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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will please come to order. In place of the invocation today, I ask all Senators, those watching the proceedings, to observe a moment of silence in accordance with your beliefs in honor of first, those lives we have lost in the pandemic, but, also for those in harm's way, right now, on the Gulf Coast. Please observe a moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed) Please remain standing for the Pledges -- a Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bennett, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR BENNETT:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Bennett)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Richard Millard from Blueroomstream seeks leave to video record the proceedings. Seeing no -- no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, January 13th, 2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Mr. President, I move that the Journal just read by the Secretary, be approved unless some Senators have additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Communications from the President. Mr. Secretary, let's move back, reading and approval of the Journal, please.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Tuesday, June 15th and Thursday, August 26th, 2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Hunter moves to post -- Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Messages {sic} from the President.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A letter dated August 31st, 2021.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, and House Joint Resolution 50. The Regular Session of the Senate will convene at 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31st, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Jake Butcher. Sincerely, Don Harmon, Senate President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 476, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 477 and 478, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolution 479, offered by Senator Cunningham and all

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Members.

Senate Resolutions 481 and 482, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 483, offered by Senator Peters and all Members.

Senate Resolution 484, offered by Senator Crowe and all Members.

And Senate Resolution 485, offered by Senators Crowe, Harmon and all Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. {sic} (Senate Resolution 480) Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills for the 1st time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2911, offered by Senator Fine.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, are there any Appointment Messages?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Yes, Mr. President. I have Appointment Messages {sic} 1020219 Governor's salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Pollution Control Board, Barbara Flynn Currie

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Governor's salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Pollution Control Board, Cynthia Santos

Appointment Message 1020221

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Appointment Message 1020223

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Joseph Amarillio

Appointment Message 1020224

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Paul Cellini

Appointment Message 1020225

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Stephen Friedman

Appointment Message 1020226

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Gerald Granada

Appointment Message 1020227

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Jessica Hegarty

Appointment Message 1020228

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Adam Hinrichs

Appointment Message 1020229

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Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Jeffrey Huebsch

Appointment Message 1020230

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Maureen Pulia

Appointment Message 1020231

Governor's non-salaried appointment

To be Chair and Member of the Health Facilities and Services
Review Board, Debra Savage

Appointment Message 1020232

Governor's non-salaried appointment

To be a Member of the Illinois Community College Board, An-Me
Chung

Appointment Message 1020233

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Crystal Caison

Appointment Message 1020234

Governor's salaried appointment

To be an Arbitrator of the Workers' Compensation Commission,
Nina Mariano

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President. Pursuant to Senate Rule 4-
1(e), I move that Senators Bush, Collins, Crowe, Harris, Jones,
Van Pelt, Villivalam, Stewart and Wilcox be allowed to participate

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and vote remotely for today's Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? If not, then the question is, shall Senators Bush, Collins, Crowe, Harris, Jones, Stewart, Van Pelt, Villivalam and Wilcox be allowed to participate and vote remotely for the August 31st, 2021 Session Day pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e). All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. In the opinion of the Chair, the Ayes have it. The motion carries, and Senators Bush, Collins, Crowe, Harris, Jones, Stewart, Van Pelt, Villivalam and Wilcox are allowed to participate and vote remotely for the August 31st, 2021 Session Day. The regular Session of the Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. The regular Session of the Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The regular Session of the General Assembly will please come to Order. Mike -- can't quite make that out -- Mike Miletich from Gray T.V. requests permission to record video, leave is granted. Chris Webb, Mark Maxwell, WCIA Channel 3 request permission to record video, audio for -- broadcast air. Leave granted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 486, offered by Senator Connor and all Members.

It is a celebration of life resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Communication

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from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated August 31st, 2021.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bill from the 102nd General Assembly that is being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change:

Senate Bill 539 and Senate Bill 967.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

I have another letter dated, August 31st, 2021.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate Bill from the 102nd General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections:

Senate Bill 1770.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Crowe, for what purpose do you seek -- recognition?
The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS at EASE/RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will come to Order. Justin Fowler, State Journal Register seeks permission to photo. Leave is granted. Lee Milner, Illinois Times requests permission to photo. Leave is granted. Senator Crowe, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR CROWE:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your privilege point. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, may I please have your attention? Senator Crowe seeks leave for personal privilege. Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

I thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, today I filed Senate Resolution 485, honoring retired Senator Bill Haine. And at this time, I'd like to share some words regarding Senator Haine. I feel very fortunate and grateful to the mentorship that Senator Haine offered to me. As you all know, he was a great public servant to our State and our country. As a State Senator, as State's Attorney, and a Vietnam veteran. His service and his dedication to our community has been an inspiration to me, as well as all of you, I know, in the room, that cared for him as much as I did. His impact in the 56th District is clear in every corner. From the work he did to modernizing the levee system in the American Bottoms that will protect homes and businesses from flooding for generations to come, to the funding that he secured to allow SIU-Edwardsville to continue to grow and to become the economic driver that it is today in our area. Every community in the 56th District is better because of the work of Senator Haine. He's always served the Metro East with dignity and with class. Senator Haine has served as a role model to me. He showed me what a true statesman in Springfield looks like. And, although, I'm sure I will never fill his shoes, I can only hope to carry on the legacy of public service that he crafted in his sixteen years in Springfield. So, to Mrs. Haine and to the entire Haine family,

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I give our sincerest condolences. And to Senator Haine, may God grant you eternal peace. Madam President, I request a moment of silence, at the appropriate time. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. President Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

To the resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the resolution, Senator.

SENATOR HARMON:

I don't know that there was ever more of a gentleman to serve in this Body than Bill Haine. He and I came in just about the same time. He snuck in a month or so early, but he was part of that redistricting class of 2003 with Senator Hunter, Senator Collins. I think we might be the only three left from that large class. But when I think of Bill, so many fond memories, but really, three things override. First, was his love of history and the classics, and his willingness to share at a moment's notice. One of my -- there was a moment in the Judiciary Committee, when, I believe it was, House Bill 1066 came up, and Senator Haine said House Bill 1066, that reminds me of the year 1066 when William the "Bastard" conquered England. He had such a great touch. Beyond his love of history, the two things most obvious about Bill was his faith and his family. Many of us are Catholic, but I don't know if any of us are as Catholic as Bill Haine, evidenced by forty-seven children and three hundred and forty-two grandchildren. But he -- that faith meant a great deal to him and it guided who he was as a person and as a lawmaker. But most of

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all, it was the Haine family. I joke about the numbers, but for any of us who saw Bill's extended family here on the Floor occupying so much space with so much love, and always at the center of it, at his arm, was his wife, Anna, a remarkable couple. I visited them in their home in -- in Alton, more than ten years ago, and he was the consummate gentleman. This was in the race for Senate President when John Cullerton won. He took me for a walk in the graveyard, past the grave of Elijah Lovejoy, the publisher from Alton, and told me all sorts of local stories. There will never be another Bill Haine in this Chamber, and we are at a loss because of it. God speed Bill Haine, you were a wonderful man, a great friend, a terrific father and husband, and always a Senator.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, President Harmon. Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the resolution, Senator.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Well, I stand as -- as a -- as a Republican and -- I -- I have to second absolutely everything the Senate President just said. I come from Madison County, and Senator Haine is -- is a legend in many ways in Madison County and the Alton area. But -- but -- but his -- his -- his -- his presence grew far beyond Alton, into parts of Southern Illinois, into a lot of the projects he worked on. And the two things that come to mind with -- with Senator Haine are absolutely faith and family, just like President -- President Harmon said. Oftentimes our politics, I think, our

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-- our -- our -- our government, our policy, it's -- it's too often controlled by the extremes these days. And you have to look at people like Senator Haine, who I think took a gentlemanly approach, a bipartisan approach, a commonsense approach, to almost all things he touched. He was easy to talk to. I was not in the legislature when he was in the legislature, but I -- I talked with him on many things regarding business, regarding civic activities in the Metro East. And I think that many folks, Republican, Democrat, whatever, should model their life and their service in -- in the way that Senator Haine did. And, I just encourage this Body to think of people like Senator Haine, as we do our work. Because I -- I second President Harmon, I don't know if there ever will be a -- a -- a Bill Haine again in this Body. But, he was a true gentleman, he was a friend to all, he took public service to heart, and the only thing more important to him than public service was his faith and his family. And you can see the impact that he's had on them, not just in the -- the good deeds he did for the communities of the Metro East and Southern Illinois, but what his family is doing now. They've served in the military, his son, Tom, has followed in his footsteps as Madison County State's Attorney, and I think we're going to see many, many more generations of -- of Haine's serving this good State, serving the area I come from in the Metro East because of the leadership and the qualities that they learned from -- their mentor and their father and grandfather, that'd be Senator Bill Haine. So, I appreciate Senator Crowe with this resolution and -- and President Harmon's comments because Bill Haine wasn't a State Senator, he wasn't a -- a partisan, he wasn't -- he did not have an ego, he was a gentleman who worked hard for all people, no matter who they were or where they came from. And

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I hope that this Body takes this to heart as we do things, because he was a leader for Illinois and he will not be replaced. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much. I -- I speak here, today, as a friend and a classmate of -- a former classmate of Senator Haine's. As the President indicated, we came in together in 2003 as freshmen. And Senator Haine was always someone who was there to give all kinds of advice. When he was a freshman, himself, well, he was holding our hands, as if he had served here before. And -- I've never seen such a strong family man, you know, he would bring us -- we all know, he's brought all of his family members down, his wife, hung -- hung down with him, you know. And -- he was so knowledgeable on so many different fields and areas. And -- I'm just sorry that I never had the opportunity to travel to Alton to spend some time with him, as well as -- as his family. But he will truly be missed. I really appreciate him just being -- he was a down-to-earth, ordinary person. For someone who had served as a -- a -- a legal advisor, what was he a -- he served as a judge before, he was an attorney, but you never knew it. What -- how high he had gone in -- in the legal field because he was always so down-to-earth and you can always talk to him about anything, you

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know. And so, rest in peace my good friend. Rest in peace. And I'm sure he's up there now in heaven giving all kinds of legal advice and having such a great time with everyone. Thank you. God bless you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thanks, Senator. Senator T. Cullerton, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CULLERTON:

To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

On your point of personal privilege, Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Alright, I guess I'm holding my microphone it's... I want to speak about Bill Haine. I was lucky enough as a -- as a freshman, when our class came in, the entire -- the entire west wing was being redone. I ended up in a closet for an office, but I picked it because I knew when the west wing would open, I'd get an opportunity to be in one of the new offices on this side. On this side, I was lucky enough to have this office right around the corner, and my suitemate was Bill Haine. So, as somebody who is just in their second year of the legislature, I got the honor and the privilege to hear some great stories, some, you know, if you thought somebody knew a lot about Socrates, you should go talk to Bill Haine because he knew a lot about Socrates. He knew a lot about a lot of things and he was such a kind person. That year I spent over in that office suite, was probably some of the best learning I ever did, was some of the most fun I ever had, and I will tell you with Bill, as well, boy, was he tough on Insurance Committee. You want a bill to get through Insurance, you better

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-- you better go have about forty hours of conversation in his office, because he was nitpicky about it, he knew everything he could about it, and I will miss him. I also have to thank him. When we were taking a really tough vote here once, Bill Haine came back, in the middle of his illness, to take a vote. To take a vote, he came down to this Chamber to help our caucus pass an important piece of legislation. And to his credit, Leader Brady -- former Leader Brady, said okay, he's -- he's in the building, I've seen him, don't make him come out here. He was in the stages of really a compromised level of his cancer, at the time. And he came down here to do that for all of us. That was just the kind of person he was, it was just the kind of man he was. His wife was here with him, constantly, and, I think, as the President said, his nine thousand grandchildren. It seemed like he would always -- somebody would come in and say, oh, I got a new grandchild and he'd go, really, you got more than me? But I will miss him desperately. And I thank you for allowing me to speak during the resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. We do not have a resolution, right now, and you all are all speaking on personal privilege. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Madam President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

I rise to echo all the comments said about Senator Haine. I remember when he came here as a freshman, as Senator Hunter stated,

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there was quite a few of them in the class that -- that year. He learned this institution like the back of his hand. Truly an amazing man, never talked, belittled anyone. But his knowledge, and the way he learned over the years was amazing. And -- and as Senator Cullerton stated about his time on the Insurance, I remember when I sat on Insurance and Denny Jacobs came up to me and he goes - I forgot who was leaving as Chair - and he goes, you want to be Chair? I can see if we can get you in as Chair. I said, no, I'm good. I said, I think you should get that guy. He goes, who? I said, that Bill Haine. I said, he was a former prosecutor and Vietnam veteran. He goes, how'd you learn about him? I said, well, we talked for about an hour and a half. And, low and behold, him and Denny got close and before you knew it, he became the Chairman of that -- Insurance Committee. And, low and behold, everyone in the industry throughout the great State of Illinois knew who Bill Haine was, whether you liked him or not. But, he was a gentleman, a scholar, and most of all, a man of his word. You don't get that tonight. And he was an old-timer, so to speak. A lot of the guys that, during that time when they came in, were a few years older than I. Like I stated, he was a Vietnam veteran. And let me tell you a little about that, his military career. What he told me was, I said, what made you -- you got drafted? He goes, no. I said, really? You went in and enlisted on your own, right in war time? He goes, yes. I wanted to fight for my country. He was already a college grad, he should have went in as an officer, 2nd Lieutenant. I said, why didn't you want that? He goes, I wanted to be a frontline enlisted man. I said, wow! Ladies and Gentlemen, a man like that, they don't make them. Great friend. To his family, he adored them, they adored

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him. You know, he suffered, over the years. I'm glad, when he was able to leave here, he had a couple of years with his family. And they did do some traveling, from what I was told. So God bless them, they deserved each other. To his -- all his great-grandchildren, there will never be another Bill Haine like that. God Bless you, my friend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Madam President. It's hard, at this point, to speak of Bill Haine and not repeat some of the comments that have been said. It's impossible to -- to outdo what Senator Crowe has said, as she has served as his mentee, in many respects. I won't even attempt an imitation of Bill Haine's voice, like the Senate President did earlier. But, when Bill Haine retired, we spent a lot of time telling him what we thought of him, and how much we appreciate him. I'll let a lot of those remarks that I made then stand on their own. But, a comparison I made to him was from *To Kill A Mockingbird's*, Atticus Finch, who was a legislator in the book, but also, just an attorney that always knew what the right thing was to do. And that's how I thought of Bill Haine. Of course, this job takes a lot away from our families. We're here a lot, if we're doing it right, we're not giving some of the time back home that we should be. And it was just so inspiring, as a

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young legislator - I served with Bill for four years - to see his family come in. For so many people that are new or that came in after Bill retired, it was something to see. To see Anna at his side, many times there would be his children by his side. All, kind of, just going about their lives, but also the way they looked at their dad was pretty special. And I don't know -- know any legislator that doesn't think, if I have a career in public service, I don't know that there's anything that -- that you can do that is higher than having my children look at me that way. And that was Bill Haine. So, without repeating anyone else's remarks, to Anna and to the Haine family, we miss Bill a lot. And, as has been said, there will not be another. As Senator Cullerton said, we remember very well his sacrifices. It was to break the budget impasse, as you'll recall, in 2017, when every vote counted and his doctor said do not come in, Bill Haine, because of your condition. And he and Anna came down anyway, and sat in his office, where I currently hold, and I think about that a lot. We all have bad days in every job. But we also do what we have to do to make sure we're doing them well. So to the Haine family, may Bill's memory be a blessing to you, as it certainly is to those of us that served with him. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Koehler in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

A -- a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your point.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, Marcus Aurelius, kept the Roman Empire safe from the Parthians and the Germans between the years of 161 A.D. to 180 A.D. He was known for his fourteen years of learnedness from the Stoics across Rome. He once stated that the happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts. Aristotle said, "You are the sum of your actions." Thoughts and actions, that is Senator Bill Haine's life, whether it's the military, or whether it's selfless service to our State. Bill and I would sit next to each other, in both the Insurance and the Judiciary Committee, and have conversations about the law, deep conversations, its precedence and the applicability to our society. But, undeniably, the best conversations was when he would impart his wisdom to the young thirty-one-year-old Senator at that time, about family, friendship and service to others. I want to say that nothing inspired me more than him sitting next to Anna, holding her hand on the Floor. He is a true, true friend. He is an awesome and unbelievable colleague, a role model, a great -- a great mentor that I will truly miss. But most of all, and I want to say this to the Haine family, Bill Haine is what I consider a true American patriot. He would do anything and everything, not only for his family, not only for his friends, not only for his State, but for his country. And I will dearly miss him. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to honor the life of -- Senator Bill Haine. You know, when -- when Bill arrived, there

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was -- well prior to his arrival, there was Senator Evelyn Bowles, Senator Lisa Madigan, Senator Debbie Halvorson, Margaret Smith and myself. So, there were five women on the Senate Dem side. So, when Evelyn left to retire, of course, we were rooting for another woman replacement. In walks Bill Haine. This tall gentleman, real stout, but I learned quickly that he had a jovial personality. What a nice person. But he was a prosecutor, he was a State's Attorney, and I had my expungement bill, and I was headed to Judiciary. And they're like, oh, Bill Haine is going to rip you apart. And I was thinking, oh my God, this is my fourth year, I hadn't developed any skill set around being ripped up in Judiciary. So, I'm thinking, how am I going to manage this new guy. So, I go in Jud and, you know, when Members start asking questions, before they did, I said, may I ask you a question, Senator Bill Haine? And he said, yes. I said, how do you feel about my expungement bill? And he says, well, Senator Lightford, let's meet about it, because I think there's some good things about your expungement bill and I could help you with them. I could not believe it. For sure, a prosecutor from downstate was going to rip my expungement bill to pieces. Instead, we met, he helped me craft and amend my expungement bill to get it passed. And it was one of the first expungement bills that had gotten passed in a very long time. That was my fourth year presenting that same piece. So, I learned very quickly, not only was he very intelligent, very sharp on his subject matter, but that he was a nice man, and he was willing to understand the challenges that a second chance life, community had. And as a prosecutor, he saw what he thought they needed and was able to help shape it for a better law. And so, I -- I thanked him for the rest of his career. That was the beginning of our

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friendship. We ended up in several dinners together. I often look at his little, petite wife and wonder where all the children came from. And -- and she was just as kind as he was. I began to reflect that this was our new Patrick Welch. Senator Welch, was this great orator, who wasn't as tall and stout as Bill, but he had the delivery. Now comes Bill. He's got the delivery, he's got the personality, really a full package, a true statesman. So, I'd just love to honor him, his family, and may God bless him and may God bless Mrs. Haine and all of his family, as they continue to live on his legacy and the memories that he built. And I'll never forget Bill Haine. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please rise for a moment of silence in honor of our colleague, State Senator William "Bill" Haine. (Moment of silence observed) Amen. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

A point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Madam President and Members of the Senate. Thank you very much, Madam President for -- for allowing me to do this. This -- these last two weeks in our country have been an extremely difficult time as we withdraw from combat operations in the country of Afghanistan, ending our twenty-year war where hundreds of thousands of young men and women across our armed -- armed services

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have served nobly in a -- in defense of our country and for freedom of those that live in Afghanistan. No greater car ride has been had than mine when I rode down and I heard my friend, Seth, had gotten into a terrible accident in the mountains of Afghanistan. A special forces officer, someone I played football next to at West Point, he had -- he had sustained wounds that were so -- so grave that he had to have his leg amputated and he's still, to this day, is recovering. My classmate, Laura Walker, lost her life in two thousand in -- in the early two thousands, she lost her life to an improvised explosive device, and she was one of the first women killed in action in Afghanistan. So, as these two weeks have transpired, a lot of mixed emotions have taken place, not only in -- in my heart, but amongst all the rest of the veteran population that I know and that I love. The last -- this last week, we lost thirteen young Marines and members of our Navy. And I want to read those names into the record, because as we all know that when we speak on the Floor of the Illinois Senate, these names, and what we say, is forever memorialized, in not only in our -- in our memories, but in our State's history. And these young men and these young women deserve just that. No greater -- there's no greater love than one who lays down their life for others. Especially, especially those that they don't even know. There's young people that were being thrown on airplanes, thrown over war -- all over walls, all while a lot of folks criticized the way we did things in order to end combat operations there. So, I'm going to name these thirteen proud patriots that gave their life for our country. I'm going to name them. If you all want to stand, that's fine. I just -- I want to make sure that forever, at least in Illinois history, and I know in our nation's history

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they'll be forever remembered: Lance Corporal David Espinoza, Sergeant Nicole Gee, Staff Sergeant Darin Hoover, Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss, Corporal Hunter Lopez, Lance Corporal Rylee McCollum, Lance Corporal Dylan Merola, Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui, Sergeant Johanny Rosario (Pichardo), Corporal Humberto Sanchez, Lance Corporal Jared Schmitz, Navy Corpsman Maxton Soviak, and Corporal Daegan Page. Madam President, I ask that the Illinois Senate have a moment of silence in remembrance of these patriots who gave their lives, not just for our country but for others they did not know, in a foreign land. Thank you, Madam President and Members of the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. A moment of silence is in due order. (Moment of silence observed) Amen. Committee on Assignments, please report to the President's Anteroom, immediately. Committee on Assignments, please report to the Senate President's Anteroom. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to Order. Mr. Secretary, Assignments Reports -- Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Commission {sic} (Committee) on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Accept Specific Recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 967 and Motion to Accept Specific Recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 539.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

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Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention. Sad time in our State, a couple weeks ago, traffic stop, Englewood District, officers pulled over a car, there was an offender in the back, who had a gun. As a result of it, one female officer was shot, immediately killed. The young lady was 29 years of age, three years on the job. No one knew what was going to happen that night. There was three men in the car, two other partners. One was wrestling with one, he took three rounds, himself, one in the shoulder, one in the cheek, one in the eye. To this day, he still has two bullets lodged in his head. I understand our State and other states are going through a lot with police officers. But, nonetheless, when it happens here, we should honor our fallen. Young lady, such a young age, didn't realize what was going to happen and nobody ever does when you leave to go home and put that badge on and go to work. If we can just honor her, that day. And please keep in your prayers for Carlos Yanez, his only son is severely disabled, so his wife has her hands full, not only with their three-year-old child, that's going to be three, but now the husband who is going to forever be disabled. And, hopefully, he will make it, they can't take the bullets out right now. Madam President, thank you for giving me the time. And, I think, Senator Martwick might want to say some words. He represents so many police officers in his district. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator Muñoz. Senator Martwick, for what purpose

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do you rise?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. I also join in the moment of -- of personal privilege to speak about this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate for taking an opportunity to recognize this very, very tragic moment where the lives of a couple of police officers were really, I mean -- what -- what a tragedy, and the loss of -- of Officer Ella French. You know, as we -- well -- I'm going to read a -- an excerpt from the *Chicago Tribune*. Her -- her brother was interviewed and when I read this story, you know, so many times we hear about these tragic incidents and -- and we hear about our first responders from what we see in the news. Sometimes it is bad news, sometimes it is good news, sometimes, like today, its tragic news. But we really -- rarely get a window to see into the person who they really are. And the *Chicago Tribune* interviewed her brother and it really touched me. She was adopted, and her brother was adopted and they were very, very close. They both served, I believe, in Iraq together and -- she decided to become a police officer and -- and this -- these were her -- his words. "My sister's always been a person of integrity. She's always done the right thing even when nobody's looking. She always believed in people and she believed in doing the right thing. ...She's always believed in taking care of people that can't take care of themselves." he said. Andrew French, an Iraq war veteran, said that "even before she joined the force," his sister was a proponent of therapy or social services

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over more jail time. He said she wanted to see people get the help they needed more than "throwing people in jail." "She was a humanitarian. She believed in human rights. She was one of the officers on the force that thought they needed reform," he said. "Because she's seen the front line, just like I have. She's always been a very caring person ...When I was in Iraq, me and her, we talked. And she has some attributes that you don't find in this world anymore." And, you know, so you -- you hear stuff about our first responders, they are human beings like all the rest of us. And, this young woman who really was making a difference in the world, trying to do her job, her life is forever gone and her partner's is forever tragically altered. You know, the moment speaks for itself, let's remember them. Let's keep them in our thoughts and our prayers. And let's keep officers like Ella French on our minds, when we address the issues that affect their lives and the way that they do their jobs. And with that, unless there are other speakers who wish to speak on this moment, I would ask the Body to join us in a moment of silence for the memory of Officer Ella French, and a personal prayer, however you see fit, for the Office -- Officer Carlos Yanez, that he may recover from his injuries.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain standing for a moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed) Amen. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we are going to final action, final action. Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed, please take note of it. On the Order of -- Senate Bill 967 is Senator Castro, for final action. The lady indicates she wishes to proceed. On Supplemental Calendar 1, is the Order

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of Motions in Writing to Accept the Specific Recommendations of the Governor, this is final action. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill {sic}.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 967.

Filed August 31st, 2021, by Senator Castro.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Castro, on your motion.

SENATOR CASTRO:

Thank you, Madam President. This -- acceptance of the amendatory veto only adjusts the date of implementation to one of the pieces. It does not change any of the underlying factors of the bill. We, obviously, want this to be done correctly, so we worked with all parties and stakeholders to make sure that the date works for everyone, which is now December 1st from May 31st.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 967 in the manner and form set forth in the motion. All those in favor will vote Aye. As the bill has an immediate effective date, it is the ruling of the Chair that pursuant to Section 10 of Article 4 of the Illinois Constitution, the passage of this measure will require a three-fifths majority. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Aye. Senator Bush votes Aye.

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Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Senator Crowe votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Senator Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Senator Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senator
Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there is 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. The specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 967, having received the required constitutional majority, are declared accepted. Senate Bill 539, on the Order of Supplemental Calendar No. 1, Senator Gillespie. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 539.

Filed August 31st, 2021, by Senator Gillespie.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Gillespie, on your motion.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you, Madam President. This motion is to accept a -- the Governor's amendatory veto of Senate Bill 539. It is to correct a section of the Executive Inspector General Section. The concern was the language created some confusion that might impact some ongoing investigations and so, they requested to make this change. And I request that we accept that amendatory veto.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Senator Curran, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CURRAN:

To the motion, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the motion, Senator Curran.

SENATOR CURRAN:

I just wanted to -- as our lead negotiator on our side on

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this bill, and Senator Gillespie it was a pleasure working with you and your staff tackling this issue. I -- in understanding the -- the very cautious nature of the Executive Inspector General in questions - review of it - I -- I would just urge a -- a concurrence vote, an Aye vote, or an acceptance vote, on the motion on my side of the aisle. I believe they've taken a very cautious approach, but maybe best to be safe, especially, we would not want to interrupt the ongoing work of the Executive Inspector General in question. So, thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 539 in the manner and form set forth in the motion. As the bill has an immediate effective date, it is the ruling of the Chair that pursuant to Section 10 of Article 4 of the Illinois Constitution, the passage of this measure will require a three-fifths majority. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Senator Bush votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Bush votes Yes. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Senator Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Crowe votes Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Crowe votes Yes. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes. Senator Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Senator Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Yes. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Senator Jones votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Jones votes Yes. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt. Senator -- Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam votes Yes. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. The specific

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recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 539, having received the required constitutional majority, are declared accepted. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) The Senate will come to Order. Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MORRISON:

For the point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Madam President. One of the most interesting and, I think, fulfilling things we get to do as Senators is meet the amazing staff that work with us. And when you have the opportunity to chair a committee, you are often assigned staff that you work closely with. They become some of the most trusted people that you interface with here in the Capitol. You rely on them, their judgement, their knowledge, their background, their timeliness, because you look good, when they look good, quite honestly. But they're the people that don't get the credit. They're the people that sit next to us or behind us and do the research and do the drafting and take the calls late at night, and early in the morning. And then we have a day where we have to say goodbye to one our favorite staff, because they have come to the point in their career where it's time to take the next move. And so today, I am so sorry to see one of my favorite people, Trisha Rodriquez, leave the Senate staff. But she is going on to a fabulous opportunity which I'm thrilled that she will be -- be going to in the next week or so. Trisha, if any of you have had the opportunity to work with her, and I know a lot of you have, she is the

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consummate professional. She is timely. She knows, or she will find out, anything that you need. And she always has a smile and the best disposition you could ask for. And, you all know, from working here in the Capitol, that is really important. Attitude is everything. So, I will really miss Trisha, and just want to let you all know that we have a little send-off cake in the back room here for her. But what a wonderful woman she is, and what a tremendous future she has, and we will all miss her so very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Congratulations, Trisha. Good luck on your journey. Senator Gillespie, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR GILLESPIE:

Thank you. I just want to add a few words to Senator Morrison's tribute to Trisha. For those of us who worked with Trisha in the Medicaid Working Group, her smiling face at 7 o'clock in the morning at those meetings was something that we'll always remember and be grateful for. She always did make us look good. You could sit down and do strategy with her. You could reach her at any time of the day or night, which was not fair, but very much appreciated. She's going somewhere where we'll fortunately have the opportunity to continue to work with her. I'm looking very much forward to that. Best of all -- all wishes to you Trisha, they're lucky to have you, and I'm grateful that we'll still be in contact. Thank you so much for all you've done.

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Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BENNETT:

I don't want to belabor this, or the speeches might be longer than her Senate career, but I will say this..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Sorry. On personal privilege. And, it -- it'll make sense in a moment. Her first, at least, in her adulthood, her first time here in the Capitol, was when she was asked to appear at a press conference during the impasse. And Trisha was there to give the perspective of -- as a college student from a working family and how the impasse is affecting her family. I was lucky enough to be standing in the back, it didn't take long for me to start deferring questions to Trisha, and it became very clear, she was somebody we wanted to make sure had more of a role in government. And we went out and made sure that she was an intern with us soon thereafter, and we're very glad that she has joined us fulltime here on the Senate staff, since then. I'm -- really -- not -- not surprised at all by the stories that have been told here. She's had a huge impact here, and that started when she was still -- still just a student. So, Trisha, you will be missed by so many people. I know you're going on to bigger things, but you'll be missed here and you're always welcome back. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please turn your Senate Calendars to page 4, of the Senate Calendars. We will be going to the Order of House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bills 2nd Reading. We will begin with House Bill 45. Senator Bush. Senator Bush, do

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you wish to proceed?

SENATOR BUSH:

Yes, I do. Thank you very much, Madam Chairwoman {sic}. I would like to move the bill from 2nd to 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Mr. Secretary, please read the lady's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 45.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration? 3rd Reading. House Bill 601. Senator Villa. The lady indicates she wishes proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 601.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. Senator Jones, on House Bill 642. Senator Jones, on House Bill 642. Senator -- out of the record. Senator Villivalam, on House Bill 716. Senator Villivalam, he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 716.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3893. Senator Peters. The gentleman indicates he wishes to proceed, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3893.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3918. Senator Villivalam. The gentleman indicates he wishes to proceed, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3918.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen, on a point of an announcement. The previously scheduled Energy and Public Utilities Committee that was scheduled for 1:00 p.m., they will convene at 4:45 in Room 212, 4:45, Room 212, the Energy and Public Utilities Committee meeting, or virtual -- or virtual. You do have that option. The Senate will stand at recess to the call of the Chair. The Senate stands adjourned -- at recess. The regular Session of the Senate stands in recess.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The Senate will come to order. Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Mr. President, I move that the Senate recess briefly for the purpose of a forty-five-minute Democratic caucus in the Senate President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

That is in order. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. The Republicans would also like to caucus for approximately forty-five minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

That is in order, as well. The Senate will stand in recess.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The regular Session of the General Assembly, will please come to order. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 487, offered by Senator Plummer.

And Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 12, offered by Senator Bryant.

And they are both substantive, Madam President.

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The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 2065.

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

House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2065.

Passed the House, as amended, August 31st, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed a bill of the following title, the veto of the Governor notwithstanding, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 684.

I am further instructed to deliver to you the objections of the Governor, which are contained in the attached copy of this letter to the House of Representatives. Passed the House, August 31st, 2021, by a three-fifths vote. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will stand at ease for the Committee of Assignments to meet. Will the Members of Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom? Members on the Committee of

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{sic} Assignments, please come to the President Anteroom? Senator Koehler in the Chair. (at ease)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Leader Lightford back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The Senate will come to order. 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 Bill 18.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 18; Motion to Concur with House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2065; and Motion to override the Governor's total veto on House Bill 684.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, do you have any motions on file?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Madam President, I have a motion filed with respect to the Governor's total veto on House Bill 684.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, please place the motion on the order, on the Calendar. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the Supplemental Calendar is being distributed. We would like to begin with Senate Bill 2065. Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 2065, on

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concurrence, Supplemental Calendar. Senator Holmes, on Amendment No. 3. Senator Holmes, wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2065.

Signed by Senator Holmes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Holmes, on your motion.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Madam President. I have a motion to concur with House Amendment 3. It deletes the bill, and becomes the bill. There's -- this is an agreed upon trailer bill, to correct a drafting error in the 2021 agreed Unemployment Insurance bill, involving the cost of temporary benefits extended for noninstructional educational employees. This passed the House unanimously. It's basically correcting a drafting error. I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2065. All those in favor would vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Bush. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Crowe votes Yes.

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Crowe votes Yes. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Yes. Senator Harris, can you -- can you say another word so your face appears, please.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Senator Harris votes Yes. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Senator Jones votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Jones votes Yes. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Villivalam votes Yes. And Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes Yes.

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Senator Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill -- Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2065 having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendment No. 3 to Senate Bill 2065 and the bill is declared passed. Senator Villivalam, on House Bill 684.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 684 passed..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Hold -- hold for me one second, Senator. The Senator indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that House Bill 684 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Villivalam, on your motion.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 684 passed out of the Senate unanimously on May 31st, and has thirty-six cosponsors in the Senate. It just passed the House with a hundred and twelve votes. Simply put, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services administratively carved out emergency ambulance claims processing out of managed care in April which makes up about seventy-five percent of total ambulance claims. House Bill 684 simply moves the remaining twenty-five percent of ambulance claims

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which are non-emergency from managed care to fee-for-service. This bill would -- will move claims processing for ambulance providers back to fee-for-service where they can once again put patients first. I would ask for every one of my colleagues to support this bill, yet again. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 684 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye -- notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Bush. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Senator Crowe.

SENATOR CROWE:

Crowe votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Crowe votes Yes. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Yes. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Senator Jones votes Yes.

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Jones votes Yes. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Van Pelt votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Villivalam votes Yes. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Once again, Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Wilcox votes Yes, again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Wilcox votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 684, having received the -- three-fifths majority is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. On the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 18. Senator Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 18 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 18.

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Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by -- Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings, on the amendment.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes, Madam President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, 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:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings, on Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, 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 LIGHTFORD)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 18. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 18.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 18 is an energy bill that Senator Hastings has just amended. As Chair of our Energy Committee, I'd ask if he could present the bill. I would like to be recognized at the end for a brief closing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings, to present.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Madam President, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Today, I present to you Senate Bill 18, the Energy Omnibus

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Bill. For those in this Chamber, first, I want to say, thank you very much, to the Members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee, for your hard work and diligence in -- throughout this -- this Session. I want to say, thank you, a special thank you, to our Illinois Senate Energy Working Group, that being Leader -- Leader Cunningham, Leader Castro, and Senators {sic} Belt, Senator Rezin, Senator Villanueva, Senator Anderson, Senator Wilcox. And, I want to say, thank you very much, to the Governor's staff, particularly to Governor Pritzker and to Deputy Governor Christian Mitchell and their staffs, for all of their hard work throughout this process. For the past year and a half, we embarked on a journey to understand the complex nature of energy policy during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the understanding that we need to address the pending issues facing our State's energy market, while ensuring that we invest in Illinois' renewable energy future, and ensure that public utility companies are held responsible for their actions. I want to state upfront, that this bill has not been written by public utility companies. There are no backroom deals or insiders unduly influencing this process. It's a compilation of countless meetings, passionate testimony, and, if you'll indulge me, I'd like to explain the components of this extraordinarily complex bill and answer any questions you may have. I'm going to go through five subtopics. I want to make sure that I read these to you, ratemaking policy, ethics, investment into our renewable energy resources in our State, to include decarbonization, to also include equity inclusion and just transitions and to go over all the other ancillary parts of this bill. Now bear with me, I do understand that it is a little bit late at night, but -- this is extremely important to our State. I

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first want to talk about ratemaking. This bill ends formula rates. This bill will establish performance-based ratemaking, which is designed to encourage reliability, decarbonization, demand response, affordability, a diverse workforce, improved customer service, and interconnection response time. The electric utilities would file a four-year rate plan requiring the Illinois Commerce Commission to approve prior to and after pending ratepayer dollars. It requires an independent baseline assessment of the grid investments made by Ameren and ComEd since 2021. It establishes a five-year, forward-looking, multiyear integrated grid planning process to incorporate stakeholder input. It establishes a Division of Integrated Distribution Planning at the Illinois Commerce Commission. When it comes to ethics, we want to -- in our working group and throughout our Senate Energy Committee, we wanted to make sure that ratepayers feel confident in the public utility companies that transmit power across the lines. These ethics provisions do the following, it requires, first, the ICC to investigate whether ComEd misappropriated any ratepayer funds in connection with the conduct detail in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement. If ComEd has done so, it must refund this money to the ratepayers. The ICC may initiate an investigation, impose penalties, or order restitution to ratepayers at any time a regulated entity is found guilty of criminal conduct. It expands the statement of economic interest requirements to require the disclosure of any immediate family member employed by a public utility in Illinois. It subjects the Illinois Power Agency to ex parte communication reporting requirements. It creates the Public Utility Ethics and Compliance Monitor and establishes new internal ethics controls for all electric and natural gas public utilities.

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It requires each utility to establish the position of a Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, who must submit annual reports to the ICC. And, most importantly, it prevents utilities from recovering criminal penalties, where the post-employment costs of those convicted of a criminal act in the course of their employment with the utility, from ratepayers. I want to talk about, probably, one of the most sweeping investments that our country has ever seen in renewable energy resources. This bill establishes a Statewide clean energy goal of a hundred percent by 2050, and a renewable energy goal of fifty percent by 2040. It expands the State's Renewable Portfolio Standard budget, otherwise known as, the RPS budget, and restructures renewable energy credits contracts and requires all projects with REC contracts to comply with new equity and labor standards. It adds new categories to the Adjustable Block Program, including school solar, equity eligible contractors, community-driven community solar. It creates incentives to build utility scale solar generation and energy storage at the sight of closed, or soon to close, coal generating facilities. This is what we call our coal to solar transition, which takes coal plants and transitions them over to our solar plants. It expands clean energy transmission by enabling construction of two interstate direct current lines. It establishes an interconnection working group at the ICC. And add interconnection ombudsmen to settle disputes through nine -- nonbinding arbitration. It permits schools to lease property in excess of twenty-five years, to support renewable energy projects. It establishes two utility scale solar pilot projects. It prevents municipal and cooperative electric providers from imposing discriminatory financial repercussions on customers who self-

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generate electricity. It expands labor standards to require project labor agreements on all utility scale projects with public utility REC contracts. It requires all other non-residential projects to pay the prevailing wage, with an exception of projects up to a hundred kilowatts on houses of worship. It requires the Illinois Power Agency to issue REC payments upfront to equity eligible contractors that need assistance in paying the prevailing wage. It requires renewable industry reporting on diversity and inclusion efforts, especially within the organized labor force. It establishes a self-direct program for large commercial and industrial users to offset a portion of their RPS payments through the procurement of RECs from utility scale renewable projects. We invest in our electric vehicle infrastructure. This bill establishes an Electric Vehicle Coordinator within the EPA. It establishes a State goal of one million new electric vehicles adopted by the year 2030. It requires Ameren and ComEd to file beneficial electrification plans with the ICC. These plans must describe the efforts the utility companies will make to -- electrify the transportation sector. It offers rebates for EV charging station installation in eligible communities, if the prevailing wage is paid on construction of the project. It directs the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on how EV proliferation may adversely impact the transportation infrastructure. When it comes to decarbonization, it's been a major hot topic in the last few weeks, I want to say that this is probably one of the most pressing issues that face -- our State faces. This bill will provide financial assistance in the form of carbon mitigation credits to the Byron, Dresden, Braidwood nuclear plants, for a five-year period. It directs the University of

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Illinois Prairie Research Institute to conduct a study on the potential for carbon capture, utilization, and storage as climate mitigation technology. It enables the Governor to commission a carbon pricing study. It requires the closure of all private coal generating -- electric generating units that produce electricity for the sale on the grid and privately owned oil-fired electric generating units in excess of twenty-five megawatts by 2030. Let me say that one more time. It requires the closure of all private coal electric generating units in excess of twenty-five megawatts by 2030. It requires the repowering or closure of all private natural gas by 2045, with interim repowering deadlines that prioritize plants in environmental justice communities, and with the dirtiest emissions. It allows peaker plants to remain online with five-year extensions if they reduce their emissions to fifty percent. All gas plants must not emit higher than their existing emission baseline. It requires the repowering or closure of all municipal gas, oil, coal, gas cogeneration plants by the year 2045. It requires municipal coal plants to close by 2045. Moving onto our equity components in the bill. And, bear with me as I go through this here. For workforce and contractor development, this bill creates a Clean Jobs Workforce Network Program, which consists of thirteen geographically diverse hub sights that rely on community-based organizations to provide job training and a career pipeline for equity-focused populations. It creates the Illinois Climate Works -- Pre-apprenticeship Program to train workers for careers in clean energy sector construction and building trades. It creates the Clean Energy Contractor Incubator Program, which provides access to low-cost capital, training, mentorship, and recruitment opportunities for small and clean energy businesses

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and contractors. It creates the Returning Residents Clean Job Training Program to soon-to-be released people who are incarcerated for jobs in the solar and energy efficiency sectors. It creates the Clean Energy Primes Contractor Accelerator, a program for prime contractors that offers mentorship, operation support grants, business coaching, and assistance applying for certifications, for procurement programs, and for preparing bids. A corresponding disparity study will measure the racial discrimination on minority businesses and workers in the clean energy industry. It creates the Energy Workforce Advisory Council to coordinate and review workforce program performance metrics and offer suggestions. It establishes an Energy Transition Navigators Program to provide education, outreach, recruitment to equity-focused populations to ensure that they're aware of workforce development programs. It creates the Energy Transition Assistance Fund, which will provide funding to workforce development and just transition programs. It requires the Department of Labor to partner with community-based organizations, in order to assist clean energy contractors with prevailing wage payroll administrative burdens. And it establishes a rate cap for funding these programs at a hundred and eighty million dollars collected annually and 1.3 percent of the charge in 2009. This is the most equitable, diverse, and inclusive clean energy bill in the entire country. I want to make sure that's -- it's clear as day. When it comes to just transitions, this bill creates a Transition Workforce Commission with DCEO to report on impact of the clean energy transition and provide comprehensive recommendations to address changes in the workforce. It creates the Energy Transition Barrier Reduction Program to support those impacted by the energy

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transition, and encourage participation in the just transition and workforce training programs. It establishes the Displace -- Displaced Energy Worker Bill of Rights, which requires advanced notice of a power plant or coal mine closure, notifying workers of programs available to assist them in the energy transition employment assistance and career services, financial planning services, and insurance alternatives. It establishes a program to provide grants to communities where nuclear or fossil fuel-generators and mines have or will close to address the social and economic impacts. It offers scholarships to the children of displaced energy workers at Illinois higher education institutions. It requires an annual review of the just transition program in Energy Community Reinvestment Reports. It requires State -- all State departments and agencies to consider qualified energy worker candidates when making a hiring decision. It establishes a rate cap for funding these programs. And the last component of this bill, these are some ancillary components that don't fall within those four buckets. The first, is energy efficiency requirements. It requires the CDB to establish a Stretch Energy Code for projects it funds, and municipalities to voluntarily adopt. It extends electric -- electric energy efficiency goals until 2040. It expands low-income weatherization. It permits large energy consumers to opt out and develop their own energy efficiency efforts with demonstrated compliance. And it establishes a Public Schools Carbon-Free Assessment to provide the infrastructure necessary for energy efficiency and solar energy installation in public schools, especially those in Tier 1 and Tier 2 schools. It establishes an Equitable Energy Upgrade Program to permit customers to finance

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energy efficiency upgrades through their bills. Almost done. Tax changes; updates the solar energy system definition in the Property Tax Code. It repeals tax credits to coal research and coal utilization equipment. It permits -- permits the DCEO to authorize utility scale solar projects as High Impact Businesses. It reduces the sales taxes imposed on manufacturers for the purchase of natural gas and electricity. It provides consumer protections. It prohibits utilities from charging low-income residential customers a late fee charge or penalty. It requires utilities to annually report on the number of disconnections for nonpayment. It establishes an opportunity for compensation to consumer interest groups who intervene in the ICC proceedings. And, it directs the ICC to study whether low-income discount electric rates are appropriate for residential customers. I want to turn your attention -- I want to talk about -- I wanted to talk about, in the beginning, all the great things that this bill has to offer. But I also want to tell you what happens if inaction occurs by this Chamber and by the House. If we leave Springfield today or tomorrow without passing a comprehensive energy bill, twenty-eight thousand direct and indirect jobs are lost as nuclear generate -- nuclear generation retires, local governments lose a hundred and forty-nine million dollars annually in property taxes to local governments from nuclear facilities, an additional forty-five million tons of carbon per year will be created as clean nuclear generation is replaced with coal and gas generation. In 2025, if we do nothing, Illinois will go from being at eighty-five percent on its way to reaching the Paris Agreement goals with nuclear generation, to twenty percent, with the expected closures. As a function of statute, three hundred and seventeen million dollars

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set aside for renewable development goes away, further devastating the industry and its workforce. Five hundred million dollars annually is lost for renewable development necessary to -- for our State to meet its clean energy generation goals, and the fifty-three thousand new construction jobs that go along with it. We lose the robust labor standards that'll be applied to this new work to ensure that these jobs will be a pathway to the middle class. The comprehensive programs in training that will help ensure that this new workforce will be diverse and will provide black and brown contractors opportunities to start new businesses and grow them in green energy space, we won't have that opportunity. Illinois will not have a decarbonization plan in place, and the dirtiest fossil generators will continue to pollute and emit carbon in perpetuity. And Illinois ratepayers will experience a significant rate increase. I have said a lot. There are other people that have done an immense amount of work on this bill. I want to defer my time to them to make statements. This is a collaborative and a combined arms team approach. I know not everyone may agree with this bill, but I will say this, we sure did work pretty hard to come to where we're at. And -- to everybody on this working group - Bill Cunningham, everybody who I've -- I've mentioned and who will speak today, they did an unbelievable job. And -- and whether this bill passes or not, I want to say thanks to Mary. Mary Hanahan, quite possibly, could be -- the greatest -- one of the greatest -- attorneys - staff attorneys that I've ever worked with and -- and I don't think she sleeps. She's a phenomenal person and -- and she's -- she's really passionate about what she does. So, before we even begin questions, I just want to say thank you to Mary and to her team

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for what they do. And I'll yield my time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

A few questions of the sponsor, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator Hastings, first of all, I will say that -- you have undoubtedly put a ton of time into this, and so have a lot in this room. Couple -- three questions. Is there a reason why the decarbonization efforts only apply to private, not the public facilities? What makes the public facilities so special?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rose -- Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

There are decarbonization measures that do apply to public coal, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

...understanding is, for example, the universities have coal plants and their -- this doesn't apply to them. So, how come they're not being applied to, but the private companies are being applied to?

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Senator Hastings.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

Those cogenerating facilities, Senator, have until 2045 to go ahead and meet the decarbonization metrics set forth here in the bill. If I'm -- let me just double check that with counsel. That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator -- Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

We'll check on that, but I don't think that's accurate, because there's minimum standards set in, and most of them fall underneath the minimum generation standards and therefore, they're allowed to stay open. So, if the goal is to decarbonization, I don't understand why the public side is so special, yet the private side is so evil. But I'll let you check with your staff. I'll move on. Why is the ethics provisions not applied to the renewable utilities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I'll let him check on that, Madam President, and then he can get back to me if he wants. Do you want to restate the question?

SENATOR ROSE:

To -- the same question is, why are the ethics provisions not applied for renewable utilities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

In this bill, they apply to the public utilities, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

The question was, why don't they apply to the -- all utilities including the renewables?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator, because they're not utility companies.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Right. Last question. Has the Speaker agreed to call this bill, the one that's here today, without changing it or doing else -- doing anything else to it? Is the Speaker going to call this bill? And, is the Governor going to sign this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I think your questions are appropriate for the Speaker of the House and the Governor, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

(12:00 a.m. - September 1, 2021)

SENATOR ROSE:

Look at that, it's midnight! It's midnight on the dot. Why

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is that? Is it because everybody went to bed already? Is it because the 10 o'clock news is already over with? Every time something remotely controversial comes up in this Chamber - midnight. Remember what we did to the cops, remember that one? That was three, four o'clock in the morning, we did that to our police. It's midnight. You're talking about seven hundred million in rates, you got another two hundred million in green funds for whatever, and here it is at midnight, and our constituents are asleep. Ladies and Gentlemen, let me tell you about some things that weren't in the happy talk a minute ago. Private merchant lines get eminent domain authority over my constituents. The United States Constitution is clear on eminent domain. Public use, and you must pay for it. You must pay fair market value for it. Yet, we're giving private, for-profit companies the right to put up public utilities, I guess, is what they're calling them now, even though if they're private, for-profit companies, up over my constituents' homes. Ethics, apparently, there's something magic about renewables. But let me tell you something folks, if you come to talk to folks in Newman, Illinois, about the wind energy companies, they will tell you they engaged some pretty unethical behavior in my constituents' communities, some pretty unethical behavior, in dealing with my constituents. But, hey, they're not in this bill. We're going to close private companies, but, somehow, the State Universities get let off the hook. Never mind the hypocritical stance there -- but for what? You have ratepayers increases. Downstate Illinois, at the end of the day, which is on MISO grid, and for those of you who don't know there's two different grids in this State, but the MISO grid, is primarily supported by a couple coal plants and -- and one nuclear plant.

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That nuke plant will, you know, exceed its functional life span sometime in the next couple decades. So, at that point in time, we will have no - none - no incumbent energy producers on the MISO grid serving downstate Illinois. This is a vote today, but what we're doing today, has ramifications decades down the road, a half century down the road, a century down the road. We're going to have no incumbent producers, oh wait, except -- except for the publics, that we own as the State, at the universities. So, I guess the students will be okay, in their dorms - in their dorms. They won't be able to go out to eat or go to a restaurant, but hey, that's fine. And for what? So we can issue press releases that we're going to be the toughest State in the Union. We're going to get rid of carbon. Really? 'Cause here's what's going to happen. Do you know where all those MISO electric grid -- electrons are going to come from? They're going to get backfilled from Indiana and Kentucky primarily, which are carbon! They're going to get backfilled with carbon. So, people are going to run around and issue press releases, they're getting tough on carbon, and the bottom line is, we're just going to replace it with carbon. Except this time, we get to pay to build big transmission lines into Illinois, which the ratepayers pay for, to backfill with the exact same stuff we got now. Be natural gas probably, not coal, but, whatever, whose counting? The point is this, it's now 12:02, 12:03, 12:04 a.m., the Speaker hasn't said he's going to call -- in fact, the House left! The Governor hasn't said he'll sign it. So, why are we doing this right now? Take the time to do it right, get this eminent domain nonsense out of there, completely unconstitutional, make the ethics provisions unilateral across the board. Do this right. But folks, if you're going to vote for

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this because you're going to issue a press release that you got rid of carbon, just know this, in my grid territory, in the MISO grid in downstate Illinois, twenty, thirty years down the road, whenever this magic date gets here, all you're going to do is backfill with peaker plants on the Indiana side of the line. I represent the Illinois/Indiana border. That's -- we're going to backfill all those electrons, more expensive electrons, but they'll be carbon electrons. So, if you're going to issue the press release, go ahead and issue your press release. But you know the reality of this situation is, you didn't accomplish anything on the carbon front. You don't have to do it at 12:05 at night, you don't have to do it when people are asleep at home, you don't have to do it after the news is shut off for the night. Heck, you don't have to do it when the House has already left. These are enormously complex issues and Senator Hastings, none of what I just said is aimed at you, sir. You have spent years on this, it is a yeoman -- I mean, it is tough. But we are talking about policy for the next decades for this State. And, I don't want to end up being California or Indiana, or excuse me, California or Texas with brownouts, while we're waiting to backfill electronic supply to the MISO grid -- electron supply to the MISO grid from Indiana or Kentucky. So, good Lord, let's just do this right, if we're going to do it at all and don't do this at midnight when no one's watching. I'd urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Further discussion? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. Questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Senator Hastings, I think -- the previous speaker talked a little bit about eminent domain, which, obviously, to, I -- I think everyone in the State, eminent domain is often intrusive and something that should be used as a last resort. But, as the previous speaker so eloquently spoke of, this is not eminent domain as we've known in the past. This is eminent domain of a private entity being able to take possession of someone's private property. Now, for the people that I represent, that's a pretty big deal. So, no question on that, but on the issue of a hard date that's been mentioned of 2045, there are multiple municipalities who are still going to owe on their bonds until 2047. What accommodations are being made for those municipalities that are still going to owe beyond 2045?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator, thank you for your question. None of those companies you refer to, that'll have debt obligation, reside in the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

So, if they don't reside in the State of Illinois, then we're not going to worry about them at all?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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Senator, you had asked me, in terms of companies that operate in Illinois or reside in Illinois, the companies you're referring to have debt obligations are not within the State of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

That wasn't my question. My -- my question was, what are we going to do about those folks who -- who still have -- that they're still obligated money till 2047? They're not going to get paid at all for those two years? We're not making accommodations for those two extra years?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

All of the companies that have debt obligations that reside in the State of Illinois will have -- their debt obligations would have expired by 2045, Senator.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Okay, so those who are outside the State of Illinois...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator -- Senator Bryant. Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Those who our outside the Illinois -- we -- we won't worry about. To the bill. I also would like to mention...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. There's no component, in this bill, that prohibits the General Assembly from changing that hard date of 2045 to make

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it any earlier than 2045. So, we could pass this, believing that there's a hard date of 2045, and, in fact, a future General Assembly is not obligated to continue that date at 2045. So, we could come back here in a year and it could be a date other than 2045. I think, previous speaker also spoke about the energy that would have to be purchased from Indiana, Missouri, or Kentucky, which are also coalfired plants, not Illinois coal, and not Illinois coalminers. So, we'll shut down our own coal plants, our old -- our own coalmines, but we'll be buying them from another state. Also, in this bill, it would require, maybe we haven't mentioned that there are transformers and transmission needs that will have to occur if it's going to be -- if we're going to have to purchase energy from other states. So, instead of being energy -- instead of being energy self-sufficient, and being exporters of energy, we're going to have to purchase that energy. So, Southern Illinoisans are going to be paying more for their energy. We're going to be buying coal energy from other states, not using our own. And then one final point is -- besides the rate increases, the folks that I represent will be experiencing brownouts and blackouts that we experienced prior to having Prairie State Energy. So, there's no accommodations in here at all, I think Senator, the previous speaker, Senator, mentioned that -- it doesn't look like in this bill, there's any accommodations or any care at all for any place outside the ComEd or Exelon areas. And remembering that there are two grids, this bill has totally -- totally ignored deep Southern Illinois, and totally ignored many of the constituents -- almost, I'd say, probably seventy-five percent of the State's geography is totally ignored with this bill. I would urge a No vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Further discussion? Senator Belt, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BELT:

Alright. Just wanted to come up and -- and to first commend the authors and the working group, the authors of this legislation. They did a yeoman's job in creating this proposal, in particular, the equity piece. The framers of this legislation, unquestionably, understood that caring for mother earth's wellbeing, but not caring for the inhabitants of mother earth, doesn't make sense. So, to that end, they -- they took -- painstakingly went out of their way to include legislation that did two things, to empower and include historically -- and traditional -- traditionally, people who were often left out of the spaces of ownership and jobs. Madam President, because of all the things and takeaways, and bullets that Chairman Hastings went over earlier, and because of the equity piece, I urge an Aye vote, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Bailey, for what purpose...
Senator Bailey.

SENATOR BAILEY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BAILEY:

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Just when you think this legislative Body couldn't make it any harder for taxpayers and working families to stay in and thrive in Illinois, someone writes another hyperpartisan, activist bill, making it worse. Our State government has allowed Illinois workers to be held hostage by corrupt, crony, corporate crime syndicate. Think about that for a minute. We've been threatened and pushed around by a corporation that has admitted to criminal wrongdoing. Do we stand up to them? Do we stand up for the workers in this State? Do we stand up to {sic} the ratepayers to ensure that their family budgets are not stretched too thin? No, we fold and reward -- corrupt corporations with multi-million-dollar bailouts and tell working families that they get to pay for it. And thanks to these woke policies, more hardworking Illinoisans get forced out of their jobs and told by their political elites that they will have to settle for a worthless Energy Transition Workforce Commission. Working people don't need a commission. They don't want your handout. They want their jobs, so that they can support their families. People in this Body talk philosophically about equity. Do you know what poor people, marginalized people, and working people being crushed by our broken system need? They need opportunity. They need jobs. Jobs where they have the dignity and ability to provide for their family. Good paying jobs offer the prospect of upward mobility and a better future for their kids and grandkids. Do you want to help people? Well then, let's focus on opportunity. Blindly pursuing equity while destroying opportunity doesn't help anyone, but I'm sure it makes the activist groups and corporations who support your campaigns feel great. Instead of giving a corrupt corporation nearly a billion dollars in ransom payments, let's use that money to incentivize

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manufacturers, builders, or whoever, to purchase equipment or make investments that put more people to work in this State. We need to focus on fixing our fiscal mess and instituting real, sustainable spending reforms that prioritize middle class and working-class people over corporations and special interests. If we were willing to do this, imagine what we could do to aggressively pursue real job-creating investments in our poor, urban areas and rural communities destroyed by poor public policy in this State. It's time that we stand up for working people, instead of demanding that they continue to carry the load for your woke, unrealistic agenda. Let me ask you this, what's going to happen when, inevitably, we can't meet our baseload energy demands? We will have to pay more to import "dirtier" energy from other states or other -- countries even, propping up their workforce at the expense of our own. That's already been mentioned. It's already happening in central and southern Illinois. We are importing energy to the tune of twenty percent already. Already, even when coal and natural gas is still in the mix, we're importing energy. This is insanity and doesn't do a darn thing to make a significant difference for the environment, but it further destroys opportunity and our economy in Illinois. We're blessed in this State with abundant natural resources and distinct natural advantages. Historically, that has allowed us to be an energy exporter. It's created jobs, allowed us to keep rates relatively in check and is one of the only incentives that we have left for manufacturers to consider Illinois. Why would we continue to squander the opportunity to bring jobs and people back to Illinois and help working-class families? Why would we support a politically motivated energy bill that creates two hundred million

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in utility fees on Illinois families to pay for green justice programs? It creates a multi -- multimillion dollar corporate bailout on the backs of working families. It gives taxpayer money to big wind companies. It allows for eminent domain to seize the private property of Illinoisans, that alone is reason to stop this. It requires the repowering or closure of all natural gas plants by 2045, and it increases utility bills for Illinoisans. When does the insanity stop? When the nuclear sunset ends in a few years, will you go after that next? The bottom line is that this bill increases costs for Illinoisans, it eliminates jobs, it creates crony corporate bailouts and most importantly, it fails working families. We've been doing a pretty good job of that recently. And all the people in this State deserve better, vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you -- thank you, Chairman Hastings. First of all, I'd like to start with my thank yous before I get into my speech. Our staff for two years, Mary, on your side, Scott, on my side, have spent unbelievable amount of hours on this bill. When we're home at night, they're working overnight, so, we'd like to thank them for all of their hard work. This bill has -- we have worked on this bill for almost two years now, and I compliment everybody who has sat at the table and all of the interest groups, because energy

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is a complex issue to talk about and to understand. And, as we're trying to move our State to a greener, cleaner environment, we have to do it at a rate that our businesses and our ratepayers can afford. We all know that. But, the inaction, or to do nothing, is not an option, and it has a cost as well. I have a couple of questions for the sponsor first, Senator Hastings, so, question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. We had some concerns with people that we deal with, regarding the natural gas language in this bill. You have cogens, you have your natural gas peaker plants, that were concerned about the language and I know it's not about the intent of the language, but about clarifying the language to make them comfortable with what was agreed upon. Was that -- is that in this bill? The language?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Madam President and Senator Rezin, if you wouldn't mind, can you just explain a little bit more in detail of what you're asking about, so, I can be specific as to my answer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Happy to. Some of the plants were concerned, that despite being told that they would not have to close prematurely, in this bill, that they were concerned with the language that was written

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in the bill, that would force them to close prematurely.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

In regards to the peaker plants, the natural gas peaker plants, I'm assuming that's what you are referring to, we've added language in there to accommodate them with the mitigation efforts for them to stay open, Senator. I hope that answers your question, if it doesn't, I can -- I can answer another form of the question, if you'd like.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, for the record, as well, we have manufacturers that have cogens on property that are concerned that they would get pulled into this and have to prematurely close their cogens. So, I know that this bill is going to the House, it will be worked on. I think it's fair to put it on the record, that there is -- -- some -- some concern with many of the manufacturers who have cogens on their property. I would also like to get, for the record, please, Chairman Hastings, is it your intent regarding the eminent domain that the -- that this is only allowed for the six counties that are written in the bill and not for future -- not for the ability of future transmission lines to come through the State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator Rezin, it's my intent for this to apply one time to

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seven counties.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There was a question by the -- my former colleague here, regarding the ethics component, by the way, if you could elaborate, there was some question regarding the ethics, the, you know, what we have written or what is written in this bill regarding the ethics. To make sure that -- that we do not see the corruption as my -- my colleague spoke about, ever again, in the State of Illinois regarding this issue. Can you talk about the ethics that have been built into this or written into this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes, Senator, thank you for that question. I want to be very clear on this. It requires the ICC to investigate whether that ComEd has misappropriated any ratepayer funds in conduction -- in -- in connection with the conduct detail in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement. If ComEd has done so, it must refund the money to the ratepayers. The ICC may initiate, impose -- initiate an investigation, impose penalties to order restitution to ratepayers at any time a regulated entity is found guilty of criminal conduct. Senator, that provision alone has already begun, regardless of legislation one way or the other, that -- that has been opened. I want to make sure that's -- that's -- we are -- we are codifying an action to make sure that it happens. I want to make sure that's clear. The second thing is in terms of

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establishing monitors and ethic officers. So, each utility company, whether you're ComEd or not ComEd, you now have to establish a position of a Chief Ethics and Compliance Officer, who has to submit annual reports to the ICC. And, it also creates a Public Utility Ethics and Compliance Monitor and establishes new internal ethics controls for all electric and natural gas public utilities. It also amends the Statement of Economic Interest, like I had previously stated. It talks about ex parte communication reporting requirements. And, then, when it comes to recovering, it prevents utilities from recovering criminal penalties or the post-employment costs of those convicted of criminal -- criminal acts in the course of their employment with the utility from ratepayers. And, I want to just elaborate a little on a previous comment. Look, I'm not running for Governor, okay. I'm not doing that, right now. So, I want to let you know that these ethics components we're putting, we want to make sure it sends a clear signal to all the public utility companies in this State, and anyone else throughout the State, that don't -- don't -- you act with integrity, especially with our public utilities. People take for granted every day when they turn their lights on. They shouldn't -- they shouldn't feel as if they're being taken advantage of.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Chairman Hastings. You mentioned that the public utilities will be held to this standard in terms of having to -- report if they have a family member who works for the utility company. Do you believe that the wind and solar companies,

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companies that will, self-admittedly, be receiving a tremendous amount of money, potentially, in this bill, should also have to have the same guidelines of reporting?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Do I believe that or is that in the legislation? I'll just say in my -- my personal belief, I'd love to work with that -- with you Senator, in the future. But, in this bill, it applies to immediate family members employed by a public utility company in Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Mr. Chairman {sic}, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, and I do look forward to working with you, as this bill will be going over to the House. Undoubtedly, there will be work on the House regarding this bill. I've brought up a couple of topics that we would like to see worked on, especially, the last comment we talked about regarding the ethics. When we look at energy policy for the State of Illinois, or for any other state actually, many states around the country who have nuclear power plants are in the same situation that we are. And the question is, why are we here. It's not because it's just Illinois, it's because every plant throughout the entire country is experiencing the same challenges as the nuclear power plants and the nuclear

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industry in the State of Illinois. The cost of other forms of energy are just lower. But they have -- they emit carbon, and carbon has a socio-economic cost. If you are living next to that carbon emitter, there's a socio-economic cost to that. But right now, we don't have a federal answer to help us fix this problem and that's why the State of Illinois has been trying to deal, for the last two years, with this issue. So, again, I'd like to say, while I don't agree with every aspect of this legislation, what I do support is the fact that this bill will preserve our nuclear fleet and keep thousands of good paying jobs in our State. Going into tonight, thousands of union workers wondered if they were going to lose their job or be forced to move from their communities that they call home. I got all of those phone calls for the past year. With this bill, we can protect those jobs and help reinstall stability in their lives. This bill would build a one hundred percent clean energy economy in Illinois and will preserve the State's nuclear fleet. Dresden plays a vital role in our region's economy, providing more than over eight hundred well-paying jobs, many union jobs, and more than twenty-four million dollars in property taxes annually. The Byron and Dresden plants provide fifteen hundred permanent well-paying jobs and another two thousand supplemental jobs during the refueling outages. Saving our nuclear plants isn't just about preventing the economic devastation that will undoubtedly be felt throughout the -- Illinois communities for decades, but it's -- but -- it's about protecting plants while also support carbon-free energy throughout this State. About fifty-four percent of Illinois' total electricity and ninety percent of Illinois' carbon-free energy, come from our State's nuclear fleet. Our State's nuclear fleet,

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which consists of six nuclear power plants, is an asset for the State of Illinois. Byron and Dresden, alone, contribute about a third of this State's carbon-free energy. Illinois' six nuclear generating stations are the most reliable source of energy. As many of you may remember, when the United States had a polar vortex sweep across it, it left Texas without electricity. Illinois' nuclear fleets ran nearly one-hundred percent and kept eleven-hundred Illinois homes and businesses safe and warm, at that time. Without these nuclear power plants, any chance of achieving a carbon-free future for Illinois by 2050, is all but impossible. It just wouldn't work. If we allow these two plants to close, we would have an immediate environmental impact equivalent to putting 4.4 million additional cars on the road, immediately. According to 2019 report by the Clean Air Task Force, Illinois would pay -- Illinoisans would pay 4.4 to ten billion dollars in monetized damages due to increased air pollution annually. As I stand here today, acknowledging that this bill is far from perfect, no one at the negotiating table is leaving with one hundred percent satisfied, including myself. That being said, with legislation this large and this wide reaching, this -- there has to be a compromise. All compromise is based on give and take, and no good compromise leaves -- leaves everyone happy. What I can say is, I'm proud of the hard work from those in the room fighting to get this bill across the finish line. It's been a long haul. Again, this bill's not perfect, but it does ensure that our nuclear fleet stays operational and thousands of hardworking Illinoisans aren't forced out of jobs in communities that they love. I ask for an -

- Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. To ask the sponsor some questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Senator Hastings, the following questions are intended to establish legislative intent. To start with, I'd like to ask, what is the intent of the self-direct renewable portfolio standard compliance program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Senator. The intent is for the Illinois Power Agency to do all it can to encourage and to incentivize private investment in renewable energy through the self-direct program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Senator Hastings, can you explain the intent of the House of Worship exemption to the new prevailing wage requirements in the IPA Act?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Senator. The intent here is secular. We want to provide financial relief on projects that provide an entry to the solar market for small, emerging, and equity eligible contractors.

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This was intended to make it easier for new entrants who would benefit most from participation in the renewable industry to bid on projects.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

And, what effect will any legislation or legislative action or inaction have on the State and federal class action lawsuits currently pending against Commonwealth Edison and Exelon arising out of the conduct described in the Deferred Prosecution Agreement?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Senator. Any legislative action or inaction will not have any effect on those lawsuits. The court where those lawsuits are pending have jurisdiction to preside over and adjudicate those lawsuits on their merits through trial and appeal and to resolve all matters raised therein.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senators. Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senator Hastings, I first of all want to echo some of the sentiments here tonight to you, to our staff, to Senator Cunningham, for all the hard work, this has truly been -- quite

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the effort. With that being said, it is with a sincere heavy heart that I rise in opposition to this. First of all, I -- I won't go into a lot of what my colleagues have mentioned with the eminent domain, other than, since day one, I have said that this is a major issue and with all due respect, Senator Cunningham -- or Senator Hastings, I'm a little disturbed at the question that was posed to you just a -- a -- a couple speakers ago, as to how easy it was for you to answer that it's just seven counties, and it's only meant for this one time. Frankly, this is an unprecedented move to have a private company claim eminent domain, whether it's seven counties, or whether it's one acre of one man's farm. It shouldn't be done. It should never be done, and we shouldn't be talking about it. And again, this is something I've echoed since day one, and it's still in this legislation. Back to the negotiation process, this has been a heavy lift and a lot of negotiations, but I think, for the most part, we've been negotiating on the wrong basis. I think we've been negotiating on trying to appease certain groups, rather than appeasing what the ratepayers need, and what is best for them in baseload power production in our State. Four years ago -- a little over four years ago, we were here doing something very similar and, what I'm concerned with is two years after that passed, just two years ago, we started these negotiations because there was another fix needed. My fear is -- is that we're going to keep doing this over and over again. Especially, for our nuke plants. I have a nuke plant in my district. Nuclear power is the cleanest, most efficient, most affordable power there is on the planet today. And, if we keep doing the same things we're doing, keep negotiating to the interest groups, rather than what best for the consumer and for clean power,

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we're going to keep doing this every few years. I could point out one thing that I've noticed in the past five years, is the big push used to be, we need something clean, we need cleaner energy. All of the sudden, now, it's turned to not clean, but renewable. Well, why do you think that is? It's because all the wind and solar and inefficient power companies out there that are trying to get their hand in the taxpayer pot, don't want nuclear. They don't want nuclear power. That's why we've changed the narrative. It used to be clean, now it's renewable. Because we're just giving our nuclear power fleet right now, just enough to get by, until this comes up again. We're going to keep doing this over and over. You want to decarbonate our energy portfolio? I'm on board. Let's decarbonate. You want to create jobs? Stop subsidizing inefficient forms of power. If you do that, we won't need to talk about giving a subsidy to nuclear power. You want lower costs to the ratepayers, even cut their current costs? Stop subsidizing weak, inefficient power. We can build more nuclear plants without subsidies, create more jobs, more good paying labor jobs, time and time again, over and over, and keep, not only, feeding our State -- the baseload power of our State, but we could feed other states too. But we won't do that. We won't do that, because we keep negotiating on a false premise of trying to appease everybody, rather than doing what's best for the environment, and doing what's best for the ratepayer. We're going to -- I'm telling you right now, Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to keep doing this over and over again. We're going to be back here in two to four years to talk about another bailout for the nuclear power plants. Why? Not because nuclear is inefficient and they need it, but because they need a level playing field 'cause we keep subsidizing

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ineffective, inefficient, renewable power. Let's focus back on clean power.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR WILCOX:

Thank you, Madam President. Question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

So, to the Chairman of the committee, I will acknowledge that this has been my most favorite committee. The work you've done to make this viable and detailed has been impressive. So, I will go straight to a couple questions, rather than grandstand. Tomorrow, three hundred and seventeen million dollars in ratepayer dollars is set to return to consumers. Can you talk to us and tell us about how, under this current bill, that process unfolds while we wait for the House to take up this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator, to answer your question, the money's already started flowing back to the ratepayer at the effect of a million dollars a day. So, if we fail to -- to take action, that investment in the renewable energy, whether its wind or solar, will continue to deplete from that fund. And, it's important that we pass this legislation, so that we can continue to invest in our renewable energy resources.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

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SENATOR WILCOX:

And I don't want to mischaracterize, but you said a million dollars per day, does that mean the longer the House waits to take up this bill, the longer the Governor waits to sign this bill, that a million dollars a day is going to consumers equally throughout the State, or is -- are there some catches to where the residents of this State should understand exactly what that means? Is it a million dollars a day across the board?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Currently, the rebate applies to ComEd customers, as the Ameren tariff will begin later.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

And for the record, when exactly does that Ameren tariff start taking effect?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Next month, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Thank you for that clarification. For the second question, the work that you have done with our committee has been phenomenal, but during all of our Senate Energy Committee hearings, I kind of recall, plenty of testimony about how the program put in place

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under FEJA had, I won't say flaws, but, certainly areas that we could do better to ensure that the renewables we produced were competitive and cost effective. But I think, under this bill, we are still paying based on project estimates versus actual production. We are still making those payments so early in the project that many have claimed that that was not competitive or beneficial to the State, and that there was still limited accountability to the installers for actually producing what they estimated. Can you discuss how the program will change under this language to affect how the program was built under FEJA?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator -- Senator, if you could, can you just rephrase your question, maybe just in a little bit more of a condensed format? You're asking for accountability as to these programs. I just want to make sure that I'm -- I'm correct in terms of answering your question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Sure. Thank you, Energy Committee Chair. We heard that the FEJA program, maybe, was a little aggressive in payouts, in that it was based on estimates upon project submission rather than actual production of energy, and that they were paid very quickly upfront and that may have left accountability for the installers a bit lacking. Does that help?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes, Senator, so in terms of the way we fund our contracts, so, we fund contracts based on -- the energization of that contract. In this -- in this situation we have equity provisions where we do provide financial assistance to companies that are -- are diverse companies, but, right now, under the way the program is, and the way it will be moving forward, it's generally paid on energization of the -- of the contract itself, and that's usually spread over a twenty-year period.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

To include the -- the programs that deal with rooftop solar and community -- community solar, it's still going to be based on estimates of production -- at -- or does it now have language that addresses actual production retroactively to those payments?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So, Senator, just to elaborate more on my -- my previous answer, when it comes to the protection requirements associated with -- with these. The IPA would be permitted to do random onsite inspection and photo documentation of these projects, and then the IPA could also cancel the funding and prohibit certain developers from prohibiting -- or from participating in future procurement events or programs. And, when it comes to funding these programs, like I said before, outside of certain circumstances for minority-based contracts as per our equity provisions in this bill, generally their -- these -- their contracts are funded on the

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energization of that contract generally spread over a twenty-year period.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Thank you for that. As we go to the ratepayer impact, we've heard anything from expected three to four dollars per month. I believe there was some news release today projecting as much as fifteen dollars per month for single family homes, in -- in some territory. I would love to give you an opportunity to kind of talk through your assessment, 'cause I know we did not get full assessment from some of the organizations that we normally did during our committee hearings, and I'm going to guess they'll have time between now and the House taking up this bill. But, what do you know, at this point, about the ratepayer implications of the language in this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Throughout this process we've all been cognizant of the ratepayer impact. And, I will say that when it comes down to who it affects, there's three separate categories; that being the residential, the commercial, and industrial. And this is spread over a six-year period of time. And, so the average monthly increase is, on the residential, they would see a three percent increase on their monthly bill, which is a nominal fee. Commercial would be approximately five percent, industrial will be about seven percent. And I do believe that we provided your staff with that information as to how it would apply over a six-year period of

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time. And, I also do believe that the Citizens Utility Board has issued their -- their estimation as to how this would affect the ratepayer across all three categories.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

And, one last question, I got a chance to ask a little bit about the self-directed program during our Committee hearing earlier today, and had questions on how the allocation would be made for self-directed and it was mentioned that the IPA would kind of have that. I do have a -- a few recommendations that I can't say definitively come from the IPA, but they have mentioned that the allocation amount, maybe, should be proposed in a long-term plan, and put before the ICC plan for approval. If that structure is applied, then customers, who could take advantage of self-directed, might have the ability to intervene and provide arguments or evidence. And, then the other concern was this legislation does not address how they deal with competing applications when they have more demand than they have capacity available, and to avoid the licensing issues in marijuana. How do we project to deal with that, and is that something you'll be recommending to the House to address in an amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator, thank you very much for your recommendations. I do know that based on communications between you and I, I fully understand where your question -- line of questioning was going. So, in terms of the self-direct, we spoke previously in the

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committee and I want to make sure that it is elaborated on the Floor, that the IPA has the discretion to optimize how that's -- how that's distributed. So, and you and I both know, through our discussions with the IPA over the last two years, they do a fairly good job in figuring out a way to optimize the best mix for -- for those contracts. So, I hope that answers your question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

It does and -- and I know we have -- sorry, Madam President, I jumped the gun there. Are you ready for me?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

No worries, Senator Wilcox. Is this your last question or..

SENATOR WILCOX:

This is, and I just wanted to say thank you to the sponsor. You have gotten me closer to a Yes on this bill than I have ever been. You certainly heard concerns about the eminent domain, a little bit about the ethics, I'm -- I anxiously await what the House will do with this bill in hopefully making it better, as opposed to rolling back some of the things that you've worked hard to get into this version. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. President Harmon, to close. Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Sorry, Madam President, you're tired of hearing me. I've been going for a while here and I know everybody is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

I -- I think I -- I could probably get a few votes on that

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one.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I think everybody's tired and ready to go to bed. Yeah, yeah. I know that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I want to address a few things that have been brought up here in this. Number one, is the size of this bill and the time of this bill. If anyone here questions the contents of this bill, as to what's in it, that's your fault. I want to make sure that's crystal clear. For two years, and for God knows how long, we've been discussing this bill in committee and every committee we've taken the time to go in elaborate detail, step by step, point by point of everything in this bill. So, you can hold up a bill that has nine hundred and eighty-pages. You can never, never fault anyone for not educating the committee and educating the Chamber. I want to make sure that's crystal clear. When it comes to importing power from out of the State, and this notion of rolling blackouts, that's -- that's -- that's some boogeyman talk, if you're running for political office. There's -- there's mechanisms in this bill that will determine whether or not the baseload generation for this State is adequate enough to reach -- or to meet the demands of the consumers, and to ensure that our consumers not only have certainty in the power that they're about to receive, but as to the reliability of the grid. That's extremely important to recognize. When it comes to ignoring seventy-five percent of the State, we are about to make one of the most sweeping investments in the entire State of Illinois, not just one part of

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the State of Illinois. When it comes to creating jobs, when it comes to supporting your families, when it comes to making sure that we're creating jobs in this State that people want to have, I will say, whether you live in Clinton, where you have a nuclear power plant, those jobs are some of the highest paying jobs in the entire State of Illinois and especially in Clinton, we're not failing working-class families, because with this RPS investment, you're looking at fifty-thousand new jobs in the State of Illinois. And when it comes down to appeasing certain interest groups, let me tell you about what it -- what it's like to visit all six nuclear plants in the State of Illinois, and what it's like when you have to coach soccer next to an employee of one of the most efficient nuclear plants in the State coaching soccer. Let me give you a personal reference here, so you understand this. She says, "Mike, I have an opportunity to move to North Carolina, I have the opportunity to make more money, I have the opportunity to -- do a lot of great things for my family and provide stability, not have uncertainty in that job market." When you go up to Byron, Illinois, if you've ever visited Byron, Illinois, those are generational jobs. Those are jobs where grandpa, dad, and then the kid works at, to make -- because they take pride in their profession. They have extreme passion for their -- for their job, and they want to make sure that 2.3 million families or 2.3 million people in Rockford have power. That's what they want to do. They don't want to close. But when it's your turn to get -- when it's your turn to get yours, and to make sure that your plants are open, we're okay with this. But, when it's not your turn to get yours, or to get mine's, in the woke philosophy, for me being so awake at almost 1 o'clock in the morning, let me assure you that when it's

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yours -- you're always more than willing to vote for something. This bill is going to put Illinois on the map as being a leader in investing in renewable resources to save our nuclear fleet, to prevent five billion dollars in economic impact, a loss of that from happening. And it's not just one -- one party issue here, this is a both party issue, because we all know on both sides of this aisle, you have the same plants that we have in Braidwood, the same plants that we have in LaSalle, Byron, and Dresden, you all know that. I urge an Aye vote. I want to say thank you one more time. I want to say, thank you very much, to our President Pro Tem, Bill Cunningham, and our staff, Mary Hanahan, and other folks, and you know who you are, Selena, Chris, the -- the everybody who's been involved in this. Sometimes, some people have to take a step back to get their stuff in line, and in order to proceed with negotiations to make sure that we're able to pass a bill. And for that, I'm eternally grateful. I want to say, thanks again to Senator Cunningham for all of his hard work. I look forward to this bill passing and the Governor signing it. Thank you, Madam President and I'll stop talking.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

I -- you take my breath away. You gonna yield some time? Thank you, Senator Hastings. Mr. President, for a second close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. The hour is late, but I want to speak for just a moment about the work, both the work done and the work ahead. In my entire time in the Senate, this may be the most complicated bill and the most challenging negotiation of which I've ever been a part. I want to thank the Energy Committee, with its able Chair, Mike Hastings, and Vice-Chair, Laura Ellman, who

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both threw themselves into energy policy in a way that helped to educate and inform the entire Senate. Our working group, in particular, Senator Belt, Senator Villanueva, and Senator Castro, who led negotiations on the equity components to make sure that the green economy is one that benefits all and creates opportunities across our State. Giovanni Randazzo, on our staff, on the legal staff, did great work. And particular, two people who at times were exerting superhuman powers, Senator Hastings mentioned them both, but Mary Hanahan, on our legal staff, who just never stops working and working well. And, on behalf of all of our Members, President Pro Tem Bill Cunningham, who has done so with remarkable grace and composure at every turn. The work has resulted in an excellent, excellent bill. One of which we can all be proud. I met earlier today, as I have several times lately, with the Governor and the Speaker, and I will tell you that we have very willing and able partners in both to get this across the finish line. In particular, because our efforts to listen to the Governor's priorities, to ensure that there is a hard close of carbon-emitting plants, and that there are no special deals. We heard loud and clear the requirements he would have to sign the bill. Now, because the locus of these negotiations for the last three months have been in the Senate, they both asked for a little more time for us to get together and move forward in a united fashion. A reasonable request under the circumstances. So tonight, by sending a Senate Bill over to the House with the capacity to continue negotiations and to amend it in a way that might make the bill even better, we send this bill over in good faith knowing that we will have a partner in the Speaker in the House of Representatives and a partner in the Governor and his

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team to make sure that we address these critical issues. Because, as so many of you have said, this -- inaction has consequences, and this is urgent. And there are so many folks that I'm worried about. I'm worried about the nuclear power plant workers staring up at the ceiling right now wondering if she's going to have a job or going to have to move her family out-of-State. I'm worried about the small business owner, who's deciding whether or not to even make more investments in Illinois, and whether all that money already sunk into the business is going to pay off. And I'm worried about young people like my seventeen-year-old, who still wonder if the grownups are ever going to get serious about climate change. With this bill, we send a message to all of them. That we are serious about tackling this problem in a way that makes Illinois the epicenter of the green economy, invest in our people, invest in our infrastructure, invest in our business community, makes Illinois a low-power State. We can get this done. I believe the Speaker and the Governor both believe we can get this done in a matter of days. And so, I ask you all for your Aye votes, to send this over for continued negotiations to make an excellent bill even better.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Mr. President. The question is, shall Senate Bill 18 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Bush. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Yes, for continued negotiations.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Senator Crowe.

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SENATOR CROWE:

Crowe votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Crowe votes No. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Yes. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Jones votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Jones votes Yes. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam votes Yes. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Senator Hastings, you had me as close to a Yes as I've ever been. Senator Wilcox will vote Present, at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Wilcox votes Present. Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 39 voting Yea, 16 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 18, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

What's your point, Senator?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

I'll be very brief, I -- I know yesterday was a long day. I -- I know when the Republicans went downstairs earlier yesterday for a ceremony, Senator Hastings stood and spoke on this topic. Obviously, we're all aware of what's occurring in -- in Afghanistan right now, and the twenty-four hundred U.S. men and women who -- who lost their lives over there, including the thirteen in the most recent tragic situation. I wanted to -- to let everyone in -- in -- in the Body know that I -- I filed a Senate Resolution 487, SR 487. I think, pretty much everyone on our side of the aisle has signed on to that. It honors everyone who has served in Afghanistan and -- it -- it -- it mentions, of course, everyone that's lost their lives and talks about the -- the troubling situation over there. I wanted to offer the opportunity to my friends on the other side of the aisle to sign on to SR 487. Since we're not going to see each other for a while, I'd like you to take a look at that. It's true -- it's a tragedy for our nation. But a lot of great men and women have gone over there to fight for freedom and we should highlight their service to our country and to the people of the world. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Thank you, Senator. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions. Mr. Secretary, 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 52.

Offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads House Joint Resolution No. 52)

Adopted by the House, August 31st, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 52, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 52. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 52.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 52. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Hunter moves for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 52. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Point of personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Terrible oversight. I would like to highlight that -- that SR 487 was -- was mainly drafted by our staffer, Noah Finley, who served boots on the ground in Afghanistan, and, obviously, would like to thank Noah for his service as well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes sir, thank you. We will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. And the resolutions are adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 52, the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.