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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the regular Session of the Senate is now in perfunctory Session.

Communication from the President. Letter dated May 28th, 2021.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on Friday, May 28th, 2021.

Sincerely, Don Harmon, Senate President.

Resolutions.

Senate Resolution 327, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 328, offered by Senator Fine and all Members.

They are both celebration of life resolutions and will be referred to the Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution 326, offered by President Harmon.

And Senate Resolution 329, offered by Senator Koehler. They are both substantive.

Committee Reports.

Senator Cunningham, (Vice) Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Redistricting Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2777.

Signed, Senator Bill Cunningham, (Vice) Chair.

There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, the Senate stands adjourned until May 28th, 2021 at the hour of 12:00 noon, or until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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The regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? In place of the invocation, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in respect for all those lost during the pandemic. During this time, please feel free to reflect or pray silently, according to your own tradition. Let us be in silence. (Moment of silence observed) Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bennett, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR BENNETT:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Bennett)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Blueroomstream seeks leave of the Body to record video. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and the Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Thursday, May 27th, 2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 330 through 332 offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

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They are all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Aquino, Chair of the Committee on Redistricting, reports - Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2777 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following Joint Resolution in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Joint Resolution 33, offered by Senator Koehler and adopted by the House May 21st, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Will all Members of the Senate please come to the Floor. We're going to be doing House Bills 2nd Reading and 3rd Readings. All Members please come to the Floor. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, under Senate Rule 4-1(e), I move that Senator Ellman be allowed to participate and vote remotely for today's Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall

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Senator Ellman be allowed to participate and vote remotely for the May 28th, 21 -- 2021 Session Day pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e). All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, say Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it, and motion carries. And Senator Ellman is allowed to participate and vote remotely for May 28th, 2021 Session Day. We're going to go to page 26. House Bills 2nd Reading at the top of the page. House Bill 17. Senator Hastings. House Bill 246. Senator Villivalam. Senator, do you wish to move your bill to 3rd? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 246.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No Committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 307. Senator Feigenholtz. House Bill 640. Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 640.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No Committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1711. Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1711.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No Committee or Floor amendments

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reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 1839. Senator Cunningham. House Bill 2401. Senator Sims. House Bill 2766. Senator Villivalam. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2766.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No Committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3173. Senator Harmon. House Bill 3308. Senator Harris. Senator Harris, on House Bill 3308. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3308.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Insurance adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3401. Senator Castro. House Bill 3418. Senator Connor. Senator Connor. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:



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House Bill 3418.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No Committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. We're going to go to the top of page 27. We're going to go to House Bill 3445. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Mr. President, please proceed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3445.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Criminal Law and adopted Amendment No. 1 {sic} (2).

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3666. Senator Cunningham. House Bill 3863. Senator Connor. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3863.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. No Committee or Floor amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. We're going to go to final action. House Bills  
3rd Reading. We're going to go to page 19. We're going to go to  
House Bill 20. Senator Stewart. Okay. We're actually going to  
go to page 12. House Bills 3rd Reading. Going to start with House  
Bill 40. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 40.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham, to explain your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 40 seeks to address a  
problem I think we have right now in providing services to our  
students who have special needs. Right now, under the State  
statute, when a special ed student in a high school program hits  
age twenty-two, they are immediately dropped from the program.  
This leads to countless number of students being forced to leave  
before the end of the school year. This bill seeks to address  
that and allow those students to stay in their school program until  
the end of the regular school year. This is important for a number  
of reasons. One, it will allow these students to graduate with  
their class, just as all of our students do. I think that's a  
very important, a quality measure for special ed students. The  
other thing is many of these students' routine is extremely  
important to them and having that routine broken up in the middle  
of the year creates a lot of problems for them and their families.  
Third, we don't really have a good system right now in our State

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for taking care of these young individuals when these school programs end. They're put on, as many of us know, we hear from our constituents about this all the time. They're put on the PUNS list where they can stay for years waiting for services. It's not really fair to these students. We're doing things in other areas to try to address the PUNS list. But, in the meantime, I think extending the amount of time these students can spend in their school programs would be very beneficial to them and in the long range very beneficial to the State. This bill got out of committee with a unanimous bipartisan vote. I appreciate that. I do want to make it clear, there is some opposition. There are school districts that are concerned about the cost. Potentially, statewide, the cost impact could be around eighteen or twenty million dollars a year. But, remember, the billions of dollars we spend on K through twelve education in this State, that funding is a fraction of a fraction of a percentage point. And I think it's money well spent. So I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I'd appreciate the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

...bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this bill. Thank you, Senator Cunningham for acknowledging though there are challenges by some groups who still oppose the bill, not because it's not a good bill but because there is a cost impact. But, you

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know, we, on this side, feel that it's an important, you know, step in the right direction to allow these students to stay in school until the end of the school year. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I too rise in support of the bill. This is something that's troubled me for a long time. And any society has an ethical and moral obligation to truly help those who cannot help themselves. And these folks, the developmentally disabled, are truly those who cannot -- cannot help -- they live the life as best they can, given what cards they have been dealt, and this is the least we can do to support them. Leave them in the school environment they're used to, with their friends they're used to, throughout the end of the school year. And I -- I absolutely want to vote for this. I thank Senator -- Leader Cunningham for bringing it forward. This is the right, moral, ethical thing to do. And I would remind the Body, while I have the moment, that Illinois ranks near the last in the entire nation of how we treat our developmentally disabled. It is an abject travesty, borderline disgusting, how we care for our developmentally disabled in this State. And, so, I plan to vote enthusiastically for this. But, I would please ask everyone and remind everyone, please remember, that when it comes to the DD/MI community, we have a long way to go after this bill passes to truly help those who can least help themselves. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Cunningham, to close.

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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for the kind words of support to both the Senators. I just want to repeat something Senator Rose said there. We still have work to do in this area and that's work on -- shortening the amount of time our young adults spend on the PUNS list. That's the next thing we really need to -- to -- to focus on and to solve. Again, I appreciate the support of the speakers and I ask for Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 40 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 40, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Quincy Media seeks leave of the Body to do recording of the video for the Session. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. We're going to go now to the bottom of page 12. We're going to go to House Bill 232. Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 232.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Villa, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank You, Mr. President. HB 232 requires the Illinois Investment Policy Board to divest State of Illinois and Pension Fund dollars from for-profit companies that contract to shelter migrate -- migrant children by July 1st, 2022. Additionally, HB 232 permits the IIPB to cease divestment in such companies four years after the effective date if this -- of this bill, if the IIPB concludes that divestment is no longer needed to achieve the goals of the bill. I'd be happy to answer any question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 232 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 232, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Next, is House Bill 247. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 247.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Senate. House Bill 247 provides architectural requirements for State buildings that are acquired or where there are more than fifty percent of the façade is substantially altered. This is a measure to protect migratory birds and I'm happy to answer any questions. Know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Stoller.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Yeah. Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Sponsor indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Thank you, Senator. I understand that this bill includes a number of exceptions and limitations to its breadth of impact. Could you explain that a little bit more -- more for the Body, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I apologize, I cannot hear you. Could you -- let's try it again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator...

SENATOR STOLLER:

I understand that this bill includes a number of exceptions to its applicability with the -- with the types of buildings and

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I think with regards to cost and expense. Could you just explain that, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

...specifically, if there are expenses that are considered too high, the director of -- a director within CMS is able to -- to waive that and none of the requirements apply then.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Stoller.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Only -- it only applies to State-owned buildings?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Yes, State owned not leased. Only buildings that we do own that meet certain architectural requirements. And, again, as I said, if the cost is deemed to be too high by CMS, they have the discretion to waive that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Stoller.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Okay, thank you. I remember in Committee we had a witness that stated over a billion birds were killed by running into buildings, you know, per year in the United States. And I was surprised by that - that's a lot of birds that died that way. So, I -- I just looked up, there's about, if you google it, five to seven billion birds in the United States according to their estimates, so we're looking at fifteen to twenty percent of the



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bird population dying by running into buildings. So, my -- my question is, given that we're just one state out of fifty that is implementing this and we've limited it to just government-owned buildings - and even those have a lot of exceptions, like historic buildings and so forth - that, I'm not sure that this bill really is going to accomplish its goal in helping the bird population. Is that -- what is your thought on that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Another question, Senator? Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I didn't under -- I didn't know that that was a question. I thought that was a statement. I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Was there a question in there, Senator?

SENATOR STOLLER:

Yes. I'm concerned that this bill is too limited to really have the impact desired. Do you believe that this bill should be expanded so that it has a little bit more impact on saving the birds?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Senator, I'm happy to work with you next year then, together, to see if we can expand this. But, as you know, a lot of times new ideas begin very small and are expanded gradually.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Stoller.

SENATOR STOLLER:

To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

...the bill.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Yeah, I guess you touched on another one of my concerns. And that is that if this is -- the goal is to expand this beyond publicly owned buildings, to privately owned buildings, residential buildings, I -- I think that that could be a problem with the expense of that and I think that that would be a problem just to try to save the birds. I'm not sure this is the best route. So, I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Morrison, to close.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Senator, or, excuse me, thank you, Mr. President. The previous speaker credited me with wanting to make an expansion, where I think that actually came from him where he was thought an expansion would be the best course of action. That's not what this bill is, nor is it my intention to do that at this time. I appreciate an Aye vote. We have done a lot to -- to change our environment, and with climate changes, this is a small step, but I believe it's a small step in the right direction. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 247 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Yea, none -- 8 -- 8 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 247, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to the top of page 13. House Bill 275. Senator Martwick. Senator Martwick. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 275.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Martwick, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you. Have we already adopted the amendments on this? There was a Committee amendment -- oh, it was Committee Amendment No. 1. Okay. I'm sorry, if you'd just give me one second, Mr. President. Yeah, I'm -- I'm sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Mr. President, there's a Floor amendment, I believe, pending.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

There are two amendments in Assignments, Senator. Do you wish to call this or hold it?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

I would like to proceed on Floor Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Out of the record. Go to House Bill 292. Senator Fine. Mr.

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Secretary, please call {sic} the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FINE:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This legislation is an initiative of IARF and what it do -- does is it allows adults living with developmental disabilities in group homes to keep more of their income instead of using that income to go towards the home. Right now, after they make, I believe it is fifty-five dollars a month, every dollar earned after that fifty cents of that dollar has to go to the group home, and instead we're going to allow people to use this money to buy things like hygiene products, clothing, etc.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 292 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman -- Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 292, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Just a suggestion that - I'm having a very hard

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time hearing everybody - you can choose to do this, but maybe just drop your mask down a little bit while you're talking to the microphone, it'd certainly help. Hold on for a second. We're going to go to House Bill 375. Senator Bennett. House Bill 414. Senator Belt. House Bill 571. Senator Gillespie. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 571.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Gillespie, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is an initiative of the Comptroller's Office and requires a TIF project developer to publicly state the required rate of return on projects and have that rate verified by a neutral 3rd party. This is to help municipalities avoid artificially inflated return rates and initial investments that can't be realized through increment growth. The goal of the legislation is to gather more consistent measurable data about the success of TIF projects. In time, this information can help highlight best practices as municipalities utilize the program and inform thoughtful effective economic development tools. It's important to note that the cost and -- of making these reports is a TIF allowable expense. So this is not an additional cost burden on municipalities to provide the information. And I'm open for any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator DeWitte.

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SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The bill.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of this legislation this afternoon. As a former mayor, who had some background and experience with running TIFs in our community, they're outstanding tools for redevelopment in any community across the State of Illinois. However, there are many communities who take advantage of the loopholes - I hate to use that term, the loopholes - within TIF legislation. I believe this -- this bill raises the bar for communities. If they're going to do TIFs, they -- need to do it right, to report all the information to protect the taxpayers in their communities who are ultimately responsible for the debt incurred by these financial methods. I urge an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion? Senator Gillespie, to close.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you. Thank you, Senator DeWitte. I've enjoyed working with you on TIFs in general and look forward to doing so more. I urge an Aye vote for this important piece of legislation. It is going to help our taxpayers understand with greater information on where some of their property tax dollars are going. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 571 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 571, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going to go to House Bill 572. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 572.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Holmes, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Maybe I really had nothing to say but I just wanted the opportunity to take my mask off. House Bill 572 prohibits the use of installment contract loans for the purchase of a canine or feline. Furthermore, if a sales finance agency violates the provisions, the financing, retail installment contract, or loan will be null and void and the sales finance agency will have no right to collect, receive or retain any principal, interest, or charges related to the loan. Basically, this is a -- a practice that goes on in so many of the pet stores that are selling puppies and kittens from puppy and kitten mills and interest rates have been known to go as high as a hundred and fifty percent, which, basically, is a predatory loan. I would urge an Aye vote and I will take any questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 572 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Yes, thank you. Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 572, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page to page 14. We're going to go to the top of the page. House Bill 653. Senator Connor. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 653.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill -- or HB 653 is an initiative of the Illinois Environmental Counsel and the Environmental Law & Policy Center along with the County of Will to provide funding for additional testing of clean construction and demolition debris facilities. The IEPA has indicated the additional fee would allow them to hire two additional inspectors to inspect facilities that accept clean construction and demolition debris and ensure they maintain their



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ability to continue to inspect those facilities. There's also an increase in the fee available for local governments which contain clean construction debris sites that would allow them to implement a voluntary testing program for existing residential wells. It's the result of a long period of negotiation between the various stakeholders in the bill and those negotiations began more than two years ago. But, at this time, there is no slipped opposition. I'd encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the bill, but I do want to reiterate some of the comments from the sponsor. I appreciate his work on this issue, his bringing the many stakeholders to the table, moving many of them to neutral. I do note, this is a fee increase. Those of us who saw this though in Committee found it to be appropriate. And, as a result, I -- I intend to vote Aye. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Again, thank you, Senator Connor for working on this important piece of legislation. I know it has been an issue, especially in your neck of the woods and mine, regarding clean fill landfills. I know that you've worked with all of the stakeholders here. Can you tell me where the -- the aggregate, the road builders and you know, the asphalt contractors are on this bill? Did they have a seat at the table?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Yes, they -- yes, they did, Senator. Thank you for asking. They were all active participants in the negotiations on this. And it's as a result of those negotiations that they have gone to neutral. And that was with the amendment, which was a gut and replace, and which, you know, changed the characteristics of the original bill considerably.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

...bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Again, I'd like to -- this is a huge issue that we've talked about, clean fills, for years, and how do we deal with the bad actors, how do we make sure that the fill that's going in the clean fills is, you know, the actual material that should be going in the clean fills. I think, what this bill does is, by providing more dollars for and more teeth for the local inspectors and local

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municipalities to better monitor some of the areas, not all - there's a lot of good actors out there, but there are some bad actors who I had in my district - it gives the local communities just more ability, more of an ability to police the clean fills. So, I know it was a very tough negotiation, so I commend the sponsor and I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Connor, to close.

SENATOR CONNOR:

I'd like to thank my colleagues for their comments. This is an opportunity for us to ensure that these facilities are safe for the members of the public. And I'd ask for an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 653 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 653, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 15. At the top of the page. House Bill 1815. Senator Cullerton. House Bill 1855. Senator Bennett. Oh, I'm sorry. 1855. Senator Bennett. House Bill 1954. Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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House Bill 1954.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 1954 would designate the first full week of April as Autism Acceptance Week. HB 1954 promotes acceptance of autism and encourages school districts, organizations, businesses and residents to participate in informed educational events planned to commemorate the occasion. I want to recognize the Autism Hero Project for their work on this bill and their work to promote autism acceptance across the State. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1954 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that question. Take the record. There are 55 -- 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 1954, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Go to the top of the page 16. House Bill 2590. Senator Feigenholtz. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2590.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz, to explain your bill.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that creates uniformity with county clerks for people who have already legally changed their name and there seemed to be some varying standards from one county to the next. These documents should be aligned so that people can get their passports and -- and many other legal documents. We had a robust conversation in Committee and I believe everyone supported it. I'd appreciate an Aye vote and would welcome any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion, Senator McClure?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR McCLURE:

So I'm just trying to understand this legislation, Senator. So you can change the name. So does that include people that could be -- have criminal records or might be trying to hide with their identities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

I was asked that question in Committee, and I would imagine if somebody was trying to hide from the law that having

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inconsistencies might be better, not alignment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Is this going to make it more difficult when you're doing background checks on people? You know, when police -- for example, a person is arrested, are they going to be able to have access to their full record or is this going to change that at all and make people have the ability to hide from previous criminal history issues?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

This is a document where they already have a hearing from a court to legally change their name already in their hand when they're doing this. The answer to your question, I believe, is no.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Pacione-Zayas.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Yeah, I just wanted to -- thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to correct a record for the last vote with Senator Villa. 19...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Let's get that right after this vote.

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SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Okay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion on this bill? Seeing none. Senator Feigenholtz, to close.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd appreciate your support on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 2590 pass. All those in favor will say {sic} Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Yea, 5 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2590, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Pacione-Zayas, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

To a previous bill, to correct the record. Senator Villa had a bill, Senate Bill 1954, I'd like the record to show that I voted Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so indicate your intentions.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We're going to go to House Bill 2776. Senator Belt. Senator Belt, on House Bill 2776. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2776.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Belt, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you, Mr. President. 2776...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Belt, we -- we just said before, I don't know if you were in the room, that if you want to remove your mask you may do so to present so we can then hear you.

SENATOR BELT:

I want to. I want to. 2776, as amended, shortens the expedited review period for professional and occupational license for service members and their spouses from sixty days to thirty days. It also clarifies that the applicant for expedited licensure must meet standards for licensing through endorsement or reciprocity. I know of no opposition to the bill and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall House Bill 2776 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2776, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to 27 -- House Bill 2784. Senator Peters. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2784.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PETERS:

House Bill 2784 is a bill that connects 911 to 988 for mental health first responders. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2784 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2784, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the top of page 17, we'll go to House Bill 2878. Senator Pacione-Zayas. Senator Pacione-Zayas seeks leave

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of the Body to return House Bill 2878 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2878. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Pacione-Zayas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Pacione-Zayas, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you. The Floor Amendment No. 3 essentially is in addition or actually is a negotiated solution to establish the Early Childhood Equity to Access Consortium {sic} (Early Childhood Access for Equity Consortium) in the State of Illinois amongst two- and four-year institutions to open up access for the incumbent early childhood workforce to obtain certificates, associate's degrees and bachelor's degrees.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 2878. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2878.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Pacione-Zayas, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Yes. Essentially, it is just what I stated before the establishment of this Consortium and Advisory Committee that has thirty-three members as well as a reporting structure, a timeline and benchmarks to be able to achieve the goals in the stated time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. You know, I rise in support of this bill. I have to say that Senator Pacione-Zayas was -- she came with a bill that needed to be negotiated, but when she came to talk to us about it she had all of her data lined up and I appreciate that. She is advocating and recognizes that a major and early childhood development is expensive, but, yet, if you work in that field you don't make a lot of money so that creates a problem. And I know that this isn't the exact outcome that you wanted but it's a first step of where you're trying to go. And I do appreciate that. I mean, this is a perfect example of taking a problem that we deal with and trying to work through it. And, you know, past the first step - we're not done yet - Past the first step of dealing with the issue of getting enough early childhood development majors in the field, so we can, you know, deal with access to child care and early childhood education. So again, I just rise in support of

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this bill and just a special kudos to the sponsor on this because she worked really hard on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Thank you. Yes, I rise in support of this bill and I want to commend the sponsor on her hard work on getting it to where it is. Echoing Senator Rezin's comments, she's brought it a long way, has the data, and like with our DD community, we still have a long way to go to make sure that early educators got -- early childhood educators have the incentives to get additional wages when they hit these credentials. So this is a wonderful first step and I rise in support. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator -- Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill. I rise to commend the Senator for not only just her hard work but her willingness to not only understand the issue but to build relationships with Members on both sides of the aisle around this issue. And I had great concerns for the impact on -- at the university level. And I just want to thank her for taking the time to remain steadfast on making sure that the early childhood education community grows, because it is one of our top priorities as a Body, but to not cause conflict with the university system as she's building out a model that I think we could use in so many other areas that were impacted. With shortages in nursing, shortages in school counseling, shortages in -- teacher shortages. I think she's built a model that we could use in so many other areas where we have shortages

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and there's that conflict. So, just my --my hat is just tipped to you, Senator, for just being diligent and being focused and giving us a new way of looking at how to get things done through best practices, research and data. So I encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Pacione-Zayas, to close.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

I'd like to thank all my colleagues for helping me along the way in supporting me in this particular effort to establish the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity here in the State of Illinois. I think we are definitely on a path to create a model for the entire nation and had it not been for everybody's input, support and guidance throughout the process, we wouldn't be here today. I really appreciate everything and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 2878 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2878, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to House Bill 3174. Senator Joyce. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3174.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce, to explain your bill.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3174 amends the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act to provide the DCEO shall revoke a high impact business designation for new wind power facility if the facility violates the Prevailing Wage Act. The bill also provides that wind power facilities built to replace existing power generators qualify for high impact business tax incentives. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator, thank you. We had a small conversation in Committee about this. Can you tell us why you're bringing this bill please? Looks like I've got shades on, they're not. I'll put my glasses on.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Yes Senator. Let me -- hold on, I'm trying to find my notes

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here. The bill was an initiative of the Laborers' International Union Midwest Region, as a result of a problem one of the locals experienced on a wind farm project in McLean County. In the summer of 2019, a wind farm developer entered into an agreement with a contractor to work on -- on a tower erection in McLean County project. The contractor then -- subcontracted a portion of the erection work. Prevailing wage complaints were subsequently filed against both contractor and paying less for -- of the subcontractor for paying less in prevailing wage. And the complaints were being investigated by the Illinois Department of Labor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you -- thank you. I -- let me stop you -- I think you just said that one of these wind farm operators came let me stop you -- into our State, acted dishonorably and didn't hire our workers in the State of Illinois, like they promised they were going to when this whole thing started. Is that what you just said?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

This bill is designed to make sure that prevailing wage is not followed, then the high impact business study or -- or -- or incentive would be removed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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...bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

I'm going to take that as a yes. So, basically, what happened here - and I'm voting for this bill - this same company that came to Illinois, they tell us all these promises, we're going to do all these things, we're going -- we're going to save the world. And they come here, don't follow our law, don't pay prevailing wage and now we're here to punish them, which they need to be punished. But, let me point out, this is the same company that came to my town, not my town, but my district and tore it in two, tore it in two with false promises and nonsense. Anybody thinks these people are good operators, they are not. This bill right here is proof positive. I'm probably going to vote for it, mainly because it proves exactly what I said two years ago. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Joyce, to close.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 3174 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Aye -- Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House



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Bill 3174, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to House Bill 3272. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3272.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 3272 requires all school boards in the State to adopt written policies related to absences and missed homework or class -- classwork assignments as a result of or related to a student's pregnancy. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3272 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? I'm sorry. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

I wish to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3272, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Turn the page to page 18. We're going to go to

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House Bill 3438. Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3438.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa, to explain your bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

House Bill 3438 amends various Acts regarding the governance of public universities and community colleges in Illinois requiring the governing board of each public university and community college district to designate and employ as a Dream Resource Liaison. This bill also encourages each governing board to establish a Dream Resource Center on each of its campuses and it would be effective date of July 1, 2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Senator, if you could again, what -- what's the -- what's -- what's the origin of this legislation? Where did this come from?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

The origin is the countless numbers of students who are

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undocumented and paying money to attend college and university here in the State of Illinois. They would like a place where they feel safe going and seeking -- to seek resources and information.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Would the legislation require universities, community colleges to hire new employees to satisfy this obligation or could this be done with existing employees?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank you for the question. The Board of Trustees will identify the person and it can be someone who is already hired.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

And as -- so then, as a result, the individual who's already an employee would then be additionally identified -- as an Undocumented Student Resource Liaison as their job title and duties? Is that the essence?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Yeah, Senator, that is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

No further questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3438 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Yes. Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Yea, 11 voting Nay, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 3438, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Going to go to House Bill 3461. Senator Curran. Senator Curran seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3461 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3461. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Curran.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Curran, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask for adoption of the amendment and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 3461. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3461.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Curran, to explain your bill.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3461 is a recommendation from the Make S.A.F.E. Task Force that I served on. In combat -- in studying ways to combat sex abuse and the Task Force's recommendation was that Erin's Law, which is currently permissive for schools to adopt into the curriculum, be made mandatory by July 1, 2022. So I would -- I'm available to answer any questions, would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3461 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3461, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to House Bill 3463. Senator Harris. Senator Harris, on House Bill 3463. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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House Bill 3463.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Harris, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of the Senate. 3463 -  
- House Bill 3463 requires the Illinois Department of Corrections  
to make information available of referral services of State and  
local agencies known to a parolee or releasee prior to the release  
from the correctional facility. There's -- I've -- there's no  
known opposition and I request a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3463  
pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting  
is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman. Have all voted  
who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that  
question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting  
Present. And House Bill 3463, having received the required  
constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go  
now to House Bill 3587. Senator Peters. Just to remind those who  
have entered the Chamber recently, we are giving you the option to  
taking your mask down when you present, just so we can hear  
clearly, and then putting your mask back. Mr. Secretary, please  
read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3587.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Peters, to explain your bill.

SENATOR PETERS:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is to create a task force about making sure, you know, around sentencing. It -- it's pretty unanimous and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3587 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3587, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to House Bill 3712. Senator Harris. House Bill 3712. Senator Harris. Senator Harris, on House Bill 3712. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3712.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Harris, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3712 creates the Car Sharing Program Act. And simply put, under -- under this Act, it is required to have -- the Car Sharing Programs are required to have insurance for each of the sharing sessions with liability -- with -- which is liability insurance policy which is three times

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the rate set forth in Vehicle Code. I seek an affirmative vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3712 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 30 -- are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3712, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go to page 19. At the top of the page is House Bill 3793. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3793.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3783 {sic} (3793) provides that nothing in the provisions concerning temporary custody of an abused or neglected minor shall restrict DCFS from immediately restricting or terminating parent-child contact or sibling contacts if the Department or its assigns reasonably believe that the continuation of the contact would result in immediate threat to the child's health. Happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3793 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.



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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Hi. Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3793, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 3922. Leader Lightford. Senator Cunningham in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Continuing on the Order of 3rd Reading, near the top of page 15, Senator Koehler brings House Bill 1879. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1879.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the bill we've all been waiting for - it's on the microbe for the State of Illinois. We did have a -- an error, we originally had put in there that it was Penicillium chrysogenum and, you know, we should have all realized it's really Penicillium rubens. And, so, this is a correction that's been made, so we can all sleep better at night. And I ask for an Aye vote. This makes it the official State microbe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? This is not his first bill, Ladies

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and Gentlemen. Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 1879 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 1879, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

With leave of the Body, we're going to go back to page 16. In the middle of the page, House Bill 2746. Senator Bennett. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2746.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bennett, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 2746 creates the Know Before You Owe Private Education Loan Program. Basically requires that private educational lenders obtain certifications from a student's institution of higher ed to obtain the information about student's enrollment status, cost of attendance and, also, the difference between the cost of the attendance of school and the

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borrower's estimated financial assistance from all sources. We all know, we've all heard lots of bills about how the mounting student debt is going to be the coming financial crisis that we're going to have to deal with in this country. This goal is to let young lenders have a full and transparent grasp of what they are looking at before they take out this debt, which we're paying for decades. So, I know of -- I'm sorry, I should take that back, I think the amendment removes some opposition. My analysis says Bankers Association, Community Bankers -- I know, Community Bankers did offer an amendment which we accepted on the bill. But, I would be happy to answer your questions and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no -- Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 2746 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2746, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the front of the Chamber? Committee on Assignments. Sorry, Committee on Assignments please meet in the Anteroom. Committee on Assignments. Senator Jones, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR JONES:

Yes, Mr. President. I'd like the record to reflect I intended to vote Yes on House Bill 292.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect your intentions. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved For Consideration - Senate Resolution 326.

Signed by Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President. I move that the Senate stand in recess for a Senate Democratic Caucus lasting one hour in the Senate President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senate Democrats want to stand in recess so they can Caucus for one hour in the President's office. Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Mr. President, the Senate Republicans request a caucus for approximately one hour in Leader McConchie's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And the Senate Republicans request a caucus for approximately one hour in the Leader's Office. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After both the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucus, we will return to the Floor for more action. The Senate stands in recess.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Will the Senate please come to the Order? Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 333, offered by President Harmon and all Members.

Senate Resolution 334, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

They're both celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 335, offered by Senator Barickman. It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom? Committee on Assignments, please meet in the President's Anteroom. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved For Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Resolution 326.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We are going to -- if you'll turn to page 16, in the middle

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of the page, we're going to go to House Bill 2777. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. President Harmon seeks leave of the Body... I'm sorry. There hasn't been -- there's been a sponsorship change on this, we'll currently correct that. President Harmon, you wish to proceed? Senator -- President Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 227 -- 27 -- 2777 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2777. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 2777. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2777.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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President Harmon, to explain the bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. In the Redistricting Committee this morning, I was reflecting back to the first time I ever sat at a witness table in front of the General Assembly. It was twenty years ago, and I was appearing before a Redistricting Hearing Committee advocating on behalf of my hometown Oak Park and seeking to reunite it in a district and undo the great division to the community done ten years earlier in redistricting here in Springfield. I never would've thought then that I'd be standing here today presenting the General Assembly Redistricting Act of 2021. But I am very pleased to be here to present to you a bill that would create new legislative districts for the next ten years and produce a fair map that represents the diversity of our State. This is the product of fifty hearings between the House and the Senate, with significant input and feedback from individuals in communities of interest all across the State. A week ago, we unveiled the proposed map and took public comments and testimony. We had several hearings during the week. The amendment today reflects some modest changes to that first proposed map that's been out in public for a week. And with those changes, I believe, now is the time for us to do our constitutional duty to follow the constitution and for the General Assembly to adopt a legislative map before our June 30th deadline. So I'm asking for your support. I'm happy to try to answer any questions you may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have to say what an appropriate title of this legislation cemetery oversight for a bill that allowed politicians to draw their districts. One of the most important processes we undertake as legislators, is the creation of data-based legislative districts that uphold the principle of one person, one vote. The new boundaries of these legislative districts decide where every -- Illinois citizen will vote and the candidates that they will be voting for. The new boundaries also drive the potential competitiveness of the election process. They help create accountability among candidate turned elected officials. The less competitive a district is drawn, the less likely an elected official will feel accountable to the people that they represent. The lack of accountability is an inevitable consequence of an uncompetitive district. For those who disagree with that, I'd like to remind you of the ongoing federal investigations and indictments we have recently seen. I would strongly suggest that what we would have witnessed thus far provides eloquently -- eloquent testimony of that sad fact. That's why we use the U.S. Census data, so that the public and the courts have a level of confidence that the new boundaries were drawn fairly and appropriately and that the new districts are in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution. Just this census cycle, Illinois taxpayers paid thirty-one million dollars to collect that data. This was a process that the Governor claimed was



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historically successful. Members on both sides of the aisle have heard from countless witnesses who have testified that they participated in the collection of census data to ensure that their vote would count and they'd be represented in these maps. However, the legislation in front of us does not take or use the U.S. census data but instead a survey based on one percent of the population. To give an example of this data's inaccuracy, they A -- ACS estimates predicted Illinois would lose two Congressional seats this year, rather than one it officially lost. The Democrat Majority has created this mythical narrative that we need to pass a bill today because of the constitutional mandate. However, we all know that the constitutional requirement only applies to politicians drawing the map. Everyone here knows that we can easily do nothing and wait for the accurate census data and send the map to a bipartisan or independent commission, one that the Governor has supported. Witness after witness, representing the people we represent, have implored the Democrat Majority to do what's right and wait to use the actual census data. In fact, over fifty individuals and groups, amongst them the leading government reform and minority advocacy groups in Illinois, pled their strong desire for you to not rely on the inexact population estimates that you've chosen. Ironically, these are the same groups with whom many of you in the majority allied yourself with and purported to support just two years ago by sponsoring the independent commission process for redistricting. But today, when it mattered most, you abandoned them, along with the seventy-five percent of the people in this State who have begged for independent map-drawing process. What we have before us is a desperate attempt by those in power to hold on to power at all costs. Even when it

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costs them the trust of their constituents. The people of Illinois deserve better than this. They deserve better than the bad data, fake deadlines and sham hearings. They deserve the chance to pick their politicians instead of once again, letting politicians pick their voters. Many of you claim to be reformers. Today's your chance to live it up to that. Vote against this map, vote for the people of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. A few questions of the sponsor, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he will yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

President Harmon, it's good to be with you on the Floor here today. I want to follow up on a number of the issues that we discussed in Committee, so that we can include some of this information in to the record. First, again, these questions I think were posed in Committee and to a number of them you said that you would provide that information later, so I want to follow up. First, in regards to the -- how did you allocate the minority persons among the blocks? Do we now have any answer to that question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'm sorry, Senator. Could you state that question with a bit more precision?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

How did you allocate minority persons among blocks?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, as I told you in Committee, we did hire an expert in redistricting to break down the data into the appropriate units. We have not yet had a chance to get ahold of that expert to articulate the answer to your question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

And do we now know who that person or group was that you hired?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm told by counsel it is EDS. And I will apologize again, as I did in Committee, I'm going to rely heavily on counsel to make sure my answers are precise and as accurate as they can be.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

That's fine and I appreciate that. Next, ECS estimates are only available at the block group level, yet your plan draws

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boundaries around census blocks. There are on average forty-five blocks inside each Illinois block group, so how did you decide how many people live in each of those blocks?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. Again, we relied on our redistricting experts, to help us understand how that data is best apportioned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Was Kim Brace involved in any disaggregation or obtaining of the data that went into this final map?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I believe that he is affiliated with EDS, but I do not know what role he played personally in that particular data interpretation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill, if I may. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you again, Mr. President, for those responses. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have served with a number of you for some years

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now and I believe this Body has done a number of important -- taken upon itself a number of important issues over the years. Without question, I believe that -- the issue before us at this moment is quite possibly the most important issue that this Body will face in a decade. These maps, how they're drawn, the districts that are drawn, the candidates that run for public office in -- from these districts, the choices that Illinoisans are given in the general election for the next decade will be determined by the vote for which we are about to cast. Numerous individuals throughout our country have spoken to the necessity of voters being given choices. What comes with choices in government is accountability. Accountability to solve problems, to work together to ensure that the people within our government, the people who live in Illinois, have representation in the government that makes decisions over their lives. I'm sure I'm not alone in hearing from my constituents who tell me that they're frustrated that they have no choices at the ballot box. They're frustrated by their government that is not responding to the problems that is before us. And that they wish that Illinois legislators were more accountable to the people that they are supposed to serve. The sponsor talked about the numerous hearings that have been conducted over the last many weeks in regards to, not legislation, but concepts that we might in fact redistrict. Many of us participated in those hearings. There was an ongoing theme that those hearings lacked transparency, that witnesses had difficulty participating in them. And that all culminated just in this morning's hearing where witnesses came before us to say they heard that there was legislation filed in the cloud of last night, the dark of the night, 1:36 a.m., I believe. These witnesses, over the last many

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weeks, were told don't worry, you'll have your chance to see the maps, to digest what it means to you as a voter and as a community, and you'll have an opportunity to respond and to articulate to those who represent you today, your view on what the next ten years may look like for you, our constituents. These witnesses have been almost unanimous in their testimony that what you see before you today is exactly what they believe to be the problem that exists in our State. Politicians drawing maps, politicians picking their own voters, rather than voters picking the representatives for which they wish to choose to represent them. Some of these witnesses came together and authored a letter to the Redistricting Committee. Some fifty-five groups signing that letter, criticizing not just the process but the reliance on flawed and inaccurate ACS data. These groups, the NAACP, Common Cause, Change Illinois, one of the foremost government reform groups in our State, these good government groups asked of this Body not to do what this Body appears to do just now. Now, ironically, many of you, and I look to my friends on the other side of the aisle on this issue, many of you, over the last few years, have stood side by side with these reform groups, allying yourself with them, pledging to them your support to their good government initiatives. These would include the notion that instead of having politician-drawn maps here today, we would do the right thing which is to put forward an independent commission that would relinquish control the legislature has over this process and put it in an independent group. Earlier this year, strike that, two years ago, I believe eighteen Senate Democrats put their name behind an effort that Senator Morrison led to amend the State's Constitution to put an independent commission in place. We joined you in that. We joined

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you in that because it was a bipartisan moment where we said we will work with you to do the right thing and empower these people in our State to get their government back in their hands. You said that you were for that and eighteen Senate Democrats, at the time, put their name behind that effort. I think almost all of those Senators are still on the Floor today about to vote on this matter. This year, we offered a choice. Earlier this year, I filed Senate Bill 1325 that would put in place in Illinois, by law, the same independent commission that just two years ago you all said you were for. There's nothing unconstitutional with what we proposed. We didn't suggest to touch the Constitution. We simply proposed to do exactly, by law, what you all said you were for just two years ago. That measure today has not one Democrat willing to put their name behind it and say that's the right thing to do. Now I know in the political world that we live in it is great to cast yourself as a reformer to the people that you represent. That's an awful nice buzzword and it does really nice when you're running for election and you go to the door and you shake the hand and you say you know what, I'm sick of this. I'm sick of a machine politics environment that exists in our State. I'm sick of the lock and the power that the political leaders have on the system. And you know what, voter, I'm going to stand up against it. I'm a reformer. But being a reformer only in the year that -- but being a reformer -- a reformer only in the year that really doesn't matter and then abandoning that reform and the people that it serves in the only year that it actually matters, it means you're not a reformer, just a politician heeding to the demands of your political leaders. There's a long list of politicians who follow this script that has frustrated our Illinois

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voters. That long list of politicians who say one thing and do another. We're about to find out which of you is to be added to that very unfortunate list. And one final thought on this, which is intended for our Governor. Governor Pritzker, in 2018, you rode into office on a message of reform. Many voters around this State cast a vote for you because they believed that our State was plagued with a history of dysfunction and they were fed up with it. You made lots of commitments to those voters, Governor. You told them how you would be different. You told how -- you told them how you were not a part of the machine politics that have plagued the State of Illinois for too many generations. You told voters that they should vote for you because, while there is a cloud of corruption that continues to swirl over this State even yet today, in 2018, you told voters you'd be different. You told voters you'd be a reformer. You told voters you'd stand up to the political class that is threatening the very lives of the people we all in this room represent. But of all the commitments that you made, Governor, that which was of paramount importance, was the pledge that you made to change this government, to change this process. You rightly condemned it as corrupt and you looked in the eyes of the voters of this State and you said three magical words. You said, "I promise you". You said, I promise you, the voters, that you would veto this legislation drawn by politicians, protecting the partisans, protecting the status quo. You, Governor, you promised the voters that you would take your pen and you would veto this piece of legislation. Why? Because you said any legislation drawn by politicians is part of the corrupt scheme that's troubling our State. You, Governor, you said, you were for an independent process. You, Governor, said you would be different



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and that you would dramatically alter the course of these events that are occurring on our Illinois Senate Floor right now. You, Governor, have an opportunity before you, as a result of this moment, to do that which is in the people's best interest and not what is in the best interest of the politicians. You can now, at this very moment in time, provide the seal of authenticity on the label of reformer that you placed upon yourself. A label which the constituents in my district, and I bet in each and every one of yours, want so badly to believe. Governor, keep your promise. Do the right thing and help the people of Illinois believe again in our State government. Governor, veto this map and this shameful process by which it was produced. I urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. President Harmon to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. With your indulgence, I'd like to make three points in closing. First, the General Assembly has been tasked with redistricting every ten years under the 1970 Constitution and we have done so successfully, one way or another. For many of you, this is your first time in the Chamber when we've undertaken this. I -- and if you have not lived through this before, you are just beginning to understand the herculean effort that this has required. So I want to thank Redistricting Committee, our Chair, Senator Omar Aquino, our Vice Chair, Senator Elgie Sims and all of the Members. But I think all of you Democrats, and Republicans alike, will agree that so much of the thanks goes to our incredible staff who has been working around the clock to produce excellent, fair maps without the limelight, without the praise. But, I, for one, am forever

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grateful for the work that you all have done and will continue to do. I want to talk about two substantive things, though, let's talk first about the data. We would not be here, if Donald Trump's Commerce Department had even a passing interest, even a passing interest in an accurate and a prompt census. That being said, the American Community Survey data produced by the Census Department is remarkably accurate. The deviation is .3 percent, a third of a percent, and there is no reason, whatsoever, to believe that that minor deviation is anything but proportionally spread across the State. In addition, the districts that have been presented in this map have very little deviation among them. These are fair maps that live up to our promise at the onset to reflect the diversity of this State. I also want to address the fairytale that somehow we can wait, that we can ignore the Constitution, that we could create by law some independent nonpartisan commission that is not authorized by our Constitution or, more ominously, that we can somehow just let this drift past June 30th. We cannot. The Constitution sets out a very specific duty to the General Assembly with a very precise end date. Yes, the Constitution includes a failsafe provision that the framers of the Constitution found so distasteful they could not believe anyone who would do it. Handing over control to eight politicians who will then deadlock and be joined by a ninth. It is the most opaque, partisan way we could possibly redistrict. It's a little bit like being a passenger on a plane, circling the airport waiting to land, when the pilot comes on and says, ladies and gentlemen, can I have your attention please, I know you were counting on a landing, however bumpy it might be, but we've decided instead not to land the plane. But, don't worry, we have a failsafe, we have parachutes. And,

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even better, we're going to flip a coin to see who gets the last parachute. If "we don't land planes, we crash them" is the official motto of Republican error, I don't think any of us want to buy tickets. No responsible pilot would do this. Now, if you're sitting in seat 53B, you can brag to your buddies about how much better you would land the plane, but the pilot has to land the plane. I ask you all to join me with an Aye vote. Let's land this plane.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 2777 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, None voting Present. And House Bill 2777, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been passed out. We're going to go to it right now. And on Supplemental Calendar No. 1 is Senate Resolution 326. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 326, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, do you wish to adopt the amendment on the resolution? Are there any further amendments to consider, Mr. Secretary?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, we have Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, do you wish to explain your amendment?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment is a technical amendment primarily grammatical corrections. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, on the resolution, as amended.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Resolution 326 is a contemporaneous explanation of the -- of the bill we just passed adopting legislative districts. It includes a recitation of our intent in the process of preparing the map as well as a detailed description of each legislative district created. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Resolution 326 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. We're going to take a roll call vote on this. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, and none voting Present. The resolution is adopted. We're going to go to the Calendar, we're going to turn to page 14. We're going to go to House Bill 1443. Leader Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1443.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 1443 is the cannabis licensing lottery language to change and establish more inclusive statutoria {sic} criteria to award one-hundred and ten licenses in 2021. The bill creates two new lotteries. One for fifty-five licenses and one for fifty-five licenses in addition to the current lottery for the seventy-five licenses. It establishes an eighty-five percent cut score to expand the lottery applicant pool for two new lotteries and it -- and it also establishes a social equity framework for distributing the five remaining medical license. Why are we here? We're here because this Chamber has passed three license bills to help us get those license out to those social equity applicants who have been waiting for well over a year. Each one of those bills did not go

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far enough, apparently, to create the fix that we so desperately need. This bill does that. It combines all of the concerns of all those involved. I would like to acknowledge that the goal here is to create a diverse cannabis industry with increased opportunities for social equity applicants. The lotteries that I described will allow that to happen. All of those that found themselves in ties will have an opportunity to garner up to two licenses in each lottery pool. The original bill does cap licenses at five-hundred, but it also requires the license release of one-hundred and ten in this year, 2021. There was a war on drugs that we all know so well, especially those of us in the black community, there was provisions in the original statute that addressed that but we also wanted to make sure that there was ownership. I'd be happy to answer questions that Members have, but this is a bill that is pretty much agreed on, worked on so heavily and hard. Senators Villanueva and Castro and Senator Harris, as well as myself, were a part of a working cannabis group, some Members on the other side of the aisle, as well. This bill came over from the House with seventy votes. I don't see a reason why the upper Chamber wouldn't acquiesce and support this legislation. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

...bill.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to take this

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opportunity to thank Senator Lightford, Senator Castro and other Members on the other side for their work on this legislation. Also included in this piece of legislation is relocation language that will allow our dispensaries to be able to finally relocate into specific areas, with the professional department's approval and with their local government's approval as well. This relocation language is -- was written very tightly for a purpose. I also want to thank Senator Johnson for her assistance. She has the exact same issue in her community that I have in mine. I know there's a lot of mixed -- mixed views on this subject. I'm happy to have my language included in this bill and I would ask for Yes votes -- Yes votes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Leader Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd be remissed if I didn't acknowledge the hard work of Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth and Representative Ford, of course, in the House. The wait is over. I'm happy to ensure that all of those who are seeking to have ownership in the cannabis industry will now be awarded that opportunity and this be the first step in ensuring that as we move forward with all of the other items that also makes this industry go, that this Body will be prepared to adjust and make do any challenges that we may be facing. I encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 1443 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And House Bill 1443, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to go to page 4. We're going to go to Senate Bill 667. Senator Aquino. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Aquino seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 667 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 66 -- Senate Bill 667. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Aquino.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as ICE, uses two-hundred facilities for immigrant detention -- immigration detention.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator, this is on the amendment.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Oh, I'm sorry. I'd like to adopt the amendment and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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



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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate --  
Senate Bill 667. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 667.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, to explain your bill.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for allowing me to try this once more. So, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, also known as ICE, uses nearly two-hundred facilities for immigration detention, including for-profit prisons, county and local jails. The Private Detention Facility Moratorium Act, which Illinois enacted in 2019, bars private prisons for ICE detention in Illinois. The Illinois Way Forward Act would finish the job of ending ICE detention in Illinois by barring new jail contracts and requiring existing contracts to phase out. This is an initiative of -- of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. It aims to limit police collaboration with immigration agencies to ensure that immigrant families in Illinois are able to work with law enforcement in case of victims and hold agencies accountable if they violate State law. I want to also explain that there are alternative, more humane alternative programs including an ICE

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program called Family Case Management Program that actually cost less than detaining people in facilities. A facility can cost up to eighty to twenty -- eighty dollars to two-hundred dollars per person detained per day. Rather, the alternative programs, the ICE one, Family Case Management Program in 2016 spent thirty-six dollars per family per day. A common rationale for ICE detention is ensuring that individuals show up for their court dates. However, in this program, participants in the Family Case Management Program showed up ninety-nine percent of the time to their court dates. Again, this alternative, more humane approach had ninety-nine percent of people showing up to their court dates. And I also, before I finish, do want to note one last thing. Bear with me, Mr. President, as I look through my notes here. I wanted to read -- excuse me, I have it here. This is in the bill. This is not a get out of jail free card for folks. This is -- this is in the bill itself and it's a -- it's a -- it's -- it's in case of the question if those that have committed a criminal offense would they be -- would local law enforcement be able to continue the investigation in even charging these folks and the answer is absolutely. In page 9, subsection (i) it reads, nothing in this Section shall preclude a law enforcement official from otherwise executing that official's duties in investigating violations of criminal law and cooperating in such investigations with federal and other law enforcement agents {sic} (agencies) including criminal investigations conducted by federal Homeland Security Investigations in order to ensure public safety. I'm willing to answer any questions, but I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker {sic}. Questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

I am Mr. President, and, yes, the sponsor will yield.

SENATOR TRACY:

I'm not sure what I actually called you, but thank you, Mr. President. I can tell, it's going to be a long day. Senator Aquino, you still have some opposition to this bill, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

That is correct, but I'd like to make a certain comment on - on the opposition. We do have opposition from the Sheriffs' Association and the Illinois FOP. However, we did engage with them and advocates engaged with them to attempt to find language that we can change. We certainly -- we had a second amendment that we adopted, partially including some of the things that they suggested. However, there was a certain amount of changes that they wanted to make that would fundamentally change the entire bill and the purpose of why we are trying to move this bill forward.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you for that answer. And I appreciate the changes you did make but, however, as I understand the Sheriffs' Association and the State Police Command Officers -- command group is also still opposed. Your -- in this bill, the essence is that without

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a federal criminal warrant or required federal law there's quite a few things that Illinois Law Enforcement may not do. Isn't that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Yes, essentially what we were -- what the bill -- it says that it -- law enforcement, local law enforcement would not be able to engage with ICE in order to get a person involved in a immigration case because most of the time immigration cases are actually civil issues and not criminal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

And actually, this law or bill would prohibit law enforcement from inquiring or investigating the place of birth or immigration status of a person who has been detained, isn't that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Well, as an offense -- as a criminal offense it isn't inspired by where someone is from. The -- the --the -- they would be prohibited from finding -- for asking what their -- their place of birth is. I mean it's as is ... as is basically simply said, if someone is pulled over, for instance, at the side of the road the police officer can't ask if they are documented or undocumented, that is the essence of what we're ... some of the practices that we're trying to end.

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Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Senator Aquino, for those answers. Basically, this still ties the hand of Illinois law enforcement to be able to do their job. Certainly, not over -- I think the first Trust Act had a place, but this ties law enforcement hands within the State such that they are -- they are effectively not able to do their -- their duties that they're required to do. And, so, with that, I cannot support the bill, and I would urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Villanueva.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR VILLANUEVA:

Any links between local police and ICE deters immigrant communities from interacting with law enforcement. A study by the University of Illinois at Chicago found that nearly half of all Latino/Latinx community members would be more reluctant to report being a crime victim because they fear that police officers will inquire into their immigration status or that of people they know. Forty percent say that they are less likely to report criminal activity out of fear that they would be caught up in immigration enforcement. These fears cut across immigration statuses affecting even U.S. citizens. More than one quarter of native-born U.S. citizens express feeling similar fears of being caught up in immigration enforcement. So long as immigrant communities cannot and will not report criminal activity to police, our entire

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community is harmed. We need to continue to build trust between law enforcement and all of our communities including communities that have had good reasons not to trust the police. This bill will further remove barriers from such trust by making clear that our local police departments and sheriffs should not get involved in civil immigration enforcement. To ensure the safety of all of our communities, let's pass the Illinois Way Forward. I'd like to commend Senator Aquino for his tireless work on this bill and issues regarding our immigrant communities, and all of the advocates who have put so much into this. And I support this bill and my colleague.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Aquino, to close.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to correct the record from what was suggested earlier of tying the hands of local law enforcement. This does not prevent local law enforcement to continue to do their job. It is not the job of local law enforcement to do the job of ICE. It is not their role. They are not immigrant enforcers of any kind. They are supposed to serve and protect, not aid and abet in the separation of families in our communities. I'll read the subsection that I started out by saying that nothing in this Section shall preclude a law enforcement official from otherwise executing that official's duties in investigating violations of criminal law and cooperating in such investigation with federal and other law enforcement agencies, including criminal investigations conducted by federal Homeland Security Investigations in order to ensure public safety. That's not what I'm saying, that is what this bill says, word for word,

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in there. You can find the page and the Section to read it yourself. We have to stop allowing ICE to use our State resources to separate families, to vilify and dehumanize people that call this great State home, that leave their countries to try to live and achieve an American dream. That is an ideal that we all have. I plead and ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 667 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Yea, 19 voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 667, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Van Pelt, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VAN PELT:

I would like to be reflected as a Present vote on 1443. I would like to be reflected as a Present vote on 1443.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect your intentions.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 642.

Together with the following amendments which are attached, in the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 642.

We have received a like Message on Senate Bill 2661, with House Amendment 1. Passed the House, as amended, May 28th, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We're going back to House Bills 3rd Reading. We're going to go to page 18. On the top of the page, we have House Bill 3404. Senator Joyce. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like my vote on House {sic} Bill 667 to be recorded as an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect your intentions. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. House Bill 3404.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3404.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce, to explain your bill.



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SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill or House Bill 3404 creates a Pembroke Township Natural Gas Investment Pilot Program. This bill does four things. It defines a designated hardship area specific to Pembroke Township. It allows for a natural gas utility to invest two-hundred and fifty percent of its current tariff to extend the main and service. It clarifies existing statute regarding certificate of public convenience and necessity and must comply with the existing tariff. And number four, it -- it's subject to appropriations, it authorizes the Department of Economic Commerce and Opportunity {sic} (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity) to develop and oversee a grant program for the conversion costs for those seeking to connect. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Senator Joyce. Can you explain to us why we're here? Why -- why have you been working on this bill the entire Session? Can you give us a little background as to what's happening in the Pembroke area?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you for the question. Initially, there was some

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opposition to this legislation. So we've been working with the opposition on trying to get language and protections for the community and that's the main reason why. We've never really gotten all of the opposition off of the bill. But the reason why is to come to a compromise.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Is it -- is it fair to say that -- that the need for a natural gas or some sort of reliable energy source to this area is incredibly important for the economic viability of the area?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

This area has been lacking infrastructure for most of my life. I mean, everybody -- there's a lot of Members in here who -- who know about Pembroke Township. We've been trying to find, when I first took office, trying to find some infrastructure improvements. We've looked at community solar. The electrical grid in Pembroke Township can only take two-hundred and fifty kilowatts and it takes two-thousand kilowatts to have community solar, which would be a twenty-five million dollar investment. Something that I still want to pursue and I hope the Members of this Body will help me pursue. But bringing natural gas to this community has been, when I was approached by the residents, something that we've been working on for about a year and a half. And when Nicor came to the table and we found a proposal that could then bridge the community's portion of the investment. That's what this legislation does.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Can you also explain -- so you've taken care of the cost of bringing the natural gas pipeline to the community, however, there is a cost to tap onto the pipeline to individual homes. How are you going to handle that cost?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Joyce.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Tariff extension of two-hundred and fifty percent is what will cover most of that and then also they're subject to appropriations through DCEO. The conversion costs, as well as a million dollars in last year's capital bill to go towards this community is how we're going to cover those costs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. The issue -- this issue has been out there for well over ten to fifteen years. When I first came into office eleven years ago and represented somewhat that area, it was still an issue. And we talked about trying to get renewables to the area for them for -- for Pembroke, but it simply did not work out. I do commend the sponsor for working with Nicor, who has been at the table to work with you to try to get a resolution to allow

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this pipeline to come to the residents of Pembroke. And, more importantly, hopefully, allowing the residents of Pembroke the ability, now, to have investments from outside companies come in because you have natural gas. So, I rise in support of your bill. I know you've worked on this, Senator, for quite a while. And, again, know -- I understand the opposition. However, I think that this is a good bill for the community and will allow them to attract major business for investment, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Simmons.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Mr. President, I rise today in strong opposition to HB 3404 for three main points of contention. First, the bill will help destroy a rare ecosystem that ought to be protected and conserved for future generations. Secondly, the bill will help accelerate the displacement of an already shrinking population of Black farmers. And third, the bill sets up a dangerous situation for residents and makes ratepayers foot the bill for a pipeline that the residents of Pembroke have not even asked for. The bill before us sets the stage for yet another chapter in the awful history in this country of farmland being endangered and seized from Black landowners. As the national dialogue continues around race and reckoning, we must face the fact that there are more than 70,000 farms in Illinois, but less than two-hundred principal operators are Black. And it's a reality that is rooted in history. Over time, Black farmers have been pushed off their lands and denied access to credit. Right now, and here in Illinois, we have a globally rare three-biome ecosystem with rare plants, and birds, and animals, and some

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of Illinois' original vegetation of black oak trees, and, also, the last remaining historical Black farming community in Illinois and we should be moving to protect it. As written, this bill would provide a guaranteed and profitable contract to Nicor to build natural gas infrastructure through and adjacent to Pembroke Township, adjacent to Black-owned farmland, at a time when the Illinois Attorney General is investigating Nicor Gas for the clear and present danger it poses at dozens of its nearby leaking locations with potentially millions of dollars in economic damages to surrounding communities. This bill will line the pockets of Nicor with profits, while posing an environmental hazard to the adjacent farmlands of Pembroke. I am gravely concerned that if we pass this bill today, we are aiding in the destruction of Illinois' oldest African American founded town, a cultural heritage stronghold, an internationally rare 3-biomes ecosystem, and a bastion of the last remaining Black farmers in our great State. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I've known about Pembroke for many years, since long before I was sworn in as a State Senator, and I've always been at awe at what the Black farmers have been able to accomplish on this site. Despite what outsiders may say about the lack of urban and suburban amenities, which I believe the previous speaker spoke to, the residents have learned to live in nature and have not asked us for any of this. We should help protect those Black farmers and help them to flourish and turn the page forward by investing in green infrastructure and electric grid -- grid upgrades, broadband connectivity, and sustainable housing, while moving to designate and protect all of Pembroke's farms for future generations. We have a huge opportunity here to go forward and lift up this community as a wonderful and proud

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asset in Illinois and take steps to make it a model for green infrastructure development. We should be looking to pool together federal funds to accomplish this task. I am really concerned that this bill will lead to an influx of quick development that will only serve to hasten the displacement of Black farmers who will be squeezed out of this community. We see this play out all the time in other parts of our country where natural areas -- where people are living and have lived in peace and are living in harmony with nature. And, in this instance, we will see the gradual loss of a historic community and an Illinois treasurer {sic} (treasure). With the right investments, Pembroke can become a model for future -- for the future and given its illustrious history, it deserves that investment. Lastly, Mr. President, I have grave concerns about the safety of this pipeline installation. Residents of Pembroke, right now, have to wait up to forty minutes for a public safety response to hazards like a fire. If there is a gas leak, there is no recourse for residents. By passing this bill, we are creating a hazard that could pose acute dangers if there's a gas leak or fire, and a chronic hazard to the erosion of the ecosystem in the adjacent biosphere of precious birds, animals and plants. African Americans have been farming in Pembroke since the mid-1800s. The place has such a historic significance by now that we should be looking to position this community to determine its own course. And if the farmers who have testified -- who testified at last week's Energy and Public Utilities Committee hearing said that they were clearly opposed to this pipeline's installation and we have not heard them. We should afford them that agency and work with them to become a state and federally protected township with no eminent domain, no land acquisition and land transfers

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being permitted, so that they would have the resources to do those green developments that they have consistently told us that they want over the years and that we have failed to provide them. We should help them to flourish and we should hear what they say and we should not -- history has not been kind to Black agriculture in our country and we should not be repeating that history. Additionally, installing this pipeline is an environmental justice issue and has an overall harmful impact on the health of Black residents. Illinois is one of the top ten states where over ten-thousand Black residents live within a half-a-mile radius of an oil or gas facility. Being near these facilities is detrimental to the health and well-being of thousands of Illinoisans and especially the Black community. Illinois is one of the nineteen states where gas emissions led to more deaths than coal-related deaths last year alone, according to a study published in the journal of Environmental Research Letters. The soot pollution from burning gas caused as many as twenty-one-hundred deaths in our State and triggered up to twenty-four-million dollars in hidden health costs to Illinoisans in the year 2017. This installation will directly harm the communities that are closest to the pipeline, in short. So, for these reasons, Mr. President, I would strongly urge each Senator in this Body to vote No on this measure. Today, we can go in a different direction and set the standard for what real, so-called equity and progress can and must look like in the year 2021. There are some outside of this Body who are trying to disguise this corporate-interest legislation and trying to call it a bow-wrapped gift in the name of some fake progressive equity which I fail to be convinced by. We have the opportunity to skip forward several generational steps to green energy versus dealing

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a hand for which no one in this community of Pembroke has asked for to implement deleterious fossil fuel infrastructure while inherently telling a group of Black people you're only worth the investment of implementing a non-renewable energy resource State and country are already moving beyond that. Thank you and again, I will be voting No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCLURE:

You know, I came to the Senate to help solve problems for my constituents. And, I see a colleague, Senator Joyce, who came here with a real legitimate and need fixed for his district and his constituents whom we heard from in the committee hearing. And, quite frankly, when we've got a colleague who's going to fix something necessary in his district, I think we need to stick with him. And I urge strong support for this bill, particularly Republicans. I think we need to support Senator Joyce, who is trying to fix an issue with his district and I think he needs to be commended for doing that. And I think we need to support him. So I urge a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)



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...bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

You know, Mr. President, and Members of the Senate, this bill came before the Senate Energy and Public Utility Committees not once, not twice, but three times. And I want to thank the sponsor of the bill, I want to thank all the witnesses that have provided their testimony, it was not only informative, but it was professional in nature. And folks from both sides, the opposition and those that are proponents of the bill, expressed their concerns. A lot of the concerns that were addressed by previous speakers are genuine concerns by the community. However, as we all know in this Body, we can't solve all the world's problems at one time. This bill will afford -- this bill will afford people of Pembroke Township a luxury that many of us in this room have to -- that have to enjoy in our daily lives. I think that it is the right thing to do, to help the people of Pembroke Township, not only on this issue, but in the future, help them on the other issues that they have in their community that were previously concerned. I strongly urge an Aye vote and I thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward. Because after listening to the testimony of those people that testified in favor and those that testified against this bill, there is no doubt in my mind that there is a need for this in their community and I urge an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Joyce, to close.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. What we are doing here is providing for the pipeline that this community needs for natural gas to heat

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their homes. We all take this basic need for granted. And, yet, here we are in the 21st century, on our smartphones, in our suits, in this grand building, and we have a community in Illinois who's struggling to stay warm during the winter. It's wrong. But, we can step in today to help fix this problem. Let me be clear, this is not the total solution for Pembroke or Hopkins Park. It's a tool in the tool belt to help them move forward after so many years of dealing with lack of infrastructure. I'm committing to helping provide these natural resources for this community. I hope you will join me. I urge you for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 3404 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Mr. President, Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 45 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. And House Bill 3404, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom? Committee on Assignments. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 642, and Motion to Concur with House

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Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2661.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Supplemental Calendar No. 2 is being distributed. We will go to Supplemental Calendar No. 2. Senate Bill 642. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Please read the Motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 642.

Signed by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, to explain your motion.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill 642. This bill, as amended by the House, would create the Judicial District Act of 2021. It is a long overdue effort to rebalance the four Supreme Court districts outside of Cook County. It is consistent with our broader restricting efforts to draw fair maps that are compact and contiguous. And, in this case, following the unique rules of Supreme Court redistricting, relatively balanced in population. Happy to try to answer any questions you may have and ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there discussion? Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the real President yield for a question, please?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon sir. So, in the House Floor debate, we were sort of stunned to learn that the sponsor of the bill in the House was asked about who drew the map. He indicated that he didn't know. Says he doesn't know and doesn't know how the lines were drawn. So, knowing you, for as long as I've known you sir, I'm sure we're going to have better questions from you. So, let me just start, who drew this map?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The map, as presented today, is in the form of the bill and I am the sponsor of that bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

You're already doing better than the House sponsor did, Mr. President. Mr. President, was the Illinois State Bar Association consulted on this map? Was there statewide hearings on this with them and the court system, before it was brought forward?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I did not talk to the State Bar Association. We had a hearing in the Redistricting Committee this morning.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

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SENATOR ROSE:

So, the hearing was this morning, I understand that sir. But, you know, I'll admit that I've let my bar association membership lapse as well. But shouldn't we -- shouldn't we consult with the Bar, before we change the entire court system in Illinois? Wouldn't that make sense?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

The maps were published in public several days ago and I've not heard anything from the Bar Association. I'm sure they could've found me. Did they find you, Senator Rose?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

No, I'm just from a little part in downstate Illinois. So, I guess, Mr. President, we didn't consult with the Bar Association before we've done this or before we're proposing to do this. How, in particular, did you decide the lines that you drew or what counties went into which of the new districts, sir?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for the questions, Senator. Obviously, the Supreme Court districts have different rules than legislative districts or other districts. You cannot, for instance, divide a county between Supreme Court districts. We chose to respect, to the best of our ability, judicial circuits as well as to ensure that the traditional appellate courthouses

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remained distributed across the four judicial districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So again, I guess I'm not sure I understood the question. Again, the question is how did you decide which counties to put in which district? Because you've indicated this is your proposal, so how did you decide which counties went in which district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. Let me start with the real problem we were trying to solve. Over the last fifty years, there has been a wild disparity in population size across the four districts. The largest, the second district, today is at 3.2 million and change. The smallest district, the fifth district, is not quite 1.3 million. So, again, following the rules in the Constitution prohibiting us from dividing counties, wanting to respect the existing judicial circuits and bowing to the reality of geography that we can't pick and choose counties that aren't contiguous to each other, we are proposing a map that results in relatively balanced population sizes, maintains an appellate court in each of the four districts, respects the judicial circuits and, in the -- in my evaluation at least, provides for a fair map.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, how do you respect the judicial circuits without talking to the judges themselves or the Bar Association?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I was talking about the geography of the circuits, the fixed geography of the circuits.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So let's move on here, because you said a couple other things there about the -- the historical changes here. So, really the district you referenced -- three of the four districts are in fairly consistent shape. You referenced, I believe, it was the second district, Mr. President, really that's been out of shape since the 1990s. So, why did you choose now to do this? We could've...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Well, as you may recall, the -- there was an effort in the 1990s to do just this. It was ruled unconstitutional because of some legislative overreach in the process. So again, I think it's long beyond time for us to do this. And I have only the moment at hand and not the -- not past moments to relitigate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

So, putting aside for the sake of argument here, and with all due respect, and not trying to be funny, I was in college or high school in the 1990s. But, in the thirty years since then, the

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majority party has not attempted a control change of the maps at all and, so, suddenly here we are today. Does this have anything to do with the fact that suddenly the Supreme Court election changed last November or possibly will change in the future?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sorry, there was a little chatter on our side of the aisle. I apologize. Could you repeat at least the second half of the question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Sure, I mean, thirty years have gone by here and, suddenly, you know, it would seem to us that this is all about the politics of the fact that the Supreme Court lost a seat on your side of the aisle last November. And now, suddenly, the Supreme Court may, just may -- the citizens of that district decided they wanted to do something different which is absolutely their decision. And, now, we're going to disrespect their decision and change it up on them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I wasn't aware there was a partisan shift in the Supreme Court and not a factor in my decision-making.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:



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Well, I don't even know how to respond to that. But, let me -- let me ask -- let me ask the -- the next question. So, between -- in the new -- the newly proposed districts, two through five, what is the -- what is the actual population difference between the smallest to the largest?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Well, today, Senator, the difference appears to be just shy of two million people between the second and the fifth. And, in the proposed construction, it would be less than three-hundred thousand, about -- actually, about two-hundred and thirty thousand, if my lawyer math skills are working well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Putting a second -- aside for a second the fact that we really don't know what the number is because we're not bothering to use the census data which would actually tell us, I appreciate the fact that you answered the question because that tracks very similar with us that you still have a two-hundred and thirty thousand dollar -- two-hundred and thirty thousand person disparity here. So, again, I guess my next question, Mr. President, would be, if this is about making everything equal, why do we have a disparity that's over two-hundred thousand people, actual noses different, if this data that we have no idea if it works anyway were to work out? But, you know, they only count one percent of people a year, so, who knows if it works anyway.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, that was a lot of question. I'm not sure exactly how to answer. Again, following the rules for judicial redistricting, respecting county boundaries, choosing to respect the existing circuits, and bowing to the reality that we can't take one county from here and one county from another part of the State, we need to find contiguous counties to put together in a compact way. We are proposing a map with a very modest population difference, especially compared to the current extreme populations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill, if I may, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I certainly appreciate the Senate President's responses to my questions. But -- but, let's look at some things. If this was really about good public policy, and if this was really about rebalancing, rebalancing Supreme Court districts, wouldn't we want to be actually balanced and not be two-hundred and thirty thousand plus maybe, maybe not, people out of whack? If this is really about good public policy and if this was really about getting to a state of one man, one vote in this -- in this State for Supreme Court purposes, wouldn't we want to consult the judiciary, the Bar Association, the women and men in

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our court system that actually do these functions every day? Wouldn't we actually want to sit down and do this right? Walk it through over time with a commission that would have the courts involved, that would have the Bar Association involved. Wouldn't we want to actually do those things, to make sure we get it right? Rather than shot gun something on a couple days' notice. Folks, come on here. We all know what's going on. We all know what's going on. Notwithstanding the Senate President's answer, we all know what's going on. The bottom line is, the people of the Supreme Court district spoke last November. Those on your side of the aisle didn't like the answer, and now you're changing the rules. This is just wrong. I mean, this is what people hate. And, I'll tell you, you go back in time, this happens all the time. And, frankly, you look at FDR, he had the court-packing and the people of America ran away from it. You know why they ran away from it, because it was wrong. Why do you think Joe Biden's run away with court -- run away from court-packing the United States Supreme Court right now? Folks, this is wrong. People get this. They had an election. They decided to get rid of their Justice, because they didn't like him. That was their prerogative. And now you guys are changing the rules because you didn't like the outcome. That's what's going on here. That's what's going on here. And it's not right, it just isn't right. If you want to do it right, if you really want to stand up for one man, one vote, let's have a commission, let's wait for the census data, let's consult the courts, let's consult the Bar, and do it right. But, this isn't right. And it's so far -- it's so far from the right way to do something like this, it's absolutely wrong. You all know that, in your hearts you know that. So, I just ask you vote

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No. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Many of you know I have young children. I know several of you do as well. My oldest child, this year, just recently completed fourth grade. Through this very unusual year that we've come through, our school was almost entirely remote through the process. The -- my -- my son's fourth grade teacher called me up and said, you know, in fourth grade, every year, we like to introduce some civics to them and would you participate in a class one day. And, I did. And, I went and, you know, the topics were like the role of government and the function of the legislature. They wanted to know, you know, I'm a Senator, what is, you know, what that is like. And I asked them the question, you know, "What's the role of a legislature?" And they knew the answer, pass laws. I asked them, I said, "What's the role of the judiciary?" And they said, they're -- they make decisions. And I -- and I -- I was reflecting on that as we come into this vote. I challenged the students. I said, "What do you mean the courts make decisions?" And one of the young children in the class answered and he said, "Well, they, the courts decide what's right and wrong." And I think what's lost in this moment is the importance that our citizenry places on the independent and fair court system that they rely on to do just what those fourth graders

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said, make decisions about what's right and wrong. It gets lost in this building sometimes, because we're all in this political bubble. But, there's people out here who still believe that the purpose of a court system is to do fundamental things in our lives, like determine what is right and wrong. They rely, and we have to rely, on the fact that the court system is different from the hyperpolitical system that we live in in the legislature, serve in in the legislature. The public believes that the courts is not the political animal that exists here. And, to my friend's earlier comments, Senator Rose, we do know what's going on here. And it's shameful what's happening, not just because the process has been flawed, there's been no public input to this dramatic change to the courts and the breakdown of the courts, there's been no input, quite frankly, from anyone to this. And even more than the lack of transparency and the lack of input from a single stakeholder is the harm that will be done to our people as a result of this choice. Twelve and a half million Illinoisans rely on a court system to be fair and impartial in determining the outcome of their case. The results of today is going to be a court that is more partisan. We know that people that we represent are hurt by activist political courts. They want an independent judiciary because they deserve an independent judiciary to make decisions on their fate. Unfortunately, this map treats our judges and our court system, what is supposed to be the State's highest court and our most important court, as if it is nothing more than a political pawn. I urge the Body vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. President Harmon, can you tell me when the deadline for passing this map is?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Since the Supreme Court hasn't been redistricted since 1970, I don't believe that there is a deadline.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

So, if there's no deadline, then what's the rush?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. There is no rush. We're in the waning days of our spring Session and this is the time that bills come up for a vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

President Harmon, how many hearings did you have from the advocates and from the community regarding a complete redrawing of the judicial map?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I'd like to emphasize it is a redrawing of four Supreme Court districts, not the complete judicial map. We published this map several days ago. We opened ourselves up for public comment and testimony. We had a hearing this morning. I don't believe we had anyone seeking to testify.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Are the appellate courts tied to the State Supreme Court?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Yes, the appellate courts roll up into Supreme Court districts but the appellate court districts themselves are within each of the four districts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

So, it's fair to say that they're married together. I mean it's, you know, you talk about this just being a complete redraw of the State Supreme Court map, but, it really, I mean, the appellate court districts as well are tied to this map that we're seeing today, that's being called despite not having a deadline, and despite only having one hearing on the map. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I want to clarify we did not disturb the judicial circuits which are the building block of the court system.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Okay. But, let's just clarify, will the appellate court districts be redrawn under this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Yeah, the -- the appellate court districts are coterminous with the Supreme Court districts. The -- the building blocks of the appellate court districts, this judicial subcircuits remain intact.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. So you say building blocks but really they are being changed. I mean, that's what's happening here. Not only the State Supreme Court, but the appellate courts are being redrawn as well, in this map.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. In the -- these judicial circuits, with the first line of courts that are most familiar to people, are not being disturbed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)



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Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. So, I think what I heard is, you say that the circuit courts will be the same, but, still, the appellate courts are married to this map that we're seeing and will be changed and redrawn. So, that's what I thought that I heard, as well. President Harmon, can you tell me how many people testified at the one hearing that you had to completely change the State Supreme Court districts?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

There were no witnesses seeking to testify at the hearing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Alright, I'm sorry, I was talking, I couldn't hear you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. There were no witnesses seeking to testify.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

So, are you saying that no one testified because they're okay with this process? Or no one testified because, out of the blue, you're -- calling a map to completely change the State Supreme Court districts without anyone knowing, despite not even having a

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deadline?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I can't answer the question as to why no one wanted to testify.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Well, I think I know the answer - because there was just a one hour posting. So, probably, most people from the public who are assuming a fair process, transparent process that was promised to them, would have expected to be notified that this was happening. Mr. President, to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Democrats did not provide testimony, nor provide any indication or justification for the potential Supreme Court remap in any more of the twenty hearings that we've had. There was no talk about that and -- or, excuse me, in the forty hearings that we had for the redistricting. When the Democrats unveiled the new proposed Supreme Court map on Tuesday, their press release said that the public would have the opportunity to provide input on the proposed map at four scheduled Redistricting Committee hearings. But, to this point, no public hearing or testimony has been given on the rationale, on the justification, or on the need for redrawing the Supreme Court map. And, because of that, we have seen that, unilaterally, this map has been drawn by one person

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with no input from anyone in the public. And, because of that, we ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And our final speaker, Leader McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

To the motion, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Senate President suggested in debate a few minutes ago on the State legislative map that there really isn't anything unusual or different about what we're doing today, what we -- what we're doing on the -- what we did on the legislative map a little bit ago, that's, you know, we do this every ten years. And that this, he just stated a few minutes ago, is similar just to the actions that we normally go through at the end of legislative Session. On this point, in regards to this particular motion, I respectfully disagree. This is the first time in decades, generations even, that our Supreme Court boundaries are being altered, even though there's no legal requirement that we do so, even though the Senate President suggested that was the case with the legislative map. So, as some of the previous people have testified have said, the question is really, why now? Why today? Why, given the fact that the deviations in population really began twenty to thirty years ago to the significant level that you could argue that these districts are substantially different and perhaps need to be addressed. The population between the -- these districts, it's been suggested, is the reason. And I would suggest that, respectfully, the evidence

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is, we suggest, otherwise. The Senate President bragged, also a few minutes ago, that in regards to the State legislative map that there was over forty hearings on that in which we as a Body were seeking public input, trying to ensure that the public who are represented by us in this case, actually could weigh in. And as you've heard, this map was rolled out three days ago, put up on a website, no public notice other than that. I'm sure there was a press release of some kind but -- and, then, there's only been one hearing. One hearing that was held at the exact same time as another hearing in the House on the same topic with a one-hour posting notice. So a one-hour posting notice at 8:30 in the morning for a hearing that started a little over an hour later. I'm, you know, I think many of us on our side of the aisle have argued about a lack of transparency in regards to the State legislative process. There -- and even if you disagree with that, you have to admit that there is a fundamental lack of transparency in regards to this process. Simply put, I believe that this is about the Democratic Party seeking to retain its slim majority on the court, based upon the vote, the legal vote, this last November on behalf of a retention effort that was there on last November, because these significant population deviations have existed for -- for many years, as I've stated earlier. What's difference {sic} is the defeat of a single Democratic Justice in his retention effort. So, now, you want to make the lines -- change the lines to make these districts more, frankly, politically favorable to the partisan process, the partisan races that are going to happen within the State Supreme Court races in their districts. To the credit of the people who are going to be watching this process after this vote takes place and realize what's happened, this --

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they -- they see the courts as a -- as typically above this sort of politics, that the --the sort of politics that we see in legislative and gubernatorial campaigns. Unfortunately, this redraft drags our State Supreme Court down into that process, instead of allowing them to remain above it. Drags them into the same, behind-closed-doors dealmaking that is so indicative of the machine politics that has ruled this State for so long. We should do better. This, frankly, Ladies and Gentlemen, is the pursuit of power at all costs and I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. In January of 1997, in the waning days of the 89th General Assembly, shortly before Pate Phillip and the House Republicans had to hand the keys to the House Democrats, Republicans in the Senate and the House got together and passed the judicial redistricting map. Not only did they attempt to redraw the four districts outside of Cook County, but they also chose to try, without any constitutional basis, to divide Cook County into three districts, in an effort to maximize Republican influence in, what were then, Republican suburbs. That's politics. Many speakers have mentioned politics in the recent Supreme Court retention election. I would remind you that the Democrat got fifty-seven percent of the vote - fifty-seven percent of the vote. Now, this map was published earlier this week. And, since then, we've had five Redistricting Committee hearings and no one sought to testify on it. That's disappointing, that there's not greater interest in our judiciary, and the Supreme Court districts. But it's the

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truth, no one sought to testify. Now, we, on this side of the aisle, do believe in one person, one vote. And, if you believe in that, you can't stand by idly while 3.2 million people in the second district get to select one Supreme Court justice and, roughly, three districts consisting of half to a third of that each get to choose one Supreme Court justice as well. This is just about rebalancing the population across the four judicial districts. If you believe in one person, one vote, you'll vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 642. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, and none voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur on House Amendments No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 642, and the bill is declared passed. We'll next go to the same Supplemental Calendar No. 2. We're on Senate Bill 2-6-6-1, 2661. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2661.

Signed by President Harmon.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, to explain your Motion.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is the least exciting of our redistricting bills. The House has amended Senate Bill 2661 to provide for the redistricting of the three Board of Review districts in Cook County and I would ask the Senate to concur in the House's amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To your legislation, what is the driving concern that has led to your legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, again, this is redistricting season. Ten years ago the General Assembly redistricted the Board of Review. We are exercising our responsibility, again, to do so, to ensure that the districts are fair and balanced in population.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You know -- you know, there has been an abundance of discussion regarding the corruption that exists in the property tax system in Cook County. Countless articles, countless indictments, countless problems that have spilled out all over this State as a result of the corrupt activities in Cook County. This proposal contemplates consolidating districts in a manner to preserve political power in one party. And, by doing so, threatens to jeopardize an already corrupt system. As the old adage goes, power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. There is a way to redistrict, we have discussed this at length this afternoon, but a sheer exertion of political power to maximize political gain is not it. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

President Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. On the advice of counsel, I will merely say, we are required by statute to redistrict the Board of Review and we are exercising our statutory responsibility. I ask for your Yes votes on this motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2661. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye, Mr. President.



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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take -- take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, none voting Present. And having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur on House amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 2661 and the bill is declared passed. Senator Ellman, did you seek recognition?

SENATOR ELLMAN:

I do, Mr. President. Thank you. I seek recognition to have the record reflect some votes that I missed during the course of the day. Those -- I'd like the record to reflect an Aye vote for HB 3461. I'd like the record to reflect an Aye vote for HB 3463. I'd like the record to reflect an Aye vote for HB 30 -- 3712. And my last one, an Aye vote for HB 3587. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Thank you, Senator. The record will so reflect your intentions. We're going to go back to the Calendar. We're going to go to page 18. At the bottom of the page is House Bill 3739. Senator Bush seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3739 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3739. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to ask that it be adopted and explain it on 3rd.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill -- House Bill 3739. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3739.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. One-eighth of all lead service lines in the country are in Illinois. We, as a State, have an opportunity to address a public health threat in HB 3739. Illinois children live in a State with the largest number of lead service lines, increasing their risk of neurological and behavioral abnormalities, excuse me, due to lead exposure. The State of Illinois has a clear mandate to responsibly plan for the replacement of toxic lead service lines. As amended, House Bill 3739, creates the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act. The Act establishes timelines and requirements for the removal and replacement of all lead service lines in Illinois and creates an advisory board to oversee the implementation of the Act. The Act creates aspirational goals for

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contractor and vendor diversity. It also creates the low-income water assistance policy and program to incorporate financial assistance in water efficiency or water quality projects, including lead service line replacements. This bill has been, as you know, heavily negotiated and I'm happy to answer any questions. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you very much. Senator Bush, thank you for your work on this legislation. I do know that you inherited this legislation from Senator Steans, who put a couple years into this thing. Clearly, this is a serious health issue that affects many of our more metropolitan areas, if you will. And we had a great discussion in committee. One of my concerns remains, how are we going to pay for this significant expense that will be incurred by implementing this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Sure, I'm happy to answer that. So, first of all, we give them fairly long timelines, you know, up to fifty years for Chicago, I believe. But, here's our plan for the funding. So, we hope there -- we know there will be stimulus dollars, we hope there will be. There's 4. -- four billion dollars for lead replacement

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moving through Congress through the LIFT Act and an additional forty-five billion in proposals. There's also significant resources from the CARES Act and last stimulus bill for water infrastructure that could go to support this work and there is also funding that already exists for communities through our State revolving fund. So that's the hope, certainly that, you know, I like to say we are shovel ready in Illinois to replace our lead lines as soon as that money starts to flow through.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Is there any discussion with the administration about the potential for ARPA funds? The 8.1 billion dollars that will be coming to our State in a lump sum payment, when is yet to be seen. Has there been discussion about additional funding being made available through that federal aid packaging?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Absolutely, thank you for the question. We certainly have made a request for ARPA dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you, Senator Bush. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To -- to the bill, if I may.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

...bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Senator, first of all, thank you for your work on this. I, too, recognize you stepped into this midstream and I don't want to rehash things that, you know, got you here. I do want our Members to know there was some confusion, I believe, in committee. But, the Illinois Realtors remain opposed to this proposal. And secondly, for me, I represent a downstate district. While the efforts of the sponsor here, I believe, are genuine and purposeful, the reality is for many of our downstate, smaller communities this is another mandate that they will have to fulfill. Some would say it's a good one, some may not. But it's important to recognize that, especially for those small, downstate communities, you are likely to hear from your mayors and other local elected officials as a result of this legislation, should it become law. I -- I intend to vote No. But again, appreciate the work of the sponsor on this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Senator Bush. Again, can --can you go through the funding for this project? I mean, we all acknowledge that, you know, lead is not good, that lead pipes need to be replaced. But, you know, let's have a discussion about the cost of replacing the

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pipes for, or the water lines for all of our communities. Can you talk a little bit about the funding, please, for this project?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

I'm happy to do that. I thought that I answered that for Senator DeWitte, but I will go over it again. So, we've requested five-hundred fifty million of ARPA dollars. We also believe that we will be able to utilize funds from the federal government. I can give you that list again. So, we're -- we have been working, we met with our Senators, our United States Senators, to talk about dollars for future funding, but there's currently four billion for lead replacement moving through Congress through the LIFT Act and an additional forty-five billion in President Biden's proposal. There's also significant resources from the CARES Act and last stimulus bill for water infrastructure that could go to support this work. There's also funding that already exists for communities through our State revolving fund. And there's also dollars that exist - one thing I didn't say - for our early childhood facilities, so that perhaps there are State funds that could be used there that are already, excuse me, line items. But I think what's really important to understand, why we got here. The reason this bill never passed is, we couldn't get to a place where we could agree where we were going to come up with, for somewhere between eight and twenty billion dollars. Certainly not enough in a capital bill, and certainly not enough to ask that we create some kind of fee across the State. You know, the bill -- when I took the bill over, there was a fee and the Illinois Municipal League was vehemently opposed to the bill at that point.

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Because what we were looking at doing is basically putting about four dollars a month on everyone's utility bill, anyone that gets a bill for water, in perpetuity. And there was a lot of disagreement around that. So, we negotiated until we got to a place where we felt this made the most sense, and we do believe that those dollars will be there. Is it an absolute guarantee? No. Hopefully, that's why we gave, you know, long enough time that municipalities could deal with it on their own, if they needed to.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, and thank you again for going over the potential dollars that we have coming in from the federal government. You know it's important that, I know it's not a guarantee, and the reason in committee that I supported the bill was because of the potential federal dollars coming in. But, you know, I have some very serious reservations for many of the smaller communities that many people in this Chamber represent. And let me tell you what that looks like because anytime we change standards that force small communities to make huge investments to change to come into compliance with it, it costs a lot of money and these small communities do not have or cannot afford to replace the systems. I do believe, at the, you know, the larger municipality and suburbs, many of them are already changing these out slowly every year. My fear is, and I've seen it firsthand and many of us have seen it firsthand with these communities -- I'll give you just a short story of what happened when the EPA increased their standards for water in smaller communities. That forced many small

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communities, such as, with a hundred people that lived in them or less than a thousand, to change out their entire water -- water and sewer system that cost millions of dollars. And, you know, they were told that grants are available, but they could never access the grants. But yet, at the same time, the EPA continued to send them notice after notice after notice that they're not in compliance. And I have not been able to get any help with those issues. So, my fear is, that for the smaller communities that many of us represent, we all have them, that have a budget of eighty-thousand dollars a year or whatever, that what we have here could be a huge problem for them to be able to invest and improve their infrastructure. Do you have any suggestions on how we help and can guarantee help, Senator Bush, guarantee that there will be money available for the smaller communities who will be forced to comply if this passes?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Well, you know, first, I'd like to say, when we're talking about small communities, many of them are on their own well system. So, they're not included. They don't have lead service lines. So, most small communities or rural areas, you know, are not included. I just want to make sure who knows that Illinois Rural Water Association is neutral on the bill and that -- one thing I wanted to say too, is we're looking at the cost. Because of the planning in this and how it would roll out, we're looking at about five billion total for the State which was much less than we had originally anticipated without a plan in place. So, I would say so many of those communities, you know, you represent them, you



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know how many of them are on their own well. I -- I don't. You know, I think that the plan gives them enough time and I -- I believe that those dollars will be there. And DCEO will have a program, you know, similar to a LIHEAP program, for those that have financial need. So low-income water assistance program, modeled after LIHEAP and sometimes those things apply also. I don't really know, Senator, if I have an absolute answer to solve all of those issues. I just believe that it's really important that we solve the lead issue and that the children that, you know, and I know it's difficult, but the children that live in this State should know that they are drinking water that is not going to cause them neurological harm.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Mr. President, to the bill please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. To the sponsor, I know that you've been negotiating this bill. I would disagree, many of our small communities do have, you know, we do have more than just -- wells. However, as your building out this program, it is incredibly important that you make sure that there is enough money available for grants for these small communities because they get stuck in the middle and there's -- they don't have grant writers, they don't have people on staff that can help them maneuver through all of the government applications and everything that we have to do. And they are the ones that are left out. And because of it, that's

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why you have some of the opposition. So I look forward to working with you on that issue. Thank you, Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Bush, to close.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to respond and I will be happy to be available to work with you, Senator Rezin. The IEPA rulemaking for the grant program will be determining eligibility and I want to make sure that those dollars don't go to just big communities. Those dollars really need to go to those rural areas, as well. And I'm committed to doing what I can to help with that process. So, anyway, I just want to say thank you for the questions. I am -- and thank you to Senator Heather Steans for the work that she did on this. A very, very difficult negotiations for a number of years and it truly is my honor to carry this today. So, for Senator Steans and all of her work, I would ask for an Aye vote today and for the children of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 3739 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Yes. Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Aye, 10 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And House Bill 3739, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back to the top of the Order. Sorry.

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Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

An inquiry of the Chair, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Yes. State your inquiry.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

We just came through a number of redistricting proposals notably absent from that was the congressional maps. If you would, what is the intent regarding that? Will we see those maps yet today? Before Monday night? At adjournment? Is there going to be an opportunity for any public discussion to whatever proposals may or may not be forthcoming? If you may, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

I will certainly ask that question. And we'll get back.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We're going to go to page 12. House Bill 18. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 18.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, to explain your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate -- House Bill 18 extends the sunset on the Performance Evaluation Advisory Committee {sic} (Council) until June 30, 2024, and amends the alternative

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procedures for teacher evaluations for teachers who are rated as "excellent" or "proficient" from two to three years. Happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 18 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 59 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 18, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to skip down to House Bill 135. Senator Bush. Senator Bush seeks leave of the... Senator Bush, do you wish to proceed? Senator Bush seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 135 to the... Senator Bush seeks leave of the Body to return Senate {sic} Bill 135 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill -- or House Bill 135. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to adopt

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the amendment, explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 135. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 135.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, and Members of the Senate. The amendment, just so you know, is a very minor -- just changed a -- a date of effect -- on effectiveness on a date that was in error in the original drafting. So, this bill seeks to expand access to contraception, especially for those with limited financial resources, by allowing individuals to receive birth control health and patient care services from a pharmacist under a standing order that must be issued by a physician or local department. Currently, there are sixteen other states that allow this. As amended, it requires group or individual policy or accidental -- accident and health insurance or managed care plans renewed on or after January 2022 to provide coverage for health

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care or patient care services around the dispensation {sic} (dispensation) of hormonal contraceptives provided that several requirements are met. There must be a good -- good faith effort to negotiate reimbursement between a pharmacist and a health plan. There's no opposition to this. We worked with the bill until the insurance providers are neutral and know of no opposition. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Senator, is there an age limit for the -- a -- a low-end age limit on this or is this any age child could get birth control if it's prescribed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

No, there isn't an age limit. Certainly, you know, anyone - any young woman that is of child bearing age would be able to get birth control.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. And is there any limit on the type of birth control that could be prescribed?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

No, there isn't, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

So one of those means could be a morning after pill? Or...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Yeah, no. That is not birth control.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Is that allowed under this -- under this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

So, I would say no but I would have to get technical clarification to be absolutely clear, certainly not the intent. The bill will allow pharmacists the option to issue, so it's very specific, hormonal contraceptives such as any oral tablets, vaginal rings and topical patches under a standing order. So, those are the items.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

So vaginal rings would be -- you -- you could -- they could prescribe a vaginal ring for a -- a young girl at any age?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Yes, that happens currently in a doctor's office. This is just extending those same services being provided by a trained pharmacist, and then reimbursed by those insurance companies like they would reimburse a doctor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. That actually disturbs me considerably. And, for that reason, I would urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush, to close.

SENATOR BUSH:

So, I would ask for an Aye vote. And I think this is, you know, giving access to birth control certainly is something we should all care very deeply about and making sure that young women that are sexually active are using birth control. We want to prevent unwanted pregnancies. And I would ask for an Aye vote and thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 135 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all



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voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 44 voting Yea, 13 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 135, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll go to the next page. We'll go to House Bill 375. Senator Bennett. Is there a... We'll go to House Bill 4-1-4. Senator Belt. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 414.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Belt, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 4-1-4 creates the Water and Sewer Financial Assistance Act. Provides that utility providers that voluntary -- voluntarily opt --opt-in the program may charge an assessment to the customer's bill. House Bill 4-1-4 allows utilities to offer and administer their own financial assistant {sic} (assistance) program in accordance with the Act, subject to the approval of the -- from the ICC. Creates the Water and Sewer Low-Income Assistance Fund, with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity will oversee and provide that the fund may not under any circumstances be swept into any other State funds. Mr. President, I urge Aye vote on this legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4-1-4 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Thank you. Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 4-1-4, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Cunningham in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

With leave of the Body, let's go back to House Bill 375. Senator Bennett, on House Bill 375. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Bennett seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 375 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 375. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor Amendment approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Bennett, on your amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 375.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Again, thank you, Mr. President. This is a bill that was heavily negotiated, after it came over from the House. What it's trying to address is that, more and more, our public universities and community colleges are turning toward adjunct faculty and so we want to make sure that these faculty, they have given so much to their students, have a little bit more ability to plan in their own lives. And, so, what we don't want is for them to get a notice just weeks before the start of a semester that they were not going to be asked back and then have to find employment. So this bill, as amended, would require at least thirty days prior to the beginning of a term or semester, the board of trustees must notify that adjunct professor about the status of their enrollment in the class the professor was hired to teach. I know of no opposition, as amended, and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 375 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

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Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Ellman votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 Senators voting Yes, 0 voting No, 0 voting Present. House Bill 375, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Koehler back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Continuing on page 15. We'll go to House Bill 1855. Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett, on 1855. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1855.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bennett, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thanks, Mr. President. House Bill 1855 would amend the DCEO Administrative Code providing that DCEO would be authorized to establish the Illinois Innovation Voucher Program for the purpose of fostering research and development of the creation of new products and services. We have talked for quite a long time about our economic issues that we struggle with in the State. Now -- but, one thing I think we can agree on, on both sides of the aisle, is we're trying to realize that part of the way we can get to a stronger economic position is through innovation. We got some great minds, great researchers here, this would help make sure that in areas like Research Park at the University of Illinois,

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that we could continue to find new businesses. And, now, we're trying to find some ways to provide incentives for that. I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 1855 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman says Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 1855, having received the constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll go down to House Bill 2433. Senator Bush. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2433.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bush, to explain your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, and Members of the Senate. So, this is an initiative of a House Sponsor in response -- a House Member, excuse me, in response to increased deaths in cases of elder abuse and neglect in nursing homes during COVID -- the COVID-19 public health emergency. So, what this does is it directs the director of Public Health, IDPH, to appoint one member to represent

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local health departments and one member who must be a family member, a caregiver of the resident, to the long care -- gosh, its late -- Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board to consult with IDPH and residents, and a resident is a nonvoting member. Current law requires that the director of IDPH appoints a Long-Term Care Facility Advisory Board to consult with IDPH and the residents' right council -- right's council of each long-term care facility. Basically, this adds a member of the local health department, so they can also answer questions and deal with issues. I know of no opposition and I'd ask for an Aye vote. Excuse me, that's not true. IHCA and LeadingAge Illinois are opponents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 2433 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Yes. Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2433, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back to House Bill 2365. Senator Sally Turner. Senator Sally Turner seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2365 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 2365. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sally Turner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner, to explain your amendment.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. I'd like to withdraw Amendment No. 1, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

We will withdraw Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Isn't this the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, are there any other Floor...

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 23 -- or House Bill 2365. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2365.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner, to explain your bill.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. House Bill 2365 is a simple TIF extension for the City of Mount Pulaski, Illinois. The bill passed both the Senate Revenue Committee and the House unanimously. I know of no opposition and I'd be happy to answer any questions. And I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

This is the sponsor's first bill, she will yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Senator, I think, from this, I'm reading that this is for the City of Mount Pulaski?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

That's correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

About a year ago, I got a speeding ticket between miles eight and eighteen in Pulaski County. Would this keep me from getting a ticket in Pulaski County?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Well, no, ma'am, it would not keep you from getting a ticket in Pulaski County, because Mount Pulaski is in Logan County, Illinois, the home of the Hilltoppers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Very good. Do you think that this bill would keep me from



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speeding in Pulaski County?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I've met you, Senator, and I don't believe so.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. I -- I guess I'll be voting Yes for this, even though you can't help me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there further discussion? Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR McCLURE:

So, I was -- I was a very passionate supporter of this bill, based on the House amendment that we -- or the Senate Floor amendment. Now that you've withdrawn that, I'm really concerned that this bill is not going to be what I thought it was. So why should I still support this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I think you should support this bill because tax increment financing is an important part of economic development in the City of Mount Pulaski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Well, I just had a conversation with Senator Oberweis, who was discussing TIF districts with me and he's -- he's raised several legitimate concerns. So I guess, what would I tell Senator Oberweis, after I take a vote on this bill? Former Senator Oberweis -- Oberweis, sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Just -- we'll see if he will offer you any ice cream. That's all I have to say about that. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Senator. This is one -- this is probably the worst bill we vote on today. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Question for the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So, I -- I believe this bill originally had an amendment on it that added a TIF extension for the City of Polo, is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

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Marco. Marco.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Did this have a TIF extension from the City of Polo on it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Marco.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Is the City of Polo in Senator Stewart's State Senate district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I don't -- I'm not aware of Senator Stewart's Senate district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Contrary to popular belief, to many in this Chamber, there is a State Senator Brian Stewart and he does exist. He's here -- he's here in person today and I know -- I know normally we like to give sponsors a hard time on their first bill but I'm actually

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standing to compliment Senator Turner. She has shown an extreme amount of intelligence and an extreme amount of professionalism by making sure Senate Floor Amendment No. 1, by Brian Stewart, was removed from her first bill before it came to the Body for a final vote. So since, Senator Stewart's bill or amendment has been removed, I compliment Senator Turner for her -- for her wisdom in doing that and urge a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Doris Turner.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I just have -- I just have a really quick question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I fully support TIF districts. So did you receive letters of support from all the taxing bodies within the district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner. Sally Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Sister Turner, we did in the House. So, all of those have been accepted in the House, that's correct.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Thank you.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

You're welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further questions? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I think this Body could appreciate this question, especially on this day. Senator, my analysis says that this is a -- an extension of TIF district, is that a fair district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

As in f-a-i-r or f-a-r-e?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

What data was used to draw this TIF district?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

I believe that was a magical drawing for that district because it included blighted areas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This is absurd. We need an independent commission to draw your TIF district. We cannot stand this anymore. My head's going to explode. I'm with you. No further questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there -- are there further questions? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Listen, I'm just thrilled that we're -- we've increased to

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four Republican women on this side. So we welcome Sally Turner. So thank you and support her bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Thank you. I'm so sorry, I just want to say that we've been here a long time today and I really don't think we should be spending money on mountains. So, I'm recommending that if we're going to use TIF dollars, just use them in the city not in the mountains of Pulaski. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

You know, I side with the Republicans, this is a bad bill, bad policy. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion? None. Senator Turner, to close.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you so much, Mr. President, and thank you fellow Senators. I certainly appreciate the jovial moment. I just ask for your -- an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 2365 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed will vote Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes, and welcome to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Take the record. On that question -- on that question there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2365, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Congratulations, Senator. Moving along to House Bill 2408. Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2408.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro, to explain your bill.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 2408 creates the Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection Act. The bill requires inspection testing of fire and smoke dampers to be conducted by individuals certified by the International Certification Board and Accredited to comply with IOS {sic} (ISO)/IEC 17024 and HVAC fire life safety by either the American National Standards Institute or another nationally credit -- recognized certifying body. Inspectors must certify that the fire and smoke dampers meet any applicable standards established by the State and the municipality. The bill does not apply to nuclear facilities and their employees. I know of no opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor, please.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Castro, we had a chat about this bill in Committee regarding a number of insurance companies who already provide these inspections as part of their business insurance packages. And the question that was asked in Committee was, will these insurance company inspections be accepted in lieu of the required inspections that this legislation will ask for?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

So, Senator, this is really laying out the process and it's talking about how the inspectors need to go in and inspect the dampers. I don't think it talks about the insurance aspect of it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Is there -- is there not a fee attached to having these inspections conducted? And who will be the oversight State agency overseeing these?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Thank you. So, if this is setting the table for this



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legislation. Is this a subject that will be open for continued discussion, whether an insurance carrier's inspections will stand, in lieu of a required inspection by the Fire Marshal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Castro.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Happy to have that discussion in the future, Senator. Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator DeWitte.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

No questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Castro, to close.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Question is, shall House Bill 2408 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Mr. President, Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 2408, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll go to page 17. House Bill 3223. Leader Lightford. We'll drop down to House Bill 3293. Senator Cunningham. We're going to turn the page to page 18. In the

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middle of the page is House Bill 20 -- 3523. Senator Glowiak Hilton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3523.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, to explain your bill.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Bill 3523 defines cyber incidents and qualifies cyber incidents as disasters. In the event of a disaster, the Governor may only assign authority to the director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to manage, coordinate, and direct all resources. Because there have been some cyber-attacks and cyber security is a priority these days, there should be an emphasis on the importance of this cyber security in Illinois, and one of the ways to do that is to elevate it to a technological disaster. The purpose of the bill is to allow easier access to emergency funding, curtailing the procurement process in the event of a cyber-attack on the State, State agencies and units of local government. We had some discussion in Committee and I look forward to questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR McCLURE:

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So, just looking over this bill, does this expand the Governor's emergency powers?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

It does not, the Governor already has the powers to do this. The problem is that accessing the funds is a problem if a cyber-attack is not defined as a disaster, then it's much harder to get that emergency funding and it, you know, time is of the essence with these issues and so the faster we can get folks like the Illinois National Guard to help us to determine these cyber-attacks and how to fix them, the better we are.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

So -- so, this money, where does the money come from?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

It is State money for disasters.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

So I want to go back to something that was just raised before this. So on page 2 of the bill, it does seem to me, to expand the Governor's powers because it adds to, under the definition of disaster, cyber incidents. So, from that point, would you agree that it does, in fact, expand the Governor's powers?

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Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

What the -- what it does is it allows the Governor to delegate the authority to the director of IEMA. According to IEMA, this is current practice anyway and the duty of the director.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

To the -- to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you for answering my questions, Senator. You know we have had a lot of discussions in this Chamber recently about the power of the Executive Branch versus the Senate. We've had that on -- on parole board appointments and obviously there's been lots of discussion since the COVID-19 emergency has been declared multiple times, we have to have checks and balances here. I don't think this is the right time to be expanding the Governor's emergency powers, even though the intent of the bill is good, I just have a lot of reservations about that, considering everything that's been going on in this building. And, so, for that I would urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator Glowiak Hilton, to close.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you for the questions, I appreciate that. Most of the State's best cyber response

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capabilities actually reside with the National Guard and the Disaster Response and Recovery Fund and it can be only used to pay for National Guard deployments that the Governor has issued in a disaster proclamation. Absent the proclamation, any State-initiated National Guard Deployments would be under State active duty, which cannot be paid for by the disaster fund. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 3523 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 46 voting Yea, 13 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3523, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go down to House Bill 3662. Senator Holmes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3662.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Holmes, to explain your bill.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. This bill is an initiative of the firefighters and it provides that, with respect to

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firefighters and emergency medical technicians, a contagious staph infection including Methicillin(-resistant) Staphylococcus aureus, which is MRSA, is rebuttably presumed to arise out of and in the course of employment to the purposes of workmen compensation benefits. I'll be happy to answer any questions. This is something that they have proven that paramedics, because they respond to emergency scenes in an uncontrolled setting, have faced some potential risks that it makes paramedics in one of the most dangerous occupations and this disease is sort of contracted by skin to skin contacts. I would take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall House Bill 3662 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3662, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to page 17. House Bill 3223. Leader Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3223.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Leader Lightford, to explain your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is the bill as amended, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

It is.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Okay, thank you sir. The bill, as amended, retains but addresses some of the concerns and drafting issues that were raised by some of the groups that we were working with. Basically, it creates a new article in the School Code to require that schools maintain policies, procedures and protocols in place that ensure children and students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence are identified by schools in a manner that's respectful of their privacy, safety, and treated with dignity and regard. So, basically, what the bill does, it provides a road map for K-12 schools to become trauma-informed and survivor-centered for students, again, who are survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, gender-based harassment and pregnant parenting. I guess I could just go straight to what the bill does. It just better improves our current school system. The resource coordinators at each school are there to help refer students and their families to community-based resources. It rewrites policies and procedures to ensure they are trauma-informed and survivor-centered. There's access to accommodations like valid absences, safety planning and home instruction. It'd limit ways to verify violence to avoid re-traumatization and it limits task force of advocates and school administration leaders to identify trainings, draft models, guidance, etc. So, this has been happening pre-

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COVID negotiations. We had our final meeting of negotiations when the bill came over from the House. Representative Moeller had been working on this for the entire time that we've been in this pandemic. So I did get the latest update from the Illinois Association of School Boards who recognized the second amendment and they recognize this to address school leader concerns regarding school district liability and potential lawsuits. They put on paper here, as well, that they are in support of us continuing to work on a trailer bill in the future. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to speak to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

...the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. First of all, as always, I'd like to commend the sponsor for working on this bill. I know that you have been working on the bill with the -- with your House counter for quite a while. As we look at the analysis of the bill though, there's still many, many outstanding questions regarding this bill and concerns by many of the school groups that would have to implement what are -- what they considered, you know, unfunded mandates. Not that they're not important, but I'm just saying that they do have concerns regarding the totality of this bill and the impact on the -- and cost on the school district. Leader Lightford, you did mention that you were going to follow up, continue to work on



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this and follow up with a trailer bill. My question to you is, I -- you know, this is a bill that, even though I know you've been working on it, it's not quite there yet. Is this a bill that you would consider holding, so we can move some of these opponents at least to -- to the middle for us, as opposed to waiting for a trailer bill during lame duck?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Question of the sponsor? Yes, Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm not really aware of any opponents, at this point. The actual ISBE is now neutral, the Illinois Association of School Board(s) is also neutral and there is no mandates to hire more staff or add an additional budget line. All of the ESSL -- what we're doing is ensuring that schools do the right thing with respect to their policies and procedures. This bill does not mandate more or additional resources. It just mandates that policies are created and followed which gives schools clear parameters about what they must do to support survivors. It includes language that's regarding what kind of proof of assault can schools ask for, that schools must consider victim status when making extreme disciplinary decisions. So, really, this isn't a bill that creates a mandate at any cost. It's just making sure that the procedures that are on the books are strong enough to protect victims. I know that none of us want to protect a perpetrator, so we're just trying to ensure that we protect the victims.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Thank you, Leader Lightford. So, we're looking at our analysis and we still have many opponents listed. Many opponents that are important to us because of their concerns. And, we just received a text from a couple of them who had stated that they still oppose the bill. Leader, can we ask you to pull this so we can just verify their positions on this bill, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I'm not -- I'm not willing to hold this bill. This bill have really been through the ringer. We met nearly a dozen times to negotiate the bill since 2019 through this year. And ED-RED, LEND, and SCOPE, they're all neutral. ISBE, IFT, IEA, ISSMA, all of those guys have been participating in meetings. I have dates that's dated back to May 9th of 2019, when the first meeting happened. Then there was a meeting on May 14th, June 13th, July 11th, August 1st of 2019, then January 23, February 14th, September 22nd, October 13th, October 22nd, November 13th, November 30th of 2020, and then we went as far as February 20th throughout to May, that we just met May 14th. There's no reason at all to hold this bill. I know that those students who find themselves in this predicament could use those additional supports. There's no fiscal impact on the school districts. There is no mandates required. We just wanted to make sure that these individuals are protected. The Children's -- Chicago Children's Advocacy Center, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, CAASE, they're all big supporters and have been working really hard to make sure that we can do a better job of ensuring success in schools by supporting those victims.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Mr. President, to the bill please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the Leader, I don't -- I understand your intentions and I don't disagree with them. In fact, I commend you for what you're trying to do here. But, if you look at our analysis, we still have, on our analysis, opposition from many of the groups that represent the districts that we represent such as ED-RED, SCOPE, LEND, the Principals Association, School Board Association. So again, I appreciate your trailer bill and I look forward to that in the fall. But, I just want our Members to know that there are, according to our analysis, many of these associations still have concerns. So thank you, Leader.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you, Senator Rezin for acknowledging the work that's been put into this. But, I just would say for the Body, once again, that the Illinois Association of School Boards have a memorandum here that they printed out, it's on their letterhead, it's their wording, that was delivered on May 21st. So, I know staff is busy, maybe they didn't get a chance to update the analysis. But, we also, in Senate Amendment 2, we pushed out those effective dates. So, we pushed all the

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effective dates out to 2024 and 2025. So that when we continue to work on the trailer bill, all of us have agreed for summer meetings, so that we can have a bill -- a trailer bill for the fall. And then the entire Act would not take effect until July 1 of 2025. But some Sections have different dates to accommodate the task force and the bargaining agreements that would have to take place. Some of that includes suspensions and expulsion policies accommodations, ability to transfer within school districts, recognizing that we don't want to push anything on the school districts without them having time to prepare. In 2024, we also want to make sure that there's revisions and reviews of current policies that will take shape for July 1 of 2024. And then that would occur every two years after that, according to Section 26A-20. The resource coordinator is identified and trained by June 30th of 2024 with exception for bargaining agreement issues. There'll be an adoption of complaint resolutions procedures by July 1 of 2024, confidentiality sections by July 1 of 2024, and then that task force report will be released by June 30th of 2024. And then the task force will be dissolved on December 1. So this, I mean, we've really worked hard. Representative Moeller did an amazing job. These groups have been at the table for a very long time. I would encourage you guys support them moving forward and I encourage an Aye vote please. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 3223 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Yes, Mr. President. Ellman votes Aye.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Ellman votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 42 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, none voting Present. And House Bill 3223, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to jump -- we're going to jump to page 26. We're going to go to House Bills 2nd Reading. And we're going to the top of the Order. House Bill 17. Senator Hastings. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 17.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. House Bill 307. Senator Feigenholtz. House Bill 2401. Senator Sims. We're going to back up one. House Bill 1839. Senator Cunningham. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 1839.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Go to page 27. Top of the page, or near the top of the page is -- I'm sorry. Senator Rose, did you have a -- for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Point of personal privilege, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

SENATOR ROSE:

Mr. President, please have the record reflect my intention to vote No on House Bill 1443. I did, in fact, hit the switch, it just didn't register. So, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will so reflect your intention. Going to House Bill 3666. Senator Cunningham, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3666.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd {sic} Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Have there been any Floor amendments...

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Excuse me. 2nd Reading of the bill. There are no Committee or Floor amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, going back to page 26. House Bill 3173. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3173.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 o' clock -- 11 o'clock a.m. on the 29th day of May 2021. The Senate stands adjourned.