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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Communication from the President. Letter dated October 27th, 2021.

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

Don Harmon, Senate President.

Messages from 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 101.

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

House Amendment {sic} 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 101. Passed the House, as amended, October 28th, 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 1169.

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

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House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1169. Passed the House, as amended, October 28th, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, the Senate stands adjourned until October 28th, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., or until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will please come to order. In place of the invocation today, I ask all Senators and those watching the proceedings to observe a moment of silence in accordance with your beliefs and in honor of those lost during the pandemic. Please rise for a moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed) Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bennett, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR BENNETT:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Bennett)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Richard Millard, Blueroomstream requests permission to video stream. Leave is granted. Mike -- Mike Miletich from Gray TV requests permission to record. Leave is granted. And Cole Henke from WCIA request permission to record. Leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and the Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, October 27th, 2021.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Madam President, I move to postpone the readings and approval

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of the Journal just read by the Secretary, pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 610 through 612, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

They are all celebration of life resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments, will you please come to the President's Anteroom, immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. (at ease) 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: Refer to Executive Committee - Senate Joint Resolution 36, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 1769, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3512, Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 101, and a Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1169; refer to State Government Committee - Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 594; Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 3136 and Senate Bill 1420.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

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Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1420.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Announcements as it relates to meetings for this afternoon. Committee meetings this afternoon will be Executive at 2:30 in Room 212 or virtually. State Government will also meet at 2:30 in Room 409 and also a virtual option. Exec in 212. State Government in 409, both at 2:30 with a virtual option. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HUNTER:

For the purpose of an announcement. The Senate Democrats will caucus in the Senate President's Office at 1:45 p.m. today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. The Senate Democrats is requesting a caucus in President Harmon's Office at 1:45. Leader Curran, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CURRAN:

Thank you, Madam President. For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your announcement, Senator.

SENATOR CURRAN:

The Senate Republicans would request a caucus immediately in the Senate Republican Leader's Office for one hour.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senate Republicans request a caucus,

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immediately, in Leader's McConchie's Office for one hour. The regular Session 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 CUNNINGHAM)

The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Castro, Chair of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1420, and Motions to Concur House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 101, and House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1169, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1769, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3512 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Landek, Chair of the Committee on State Government reports Senate Amendments 2 and 4 to House Bill 594 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

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 280.

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

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the Senate, to wit:

House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 280. We have received liked messages on Senate Bill 336 with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3. Senate Bill 1139 with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3. Passed the House, as amended, October 28th, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2953, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Cole Henke and Chris Webb from WCIA Channel 3 seek leave to video and audiotape today's proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Holmes.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you so much, Mr. President, pursuant to Senate Rule 4-1(e), I move that Senators Aquino, Collins, Ellman, Harris, Stewart, Van Pelt, and Villivalam be allowed to participate and vote remotely for today's Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall Senators Aquino, Collins, Ellman, Harris, Stewart, Van Pelt, and Villivalam be allowed to participate and vote remotely for the October 28th, 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. And the motion carries, and Senators Aquino, Collins, Ellman, Harris, Stewart, Van Pelt, and Villivalam

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are allowed to participate and vote remotely for the October 28th, 2021, Session Day. Senator Joyce, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR JOYCE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Please, state your point.

SENATOR JOYCE:

Today is First Responder's Day in Illinois and I'd like to take a moment to recognize and remember the first responders that lost their lives protecting our communities and extend gratitude to all first responders for continuously putting their lives on the line for the citizens of Illinois. There's no question that our first responders have difficult jobs. That's why we decided that this day as a way to celebrate the courage and strength of these remarkable emergency workers in our communities. This day specifically thanks 911 dispatchers, as well as firefighters, police officers, and emergency medical technicians, and paramedics for their commitment to the Illinois' public safety. I encourage everyone to pause and reflect today on the contributions of first responders in our communities. Thank you. (Moment of silence observed).

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President, for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

State your point.

SENATOR MORRISON:

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On January 6th, 2021, our nation's capital came under attack. Hundreds of brave men and women stood on our country's doorsteps, ready to make the ultimate sacrifice to save their brothers and sisters in the line of duty and to protect our freedoms. Among those people was thirty-five-year-old, Jeffrey Smith. In the middle, of what Jeffrey hoped would be just another day on the job, shots rang out, windows were broken, and he feared for his life. Despite making it home safely that frightening January day, Jeffrey couldn't shake what he saw and what he experienced. The days following January 6th, he didn't leave his house. He refused to talk to anyone. He couldn't sleep. On January 14th, the pain and suffering Jeffrey was experiencing led him to commit suicide. He left behind his wife Erin, and his parents, Richard and Wendy, who live in my district in Northbrook. Mr. Jeffrey Smith's life ended far too soon. I grieve for his family and the families of other officers who have been taken -- who have since taken their lives because of the devastation they experienced on January 6th. Please join me for a moment of silence to honor the life of Fallen U.S. Capitol Police Officer, Jeffrey Smith.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please rise for a Moment of silence. (Moment of silence observed). Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Mr. President, I just want to say good evening, sir. I'm always excited to see you in the Chair, it's very exciting. Do you know what else would be exciting? If we got started. Is there a plan for that anytime soon or what's the -- what can you give us some direction for where we're at for the evening here, sir?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Rose, the Senate has been called into Session, as far as I'm concerned, we have started.

SENATOR ROSE:

Obviously, obviously very -- very excited. Thank you, Mr. President, for -- you're very helpful.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The Committee on Assignments will meet immediately in the President's Anteroom. All Members of the Committee on Assignments please report to the President's Anteroom. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1420, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 1769, Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 3136. Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 280. Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 336. And Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 1139. Re-referred from Executive Committee to the Committee on Assignments: Senate Joint Resolution 36.

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 - Senate Joint Resolution 36.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Senator Lightford, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Ladies and Gentlemen, please come to the Senate Floor for Floor action. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please come to the Senate Floor for final action. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, please turn your Calendars to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, the top of page 5. House Bills 3rd Reading the top of page 5. We will begin with Leader Cunningham on House Bill 3136. Senator Cunningham seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3136 to the Order of 2nd Reading, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3136. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. Floor Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill, I move for its adoption and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Madam President, I do not wish to adopt Floor Amendment 3.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Most certainly, Senator. Are there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Mr. Secretary, Floor Amendment No. 3 has been withdrawn. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank -- thank you, Madam President. Floor Amendment No. 4 makes a couple technical changes related to dates and transfers of funds. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. The Nays, say 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 House Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill 3136. Mr. Secretary, please read the gentleman's bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3136.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Leader Cunningham.

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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3136, as amended, makes a number of changes to the State's gaming statutes. I remind Members of this Chamber that the House did pass this gaming bill very late on the last day of Session in the Spring, actually came here after midnight on May 31st, we could not get to it then. We promised we would take it up during Veto Session and that's what we're doing here today. This bill is -- takes all the elements of that original bill which was Senate Bill 521 and adds two changes to it. First, some of the highlights of the original bill, it allows fire protection agencies and their associations to organize charitable raffles, makes some changes at the request of the gaming board to allow for the harmonization of licenses. It allows the Wintrust Arena to be eligible for a sports facility, sports wagering license. This is important, it'll allow the home of a women's professional sports team to be on the same plane as the men's sports teams in the City of Chicago. It temporarily allows betting on Illinois collegiate teams as long as the bet is made in person and not related to an individual athlete's performance. And it allows non-home rule units of government to impose licensing fees, sticker fees on video gaming terminals up to two-hundred and fifty dollars. I mentioned there are two new elements to the bill, I'll address those now. One, it will move a date that was in the original bill by which local municipalities have to pass a local push tax on video gaming terminals, the date will be moved from June 1st, where it was in the original bill, to November 1st in the new bill. Any town opting into this push tax would have to have done it before November 1st. I want to point out that that tax is right now being contested in court, no town has imposed

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this tax, they won't be able to unless the courts allow that to move forward. The second element -- new element to this bill also involves a date, it creates a date certain by which people in Illinois can register online for sports betting apps. The original gaming bill, you might recall, that we passed in 2019, required all sports betting registration for online apps to occur in person, at casinos and race tracks. There is a time element, eighteen months by which that would go away. There's also a requirement that the Gaming Board has to license a statewide gaming provider in order for the in-person requirement to go away. What we put in this bill is a date to ensure that that happens by March 5th. This will be important. It will allow the State to collect revenue related to what's expected to be many downloads before the NCCA tournament. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I would ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I'd just like to thank the Senator for his work on this. This is a longtime coming, and as he mentions, this addresses many, many concerns, but the result of this is going to make for a stronger gaming economy in Illinois. And again, I just want to take the time to say thank you to the Senator for his leadership on this and getting this finally over the finish line. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Senator Cunningham, do you wish to? Senator Cunningham, to close please.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Madam President. I just want to return the thank you's to Senator Syverson, the Republican point person on this matter, always good to work with him and I appreciate his counsel throughout this process. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The question is, shall House Bill 3136 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes No. Excuse me, I should've said Aquino votes Yes. Collins votes No. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Can you repeat that, Senator? Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Yes, Madam President. Thank you. Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. Senator Ellman votes Yes, but we're not able to

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see her or any of the legislators on the board. Is there a correction need to be made? Senator Aquino. Senator Aquino. Just so we could see you. Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Aquino votes Yes. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes No. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Harris votes Yes. Senator Stewart -- Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Van Pelt.
Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 44

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voting Yea, 12 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3136, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Yes, Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam President. A moment of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR FOWLER:

If I can have everyone's attention for just a second, I'd really appreciate it. I think we all know how important our staff are to each and every one of us. It gives me, you know, with sadness but also a pleasure for one of our staff members is going to be leaving us to seek a once in a lifetime opportunity and that's Maddison Harner. Maddison has been a staple in this Chamber for -- since 2014, running around with a camera in her hands for a long time and just recently became fulltime writer for myself and three other colleagues here on the other good Senate side. Maddison, I can't tell you about, though her worth ethic I think you all know how important she has been, she's been incredible to me and for those that she works for in the Senate. She's going to be missed but to have an opportunity and -- and to take a -- an opportunity that is a once in a lifetime to -- to have an opportunity to better, herself-- herself, I'm happy for her for that because that's -- as we all know, that's what life is really all about. And not only does she write for me and some of my other colleagues here, but she also helps me when she's off State time with my 501-C3 not-for-profit charity, her heart, that she's thrown into what I try to do to clothe underprivileged children and --

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and feed hungry people with my meal kitchens. To be able to help me promote what I try to do, for her to show her passion to be able to do that, as well, and I know I'm going to be leaning on her to continue that relationship, which I'm extremely excited about. She might be leaving this Chamber. May not see her on this Floor, but to know that I'm going to have an opportunity to continue to work with her outside of State business is -- is meaning a life, you know, it's very important to me. Again, as I mentioned, she started here in 2014. I think we all know, what she's not only meant to us on the Republican Senate side, but probably what she's meant to you, as well. And when she sat down with me, Tuesday, in my office, and told me. It was tough to take and she said she almost turned it down, even though this is an opportunity that she couldn't really pass up. She almost turned it down because of the love she has for what she does. The love she has for what she does in this building, the love she has for those she works for. Maddison, we're going to miss you. I don't know who's going to cry more me or you, you know.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Congratulations and good luck.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Madam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

You're welcome, Senator. Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. I also rise for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point, Senator.

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SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. I'm one of those other legislators that Maddison has been tasked with writing for and helping to frame the things that I want to say sometimes and then -- and, in coming over here, I remember talking to the Chief of Staff, and I said, I really need somebody who is not afraid of me and somebody who will reel me in from time to time, and somebody who -- I just had this conversation with someone else today, I said, you know once in a while someone needs to say to me, that's really stupid and if they want to they can say, if it makes them feel better, you can say, Senator, that's really stupid and, you know, I like to surround myself with very strong minded, strong personality women and Maddison has certainly filled that role. The other thing I think is really important for communications people, and I learned this in my time over in the House, is to learn your cadence. To learn how you're going to say something, to learn your district, and I think she's writing for four of us. So, to learn a region and have Senators that represent, I'd say, probably forty-fiveish counties of the hundred and two in this State, she's got to know a lot about this State and so she's going to be missed. I applaud her in her new adventure and I just want to say, thank you to you officially.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, congratulations again and we wish you nothing but the best. Okay, we're going to turn our attention back to the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, on page 5, we will continue on with House Bill 3512. Senator Sims. Senator Sims seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3512 to the Order of 2nd Reading, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, is House Bill 3512. Mr.

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Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sims.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims, on Floor Amendment No. 1, please.

SENATOR SIMS:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Yes, Senator. 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 House Bill 3512. The gentleman indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3512.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 3512, includes the second trailer to the SAFE-T Act. The bill makes various technical

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changes and addresses implementation challenges with body cameras, body camera footage labeling, detaining phone calls, officer decertification in training, and also mandatory supervised release and pretrial services. I know of no opposition, will answer any questions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Madam President. I'd like to speak to the bill, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

You'd like to speak to the bill?

SENATOR ROSE:

Yes -- yes, Madam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Senator Sims, I -- I -- I read these changes to the trailer bill that -- it's a trailer bill to what passed at three o' clock in the morning and eight hundred pages and fifty-eight minutes of filing and this, would note, this is the second time we're back here, again. But at some point in time, we have to get serious about the violent crime in this State and I just pulled up another one, I read one yesterday on the Floor of this Chamber. Champaign man charged, shooting -- shooting at a car Friday, October 22nd, outside of Circle K, arrested, ten rounds nine-millimeter shell casings found. And, you know what, he had a 2020 adjudication for aggravated discharge of a firearm, 2020,

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adjudication for aggravated discharge of a firearm and he's walking the streets to allegedly shoot at a car as it drives by. You guys gave the State of Illinois, fifty-eight minutes notice, at 3 a.m. in the morning. I filed those bills over two weeks ago. This Chamber, this State, we got to get serious about this. You're back here again, fixing it. Maybe. Doesn't go far enough that's for sure, your witness intimidation is still getting bond. Number one problem in law enforcement, witness intimidation and they're getting bond from the bill in January. And here we are again, another one, where's it end? That's all I have to say. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. Question for the sponsor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator. Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. So, I'm just sort of glossing over this. So, there's a discussion in here, Senator, on page a hundred and sixty-four about three phone calls and it says that one of which can be -- well it can be to members of their family or others. And it also discusses that those phone calls can be either on a cellphone or on a landline. So my guess -- my question is, what if the person being arrested is accused of either sexually assaulting or doing something horrible to one of those family members and what if the cellphone call, which would not be recorded

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the way jail phone calls are record, {sic} is to a member of that family or to the victim to attempt to intimidate them. What protections are there for them in this piece of legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Madam President. Well, Senator, certainly as you know and understand, if the accused engages in a course of conduct that would then subsequently be -- would be illegal, that can then be prosecuted. I would remind, my good friend on the other side of the aisle, that this language was negotiated between the State's attorneys, this is agreed language, mind you, between the State's attorneys and the public defenders. So, this is language they -- that both groups have agreed as workable, have agreed is the best option available to make sure that the accused has access to the phone calls that they need to make sure they can contact their attorneys, but also to make sure that someone knows where they are.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. So, there's also a piece in this legislation, it's my understanding, and that's why I'm asking the question, Senator, regarding pretrial services. I guess the first question is how does this legislation affect, if at all, pretrial services in this State for people accused of committing crimes?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

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Thank you, Madam President. Senator, I would point you to the fact that nearly half of all of counties in the State of Illinois, fifty-three counties in the State of Illinois, have no version of pretrial services, number one. Number two, the Illinois Supreme Court, as administered by the administrative offices of the Supreme Court, requested this change to be able to authorize and to begin the creation of those services. So, that's what this legislation does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. Okay, so it authorizes these services. First of all, I agree that preservice -- pretrial services are important and I think every county should have them. However, I think there's confusion that they're authorized. So, how does that process work? So let's just say a current county that does not have pretrial services, under this bill, would have to get pretrial services, do they have the ability to hire folks to do that? Do they have money to hire folks to do that? How does that process work?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Senator, I'm sure that you are aware that pretrial services is a service of the court and it is a -- it is under the purview of the court which is why the language specifically says that the Supreme Court is encouraged, not required. Under, as I'm sure my friend knows, under the separation of powers, the legislature cannot infringe on the authority of another branch of government.

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So we are encouraging the judiciary to then have the ability to create those services and make sure that the -- the -- that the services are established Statewide as pursuant to the SAFE-T Act.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Madam President, I'll speak to the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Well, you know, here we are again trying to fix a bill that was horrendous. The second trailer bill to try to fix a terrible bill and, quite honestly, the language in here, which doesn't protect victims as it relates to the communication of a person who may or may not accused of doing something horrendous to them, is extremely troubling. There's a big difference, big difference with someone being allowed to make a phone call to a family member on a cellphone which is not recorded, which can be done away from law enforcement versus when they're in custody in jail. All of those jail phone calls are recorded. I have prosecuted cases involving, particularly, a gang member in Springfield, who was attacking, in custody, a member of a rival gang who is a witness to something that that person had done. With this legislation that incident would not have been prosecuted because it would've been potentially done on a cellphone away from law enforcement. So, the -- and this is just the tip of the iceberg here, I -- there are some good provisions in this that do make some positive changes but I think the negotiating here is unfortunate, our side of the aisle was not involved, and all of these law enforcement agencies

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are in this horrendous position where they've got an atrocious bill. We have a record number of sheriffs not running for re-election, we have a record deficit of law enforcement folks that we need to stop these crimes in our State and morale is at an all-time low. So, they're of course, going to come to the table and agree to things because they have no choice, the status quo, as is, based on this atrocious piece of legislation, is something that they can't -- they can't protect our State with. So, they were forced to come to the table here because they had no choice and there's going to need to be, you know, fifty more trailer bills here because this -- you know, as we're speaking, I'm sure someone is getting shot in our State and dying and we're sitting here focused on the wrong things, unfortunately. It -- it is time, to Senator Rose's point, let's get serious about crime. We will work with you. And, I mean that, and unfortunately, we're just not addressing crime right now. And I think the people of this State are tired of it. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR BUSH:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BUSH:

I'd like to ask some questions. Thank you very much, Madam President. I'd like to ask some questions for legislative intent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Did you say you would like to ask the sponsor your ...?

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SENATOR BUSH:

I'm sorry, I would like to ask some questions of...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

The sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR BUSH:

The sponsor. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

You know, we don't like it late, some of us. Anyway, so, thank you very much for helping me along there. So, why is Section 1.5 being added to the Pretrial Services Act?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Senator. This language affirms the Illinois Supreme Courts authority to establish a pretrial services apparatus to support Illinois counties without a pretrial -- without pretrial services, as required by Section 1 of the Pretrial Services Act. The Court's newly established Office of Statewide Pretrial Services will provide comprehensive support to all Illinois jurisdictions that do not currently provide pretrial services as required by the Act. This comprehensive support is critical to ensure public safety and to ensure the successful implementation of the Pretrial Fairness Act provisions of Public Act 101-652.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

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How many counties do not -- do not provide pretrial services?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Senator, presently fifty-three counties are without pretrial services. In these counties, the Office of Pretrial Services, will ensure that pretrial reports are prepared and provided to the judge, state's attorney, and defense counsel, bond reports and risk assessments for all defendants prior to bond count and will -- bond court and will provide supportive supervision to all individuals ordered to pretrial service supervision.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Will Section 1.5 adversely impact the Court's current reimbursements to counties for pretrial officer salaries?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

No. Pretrial officer salaries that are currently reimbursed by the county pursuant to the Act will not be affected by this amendment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Will this amendatory language have any impact upon current employees of established circuit-based agencies that provide pretrial services, including employees covered by collective bargaining agreements?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Does Section 1.5 have any impact upon employees working in the specialty courts, such as drug court?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

No. This -- this amendment will not impact employees currently working in specialty courts. Pretrial staff employed by the Office of Pretrial Services will not perform duties outside of those required by the Act and of those ordered pursuant to Public Act 101-652.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Madam President. I have no further questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. A couple questions of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield, Senator Bryant.

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SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Senator, I -- I want to make sure that I heard you right. So, when you were talking about the three phone calls issue, you said that it was negotiated between the State's Attorney's Office and the Defense Attorney's is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

That is correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

So, the State's Attorney's Offices are now totally okay with the three phone calls, with allowing them to get three more phone calls if they move to a different jurisdiction. That they're allowed to use a cellphone and that they're to be given the cellphone so that they can look at their phone numbers. They're okay with all of that stuff that was in the original bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Senator, that -- that is -- first of all the -- the language of the bill allows for the three phone calls under -- pursuant to the place of detention, but that yes, the State's Attorneys are -- they have signed -- signed a letter saying that they are in support of the language as written.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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So, they're okay with it because they got only -- I mean because you -- you gave them everything they wanted or because they are going to be satisfied with the only thing they could get?
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Senator, you are asking me to interpret the reason why the State's Attorneys are okay. I am telling you that we have correspondence from the State's Attorney's Association saying that they are in support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Okay. So, I just want to be -- I -- okay -- thank you for those answers. So, I just want to be clear, they're still allowed three phone calls at each -- so if they move from one jurisdiction -- I think I'm using the right terminology, they have to be transferred to another jurisdiction, they get another three phone calls and they're allowed to use their cellphone, of which their allowed to look at all their contacts, and I believe they have to be allowed to dial that themselves that was the original language, is that still the language in this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Senator, I would -- first of all, the Section that you were just referencing about access to the individual's phone is no longer in the language. So, I would refer you to the language of the amendment on page 166 that specifically outlines the ability

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for an individual to have access to three phone calls. Because what we can -- repeatedly heard from law enforcement officers was that there are cases in which the law enforcement officer will hand their own cell phone to an individual, who is in custody, for them to make the phone call. So, we were attempting to codify that -- that process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

That's all, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martwick, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. Just a couple of brief questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Senator Sims, we've had a -- a robust discussion about some of the particulars of the bill, questions about, specifics about, what State's Attorneys would agree to or not agree to. I'm a former Assistant State's Attorney but it was a long time ago but I just want to ask a couple of quick clarifying questions. You said that the State's Attorneys were in support of this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

Again, we have correspondence from the State's Attorneys Association saying that they support these provisions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, and the -- the public defenders, representatives of the courts, pretrial services, probation, sheriffs, State Police, Illinois FOP, Chicago FOP Lodge 7, were those -- which -- were any of those people excluded from this discussion about these provisions that went into this trailer bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

No sir. They were all involved in those discussions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

And which one of those are opposed to this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Sims.

SENATOR SIMS:

None of them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, a very robust debate, you know, I love a citizen legislature where we want to be involved

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and we want to weigh in on these processes and we all should, that's what we got elected to. But, at some point, we have to kind of suggest that those people that are experts in this process, who have been included in, have participated at this level, that we should trust their judgement. And Senator Sims, I want to congratulate you. While, you know, this was a very big bill initially, these processes with these trailers' bills, I've been honored to have been a part of them. I think that they have included everyone that is a stakeholder. You have addressed their concerns, on both sides of this building, in a reasonable fashion, and the evidence is that these bills are going out on an agreed basis. We should accept that. It's time to own up that we don't live in the past, we live in the present, we live in the future, and what this is, is good legislation. We should all be voting Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Madam President. You know, I -- as -- throughout the process I have talked about the -- not just the passage of the SAFE-T Act, but what the SAFE-T Act was attempting to accomplish. And the SAFE-T Act was attempting to accomplish the ability for us to reimagine what public safety looks like in the State of Illinois. We have done that. But, what I find incredibly ironic is that some in this Chamber would say -- would classify the SAFE-T Act as a terrible piece of legislation, when out of the other side of their mouths they double down on failed policies of the past or individuals would say -- would talk about public safety but then out of the other side of their mouths vote against budgets

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which invest in communities or vote against policies that would improve communities. You cannot have it both ways. Either, you are on the side of reimagining what public safety looks like or you are not. This bill, and coincidentally, there is nothing -- we have trailer bills all the time, including earlier this evening we passed a trailer -- we've passed trailer bills on other legislation, it is not uncommon. So, to somehow classify this as some -- some kind of anomaly is clearly erroneous. We have worked with all parties involved. We brought all parties to the table, we engaged them and to -- and somehow indicate or try to say that they were forced into agreements is patently false. This is good legislation. It is sound legislation, it is -- is -- it was negotiated between all parties and that's why you do not see anyone in opposition to this legislation. With that, Madam President, I'll ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. The question is, shall House Bill 3512 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Yes. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

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Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3512, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sims, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SIMS:

Madam President, on a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

State your point, Senator.

SENATOR SIMS:

Thank you, Madam President. Anyone who knows me, just even a little bit, knows the reverence and the admiration that I have for our staffs. As a former staffer, myself, I know the work that goes into it. So, whenever we have the opportunity to celebrate one of our staff people who are moving on and up, it is both a moment of triumph but a moment of sadness. We have a young woman

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who has been standing by my side for a number of years through criminal justice reform measures and she is one of our very talented lawyers, Erica Tremble is leaving us. You know, when I was a staff member, I would say to our staff, you know, you have three obligations as a staff person, to be conscientious, to be detailed oriented, and to be selfless. That personifies Erica. A University of Maryland graduate, with a degree in criminal justice, criminology, government, and politics, and maybe one of her only irredeemable accomplishments, a law degree from DePaul University School of Law. Erica is committed to improving the quality of life for those who she serves. Just a short list of the indelible mark that Erica has left on the Illinois Senate includes, working on the SAFE-T Act, legislation addressing student athlete compensation, the creation of remedies for non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images, the creation of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act, requiring restaurants and truck stops to train employees in recognizing human trafficking, the modernization of statutory language to provide protection against unwanted contact in online and electronic platforms, the creation of the Illinois Way Forward Act, and the list goes on and on. But I would be remiss if I did not also talk about her being great at cemetery legislation. While serving as Chairman of the Illinois Senate's Criminal Law Committee, we did not typically have an agreed bill process, but I was proud in working with my colleague on the other side of the aisle, then led by -- my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, but then led by my former House colleague, Senator Bryant Stewart, to implement that. And Erica was a huge part of our ability to be able to do that because of the credibility that she had, not only from her

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colleagues in the -- on the staff side but from Members. Erica you will be truly missed and as I think about all that we have done I think about the words of Helen Keller that, "alone we can do (so) little; but together we can do so much." And we have done so much good together. Erica, you will be truly missed and on behalf of the Illinois Senate we wish you God speed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Good luck. Good luck, Erica, congratulations. All the best. Senator Connor, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CONNOR:

Personal privilege, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you, Madam. I just want to briefly reiterate what Leader Sims has said and just to say to Erica, I'm sorry that your shoulders are so sore from carrying me in my first year as Chair of the Criminal Law Committee. So, thank you very much for everything that you have done for me in this first year, you are an amazing person to work with and I think you're going to just have an amazing career from here on. So, thank you very much, Erica.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Good job. Senator Peters, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PETERS:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR PETERS:

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In our roles, we have some incredible people who work behind the scenes, particularly, helping us give us a voice to the public. And we all know that when we have folks who are there and catch our essence in who we are to the public and our voice, how important that is and how sad it is to see people leave. I rise today to thank my communication specialist, Matt Walsh, who came in and realized that he had a passionate, intense Senator to work with. One who manages to have a statement on everything and manages to make the best statements out of all of that, and he's moving on to bigger and better things. And even though he's from Oaklawn, which is on -- south suburbs, and a Cubs fan, he's an amazing person. I'm grateful for his work, and I hope everyone here can wish him well. So, thank you, Matt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Congratulations and good luck. Senator Muñoz, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

We'll now proceed to page 3 of the Calendar. House Bill 594. Senator Lightford, seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 594 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, House Bill 594. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Floor Amendment No. 2 -- oh, I'd be happy to debate this on 3rd, Senator. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Majority Leader Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd be happy to discuss Amendment No. 4. I move for its adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 594.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Majority Leader Lightford, on your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, the bill, as amended, includes various task force dates and confirming changes. There's a number of agencies that will be

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enacted, the State Health Plan, the Whole Child Task Force, the Education Pillar Cleanup, Inclusive American History Task Force, the Commission on Poverty Elimination, the Rare Disease Commission Act, the Access and Functional Needs Council, Kidney Task Force, Future of Work Task Force, Local Journalism Task Force, Farmer Equity Study, UI Speed Bump, Single Prime and Design Bid Build Procurement, the Illinois Health Information Exchange and Technology Act, Mechanics Lien Demand and Referral Pilot Program, Lake County Children's Advocacy Center, School District Inter-fund transfers, the IPA Act Home Rule Preemption, CMS conforming changes, Governors Budget address date change, and date change for the Energy Assistance Act. It did come out on the agreed bill list but I would definitely be willing to answer questions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

To the bill, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Bill, Senator.

SENATOR ROSE:

Hot dang. This is the day, Leader Lightford, I'm voting for this bill. I'm excited about this bill. I would like you to co -- I would like you to add me as a co-sponsor. Hell is freezing over as we speak. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Majority Leader Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

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What does a girl have to do? I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall House Bill 594 pass All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? On that question, there are 58 voting -- correction, take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 594, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 2 of the Calendar, House Bill 302. Senate Bill 302. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 302.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Majority Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just checking to see if we were adopting amendments. I'm happy to bring Senate Bill 302 to the Body. It removes all agreements, duties, and mentions of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation. It also includes removing the foundation CEO from the Board of Trustees, eliminating all terms of the mutual cooperation document. It eliminates the annual report of income and expenditures in ceasing the foundation's operation of food service and retail activities. The amendment also mandates that the Illinois State Historian shall have expertise on the history of at least one underrepresented minority group, and all official duties of the State historian are removed, and the term limit and term extensions for the State Historian is for two years. It also provided for some statutory cleanup language due to the separation of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum Library as its own stand-alone agency. There's

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a variety of references to the Illinois Historical Library that were overlooked when that took place in 2017. So, the ALPLM is the Illinois Historical Library. So, cleanup clarifies those changes. That's all the bill does. The goal of the Museum is to seek more transparency and accountability, seek to raise their own funds that will go to the Library and Museum instead of a private entity, and to also remove any statutory confusion regarding who manages the donations in the fundraising development. I'd be happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 302 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 302, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Majority Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

I -- I seek a verification on that last bill. Just kidding, Mr. President. Just making sure we all awoke.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed.

SENATOR ROSE:

Leader Lightford, you got two in a row. Don't press your luck, okay?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Page 6 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 1040. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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I move to Concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1040.

Signed by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1040 has come back to us from the House with an amendment that would help Westlake Hospital, a hospital in my district that recently closed. It would -- if they reopen allow the hospital to use the same reimbursement rates for the additional Medicaid payments. I'm not aware of any opposition to the bill. It could apply to two other hospitals that have closed and are within the window for reopening, but I am not aware of any plans for those hospitals to reopen at this point. Happy to try to answer any questions if you have them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Any discussion? The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 2 to Senate Bill 1040. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1040, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 2 to Senate Bill 1040, and the bill is declared passed. We'll now proceed to the Senate Supplemental Calendar. Senate Bill 1420. Leader McConchie. Mr. Secretary, read the motion. Read the bill. Correction, we have a recall. Leader McConchie seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1420 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1420. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator McConchie.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Leader McConchie, on your amendment.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd ask that the Body adopt it and I'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator McConchie.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Leader McConchie, on your amendment.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

I would also ask that the Body adopt it and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1420.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Leader McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This is in regards to a fire department who has entered into a governmental agreement with a neighboring firing {sic} department to provide services for the area even though that department was supposed to dissolve, unfortunately, the trustees who are subsequently appointed, ended up continuing to keep the now empty fire station going, taking salaries and using the station for parties. So, this would, actually, require the dissolution of a defunct district. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1420 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

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SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1420, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Joint Resolution 36. Senator Jones. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 36, offered by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Joint Resolution 36, urges the Office of Attorney General to establish a task force to establish the creation of a statewide conviction integrity unit within its office. The State conviction integrity unit will identify and overturn wrongful convictions, to set free those falsely in prison. I know of no opposition and look for a favorable roll call.

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Is there any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 36 pass. As the resolution requires the expenditure of State funds a roll call vote will be required. The question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 36 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Harris votes Aye.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 36, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Proceed to concurrences, Supplemental Calendar. Senate Bill 101. Mr. Secretary, read the bill. Correction -- we've got a -- read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 101.

Signed by Senator Christine Pacione-Zayas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Pacione-Zayas.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 101 comes back to us for concurrence from the House and it's the vehicle for the negotiated bill on empowering local school councils in Chicago Public Schools. There is no opposition and I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? There being none, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 101. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 101, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 280. Senator Connor. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 280.

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Signed by Senator Connor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you, Mr. President. House Amendment No. 1 shells the bill. House Amendment No. 2 becomes the bill, to establish a framework for building a -- the structure for a water commission available to the Joliet area and Will County. And House Amendment No. 3 addresses a concern that came up in the House. Basically, water levels have dropped in the Will County area for the deep-water aquifer for more than a thousand feet since they started recording this. We've established that by 2030, there will not be water available to the citizens of Joliet and that region who need it. As Ben Franklin said, "When the well is dry, we know the worth of water." And without this bill, the citizens of Joliet, and the other communities in the area that need water are really going to find out what water's worth. So, no existing water commission is affected by this. I know of no group opposition and there is a broad range of support. I'm happy to answer any questions and I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Thank you to the -- good Senator over there for

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carrying this bill. Senator, how long has the working group been working on this issue?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you very much for that question, Senator. It's been well over a year and the issue has been, basically, at the forefront of people's minds for much longer than that but the working group has been working for quite a while on this issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator, do you have a list of the people who participated in this working group?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you, Senator. I don't -- I don't have -- if you can give me one moment. The following communities have participated in that working group; Joliet, Minooka, Shorewood, Montgomery, Channahon, Oswego, and Romeoville are some of the examples. There has been some other municipalities that have participated in various phases but those are the main seven that have participated in the working group.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you -- thank you, Senator. One last question, two parts. Could you tell us -- I know the Farm Bureau had concerns,

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obviously, regarding quick take, which is very important topic to them. So, if you can speak to that. And then lastly, these communities are purchasing water from the City of Chicago. So, what kind of rate caps or protections will be in place to protect the rate payers as they build out this project?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you again for that question, Senator. And the short answer to the second question is that there are rate caps in place. There are increases beyond which the rates cannot go on a -- an annual basis. And the -- as far as the -- I'm sorry, could you repeat your first question, Senator? I apologize.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

The Farm Bureau. Can you talk briefly about eminent domain -- or quick take which is an important topic? I know that this group has worked with the Farm Bureau, can you expand on that, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you again, Senator. So, House Amendment 3 takes quick take out of the legislation. So, that was as a result of those discussions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Thank you. To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I commend the sponsor and I'm happy to join him as a chief-co on this very unique piece of legislation. Obviously, we have a very serious problem with a major aquifer that's depleting at a very rapid rate and will soon be dry. A group has -- a working task force has come together and has worked for well over a year, I would say almost two years, to look at all of the options that they have available to them and present the best option for the community. So, I commend them for it -- for this. I believe and I've been told numerous times that there are rate caps built in, basically, to protect these communities from negotiating with Chicago. So, we want to make sure we have all of that said in the contract, as opposed to having to negotiate it out. So, I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Holmes, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HOLMES:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor -- to the bill, Senator.

SENATOR HOLMES:

Thank you. I think we all know that the essentials of life are basically food, water, and shelter. And our selfless suburban communities, at this point, they're facing a looming water crisis and they need a long-term water solution to survive. Doing nothing is not an option. Doing nothing would render these communities,

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literally, dry cities which would become ghost towns. So, I just want to commend the sponsor for being proactive and having helped guide local interest into finding a regional solution for this drinking water crisis that we're actually going to be facing in all of northern Illinois. So, thank you. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CONNOR:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. This is the type of bipartisan effort that's going to ensure clean drinking water for Will County communities and others for the foreseeable future. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1, 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 280. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

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SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 280, and the bill is declared passed. Senate Bill 336. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 336.

Signed by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. Senate Bill 338 {sic} (336) creates -- well it's, as amended, is a trailer for the Black Caucus Health and Human Services Pillar. Thank you. Can you hear me now? Thank you very much. Senate Bill 338 {sic} (336), as amended, is -- is the trailer of the Black Caucus Health and Human

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Services Pillar that includes the following changes: it creates the Community Health Workers Review Board to advise IDPH on the implementation and operation of the Illinois Community Health Worker Certification Program, it inserts language allowing for the implementation of the Illinois Community Health Worker Certification Program, it extends the date at which medical implicit bias training will be required for health care professionals, it extends the sunset of the requirement that hospitals provide N-95 masks to certain employees, it extends the report date of the State Health Assessment, State Health Improvement Plan, Special Commission on Gynecologic Cancers, Anti-Racism Commission, and Underlying Causes of Crime and Violence Study. It also provides that on, or after, January 1, 2022, any general acute care hospital with more than ninety-five hundred inpatient psychiatric Medicaid days in a calendar year shall be paid the inpatient per diem rate of no less than six-hundred and thirty dollars, and finally, it extends the sunset of a provision allowing FQHCs to provide forensic medical services to sexually assault survivors during a disaster proclamation in all counties. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Senator Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CURRAN:

Senator, I was honored to support your initiative originally.

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And you spoke so forcefully about the continued work in providing necessary health care investment, especially targeted to disadvantaged communities. So, I want to thank you for your continued work and perseverance and happily rise to support this piece of legislation. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. A couple questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates she will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, part of this -- part of this legislation talks about this new community care health care program, and, so, I know part of this sets up the board guidelines for this, but can you give me an idea under this program, first of all, has -- has CMS approved this program for a match yet or is this a hundred percent GRF paid program?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

It's subject to appropriations, Senator Syverson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. I know it's subject to appropriation. The question is, if this program is funded, is it matchable program? Has CMS approved this program yet?

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Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

It has not, yet, and most of these recommendations came from IDPH.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Is the -- this -- since this is a new start up potential program, I guess the concerns are, during the original committee when we were talking about this, the cost for this program, they said ranged anywhere from a billion to three billion dollars a year. Have we had -- has there been any more further tailoring of what the potential of this -- of this program could be when they're talking about implementing it in, I think, in '23?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Senator -- Steve -- Steever -- Syverson, those were never our numbers. I believe those numbers came from HFS and they have since dropped that number because it was never a realistic number from the very beginning.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Have we gotten anymore indication, I guess, of how many people we're talking about this initial program that's -- because we're talking about starting this up in '23, unfortunately, we have just this week, we have so many programs that we've just passed that are going to start in '23? From a budgetary standpoint, I know

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it's going to be a concern, especially, a program like this that at this point is not a matchable program. But, has there been any indication at all about how many people are going to be hired in this program, or what the anticipated first year of cost is going to be? Has there been any discussions of that to date?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I believe that the first-year cost is around a million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Around one million dollars? Okay, I guess -- I guess I'm confused. So, HFS says it's over a billion and you're saying it's a million, I guess, -- maybe if we split the difference its five-hundred million. But, do we know where -- I guess where we arrive at a million dollars for the whole -- the entire program statewide, there'd be a -- just a million-dollar cost?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I just indicated Senator Steve -- Syverson that the billion-dollar number originated, originally, from HFS. They have since dropped those entire numbers and they're giving us more realistic numbers now. So, that is why we're saying -- and they are actually saying one million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Syverson.

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SENATOR SYVERSON:

I guess, I'll wrap up this. HFS has said they don't know yet what those numbers are, but they haven't indicated that the program would only be a million dollars for a statewide program of this magnitude but, again, I understand what we're trying to do. But my concern is that if we move forward with implementing a program that we don't have the resources to do, how many other programs either don't get funded, or where are the dollars going to come from to start this new program? But, obviously, there's other parts of this bill that are -- are good as well, so, it makes it difficult. But I just want those on our side to be -- to understand that part of this is -- is setting up a new program to start in '23 that we have no idea of what the magnitude of this -- of the cost is going to be. So, thank you -- thank you for your time, Leader Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Simmons, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to thank, Leader Hunter, for all of her hard work on this legislation. Also, wanted to thank you, my representative and I wanted to include a provision to allow Fqih's in our district to look at rape kits for sexual assault survivors and so thank you very much for working with us.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Hunter, to close.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments

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1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 336. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes No. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 voting Aye, 8 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional

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majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 336, and the bill is declared passed. Leader Lightford, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's -- Ladies and Gentlemen, let's continue on Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Can't hear me. Supplemental Calendar No. 1, on Senate Bill 1139. Senator Turner. The lady indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 1139.

Signed by Senator Doris Turner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate Bill 1139, provides for extensions to TIF district in the following cities: Springfield, Homer, Greenville, Chicago, Washington, Pekin, and Bellville. And I move to concur with the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 1139? All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

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Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam 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 1139, having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 1139, and the bill is declared passed. Mr. President, what purpose do you rise? Will the Committee on Assignments, please meet in the President's Anteroom? Committee on Assignments, please -- please meet in the President's Anteroom, immediately. The Senate

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stands at recess, until the call of the Chair. Thank you. (at ease)
The Senate comes to order. Senate comes to order. Mr. President,
for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. While the Committee on Assignments is meeting, I thought this would be an appropriate time. In a few weeks, we will observe Veterans Day, held every year on the anniversary of the official end of the First World War. Veterans Day honors everyone who has served in our Armed Forces. It is especially important that we in this Chamber remember them. We are discussing some very serious issues this week. Issues that people in this room care deeply about and that impact millions of Illinoisans. Issues we don't all agree on. Our right and our ability to have these discussions is protected by our men and women in uniform. So, at this time, I would invite Members of the Senate who have served in the Military to say a few words if they wish.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Wilcox.

SENATOR WILCOX:

Thank you, Madam President. I appreciate the opportunity to speak as we take a few moments to honor our veterans. leading up to Veteran's Day, I'm appreciative of this year's Veto Session Calendar, which allows me the opportunity to actually be back home this Veterans Day so I can commemorate the day paying tribute to our local heroes. But, I'm also mindful of the fact, that one year ago, as we approach Veterans Day, a tragedy was unfolding at LaSalle Veterans Home. On Veterans Day, of 2020, we learned of the first seven deaths at the LaSalle Veterans Home due to COVID-

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19. In the days and weeks that followed, seemingly, every day we learned of additional deaths. Ultimately, learning of the thirty-six preventable deaths at LaSalle Veterans Home. As we approach the anniversary of that tragedy, I ask that we all remember the families who lost loved ones due to the negligence displayed on so many levels. We had a responsibility to those veterans and their families, it was our job to ensure their safety, and as a State, we failed them. So, as we recognize all veterans who bravely answered the call to serve, I would encourage you to keep the families of those veterans lost in that tragedy in your minds. Let them serve as a reminder of the importance of the work we do here and the importance of protecting those who we're responsible for. Under this Dome, we sometimes have a tendency to deal with emergencies, and then move on to the next issue requiring our attention. I'm asking that we not forget the cost that those thirty-six veterans and their families paid and remember them for a while. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Madam President. I too, rise to pay honor -- our veterans -- Veterans Day. Normally, we're always here and I can remember when we first started doing this, I was a freshman Senator, Adeline Geo-Karis, who was a World War II Veteran, Naval Officer, who would always, "when are we going to be honoring our veterans?". So, to Adeline, who's a Senator who is watching us tonight and to all our officers and enlisted, who have been in service over the years. To our ones, who are currently serving now, we thank you. A lot of them have come home from the war, the

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past twenty years. A lot of them are home, a lot of them are homeless, a lot of them have a lot of problems with PTS. But I think it's our job, to say thank you, honor them, help them, and let us always remember what they've done for us and what they've sacrificed over the years. I had a couple of neighbors kids come home, well they're young men now, but they left twenty-one years ago and one of them did seven tours in Iraq, Afghanistan. It's just amazing, twenty-one years and they're only like thirty-eight years old. They still got their whole life ahead of them. So, let us thank them all. Let us honor them all, and most of all, let us care for them and make sure we can help them in any way we can. And I want to thank the President for taking the time out, and Leader McConchie, and to all my colleagues that have served. Thank you. God bless America.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator T. Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Madam President. I -- I too rise, in honor today, to discuss Veterans Day. First, I'd like to thank the President for allowing us -- those of us who are veterans, to take this time. I proudly served in the United States Army. It was my honor to serve, it was my joy to serve, and it was my pleasure to serve. I was fortunate and lucky enough to come back and or be honorably discharged from the military without any issues. Don't be laughing, Hastings, in my case he's laughing over there, Officer Hastings. But I appreciate the time I was in. I want to thank the men and women who have served admirably for this country. When you go to that first day you sign a check, you sign a check that could lead up to your life. That the U.S. Government, you're

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willing to lay down your life for. It causes issues as, Senator Muñoz said. We have quite a few homeless veterans, we have veterans who have mental health issues because of PTSD. So remember them, thank them. If you see them on this upcoming holiday, just reach out and smile and maybe shake their hand. And I want to thank you all for being here today. And I want to thank my colleagues who served in the military, and like Senator Muñoz said, God bless America.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege. Just want to speak on Veterans Day today. Do you know like, Senator Cullerton had said, you know, he's lucky to have come home and he's lucky to be alive and I'll be honest with you, I'm lucky to be alive today. You know, you go to war and you come back a different person. I'm -- I'm -- I'm just a prime example of that, maybe a little crazier now than I was before I left, but that's a good and a bad thing. But I want to say that America without her soldiers is like God without the angels. Soldiers, sailors, marines, airman who serve in our Armed Forces are just truly special people. The sacrifice they make, the family sacrifice that's made, it's truly remarkable what they do. But I want to mention this one particular class of folks that work in our armed forces and that's the non-commission officer corps and the soldiers that serve underneath them. Like our staff today, we honor our staff for all the hard work that they've done for all of us here. In the Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, you name it, there's the non-commissioned officers who do the work, day in and day out,

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they're a stabilizing force that really, they make the entire machine work. And I want to honor some folks that I served with, today, some of them were illegal immigrants or undocumented citizens, when they joined the Army. My driver, in Iraq, was one of those, Moises Ayala. Moises is now getting a PHD from the University of California. It's phenomenal, he's an awesome, awesome guy. Beau Shelton was a school teacher prior to joining the military when 9/11 happened, he felt that it was his calling to join the service and to give back to his country. Karim Cherifi, another naturalized citizen, who speaks five languages, he was literally a Barbarian, he's a Berber, unbelievable American. Steven Ratcliffe, Jerry Tanner, Bobby Moore, Pete Olynick, all folks who contributed to our mission's success in Iraq. But there's people here, in this Chamber, that go unrecognized as veterans because they don't have an opportunity to speak on the Floor of the Senate. We have the honor graduate from the Drill Sergeant Academy as one of our staff. I'm going to embarrass the heck out of you and I'm okay with that hooah, right solidier? Dillion Santini, give him a round of applause, the honor graduate for the Drill Sergeant Academy. That's not an easy task to be ranked, not just, you know, not just obtain being a drill sergeant but ranking as the number one student at the Drill Sergeant Academy. That's not easy and quite honestly most people don't notice, Dillion left for Drill Sergeant Academy after we adjourned on that late night, way back when. You all remember that. And I'll -- I'll keep my remarks brief, Madam President, I know that I may go on for a while but -- but where's, Gabbi Garza, is she here? John is she here? Senator Curran, where she at? Stand up, raise your hand. You can't -- let me tell you something. They

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come in all shapes and sizes, they come from all corners of this world. She served our country and now she's serving here in the Illinois Senate and I hope she goes to Georgetown. I hope she goes to Harvard. She served our country and you deserve it, and we're forever thankful for you. You make this institution work just as much as you made the organization work while you're in the service, so thank you very much. I'll end by how I started, America without our soldiers is like God without his angels. Our country wouldn't be what it is today if it wasn't for them. So, Madam President, I say thank you very much for the time. Happy Veterans Day and God bless this great country. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Senator McConchie.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you, Mr. President, for the opportunity as well, to do this. I want to, first of all, say that Veterans Day this year will be difficult. One of my very close friends, John Barrington, who was a Combat Medic in Iraq had, and came back with PTSD, ended his life, a few weeks ago. Left behind a wife and five children because the war never left him. And so I thank you, Senator Muñoz, for bringing up the toll that it takes on our veterans and the fact that we need to be there for them in so many different ways, year after year, even after they have come back home safely in body, but maybe not in mind. I also -- it would be a great day, this year, because I want to honor three of our Senate Republican staffers who have not only served our State but served our country, as well. Over my left shoulder I want to honor, Noah Finley from Sparta, who prior to joining the Senate Republican staff as a legislative analyst, he graduated

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from John Hopkins University and before that he served four and a half years in the United States Army. Noah's service as an Army Combat Veteran took him to Germany, Kuwait, Romania, and Kirgizstan. Noah deployed to Afghanistan, as well, as a part of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011 and 2012, where he honorably served his country, the Afghani people, and his fellow comrades. So, can we have a round of applause for Noah? Next, I want to honor, Gabbi Garza, again. She's from Mattoon who, as was mentioned, works for Senator Curran and is his legislative assistant. Gabbi served in the Illinois Army National Guard for more than six years during which time she graduated from the University of Illinois before ending her contract this summer. She served as a heavy equipment operator, as a sergeant, and focused on administrative logistical support during her time overseas in South Korea, Kuwait, and Jordan as an attachment to the 2nd Battalion of the hundred and third -- hundred and thirtieth Infantry Battalion. So, can we honor her, please? Again? And finally, I want to honor, Johnathan Wygant, our Senate Republican policy analyst from Taylorville, who joined the Navy two weeks after his high school graduation. Johnathan spent more than a decade serving his country as a weather forecaster in the world's finest Navy. He went on to graduate from Old Dominion University and join our staff, as a part of the ILSIP Program in 2015. Thank you, John. I thank all three of you, you know, we are so proud and grateful that you have chosen us, chosen this Chamber, and chosen to lend your time and talents to advancing what we need to do for the people here in Illinois. Thank you for your service to Illinois, to America, and to the freedom around the world. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Thank you to all of the Members of the Senate who have served in the military and spoke today. I'd also want to recognize a couple members of our staff, Craig Miller and Duane Melany, who served in -- in the Armed Forces, as well as, of course, our Sergeant-at-Arms, Joe Dominguez, who keeps us all safe every day. Thank you. And while talking about the Sergeant-at-Arms and the doorkeepers, many of our doorkeepers have served in the military. I want to make sure we recognize them, but particularly, I -- I rise today to celebrate the life of Senate doorman, Larry Stollivan. We had the privilege of working with Larry for almost fourteen years. Larry led a life of service as a veteran of the United States Airforce, a State Trooper, and a Springfield Police Officer. When he retired, he came here to keep our Senate Chamber safe. I am thankful for all that he did and to all of our doorkeepers who provide security for our work here while we're on the Floor. So, my sympathies to the friends and family, of Larry Stollivan. He will be missed and I hope, and I'm sure that I speak for all Members of the Senate and our staff, thanking Larry and all of our doorkeepers for the incredible work that they do. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you. The Committee on Assignments will meet in the President's Anteroom, immediately. Will the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom? The Senate stands at ease. (at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1291, and Floor Amendment 4 to House Bill 1769.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Muñoz, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Now, go back to House Bills, 3rd Reading, page 4 of the Calendar. House Bill 1769. Senator Stadelman seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 1769 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 1769. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman, on your amendment.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Mr. President, I'd like to adopt Floor Amendments No. 1 and 4. And I will read them on -- just one? I think I would know this. I would like to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Stadelman.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman, on Floor Amendment 3.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I'd like to withdraw Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman withdraws Amendment No. 3. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman, on your amendment.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Mr. President, I'd like to adopt Floor Amendment No. 4 and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1769.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman.

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SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate {sic} Bill 1769 is a package of incentives to encourage EV, electric vehicle manufacturers, businesses, and supply companies to invest, locate, and stay in the State of Illinois. As, you know, automakers are making some huge transition to electric vehicles over the next couple of years. But a lot of their decisions, as far as where they're going to locate and whether to retool existing plants will be made over the next six months or so. So, it's urgent that we pass this legislation to get these incentives out, to make sure we put our foot forward. Again, decisions we made as far as where to locate new facilities, whether to exist -- retool existing plants and to also attract supply chain companies, people forget that these suppliers provide thousands of jobs and so it's a huge economic development opportunity. This puts the State in the best position to be competitive with a very competitive situation regarding other states. I have parochial interest, as does Senator Syverson. Stellantis has a plant in Belvidere, it currently makes the Jeep Cherokee. However, as Stellantis transitions like the other automakers, to electric vehicles, the community workers there want to make sure that the Belvidere plant remains operational in the years ahead, as a Ford -- existing Ford plant in Chicagoland, as well. But, what's important about this legislation is not company specific. This is an attempt to attract industry-wide companies in the growing electric -- electric vehicle industry, both small and large businesses, there's a lot of jobs in the small businesses, as well. We want to make sure we're competitive in this State. I don't need to go into great detail as far as what the proposals are, obviously, it enhances

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current EDGE credits for EV manufacturers and related businesses, especially in so called underserved areas. There are credits for training costs, construction jobs, certain tax exemptions and many other enhancements in this package. You should be aware that Floor Amendment No. 4 came in very late, that's because we had a really good discussion during Executive Committee, where a number of concerns were raised, and so, it addresses three of those. There are some concerns expressed by ABATE. They wanted a provision that included electric motorcycle manufacturers in this legislation. They also wanted to remove electric motorcycles from the definition of electric car, in which, they are excluded. Those are two issues that ABATE was concerned about, they are addressed in this amendment. I'm told they are one-hundred percent on board. So, for those of you who have friends with ABATE, they want you to vote for this legislation. Also, there's some concerns expressed about car dealers. The initial draft had removed some of the provisions under the Vehicle Franchise Act that we approved last spring that provided more in reimbursements for car dealers, for manufacturers. Amendment No. 4 restores provisions under that Vehicle Franchise Act, that we're set to be repealed. So, again, I want to stress, most of the provisions are remaining intact and the car dealers are now in neutral on this legislation. Finally, in the name of bipartisanship, we hear some great suggestions from Leader McConchie, I don't know if he's still in the Chamber or not. But one of the suggestions that he had talked about was changing net operating losses that carry Ford from twelve to twenty years that has been incorporated. So, again, we appreciate that suggestion, again, in the name of bipartisanship. This isn't a perfect bill, I'm sure there are items that both sides of the

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Chamber wanted to incorporate or exclude. But again, I think this is the best plan moving forward, trying to compromise among the different interests that put the State in the best advantage of competing with other states. You know, some states are giving away hundreds of millions of dollars in cash, like Mississippi has offered that to one of the manufacturers. We're not doing that, we're being very targeted, very specific with a narrow window to try to attract, I think with reasonable incentives to these auto manufacturers and companies, that they consider Illinois a place to do business. So, with that I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Any discussion? Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, first of all, I want to thank you for the discussion that we had in committee earlier today, and I want to come back to a couple of the issues that were raised there that you touched on here, and just make sure we're on the same page. First of all, the issue regarding the procurement code or the procurement code, as it relates to electric vehicles in the inclusion of motorcycles and that. In committee you thought that issue might not get solved maybe till next year but I think -- I believe you've incorporated the requested resolution of that into your Amendment 4. Is that true?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

As to, with the creation of Amendment No. 4, which dealt with a number of issues, it was just an opportunity to relook at an issue and incorporate ABATE's request. So, yes, it is included and as I mentioned, they're a hundred percent on board now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you for that. Second, the -- you touched on the net operating loss carryforward, and specifically, I want to make sure that that provision has no sunset and would apply to all manufacturers, all manufacturing companies. Is that your understanding?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Yes, that's my understanding.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Okay, just to the bill, real briefly, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I first -- again, my appreciation to the sponsor of the bill. I think this legislation, there's going to be a number of people who are going to say there's -- there's more that could be done here. And, I suspect that there will be some No votes that, you

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know, kind of speak to that. But, for me, I want to extend my appreciation to the sponsor. This -- this legislation is an example of what can happen when we work together. And many of us on this side of the aisle have said to those of you on that side of the aisle, this exact thing. That we look forward to working with you. We encourage you to reach a hand across the aisle and work with us. And if you do so, we'll join you. And, so, this is an example of that and so because of some of the accommodations made by the sponsor, I know, myself, I look forward to sponsoring this bill. I think a few of my colleagues over here will join you in that, and -- and -- and put some votes on this. And -- and I want to speak very specifically to -- I want to speak very specifically to the Rivian folks. Many of you had an opportunity, maybe this week, to meet some of the folks from Rivian. Rivian -- I represent the -- the area where the Rivian plant is today, in Normal, Illinois. And that success story, I think is reverberating around the country, it's certainly being talked about around the State. The many of you who had a chance to meet with some of the -- the representatives from Rivian. I think, hopefully, gave you a chance to see what we know in Bloomington, Normal, which is, the amazing success story of Rivian. They came to Illinois a few years ago. They replaced the then defunct Mitsubishi Manufacturing Facility, on what was a bit of a leap of faith, under the Rauner Administration to bring a startup company to Illinois with some help from the State, with some help from the locals, and the result of that is three-thousand employees around central Illinois, new jobs. You can't buy a home in Bloomington, Normal, today, because the moment they go on the market they're gone. It's a great success story for Illinois and if this legislation can help bring

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battery operators and manufacturers and others to Illinois, I'm glad to support it. So again, thank you to the -- to the sponsor and thank you to the Senate President. Right, again, my message to all of you over there and including to the Senate President is we look forward to the opportunities to work with you and on this bill appreciate the opportunity we had. So, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Connor, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CONNOR:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CONNOR:

I rise in support of -- of this particular bill and just like the sponsor, I am -- within the 43rd District there are two companies, Line Electric, which recently made the decision to -- to start in Joliet manufacturing electric school buses which are amazing to ride in and I would encourage anyone if you have the opportunity to give it a try. As well as Hyzon Motors, which is involved in hydrogen fuel cell production. We have an opportunity here. Opportunity doesn't always knock twice, and we could possibly turn Illinois into the Silicon Valley of the electric vehicle industry if we can get the right supply chain clusters going here in Illinois, and this is definitely a step in the right direction. These are future proof jobs. The training that we're going to be giving to our constituents will continue far into the future as the electric vehicle industry grows and increases. Plus, we're helping to eliminate carbon emissions. This is a win, win for everyone. Thank you so much, Senator Stadelman, and I

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encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR D. TURNER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I want to thank Senator Stadelman and all of those that worked so hard to get us to this place where we are today. I believe that this legislation will prepare Illinois and put us in a great position to be very competitive in this industry going forward. Like, Senator Stadelman and Senator Connor, I have a very parochial interest, as well. As you know, I represent Decatur that was once a very vibrant industry town and we've seen that dissipate and there is a lot of interest and -- a industry coming in and retooling and repurposing one of those empty -- one of those empty places that use to be full of great workers. So, I'm looking forward to that becoming a reality in Decatur, Illinois. So, thank you very much and I urge everyone to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Cunningham, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Will the sponsor yield for a question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for the purposes of legislative intent. Senator, is it your intent that the

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reasonableness standard referenced on page 97 and 98 of Amendment No. 1 meant to apply to all parts?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Yes, that is my intent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Cunningham. Senator Sally Turner, what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

Just to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

First of all, I just want to say, thank you -- thank you for this bill. President Keith Cornell with Heartland Community College has been an instrumental part in helping us to get students ready to work on these -- anything that has to do with electricity and our plan of Rivian, we're looking forward to the whole corridor by fifty-five to have people moving into our area, replenish the schools, and I thank you, and I appreciate working with both sides to get this done. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Stadelman, to close.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Appreciate the comments. I just want to thank staff and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and the Pritzker Administration which initiated this package. It was a big bill. Over a hundred pages that came together in just a couple of weeks.

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So, it was very difficult to get across the finish line, but this is going to be well worth it. We have assets to the State, we have quality workers, which manufacturers desperately need. We have a good educational system. We have a good community college system. We can compete with other states. These incentives will allow us to move that ball forward and be successful in this tough competition amongst states trying to lure these jobs. So, let's vote Yes and make Illinois the future capital of electric vehicle production. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall House Bill 1769 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

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SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Villivalam votes Aye. Senator Van Pelt. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1769, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We'll proceed to page 4 of the Calendar. House Bill 1291. President Harmon seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 1291 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading, is House Bill 1291. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon, on your amendment.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1291.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Two weeks ago we published a first draft of a proposed congressional map for the next decade. Last Saturday, almost a week ago, we published a revised draft based on input we received from the public, from stakeholders, from Members of the General Assembly. Just yesterday, we published a near final proposed map that was materially the same as the map we had published last week. Again, modest changes based on input from the public, from stakeholders, and from the General Assembly. Today, we published a final map and this bill, House Bill 1291, its amendment, consists of the -- the legal description of those districts as part of the map that we published. So, since this morning, relatively modest changes. We did some fine tuning around the borders of a few districts, most notably, an exchange of voters between the 4th and 6th Congressional Districts. Of note, this morning in committee, we heard testimony from citizens from Western Springs who asked that their community be reunited in the single congressional district. We were able to do that in this map in direct response to that testimony this morning. So, more proof

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that the system actually does work. That we hear from constituents and do our best to accommodate those. I'm sure that Members have questions and I'm happy to try to answer them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicate(s) he will yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Mr. President, today when the hearing was held, there was a question asked of the Chairman of the committee about a hearing in deep Southern Illinois that was promised last week and was never conducted. So, there was supposed to be a hearing in Carbondale two weeks ago. It got cancelled and moved to Springfield last week. So, as of today, there have been zero opportunities for anyone in deep southern Illinois to -- to have an in-person hearing. Can you tell me why we're voting on this bill tonight and we've been given no opportunity to have our people speak at an in-person hearing?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you for the question, Senator. We are living in challenging and unprecedented times. Obviously, the pandemic has limited our ability to do as many things in person as we would like. That said, as I have said

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publicly before, our adoption of virtual committee hearings might be the single biggest expansion of democracy in our State's history. We had witnesses today testifying from their dining rooms, from their -- their -- front -- their front room, from their desk. People in deep southern and the far northern tip of Illinois could all participate in any of those hearings and I trust those that were interested did.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

With all due respect sir, I would just say that almost every time that anything is going on where it's inconvenient for someone to go from the City to the south, we are asked to come to the Bilandic Building, in Chicago, but -- but that's not reciprocal. So, I will tell you that the people of deep southern Illinois are very upset about how this has all been handled and that we have not been allowed to have an in-person voice, when there was multiple opportunities for the people who are in other parts of this State. That's all I have to say, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I want to pick up from some of the discussion that we had during committee earlier today about this. To summarize, I think what we discussed in --

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in committee is really that there's these kind of the tale of two cities here. Right? There's on the one hand, the process for which many democrats have claimed, allowed the public some ability to participate, notwithstanding the fact that hearings were held where no democratic lawmakers participated or at least showed up to the hearings in person to participate. The hearings were held in places where the wrong address was put -- put out. The meetings were held with notices for the zoom links that didn't work, and so, you know, there's that process and Mr. President, you pointed to that earlier, right, that -- that this process existed for the public. What hasn't got much attention, other than some of what the media picked up, was that there -- there was a whole other process. Right? And you talked about that in committee and I just want to make sure we're clear about that other process. You said, in committee, your -- you -- you agreed or did not disagree that there was another process that resulted in meetings, private meetings that your staff, you said, you did not participate in, but your staff had with the Speaker's staff, maybe the Speaker, I'm not sure, with Members of Congress and with the Governor's Office, whether that meant the Governor or his staff. Is that -- I mean is that a fair characterization of the conversation we had at committee about what occurred?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. I would certainly like to take issue with the characterization that a private meeting is a thing. You have sponsored a bill, you have met with stakeholders in your office, you have met with

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stakeholders in conference rooms, you have taken input on legislation that you were sponsoring. So, clearly, Members of Congress, democrats and republicans, reached out to us to inquire as to the process for redistricting. As I told you in committee, my standard was to listen to them and encourage them to file information through the public portal, to share information directly with our staffs. We want to take input from experts about the communities of interest that seek to be represented and without doubt, elected Members of Congress are stakeholders in this conversation. So, other than the nefarious -- veneer you have placed over this, without doubt, we have taken input from stakeholders of all shapes and sizes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Well, I think under Illinois law there's two types of meetings. There's open meetings where the public is invited and there's private meetings where the private parties are invited but the public is excluded. I don't think that the meetings that were held with your staff were public meetings. The public, to my knowledge, was not invited to participate in those. The public was invited to participate through zoom hearings that some people may have or may not have attended in, that's my point of those meetings. But, let me ask you this, for those private meetings, what was the purpose of those meetings? And why couldn't the discussions that were held in private, instead, be held at the public hearings for which you have laid so much credence upon?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I don't know what private meetings you held while the republicans were preparing your proposed maps. Again, you are -- you are trying to put a sinister veneer over something that is not at all sinister. We all have meetings with stakeholders in developing legislation and then we have public hearings where those ideas are hashed out. The product of all of that input we received from the public at hearings, through the portal, through email submissions, through meetings with stakeholders is embodied in the map before us today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

It was reported about two weeks ago, in the State Journal Registrar {sic}, that you had those private meetings and at those private meetings were the Members of Congress who participated and the Members from the Governor's Office who participated, shown a map?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, as I told you in committee, I did not participate in any of those meetings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman,

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I apologize, Mr. President. Your response to that question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, as I told you during the committee hearing, I did not participate in any of those meetings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

That wasn't the question though, the question was whether the participants, which included your staff for which I presume you gave certain instruction, were the participants in that meeting, the Governor's Office or the meetings, the Governor's Office, the Members of Congress that you invited to participate there, or members of your staff invited to participate there. Were they shown a map? Simple question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, thank you for your question. Again, I did not participate personally in any of those meetings. The directive was to collect input from stakeholders based on their expertise and their experience in representing different parts of the State. I would have to check with staff as to what actually transpired in those meetings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To your point then, Mr. President. If the purpose was to gather that necessary input, what input is it that you obtained from the Governor's Office at those meetings?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, again, I wasn't at the meetings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You are the sponsor of the legislation that purports to incorporate the input that certain stakeholders had. You've said that one of those stakeholders was the Governor or the Governor's Office. So, I think it's a legitimate question, for you as the bill sponsor, to provide to us the public, Members of the Senate who are going to take a vote, what is the input that the Governor's Office provided to you on the maps?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, you said the Governor was a stakeholder. I'm not sure that I did. Again, I am the sponsor of the bill. I stand behind the bill. I stand behind the map that we would draw from the meets and bounds and counties and townships outlined in the bill before us today. I understand that we talked about this in committee. You seem to wish for a more formal or linear process, when we all know that the process of drafting a complicated bill like a redistricting proposal is far more organic. The map before us today is based on the totality of the input we received from the public, from Members of the General Assembly, from stakeholders, from community groups, from communities of interest, and I stand behind that map. It's a good

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map, it's a fair map, it reflects the diversity of the State of Illinois and gives voice to communities of interest.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I -- I disagree with your characterization of what I want, Mr. President. I just want to know, from you as the bill sponsor, the information that you obtained from the Governor's Office in the private meetings. Because as a member of the Redistricting Committee, we were never allowed to hear from the Governor's Office what it is, what opinions they had on, maybe, where the district lines might be drawn. And because you uniquely have that information available to you, evidently through your staff, and you claim that you've incorporated the totality of input that's been provided to you. I think it's a pretty simple question to say, what information did the Governor's Office provide to you regarding these maps?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I'm not sure I ever said that there was input from the Governor's Office. What I am telling you is that I didn't participate in those meetings, that the map before us today reflects the totality of the input from all stakeholders. There is not a list. I know you wish that there were, but there is not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

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Actually, in committee, Mr. President, you said that your staff gathered input from people including from the Governor's Office. So, again, I -- I don't know why the smoke and mirrors to simple questions that should allow this Body an ability to evaluate whether you did, in fact in your bill, incorporate the information provided to you. Let me ask a different question. Which Members of Congress did your staff meet with as part of this process?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, again, we talked about this. I received calls from many Members of the Congressional Delegation, democrats and republicans, and I channel them to the -- to the public portal, to submitting ideas by emails. Some Members wished to meet with staff to share detail. I would have to get a list for you. I don't have that here with me.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I'm shocked that you don't have the list with you because earlier today you thought, maybe you could produce it, before we had this but... In committee you said that all Members of Congress were invited to participate in the public hearings. Now, I participated in the public hearings and I'm not aware of any Member of Congress who -- who so participated. However, again, it was reported that certain democratic Members of Congress met with your staff. And so, to the question of which Members of Congress met with your staff on these maps, do you have an answer?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm pretty sure that was the same question. But -- and, I still, I don't have an answer because I don't think there is a list. Happy to try to ferret that out.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You know, many people in the public are highly cynical about government today. And that might not be a unique feature of Illinoisans, but it's definitely true of Illinoisans. I -- we all, as -- as -- as Members of this Body, we all -- we all know lots of people who live in all pockets of this State. We all travel this State and I think if there's one thing that unites Illinoisans, it's that they are highly cynical of the governance, and the government, that is supposed to serve them, in for which, they feel does a horrible job of doing so. Now, it's when people like Governors say one thing and do another that fuels this cynicism that exists in the public. And I think, unfortunately, this process does -- throws gasoline on that already lit fire of cynicism. These maps, just like the State legislative maps, these maps represent a missed opportunity for Illinoisans. You know, if you ask your constituents what do you want out of the redistricting process, again, what's the thing that unites voters? Voters want choices at the ballot box. And, the many of you on that side of

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the aisle, we've been through this before, but you've all told your constituents that you value an independent process and that you want to give them a choice at the ballot box. But with your vote on this bill you will assure, yet again, that voters aren't going to have choices in the election because you will have gerrymandered these maps in a manner, that takes away the choice of your constituents at the ballot box. That's shameful. Our constituents want a government -- they want to be represented by elected officials, representatives who are accountable to the people for whom they're elected to serve. But when the maps produce elections without choices, there's no accountability. And the result of that is a public who will continue to be cynical, and feel that their government is not responsive to them, and feel that their representatives are not accountable to them. Why you don't want this? There appears only one logical reason, that is, it gives you partisan gain to take those choices away from the voter. And while that might be good for the majority party, it's bad for the State and on these, it's bad for the country. There's no excuse for taking away the choices that voters should have in the election process. It's the foundation of our democracy. We should be able to debate bills, you have your side, we have our side, hopefully we come together on agreements. But ultimately, we're responsible to our constituents back home, but if your vote takes away their choice, what good are we doing for them? I think we live, today, in a highly divisive time in this country. The country is divided. Our State is divided, and you all have an opportunity to do something about this. And the fact that you won't, not one of you through this redistricting process has been willing to break from the partisanship that exists to do what is

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good for Illinois, and on this, do what is good for America. And while it might feel good to go back home to your political party rallies and say look what we did to ensure a little more partisan gain here and a little more partisan gain in Washington, D.C. By doing so, you're complicit in the mood of the country that says, stop being so divisive, stop creating battle lines between the two sides and the two parties, quit making everything about politics. You've got an opportunity to do something about this, why don't you stand up and do the right thing? Because your political leaders tell you this is the way we need you to vote on this. Where's some independence? Where's some bipartisanship? Where is doing the right thing, in this Chamber? These maps represent the failure of which Illinois represents. On the opportunity we all have to show our fellow Illinoisans that we can get something right, this Body fails. And it's really unfortunate because it's just another lost opportunity for thirteen million people who call themselves Illinoisans. And they live here, and they want to believe that our State can be better and that it can be different and that the people that represent them are willing to do the right thing. And so, I ask of you -- I know the fate of this bill. But I implore of each and every one of you on the other side of the aisle, who privately tells me, Jason, we need more bipartisanship, let's find ways to work together. Some of you sitting over there say, I'm more moderate than my party has become, my parties become much more extreme. You have an opportunity to distinguish yourself on this vote. You have an opportunity to stand up and say, "you know what? I want something better for my State and for my country." And I ask that you join us in standing up for the people of this State in voting against these highly gerrymandered and

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political maps. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator DeWitte, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR DeWITTE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Here we are once again, Ladies and Gentlemen, to show that there are two different redistricting processes in this State. One process for the citizens and the real process behind closed doors for the insiders and partisan politicians. While the citizens of Illinois spend early mornings and late evenings, and yes, at their dining room tables and in their front rooms, trying to sincerely participate for the betterment of their communities. The real process is taking place out of the public eye. Democrat politicians have been huddling for months behind locked doors, choosing the voters they want to represent for the next decade. At times, sure the wishes of political insiders may have coincided with public testimony. If it did, it certainly showed up in the maps. But when the public testimony did not fit the objectives of the back-room politicians, well, we all know which requests made into the maps. The redistricting process that Governor Pritzker and your side of the aisle insisted on using has been called quote "cynical, self-serving, and tone deaf" unquote, by editorial boards. Good government leaders have said you quote "disrespected and disregarded constituents and have had an utter disregard for the will of the people while your maps make a farse of democracy and the process is a charade" unquote. And three federal judges,

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in recent weeks, have ruled, this year, that you and Governor Pritzker have violated the constitutional rights of the people in this State. That's the legacy of your so-called transparent process. At every opportunity, you have put your own partisan interest before anyone else's. Many of you have twisted yourselves, literally, into pretzels, I think. Defending and voting multiple times for a process you supposedly opposed but as long as your personal political interest were served, reform can wait another day. This will be the most gerrymandered map in the country, and this process will be used as the poster child for why politicians should never be allowed to draw their own maps. Your maps will only cause further polarization in the State of Illinois and in this great country. Voters will have fewer choices. Elections will not be competitive and the need for compromise that our voters demand will exist less and less. That's the tragedy of these maps and your process. The citizens of Illinois deserve better. They have demanded better time and time again. You are all letting them know that you could not care less. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bailey, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BAILEY:

May I speak to the bill, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR BAILEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Doesn't seem like we're having any luck asking any questions and getting any accurate answers. It's interesting when I look at this map, East St Louis, Springfield,

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Decatur, and Champaign, practically a district. Bloomington, Peoria and all the way up and around to Rockford practically, another district. If the goal of these maps was for Illinois to be looked at as a model for corruption and be laughed at across the nation, mission accomplished. This is downright sad. These corrupt, politically motivated maps were drawn to benefit politicians and personal elections over working families, and Illinoisians deserve better. People are tired of being lied to and tired of politicians putting their elections over working families and the success of the State. I've heard before about what was done ten years ago, twenty years ago, when are going to start to do something right? I'll say this again and again and again that we need to use accurate data and we need to draw fair and independent maps. 2017, the Illinois University of Illinois even came up with an amazing program to do this. Voters should be able to pick their elected officials and not the other way around. So, I hope and pray that we can figure out a way to come together and do what's right for the people of Illinois and give them fair and honest maps through a fully transparent process which we're - - been calling for, for quite some time. It's time to vote down these corrupt maps and it's time that we did what is right and focused more on the next generation, instead of the next election. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Question of the sponsor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

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SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Mr. President. President Harmon, first of all, let me try to get sort of a timeline here. So, the first map draft dropped -- was it, October 15th?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

It was approximately two weeks ago. I -- I'll consult a calendar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you. According to what I'm seeing online and -- and the timeline that we have, I believe it was October 15th, which was a Friday night, which is a little less than two weeks ago. Now, the second map was -- that was dropped on a Saturday, October 23rd, I believe. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Mr. President. I believe that's correct, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

And then we had another map on Wednesday, October 27th, and I believe it dropped around 9:30 p.m. Does that sound about right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I -- it's -- another map is a bit of a mischaracterization. It was a relatively modest revision to the -- to the map that was publicly proposed the previous Saturday.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Okay, so that -- those revisions to that map dropped at about 9:30 p.m. and did committee post about 10 o' clock p.m. for the -- for the next morning? Does that sound about right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, you seem quite confident in your -- your data. I'll -- I'll let you proceed with your questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

I -- I -- I appreciate that. And, so we had a hearing this morning and a new map dropped, what about 7 o' clock, would you say? Is that about accurate, tonight?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, your honor. I -- I -- I think that -- that sounds about right, but I -- but I wasn't watching the clock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Well, I'm not a judge yet, but you never know. I like that

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title, your honor. Well, you're looking at me. Okay, so we've had quite a few maps drop in less -- in less than two weeks. I guess, if this is such a fair and wonderful map, why so many versions of it? And why choose Friday nights, Saturday nights, why choose two and a half hours before we vote on the map, if it's such an incredible map?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I have almost no idea how to answer that question, Senator. This is an iterative process, it's the legislative process, you are familiar with it. We do our work, we make it public at the earliest opportune time, and then we proceed. We do have subcircuit maps coming up, if you have any request for Sangamon County, we would like to get your input through the public portal.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Well, I think you know, Mr. President, a common theme in just about every single hearing was two weeks to review the final map. We have seen in less than two weeks, at least four maps. You have the super majority in this Chamber, you got the super majority in the other Chamber. I guess, you've got the votes. So -- and the maps are so incredible, as you've said multiple times. Why is the transparency so lacking? And why can't you give the folks that have spent so much time working on their own maps and testifying two weeks, from right now, to review this and have another hearing, including in Southern Illinois. So, that all these folks can have their input heard and they can feel like they've been a part of

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this process. Why rush this tonight after just dropping a map, just a couple of hours ago?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Let me reframe your inquiry. We have given the public two weeks to chew on this map. What is the point of review if we don't respond to the input shared during that review period? For instance, after the first map was posted we got public input and the thirteenth and seventeenth districts in the map before us tonight, look an awful a lot like what came in through the portal. How can we -- how can we put it out there for review and improvement, if we don't review and improve it? But, if we never vote on it, it will just always be two weeks, from today. We've given the public two weeks, and do I wish it were longer, I do. But we have to put pass a map. You -- I know that your caucus is familiar with litigation remedies, are you planning to go to court tomorrow if we don't pass a map, and say, the General Assembly has abdicated its responsibility and ask a judge to allow you to draw the maps?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Well, there's a few questions here for me, which I kind of like the back and forth, but you asked the question what's the point of having another committee hearing, what's the point. Well, what's the point of having constituents if you don't listen to them Mr. President? That's the point, is to listen to our constituents. And I don't think too much, two weeks is -- is too

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much to ask, as far as me, getting personally involved in any lawsuits, no, Mr. President, I do not plan on getting involved in any lawsuits. I'm here to bet -- to go to bat for our constituents across this State who have been very, very disappointed and you're well aware of that, Mr. President, by this entire process. I think at this point, Mr. President, I'll speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Mr. President. A common complaint that we have had over and over and over again, is the lack of transparency and the lack of public hearings that are substantive. And we have had a number of maps drop, not in two weeks, but in thirteen days. Almost two weeks, yes, but not quite two weeks. We're now voting on a map that just dropped a couple of hours ago. Now, the President says that these are very minor changes, in his opinion. The President was on the committee hearing this morning and we talked to the witnesses, our constituents, who said in fact, that the maps were very different. There were -- there were -- very big differences in the map. That's not coming from me. I didn't even prompt that answer, that was from them. They deserve to have their voices heard and they've been totally ignored in this process. And anybody that is a Republican or Democrat, Independent, any -- any person that has no clue about politics and just would -- were just to watch any of these hearings and to see basic answers ignored, or basic questions ignored, for nonsensical answers. I don't know whose drawing this. I don't what's happening. I don't know where I am right now, you know, is the Governor meeting with us? I don't know. Gee, it's absurd. Anybody

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-- I mean it's not even worth me arguing about it because everybody who watches it, including the participants who are giving these nonsensical answers, know what's happening, it's stupid. I mean it's -- it's truly -- I mean, the people of the -- this State are not as stupid as they're being led to believe in these hearings. We have a lot of very smart, intelligent people that are participating in these hearings and they feel totally ignored. And I don't blame them. And it's a shame, because all these wonderful people, I hope they continue to be involved in politics and involved in the process, because they were totally shut out and you don't have to ask me, whether or not they were shut out, that's exactly what they told us. In fact, they were so shut out that many of the groups that are very important to this State that we need to hear from, have totally decided just stop participating in these hearings, period. It's very disappointing. And, I again say, you've got super majorities in both Houses. There was no need to do it in this manner. You could have allowed these people to have their voices heard, but you refused to do so. We've got the map that we're voting on, we haven't had a single hearing on. The map that we're voting on, many of the people that testified in those committee hearings, don't even know it exists. This is not the way the process should work. And it's -- it's a big disappointment and it was -- and it's -- it's just needless. It's just -- it was not necessary, you've got the votes anyway, why not just give two weeks, why not just allow people to testify and give their feedback because there is no deadline the way that there is on the State maps that we've already voted on, which the courts have already said, are really bad, unconstitutional, as a matter of fact. So, you know, I'm just disappointed in the process I --

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I truly am and I'm disappointed not for myself, because I sort of expected that, I guess. I'm disappointed for my constituents and for your constituents, all of your constituents that just wanted their voices heard. But apparently, they weren't important. Well, we think they are important and we think they deserve two weeks' notice, you don't. I encourage a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Mr. President, thank you for your time this morning, during committee and thank you for your time this evening. I've got a few questions, we talked briefly, this morning, about the fact that there's no accompanying resolution with this legislation to explain why the map is drawn the way it is. Do you intend to, eventually produce an accompanying resolution?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I don't know that we've ever done a resolution to accompany a congressional redistricting. I don't expect that we will this year either.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

It's -- it's pretty common during proceedings like this for

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-- for a resolution, such as that, to be produced, so that people can -- can better understand why the maps are drawn the way they're drawn. In fact, this -- this Body produced such a resolution for the State legislative maps this spring, which I think is undoubtedly helpful, not just to everyone in this Chamber, but to all of our constituents. Do you not feel that an accompanying resolution would provide a lot more clarity as to why the maps exist the way they exist?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

If, I recall correctly, Senator, you and your caucus were none too pleased with our resolution and even went so far as to tease me for some of the things that were included in it. Again, I don't know your frame of reference here. I think the resolutions accompanying the General Assembly map is a relatively recent innovation and the -- not the normal course. I -- I -- I'm not familiar with all fifty states and any other Body that does redistricting but I don't know that it is common and again, it is not been our practice in the Illinois General Assembly to adopt a resolution to accompany the congressional map.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

And, I assure you, Mr. President, no one on this side of the aisle was trying to tease you this -- this past spring. I think what we would probably say is -- is -- is limited -- limited clarity or even bad clarity is better than no clarity and on the Congressional maps what we're getting, right now, is no clarity.

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Going back to Senator McClure was talking about a timeline, but to better understand the timeline, the hearings have been -- the Senate hearings have been ongoing for a couple weeks now. I participated in all of them. When did the team, you referenced a team earlier, that drew the map, when did this team begin the meetings? Whether those were meetings you had, meetings your staff had, when did the meetings begin to -- to start working on this map? And when did the maps start to get drawn?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. Again, we can revisit what -- some of what we covered in -- in committee. I believe our first hearing on the Congressional maps were held on October 1st. But, again, I know that you are seeking some formality and linearity in this. It is simply a much more organic process. We began working on redistricting in the spring with the State legislative maps and we really continued with different degrees of intensity to now, when I'm offering up a Congressional map.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So, this team that was working on the maps whenever it began, did that consist of Members of the Redistricting Committee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. We can -- we can continue with our

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team metaphor. It is useful in some circumstances. Obviously, the Members of the Redistricting Committee were, in fact, Members of the Redistricting Committee, and were our public facing Body that solicited input and -- and took it in from the public and held hearings, some in person, all with a virtual option so that anyone in the State, at any point in the State, could participate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

That -- that -- that answer sounds good, but the -- the reason why I asked the question about when did the work begin, who is part of the team, so and so forth, is because we've had all these witnesses appear before the committee. And these witnesses have come from across the State, across the political spectrum, they've asked a lot of questions. They've asked who's drawing the map. They've asked when will we see a map. They've asked all these different questions and each time these questions were asked in the committee the Chairman and or the Vice-Chairman, depending on who was running the meeting that day, consistently said they didn't know who was drawing the maps. They didn't say -- or they said they didn't know if meetings were taking place. In fact, they denied knowledge of any meetings, up to just a few days ago. So, when I hear you testify this morning, and when I hear you speak on the Floor, about how these meetings have been taking place for a long time and, of course, the Members of the Redistricting Committee were part of it. But then I sit in committee hearings and I listen to Members of the committee tell the public that they weren't part of it, they didn't know of any meetings, they didn't know who was drawing the map. I -- I can't help but sense that

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maybe the public was being misled. So, I just want to get a better understanding of the process. When it started? Who participated? Who drew the map? And when was the Redistricting Committee, the group, you would think might know these answers, actually, first became engaged in the process?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, you're conflating an awful lot of things here. Let me -- let me try to make sure that I -- I -- I -- I share this with you as best as I can. Obviously, the Redistricting Committee was charged primarily with serving on the Redistricting Committee, with attending the hearings, with taking in the public testimony, with filtering that back to our staff. We have a staff. You have a staff. You have Members. We have Members. You understand that dynamic. Our staff was working hard on redistricting, as was yours, I'm sure, and we collected that information. I do not believe that anyone on the Redistricting Committee misled you or any member of the public at any point in time. I don't believe the Members of the Redistricting Committee, who were so busy with hearings and bringing in public testimony, were participating in any or all meetings that you are inquiring about.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

You -- you talked about how the Redistricting Committee collected this information and then brought this information to the folks drawing the map. I'm -- I'm not looking for an answer,

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but I just don't understand, if they didn't know if meetings were taking place, if they didn't know about the meetings, if they didn't know who was drawing the map, if they didn't know any of this, I don't know how they took the public input and they took the public data and they delivered it to -- to anyone, because they tell us they don't know anything about it. But -- but moving on from that, the other obvious concern that has been raised recently, and I -- I know some people don't think this is an issue, I think a lot of folks on my side of the aisle, I think a lot of folks in the media, find it to be an issue, but obviously according to the State Government Ethics Act, a Senator should recuse themselves from activity where they have a material interest. And after weeks of hearings, after all of these meetings, we come to find out in the last forty-eight or seventy-two hours that the Chairman of the Redistricting Committee for the congressional maps in this State, is potentially seeking a run for Congress. And this was never disclosed to any of the Members of Redistricting Committee, it surely was not disclosed to the public, and that just seems like if the Chairman elects not to run for Congress it still seems like an error not to disclose the fact that -- that this was contemplated. And obviously, if a congressional run is pursued, I think this casts a dark shadow across the entire process. As -- as a sponsor of this bill, does this blatant conflict of interest concern you?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I -- I have to dispute your premise and let me ask a simple question in response. If

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that were a conflict of interest, wouldn't we all have had to -- recused ourselves on the vote to adopt a map for the General Assembly?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Not if we let the people draw the maps and have non-partisan independent commissions, Mr. President, which we support on this side of the aisle. In which you all supported on your side of the aisle, until it came down to crunch time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Do you have a question, Senator Plummer? Or is that -- you're going to go... You want to continue, Senator?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Harm -- Senator Harmon or President Harmon, thank you for your time. You know for those of you that didn't participate in the hearings, you probably can't full appreciate the frustration that some of us feel. We crisscrossed the State, we zoomed in, we met with these folks. Tragically, as time went on, the number of witnesses appearing dwindled and dwindled and dwindled and dwindled till, I think, the last hearing we only had one group represented. And the witnesses again from across the political spectrum said that they weren't participating. Some of them said they were boycotting the hearings because they had dedicated hours and hours and hours to this process yet their voice wasn't listened

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to. Their suggestions were ignored. They couldn't work through the portal that never really seem to work. When they showed up to meetings doors were locked or the wrong address was given and -- and in every way possible this Redistricting Committee told the public, we don't want your input, we don't seek your input, and even if you show up, if you crawl through all the barriers and you jump through all the loopholes and you show up and you comment, we're not going to listen to you. As Senator Bryant mentioned earlier, the only hearing in southern Illinois was cancelled and there was a commitment to hold a new hearing for the people of southern Illinois, and it wasn't just deep southern Illinois, it was all southern Illinois. It was metro east the second largest population center in the State. There wasn't a hearing south of Springfield. You know, if you look at -- you know, the response was, well folks can just zoom in and participate virtually. Well that's funny, because what part of the State, by Senator Faraci, lacks in broadband internet access? What part of... you can't do zoom on dialup. So, we go to the part of the State that has less access to technology, that is -- they can't participate virtually, and there in person meeting we cancel. We promise to reschedule it, and we never do that. This process takes away choice. It drives cynicism. It's what frustrates the public. This is why people don't have confident -- this is why people in Illinois don't have confidence in their State government. This map guarantees that the elected representatives in this State will not reflect the population of the State, and it will not be representative of their voices. Politicians should not pick their voters. Voters should pick their elective officials. I know some people forget this, but we do work for the voters. We do work for the people of

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Illinois. This process is designed and implemented to circumvent the people of the State of Illinois. Your vote tonight simply sends a message to everyone in this State. Do the politicians work for you or do you work for the politicians? I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Thank you for the spirited debate and for your attention. This is a difficult, and at many points, unpleasant process. Inevitably we will disappoint people. There were fourteen congressional maps submitted on the public portal. By definition, we can adopt only one map. We can't adopt all fourteen, no matter how hard those people worked. I'm grateful for the effort they put in, and we tried to take good ideas from that and incorporate that into the final product that's before us today. But Republicans receive the same appropriation as democrats for the redistricting process. Republicans have drawn maps without any public input, without any public testimony, and you've not shared them with anyone, on purpose. You have -- how do we know how -- how gerrymandered and political your districts are? Because you've never shared them. Are they as vengeful as the maps you shared ten years ago and ten years before that? We don't know. Are you suddenly not politicians, because politicians shouldn't draw maps? You've drawn the maps. When are you going to show them to the public? I'm here to stand behind the work we've done. We've shown our maps to the public. We have presented them in hearing after hearing, after hearing. We have refined them based on the input that we've gotten. And I'm proud of this map. I'm proud of the

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work that we've done. This is the right thing to do. This is a fair map and it reflects the diversity of the State of Illinois. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall House Bill 1291 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt votes Yes.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Van Pelt votes Aye. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Senator Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Aye, 18 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1291, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Lee Milner, Illinois Times, requests permission, photos. There being no objection, leave is granted. 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:

House Bill 1041.

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

House Amendments 3 and 4 to Senate Bill 1041. Passed the House, as amended, October 28th, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2954, offered by Senator Sims.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 6 of the Calendar. Senate Resolution 581. Senator Villa. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 581, offered by Senator Villa.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, and Members of the Senate. Tonight -- today -- tonight I would like to highlight Senate Resolution 581, which dedicates October, 2021, as Manufacturing Month. With over five-hundred thousand manufacturing employees throughout the State, it's important that we thank the work of our manufacturers and the individuals who operate them. Manufacturers have played a key role in the production of medical supplies since the beginning of COVID-19 and they continue to provide support for Illinois communities. We all know that COVID-19 has put a restraint on manufacturers but with this time we can recognize the huge role they play in sustaining the Illinois economy. Many manufacturing companies persevered through this time and many prioritized the safety of their staff and to them I say thank you. I also would like to thank the over three-hundred and fifty manufacturing companies that I represent in my Senate district. I hope you will all support me in declaring October, 2021, a Manufacturing Month.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? There being none. The question is, shall Senate... The question is, shall Senate Resolution 581 pass. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it and

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the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 593, Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen. Senate Resolution 593 declares November...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please -- hold off Senator. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 593, offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 593 declares November 4th, 2021, as Diwali Day, in honor of the people in Illinois and across the nation who celebrate this significant holiday. Diwali is a five-day festival of lights that takes place in autumn and is a festival of new beginnings, celebrating good over evil, and light over darkness. The word -- the word Diwali is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs, where each religion marks different events and stories. The common factor is in the understanding of the holiday is the triumph of good -- good over evil, of "light over darkness"; this focus on lights is why it's known as the festival of lights. Diwali is celebrated by four million Indian Americans in the U.S. and by millions worldwide. Illinois recognizes the cultural significance of Diwali and the religious diversity in Illinois, the U.S., and the world. The message of Diwali resonates with Illinoisans, Americans, and citizens of the world now more than ever. And I

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would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall Senate Resolution 593 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Senate Bill 1169. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1169.

Signed by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The expression, out of the frying pan and into the fire, comes to mind about now. The House has amended Senate Bill 1169 and sent it back to us as the much discussed, much confused amendment to the Health Care Right of Conscience Act. Now, for context, the Health Care Right of Conscience was adopted in 1977 and was intended, I think, fairly clearly, to provide protection to doctors, nurses, pharmacists, other health care professionals, who based on their own conscience, did not want to participate in certain reproductive health care services or prescriptions. That law, broadly drafted, is being construed today in litigation as essentially a, I choose not to follow these rules and as justification for that I will cite the Health Care Right of Conscience Act. I don't believe that is at all consistent with the original intent and it is appropriate, based on the recommendations from the Attorney General's Office,

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that we address it here today. I want to emphasize a couple of things. One, we are not in any way undermining the original clear intent of the law to protect health care providers who choose not to provide certain services. Number two, the authors of the law never anticipated a global pandemic like COVID-19 and the law as -- the amendment as proposed is fairly narrow and says essentially this, in cases related to a public health response to COVID-19 the Act does not provide a defense to any consequences that might follow from someone exercising their rights. I also want to emphasize this important point, existing protections held primarily in federal law that allow a person to decline to receive a vaccine based on a medical condition or religious belief, remain in effect and are not affected by this amendment. I know Members want to talk. I'm happy to answer questions, if you care to ask them, and I look forward to the discussion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Is there any discussion? Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Senator -- President Harmon, can you tell me the difference between Amendment 2 and Amendment 3? What's the difference?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam Pres or Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. Two primary differences; one, a delay in the effective date and two, the removal of language relating to termination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

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Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. So, it's fair to say that Amendment 2 and Amendment 3 are similar except for you took out the effective date for Amendment 3. Thank you for answering that. Would this bill allow employers to terminate any and all employees who are claiming a religious exemption to being vaccinated?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, first of all, you -- you -- you grossly mischaracterized my answer to the prior question. It was changed to do two things; to delay the effective date and to eliminate the language on termination. Could you please repeat the question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I'd be happy to repeat the question, but the difference between Amendment -- or 2 and Amendment 3 is -- you took out the start date and you took out the -- so, the terminating language is still included in Amendment 3, you just took out the example in Amendment 3, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, the -- the operative language, the employer can make choices about the employment of its employees isn't -- is operative, but it took out the language -- the including, but not

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limited to, language.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. So, the language is still included that an employer can terminate -- will terminate in Amendment 3 the same as in Amendment 2. My question is, would this bill allow employers to terminate any and all employees that are claiming a religious exemption to being vaccinated.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

First of all, I don't think it -- again, we are conflating things here. The religious exemption exists outside of this law and remains in place. What -- what we are doing here is saying that this law is not the correct defense. You have other defenses, but you can't cite the Health Care Right of Conscience as your defense to ignoring public health directives related to COVID-19.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, for adding that. I meant -- I meant to say would this, or ask, would this bill allow employers to terminate any and all employees who are claiming a religious exemption from being vaccinated from COVID-19. So, thank you, for clarifying that. Would this allow cities and municipalities to terminate police and firefighters who refuse a vaccination?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

If they don't qualify for a religious or medical exemption and they refuse to take a vaccine that is -- or follow the protocols set forth by their employer, this Act is not a defense.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Mr. President, FOP, AFFI, and many individual police and firefighters have come out strongly against changes proposed to the Health Care Right of Conscience Act. What is to happen to these frontline firefighters or frontline fighters who keep us safe?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

I'm sorry, Senator, I was -- I was checking. I was not aware that the AFFI had come out against this. Could you, and I apologize, I should've been listening to your question. I was inquiring as to whether we were at allegation. Could you repeat the question?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

What my question is, the FOP, the AFFI and many individual police and firefighters have come out strongly against changes proposed to the Health Care Right of Conscience Act. What is to happen to these frontline fighters who keep us safe?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator. First of all, I believe that the Chicago Firefighters Local 2, as - may have come out against this. I do not know that the AFFI has come out against this. We're very concerned about the health and wellbeing of our frontline first defenders. But they're at great risk too. They are having to interact with the public, they are at heightened risk of COVID, and of sharing it with their coworkers and with their families. So, I don't know what would happen to any of them, it depends on the department that they work for and the policies in place at those -- in those departments. I can't give you a categorical answer because I'm not familiar with all of the hundreds of police departments and fire departments and their policies on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. I'll move on. Vaccinations for five to eleven-year-olds are being produced and there's a strong likelihood that they will be available soon. If Governor Pritzker issues another Executive Order mandating vaccinations for children ages five to eleven, would this bill allow schools to refuse these children's access to schools if they're non-compliant because of a religious exemption?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator, thank you. That is a hypothetical question, I simply cannot answer.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. Senator, there is not any termination language in this bill. Is there any intention to repeal this bill as the pandemic slows down or ends?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. As it says on its face, it only applies to violations related to COVID-19 requirements. I believe that the COVID-19 requirements would sunset with COVID-19, may it happen tomorrow, but this is not designed to be permanent. It is designed to be responsive to a very real and immediate public health crisis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. So, the way -- the way that the bill is written though, correct me if I'm wrong, if there's five cases a year or ten or twenty or a thousand of COVID-19 cases in years to come, the way this bill is written is that employers will still have the ability to terminate or discipline their employees who choose not to be vaccinated in future years. I mean, currently, that's what that bill is allowing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. The law -- the bill clearly states

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it's to prevent the transmission of COVID. Again, I think you're dealing with a certain hypothetical speculative question here, and I'm not sure that I can answer that. This is designed to respond to a very real and immediate public health crisis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

So, I mean, again, the way the bill is written currently, there's no termination date. So, as long as COVID-19 exists, we hope to get pass the pandemic, but as COVID-19 exists, hopefully pass the pandemic even when it's treatable in future years, the employers still have the legal -- they legally can still discipline or terminate their employees if they choose not to be vaccinated for COVID-19. A couple more questions and then I'll defer to the next speaker. Mr. President, the effective date in this Act is June 1st, 2022, which obviously has no effect on what occurs now. People will still be able to claim a religious exemption for seven months. Can we have a commitment from you that a follow-up bill won't be brought to this Body in the next legislative session, when a two-thirds vote isn't required for an immediate effective date?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, people will be able to claim a religious exemption well after the effective date of this law. Again, you are conflating two things. The religious exemption exists in federal law and is unaffected by this. The Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act, because of the way

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it was drafted, is essentially a - I don't want to follow this rule and you can't make me law. That does -- that is not conducive to responding to a public health crisis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, President Harmon. You know, obviously, you're aware that many people have slipped in opposition to this bill. Over the course of this bill, I would say for the last week, we had seven -- seven-thousand people slip in opposition to Amendment 1. We had over fifty-four thousand people slip in opposition to Amendment 2, which is very similar to Amendment 3 that we're discussing here today and in the past twenty-four hours we've had over twenty-two thousand people slip in opposition to Amendment 3. If you want to know what that looks like, we've printed them - the opposition slips out here. They're here. This is what it looks like. Since, I've been here, and probably, I would say for the last decade, this is the bill that has the most people slip in opposition to a bill. There are concerns around the State that people are not being heard, that their rights are being taken away from them. First, I'd like to address nearly more than, I would say, fifty-four thousand witness slips that were filed in opposition to the bill. I'd like to thank Adam Russo, for trusting us enough to take time out of his busy life to bravely proclaim that you do not -- that we should not be supporting this legislation. I'd like to thank Jean Walker for being a part of the process and slipping in opposition, to this bill. I'd like to thank Melinda Green for sharing her opinion with us which makes clear the importance of defending sincerely held religious belief.

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I promise you, all of you, that I'll continue to defend your right to uphold your sincerely held beliefs. Now to the proponents of this bill, I implore you to do the same. What the Health Care Right of Conscience Act does is created more than freedom of opinion and freedom of belief when it -- when it was created. Now it creates -- it had created a line. It created a line that stopped the government from forcing its citizens to receive medical procedures and services that went against their sincerely held beliefs. Now the governments trying to erase that line, once again. It's our job here today, to stand for those who are standing up for themselves. It's our job here today to do the right thing and honor the tens of thousands of people throughout the entire State who still believe in a representative government who implored us to vote No. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Curran, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CURRAN:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CURRAN:

The Health Care Right of Conscience Act is an Act that provides a form of religious protection in the workplace. First, I would -- I would state that I don't believe it's an accurate representation to state that this law is the - I don't want to follow the Governor's rules and you can't make me. This Act protects sincerely held religious beliefs and defines conscience as the sincerely held set of moral convictions. Diminishing -- the proposal before us diminishes religious protections in the

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workplace. This is a dangerous precedent and a slippery slope. Today we're diminishing the protections in the workplace for a minor medical procedure. This is -- my objection is not about vaccinations, I'm vaccinated, that's not the issue here. It's diminishment of protections in the workplace for workers. Today, this is the issue, in the future it could be a diminishment of protections that allows one to take a prayer break in the workplace. Allows one to wear religious garment, religious headdress, in the workplace. We go down this path, we don't know where it ends. I would urge this Body to recede from taking this step of diminishment and would urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President, I'm going to go straight to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, and speak directly to the Body. A few nights ago the sponsor of the repeal of the Parental Notice Act said that something that I said during debate offended him, and I guess I just want to say to everyone, I hope that it doesn't happen tonight, but there's every real possibility that I might offend someone tonight as well. And you know what, I really don't care. I don't care because that bill, just like this bill, is terribly offensive to me, and I would say that it's terribly offensive to about fifty-two thousand, maybe fifty-four now is what I'm hearing,

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fifty-four thousand people who took the time to fill out slips in opposition to this bill. It's offensive. I'm sure you already know this, but in the United States we have a government who derives its power from the people, not the other way around. This bill takes the government and imposes upon the people it's will because they've been given a law and some rules that it's their sincerely held belief that they do not have to comply with. So what do we do as the government? Someone files a bill that says that your sincerely held religious beliefs don't matter. They don't matter. That's what this bill says. Our constitutional rights, again, I know you know this but I'm just going to remind you, are inalienable rights and they're granted by our creator, not by the government. By a little bait and switch today, a little dodge and weave, an amendment was added to this bill. Obviously, it was added because you only want to put thirty votes up on the board. Right? So change the effective date, which then does something that was very -- very similarly happened just a couple years ago with an abortion bill. Where on Memorial Day, late in the evening, very much like what we're doing right now, 10:30, all of a sudden, in that case the bill number changed and even the committee changed. Today, we just add a little amendment to it and then all of a sudden we only need thirty votes. We do it at 10:30 at night, and the fifty-four thousand signatures don't matter anymore. Cause we don't, apparently, Members of this Body don't care. I do. Some Members of this Body don't care what those fifty-four thousand people said and they don't care that the rights that are given to them are inalienable rights granted to them by our creator, not by the government. So I just -- I want to cover just a couple of things here, one is, first, if we weaken our First

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Amendment rights in regard to the free exercise of our religion, we weaken all of the First Amendment. Now, I know the -- the -- the sponsor of the bill says that that doesn't have anything to do with, I'm putting words in your mouth I know, but doesn't have anything to do with anything that we're talking about right here. But I argue that it does. Because if someone is saying that it's their sincerely held religious belief and this is the law that they're using, we can't just change the rules midstream because we don't like that the people that we represent are offended by what this Body is trying to do. So what are the other things that the First Amendment right says, gives us a free press. Is it okay if somebody comes along because they don't like what the press says and changes -- changes that First Amendment -- that portion of the First Amendment right? It also says, we have free speech. It says we have a freedom to assemble, pretty important over the last couple -- about the last year or so, the ability to freely assemble. How about the freedom to petition our government for a redress of grievances? All of that wrapped into our First Amendment rights. For twenty plus years on my job, one of the things that I did was make sure that everybody in a correctional facility received three meals a day, nutritious meals, people didn't like them sometimes but as a part of that I often was asked to give some kind of an accommodation for a diet. I also served on the Religious Practices Advisory Board for the Department of Corrections, so sometimes people brought before us requests to change something about the way they were being allowed to worship but I just wanted to give a couple of examples of those. So Muslims were fed, we had to make sure that they were fed before and after sundown during Ramadan, that was an accommodation given

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to them by their First Amendment right. We had to make sure that all the items for the Seder were available during Passover for the Jewish inmates. We had to make sure that feast items were available for Odinists who worshiped Thor and other Viking gods. We had to make sure that the pagans were able to worship mother earth. Now, there were a lot of requests that I believed were not sincere. In fact, sometimes we thought that some of those incarcerated individuals were using that in order to, kind of, show a gang affiliation of some sort. But the courts repeatedly ruled that we could not challenge that offenders sincerely held religious beliefs. Often, institutional management would try to challenge an offenders sincerely held religious belief by requiring them to identify the tenets of their faith or pillars of their faith. The courts said, no, State of Illinois, you can't do that. Sometimes the institutional management tried to require a religious leader -- an offender to provide a religious leader's letter saying that they were in good standing as a part of their faith. You know what the court said? No, State of Illinois, you can't do that. Sometimes institutional management said, we're not recognizing your faith because you failed to abide by the tenets of your own faith, and you don't even understand the tenets of your own faith. You know what the court said, how they ruled? No, State of Illinois, you cannot do that. An individual is allowed to backslide. You believe that? They're even allowed to backslide. The courts in this State, federal courts and some State courts have been pretty clear that one person cannot judge another person's sincerely held religious beliefs. Now, you might ask why is that important. Why is that what goes on in the Illinois Department of Corrections important here tonight? And I'm going

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to say -- because we're here tonight telling the people of Illinois that their sincerely held religious beliefs, the free population of Illinois, that their sincerely held religious beliefs are not valid. Now, the sponsor mentioned that in federal court they're going to have some rights with this. This is going to end up in federal court. Governor Pritzker, the hospitals of Illinois, some of the employers, you're all going to end up in federal court. And I believe you're going to lose, because that was my experience for twenty years in the Department of Corrections. The government does not get to decide what somebody's sincerely held religious beliefs are. So, really this bill is an attempt to get the Governor pushing through our State agencies, most of the hospitals in the State of Illinois, and a whole lot of employers out of some very expensive litigation, that's coming. And it's coming whether we pass this tonight or not. It's coming. But for all of us who were going to vote, do you want to be the one that puts a Yes vote on telling the people of Illinois that you don't care about what their sincerely held religious beliefs are? I don't. I don't want to put my vote on that. I don't want to go back to the people in my district and say, I don't -- listen I don't care how much their religious beliefs differ from mine, I don't care how weird they might sound to me. I mean I can remember, one time, a Rastafarian who said that nobody else could touch his hair. So he got to have a garbage bag to keep all of his hair in, so only he could burn it. That's pretty weird, if you ask me, not something that I believe in but, you know what, it's his right to have that belief. So, this is late at night again, my voice is starting to fail a little bit, some of you might be happy about that, 10:30. So, we've made sure that the ten o' clock news is over. So, this

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won't hit the ten o' clock news, but I want to make sure that the media is listening, whether you're listening at home or you're here or over here or over there, and I want to make sure everybody at home is listening, right now, cause in just a few minutes we're going to take a vote and when that vote is taken, you know what's going to happen, you're going to hear something. You know what you're going to hear? You're going to hear the stripping away of our First Amendment rights. And don't think that this is an -- an end. This is only the beginning if we allow it. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ladies and Gentlemen. We don't have the timer on. I'm not telling you -- you can't speak. Just please, keep to the bill. I'm asking out of courtesy. No, the Department of Corrections got nothing to do with this bill, Senator. I didn't interrupt you, but you asked me I'm asking you in a nice way. I didn't interrupt you, so don't interrupt me. Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. And to echo my colleague, prepare to be offended. This is not about safety. Let's be honest. I want everybody over there that's considering voting Yes to be honest about what this about -- is about. It is not about safety. The same people considering a vote for this tonight are the same people that here, just this past year, voted to let bad guys out and defund the good guys under the banner of safety.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

There it is. Thank you. Cops, firefighters, nurses, for the past nineteen months, you guys have been out there saying, "oh, thank you for working on the frontlines, you're our heroes", right? And on today, First Responder Day, we're voting on a bill that now says, bend a knee and comply or you're going to lose your livelihood. That's what we're doing with this bill. Oh, but meanwhile, on the southern border as people flock into our country, they don't have to take the vaccine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

It is to the bill. This is about control, this is about control. We have asked for months from the Governor ruling by fiat, pushing his mandates over and over, we been asking for public hearings. Let's talk about the science that you're making these decisions on. We filed Senate Bill 103 to say, hey, after the initial thirty days, let us have a say, let the two other co-equal branches of government have a say. But now, with this bill, the Healthcare Right of Conscience Act, there's a little speed bump for him and what do you guys do? You tuck tail and say, we'll fix that for you, no problem. You wonder why people question their government. This is why. Government dictating when, where, your personal liberties start and stop. Do as you're told. How dare you question the almighty government. And you have the arrogance to shout down on them, pass a bill like this, and say how dare you question us. The people that question government are not ignorant,

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they're not stupid. They're the ones that paid attention in history class. Vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Sally Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

Thank you. I'm here on behalf of the 44th District. I'm here on behalf of Vicky Lawrence, Rick Volley, Michael Litterly, and many other people that contacted my office. Our phones rang off the hook for days. We met with ministers and priests, and pastors, and parishioners, firefighters, policemen, servicemen and women, and the hardworking people of the 4th {sic} District. The HealthCare Right of Conscience Act allows individuals to refuse to take part in healthcare services that are contrary to their religious beliefs, morals or otherwise are contrary to their conscious. It provides important protections for Illinoisans and it has for decades. And Members of both parties have supported the contents and the idea of this law for years. Passing these changes to this law will empower the Executive Branch more to minimize legislative input, which we're all a part of and we have a role in, and it'll reduce the freedoms of the people of the State of Illinois. I thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Bailey, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BAILEY:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The bill, Senator.

SENATOR BAILEY:

Thank you very much. Well, I thought Tuesday we had done enough destruction to this State and its families, but here we are looking at another attempt to take away freedoms and use government force against hardworking Illinoisans. It's clear the Illinois Democratic Party has completely abandoned the working people and families of this State to appease the woke and radical parts of their party. Shame on you for not standing up for freedom and the working people. The role of government is to educate, not mandate. A few months ago, you called healthcare workers heroes, and now you want to ensure they can be fired if they don't submit to tyrannical rule. Meanwhile, those of us who hold dear to our liberty have been subjected to scorn and contempt. Take for example, the Governor's own deputy chief of staff, who was quoted in a Washington Examiner article, dated October 13. "The administration supports efforts to clarify the law so it cannot be misinterpreted by fringe elements." Fringe elements, think about that. So, according to one of the Governor's top-level staffers, if we hold to Illinois' current Healthcare Right of Conscience Act as it is written, we're part of a fringe element. On Wednesday of this week, Governor Pritzker was quoted as saying, that some of the concerns about this Act were Facebook fakery. He claimed the Health {sic} Right of Conscience Act was being misinterpreted and used in court cases to try to allow people who just don't want to get vaccinated, the anti-vaxxers, the anti-maskers, to avoid the rules. These tactics seem right out of Saul Alinsky's Rules for

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Radicals. Rule number five, "ridicule is man's most potent weapon." Rule number 12, "pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." Seems crazy when we are talking about a law that was passed with bipartisan support, but sadly, here we are. The public has also been told the Healthcare Right of Conscience Act was never intended to allow people to avoid public health guidance during a global pandemic by the administration. We do clarify legislative intent from time to time. But there have been times in the past when the intent of legislation was discounted by the courts. So, intent is not worth as much as what is written in the law. The words and their meaning are what count. There are tens of thousands of Illinois citizens who are exercising their personal God given liberty. They cite Illinois Healthcare Right of Conscience Act to defend themselves from government and private sector mandated vaccines that they don't want based on their sincerely held religious beliefs or need, given their current medical status. The bottom line is this, the First Amendment to the Constitution notes that the government shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of our personal religious faith. Undermining Illinois Healthcare Right of Conscience Act, which is before us today, undermines, if not guts, that indisputable right. If we don't have the right to our own conscience, if government can dictate how and when our conscience matters, we have no liberty. What's next? Is there a limit to what the government can impose? Where do we draw the line? If a line is crossed here today, when will it be reestablished, if ever? I think we all know the answer to that and it's sad that many of you are refusing to stand up for liberty. Before you or the media attempts to stand up -- before you or the media paint my attempts to stand up for

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the people as something different, I want to let you know that my office has helped hundreds of people who wanted the vaccine, receive a vaccine. We're still helping those who want and need masks. But what is our government doing? Well it's forcing people to do things against their will. A decision that should be made between a person and their doctor is now being met with continued threats and force by big government. When will it stop? Where will you draw the line? My personal belief is that an idea doesn't require government force. But if given all the information that people will make the best decisions for themselves and their families, but it appears we have people in this Body and a Governor who think that they know better than the people of Illinois. I will always support ensuring vaccines and information are readily available for those who seek it and need it. But I will never support forcing and threatening individuals and families through the force of government. These never-ending mandates and radical attacks by our government on individual freedom must stop. Friends, I'm not going to stand for it. Please vote No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to set the stage. I've -- I have two points of opposition and one is really more practical and one is really more philosophical. But, on the first point, this

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whole idea of the current staffing shortage that's going on in this country and Mr. President, I heard you a minute ago, but this is absolutely germane to the bill. I talked to a friend of mine who's a doctor, just last week, they've got plenty of monoclonal antibody bags, the regeneron bags, they don't have the nurses to put them in arms. You lose another ten or fifteen percent of your nursing staff because of this bill, where do we go? Schools, you lose ten to fifteen percent of your schools, particularly downstate schools, you lose your teachers, where do we go at that point as a society? Police. Chicago. How many cops you willing to lose up there? How much more crime do you want? Said the same thing about New York City, fire. And this is not hypothetically or theoretical. I've talked to the head of an ambulance department in my area today, says if this thing passes by this time next week the whole ambulance service shuts down. You know why? Not cause they don't worry about COVID or don't believe it's real. They've all had it. They've already had it. Every one of them had it. They're not going to get vaccinated, so they go on. and let me just say that last part, they've already had it. So, if you lose ten to fifteen -- look first of all, look over half of Illinoisians have already gotten the vaccine and that's their choice. In fact, I'm one of them. You know what, that was my choice. Said, hey I'm closer to fifty than forty, slightly overweight, maybe I ought to get the vaccine because you know what, as a rational choice, it made sense for me to get vaccinated. So, I did. Countless senior citizens have been vaccinated, millions of Illinoisans have been vaccinated, but some haven't and that's their choice. That's their choice, and this staffing shortage and respectfully, Mr. President, you said DOC has nothing to do with that. I disagree.

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I picked up the first couple pages off the stack of fifty-four thousand Illinoisans who said they're against this bill. What's in here? Oh, IDOC correctional officer, Kendall County Sheriff's Office, here's one, IDOC correctional officer, Quincy Public Schools, North Clay Unit-25, that's probably Bailey, West Central District, no idea, housewife, housewife. You got fifty-four thousand Illinoisans who have stood up and said don't do this. I've been here for nineteen years. I have never seen five-hundred let alone fifty-four thousand citizens say don't do this to me. Fifty-four thousand people, and don't all of you over there say, oh, it's bots, bots. Correctional officers, fire fighters, sheriffs, read 'em. How do I operate a nursing home on seventy-five percent capacity? Child care centers, thank you. Corrections, jails, fire, police and why? Why are these people opposed? That's their choice. That's none of my business. I made my decision for me, based upon my state and life. And this is the philosophical part. The philosophical part is the government should not be substituting its judgement for the citizen's judgment. Now this use to be common place. In fact, the last time, now listen up, wait for it, listen up, the last time the Healthcare Right of Conscience Act was amended, in what year 1997, last time it was expanded in 1997, expanded Senator, then State Senator Barack Obama voted for it. This didn't use to even be a matter of discussion because people respected the fact that if you have a deeply held religious, philosophical, moral belief, that the constitution is free exercise of religion not freedom from religion. And now the government is saying, we don't care what you think, we don't care cause we know better than you. We're smarter than you. We're just going to tell you what to

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think. Why do you think there's fifty-five thousand people that filed the thing? Cause they don't want to be told what to think. They simply don't want to be told what to think. Now folks, we don't have to do this today and I would point out while we're here, we've had twenty months to come together as a legislature and try to craft policy to deal with this pandemic, sensible policy that advances safety, but the first time we've done it in twenty months is to tell the one guy who's been telling us all and ruling from on high, the whole time, when nobody was down here and too afraid to say anything to him, the one guy who's been making all the rules, the first time we act is to give him more power. I tell you what, government has no business substituting its judgement, your judgment, my judgment, anybody's judgment, for the judgement of these people. The people who want to get vaccinated have been vaccinated. Monoclonal therapeutics are here. Get 'em out there -- get 'em out there. But you do this, there's no walking back from this. This is freedom and liberty in what the United States of America was about and it was about us realizing that our fellow man or woman is smart enough to make up their own minds based upon their own circumstances, in their own homes, and with the medical advice of their own doctors. This is not any of that. Vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Our last speaker, Leader McConchie. For what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

To the bill, Leader.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

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Thank you. We spent a lot of time here debating our society's issues and faults and rightly so, it's our job. It's our job to make this State and country and its people's lives better. But today I'd like to talk about something that already makes this country great and that is the freedom of individual belief, your moral religious belief, and your ability to determine how to act and behave for yourselves. This is one place in the world, a priceless place, and so many people are trying to get too. Where you are allowed not only to hold your own beliefs but you're allowed to exercise them under protection from your own government. The beauty of representative government, such as ours, is that we can elect people who either share support or will defend these beliefs. And based upon the tens of thousands of people who went to the effort, seemingly extraordinary effort it can be at times, to fill out witness slips at a relatively last minute, to fill out in opposition to this bill. I think it's fair to say that we all have constituents who believe that this legislation is wrong. Deeply seeded believe it and are very, very concerned. We're not talking about a loud vocal minority. We're talking about tens of thousands of people who believe so strongly that this legislation is a mistake that they took the time out of their lives to come and officially tell us so. These people believe that they can, and hope, that they can change our minds. They believe that we will listen. They believe that their voice matters. But it seems that the only voice that matter here today, to the proponents, is that of the governor, who again, as I -- one of my colleagues just stated, you know, the only issue other than spending of money that we've done in relation to COVID-19, has been to reinforce his single-handed authority. I do not believe that that authority

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should override the beliefs -- the sincerely held beliefs and freedoms of the twelve-million Illinoisans he was elected to serve. If we continue to ignore the wants, needs, and beliefs of the people who ask for our help, we are not serving those who elected us, we are selling them out. So, to all of the people out there who still believe that they have a voice, we need to keep that faith. Even if not everyone here, or even most of the legislators in this -- Chamber appreciate it, we recognize, over here on this side of the aisle, that the government's primary function is to protect and enhance citizen's liberties and freedoms not take them away. And we will continue to vote to protect those rights. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you -- stand?

SENATOR MORRISON:

Mr. President, I rise to ask a question of the sponsor for the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Sponsor, indicates he will yield.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Of legislative intent. Does any change in this Act affect an individual's right to object to a vaccine based on federal, religious, or medical protections?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Senator. No, it does not.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

President Harmon, to close.

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SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate for an earnest debate. Thank you to all of the citizens of Illinois who have weighed in for or against. It is our job to take those witness slips and make decisions for the State. We don't pass bills based on who submitted the most witness slips and I have seen plenty of bills with thousands and thousands of witness slips. I'm glad we've made it easier for people to weigh in, but in the end it's up to us to judge what the right policy is. Now, I wish we didn't have to take this bill up. I wish that what my church describes as a gift of kindness to our neighbors hadn't been so politicized and become so tribal, but no one is attempting to interfere with peoples deeply held religious beliefs. Nothing in this bill, as I just told Senator Morrison, affects the religious exemption that exists elsewhere in the law. What this amendment says is that your right to exercise your religious belief is not always without consequence and this Act, the Healthcare Right of Conscience, is not a defense in certain circumstances. I can apply for life insurance, but if the life insurance company says you need to submit to a physical before we issue it, I can't say, no, the right of conscience says, you have to issue that policy without me submitting to an exam. Years ago, when I was with my son the cub scout in a swimming pool at a water park, I smashed my head on the bottom of a basketball rim and my head started bleeding, and the lifeguard said I had to get out of the pool because my blood was going into the water and there were swimmers. I can't say, no, I can stay in the pool because of the Healthcare Right of Conscience, you can't discriminate against me because of my bleeding head wound. If -- if I am pulled over under

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suspicion of driving under the influence, I can refuse a breathalyzer, but I can't say you can't take my license away because of the Healthcare Right of Conscience. There is a defense but folks are looking in the wrong place. This is not it. We are trying to clarify that the law is implemented per -- correctly and that -- you've asked where we draw the line, the line of my personal liberty ends at the beginning of your nose. That's all we're trying to do here. We're trying to strike a balance. This law was never intended to preclude public health responses to a global pandemic, and it shouldn't be. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1169. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes No.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Stewart votes No. Senator Van Pelt. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Villivalam votes Aye.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Van Pelt votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 31 voting Aye, 24 voting Nay, 0 voting Present, 4 not voting. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 1 and 3 to Senate Bill 1169, and the bill is declared passed. Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Verification of the roll call, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Senator Anderson has requested a verification. Will all Members please be in their seats? Ring the bell. The Secretary, will read the affirmative votes.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Those Members voting in the affirmative: Aquino, Belt, Bennett, Bush, Castro, Collins, Connor, Cunningham, Ellman, Feigenholtz, Fine, Gillespie, Holmes, Hunter, Johnson, Jones, Koehler, Landek, Lightford, Morrison, Murphy, Pacione-Zayas, Peters, Simmons, Sims, Stadelman, Van Pelt, Villa, Villanueva, Villivalam, President Harmon.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Does Senator Anderson question the presence of any Member voting in the affirmative?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

No, Mr. President, I withdraw my request. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

On a verified roll call there are 31 Ayes, 24 Nays, and 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, Senate Bill 1169, is declared passed. Leader McConchie, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Please proceed, Leader.

SENATOR McCONCHIE:

Thank you very much, on a slightly lighter note, I think. I just -- you know it's -- you know it's a sad day whenever we have to say goodbye but you know now, we're saying goodbye twice in one year. As you may have seen in the news, Chief of Staff Dale Righter has decided to move on to private practice. I want to thank you very much for not only your long service in the Chamber and your friendship but also your willingness to come back and continue to help this caucus through the transition and over this past year. I will miss you, I know that many of our caucus will miss you, and many of those in the building will miss you and thank you for the -- your long-standing service and I was glad I was able to arrange for the Packers to win in your honor tonight.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Majority Leader Lightford, in the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Sorry about that, Mr. President, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of personal privilege. If the moment hasn't passed with the change in the Chair, I wanted To join Leader McConchie in congratulating Dale Righter on your spectacular career in the Senate and your service as Chief of Staff. I can't tell you how much I will miss you. I look forward to being able to call you Senator again on a regular basis. We had many spirited debates and -- and the roles that we each played, we spent a lot of time talking to each other on the Floor. You had big shoes to fill, a proud tradition, Matt Murphy, Peter Roskam before that. And you grew into that role in a way that was just remarkable. Your sense of humor, your sense of fair play, you were always a hard-fought combatant and I enjoyed sparring with you. But you are a testament to the way we should handle ourselves on the Floor, the way we should engage in this process. Fight hard but with a smile and go over and shake hands and be friends afterwards. So, I can't tell you sir how much I will miss you I wish you all the best luck in private practice and I hope that our paths cross many times again. God bless you, my friend.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we will now proceed to the Order of Advise and Consent. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Madam President, I move that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on appointment set forth in the following Appointment Messages 488, 491 of the 101st

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General Assembly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Murphy moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Messages just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is resolved into Executive Session. Mr. Secretary. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Messages 1010488.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Madam President, the Committee on Executive Appointments, recommends that the Senate Do Consent to the following appointment: To be the Chair for the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, Cynthia Berg.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

The Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you -- thank you, Madam President. I actually have some questions in regard to, not just these appointments, but also on the Parole Board appointees. Can I ask those now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Only speaking to this appointment, Senator.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Will I be able to ask these questions, then, before we adjourn?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Senator Bryant, we'll discuss legislation that's before us.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Will I be able to ask questions about the appointment of Parole Board members before we adjourn tonight?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant, only the individuals that are before us in this Appointment Message.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Yes ma'am, I thank you for your answer, but I'm asking for your commitment as -- in the Chair, if when we're finished with this Executive Session, will I be able to ask some questions this evening of the -- of the Chairman of the Executive Appointments Committee, as a Member of the Executive Appointments Committee?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Bryant, as the opinion of the Chair, you can have a conversation with Senator Murphy on the side. What we will address tonight is only the Appointment Messages before you. Would you like to proceed on this Appointment Message?

SENATOR BRYANT:

I would like to proceed on a couple appointees that voted today to release a double murderer..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator -- Senator Bryant, we're going to move on if you're not going to be prudent to what's before you. Would you like to speak on this Message 101-488? That's a yes or a no.

SENATOR BRYANT:

The answer then is no.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you very much. Senator Murphy.

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SENATOR MURPHY:

Madam President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator -- Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Excuse me, Aquino vote Aye. Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Stewart.

SENATOR STEWART:

Stewart votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Stewart votes Yes. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

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Senator Van Pelt votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam votes Yes. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message 1010491.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Madam President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate Do Consent to the following appointment: To be a Member for the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, William Davis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Madam President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ellman votes Yes. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Yes. Senator Stewart. Senator Stewart. Senator Van Pelt.

SENATOR VAN PELT:

Senator Van Pelt votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Van Pelt votes Yes. Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please, take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Yea, 11 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. And majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

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Madam President. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Murphy moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. The Senate will stand at ease for just a moment. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, on the point of announcement, we are at ease and only at ease, waiting for paperwork to come over from the House. Please do not leave the Senate Floor. We're only at ease for paperwork to come over from the House. Thank you. 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 concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 536.

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

House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 536. Passed the House, as amended, October 28th, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Will Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom, immediately please? The Committee on Assignments to the President's Anteroom. The Senate stands at ease.(at ease) Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 536.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, please return to the Senate Floor. We have final action, one last item for tonight. Please come to the Senate Floor. Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you rise? Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

A point of personal privilege please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Please state your privilege point, Senator.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. I just want to very quickly remind the Body that the Prison Review Board is comprised of fourteen members. Ten of those members have not yet been confirmed by the Senate. Just very quickly, I -- I want to remind everyone that there is bipartisan outrage today over the decision that the board issued, that made -- basically that allowed an individual to be paroled who killed two of her children, claimed post-partum depression but did that three years apart. And then also, one member of the Prison Review Board today, Max Cerda, a convicted two-time murderer, voted to release someone he served time with in prison. It's an ultimate conflict of interest and I would challenge the majority party, in here, to call those members of the Parole Board to be confirmed or to vote them down. Thank you.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Supplemental Calendar No. 2 has been printed and distributed, should be on your desk. Ladies and Gentlemen, please turn your attention to Senate Bill 536. Senate Bill 536. President Harmon. The gentleman indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in their Amendments 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 536.

Signed by President Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

President Harmon, on your motion, sir.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. This -- the House has sent us back Senate Bill 536 amended to be the Election Law Ominous Bill for the year. I did present this in committee, the highlights -- there are many changes required to completely implement the delay in the primary election for this year following redistricting many date's changes. There are some other substantive changes we're creating a -- a task force on access to voting for persons with disabilities, we are making permanent -- allowing people to register for the permanent vote by mail list at any time rather than in a narrow window, we are clarifying some of the fines and coordinating and conforming some of the fine structures for reporting violations. Perhaps the most unique provision is along the DuPage Forest Preserve District to redistrict itself rather than to follow the lines of the DuPage County Board. I'd be happy to and oh -- and we are delaying until 2022 the mandate that we redraw various judicial subcircuit boundaries. I'd be happy to

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answer any questions to the best of my ability.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

To the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

I'm a former county clerk and I'm still very active in the County Clerks Association and I speak with them often and one reached out to me and another one I had heard from and neither one care for this bill. Generally, when there is something that is important to them, they reach out to me to make sure that I speak with my fellow Senators to relay that message to them. One thing it does is deletes the clause for withdrawal for candidates on the ballot. So that leaves no withdrawal date. so if two candidates are filing at the same time or two -- one candidate is filing for two offices, that creates problem for the county clerk. It decreases a signature requirement established for parties to file for a vacancy by two thirds. Another thing that's interesting is that regarding the judicial contributions, it only affects the judiciary and it doesn't affect any other of the offices or any of the individuals that are running for office. And that's about it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Seeing none. Mr. President, do you need to close? Thank you very much. The question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments No. 1 and 2 to

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Senate Bill 536. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay.
The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Aquino votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Collins -- Aquino votes Aye. Senator Collins.

SENATOR COLLINS:

Collins votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Collins votes Aye. Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Ellman votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Ellman votes Aye. Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Harris votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Harris votes Aye. Senator Van Pelt -- 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:

Villivalam, enthusiastically, votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

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Villivalam votes Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill -- Senate Bill 536 having received the required constitutional majority. The Senate does concur in House Amendments No. 1 and 2 to Senate Bill 536, and the bill is declared passed. Mr. President, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Thank you for your work these last two weeks. It has been very busy and very productive. We have completed our work before midnight. The House is still toiling and hopefully, they'll get their work done. We have distributed the Calendars for the Spring Session. We will be back in a few weeks in January, as you see, we are certainly going to be frontloading our Calendars. I'll look forward to seeing much of you in January, February, and March and wrapping up our work early this spring. But thanks to all of the Members. Thanks to all of the staff on both sides of the aisle for the incredible hard work. Get home safe. Please don't drive home tonight if you're too tired and we'll see you all in a caucus soon and back here in January. God bless you all. Thank you, have a happy holiday season.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Thank you, Mr. President. 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

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House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 217.

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

House Amendments 1, 2, and 3 to Senate Bill 217. Passed the House, as amended, October 28th, 2021. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 37, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution 37. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

(Secretary reads SJR No.37)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Senator Koehler moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 37. Those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Koehler moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 37. All in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. 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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LIGHTFORD)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on this Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. There being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 37, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on January 4th, 2022, or the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.