Sergeant Nichols' father and his widow came up to me after the ceremony, and they wanted me to tell all of you how touched the family is for this most deserving recognition. How much it means to them that their loved one, who paid the ultimate sacrifice, will be remembered forever in the area where he grew up. Oftentimes we ask, where do we find such courageous men and women who put their very lives on the line every day? And we find them in all of our communities, as we've heard here today. We find these brave souls in our urban areas. We find them in the most rural corners of the State of Illinois. Thank you, Members of this Body, for recognizing the life, the service, and the sacrifice of Sergeant Kenneth R. Nichols. May I ask for a moment of silence?"

Speaker Riley: "Moment of silence, Members. Thank you. The question is, 'Shall House Joint... House Joint Resolution 99 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, with 105 voting 'yea', 0 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', House Joint Resolution 99 is hereby adopted. And now, House Resolution 637, Representative Butler. Would you like to speak to it, Representative Butler?"

Butler: "No. It's all right. No, no. It's good."

Speaker Riley: "Representative Butler moves for the adoption of House Resolution 637. All those in favor state by saying

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'aye'; all those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 637 is hereby adopted. And now, Le... Not yet. Chair recognizes Representative Welch."

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

Speaker Riley: "State your point."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a moment before we adjourn for the holidays to congratulate and recog..."

Speaker Riley: "Members. Members, please. Go ahead."

Welch: "I wanted to take a moment before we adjourn for the holiday break to congratulate and recognize the Nazareth Academy Roadrunners for winning their second consecutive state football championship. Nazareth Academy is from LaGrange Park in the 7th District. And I ask this Body to give them a round of applause."

Speaker Riley: "Thank you for your accomplishments. Chair recognizes Leader Brady."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Also on a lighter note, I would like to congratulate and wish well, now headed into the second round of the FCF playoff, Illinois State University. They'll be hosting Western Illinois University at Hancock Stadium this weekend. All of you that are part of the Redbird Caucus, all of you that are Redbird alum, please stand up and let's cheer and beat our good friend over there, my colleague to our right. That is Non... Norine Hammond from Western Illinois University and Michael on our House Republican staff, who is a former player and captain of Western Illinois University. You are welcome in my district and Hancock Stadium as long

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you wear red and sit in a certain section of the stadium. Go you, Redbirds."

Speaker Riley: "Members, you... you can vote... you can clap for whoever you wish in the spirit of bipartisanship on the field. The Chair recognizes Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Yeah. I know this is the moment we've been waiting for. Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all. Safe ride home."

Speaker Riley: "And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 85, the House will adjourn until Wednesday, January 13 at the hour of 12 noon; Wednesday, January 13 at the hour 12 noon. Happy holidays, Members."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4333, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4334, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4335, offered by Representative Morrison, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4336, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4337, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 4338, offered by Representative Cloonen, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4339, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4340, offered by Re... offered by Representative Bryant, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4341, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4342, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act

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concerning criminal law. House Bill 4343, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4344, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4345, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4346, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4347, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4348, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4349, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4350, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4351, offered by Representative Greg Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4352, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 864, offered by Representative Moeller. House Resolution 873, offered by Representative Kelly Burke. House Resolution 877, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Joint Resolution 104, offered by Representative Bryant. House Joint Resolution 105, offered by Representative Bryant. House Joint Resolution 106, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. These Resolutions are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."