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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Scott March {sic} (Marsh) of Texas Christian Church in Clinton, Illinois and Maroa Christian Church, in Maroa, Illinois.

PASTOR SCOTT MARSH:

(Prayer by Pastor Scott Marsh)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Bennett will lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR BENNETT:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Bennett)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

James Carder, requests leave for Blue -- Blueroomstream to video stream our -- our proceedings. Is there any objection? Seeing none, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Monday, March 28th, 2022.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and approval of

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the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 937, offered by Senator Gillespie and all Members.

It is a celebration of life resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Belt, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports House Bill 4813 Do Pass; House Bill 4243 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendments 3 and 4 to House Bill 4256; and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5016 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Van Pelt, Chair of the Committee on Healthcare Access and Availability, reports Senate Resolution 872 Be Adopted; Senate Resolutions 828 and 862 Be Adopted, as Amended; and House Bill 5465 Do Pass.

Senator Stadelman, Chair of the Committee on Local Government, reports House Bill 4461 Do Pass; and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5283 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Madam Chair, for an announcement. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 5464 and Senate Resolution 922 can be heard at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th, in the Senate Higher Education Committee. I'm sorry, I may have misspoke, on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bennett, moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 5464 and Senate Resolution 922 can be heard at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Senate Higher Education Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Ladies and Gentlemen. Please come to the Floor, we will be going to House Bills 2nd Reading. If you have any bills on 2nd Reading, please come to the Floor. WCIA seeks leave to film and record the Senate Session. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Senator Castro, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR CASTRO:

Purpose of a motion, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your motion.

SENATOR CASTRO:

I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 4126 can be heard at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30th, in the Senate Executive Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Castro moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 4126 can be heard at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, in the Senate Executive Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. Ladies and Gentlemen. We're going to 2nd Reading. We are starting with page 11 of the printed Calendar. Starting with House Bill 107, Senator Muñoz. Going on to House Bill 260, Senator Connor. House Bill 1091, Senator Glowiak Hilton. She wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary,

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read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1091.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Cunningham, on House Bill 1208. Senator Fine, on House Bill 3118. Secretary, she indicates she wishes to proceed. Read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3118.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3124, Senator Muñoz. Did I say House Bill 3124? I meant House Bill 3124, Senator Muñoz. Going onto House Bill 3949, Senator Muñoz. House Bill 4281, Senator Gillespie. Senator Hastings, on House Bill 4390. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4390.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 4462, Senator Muñoz and House Bill 4568, Senator Crowe. We're going to move to page 12 of the printed

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Calendar and go down the Order of 2nd Reading. Starting with House Bill 4818, Senator Belt. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4818.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Environment and Conservation adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Castro, on House Bill 4973. She indicates she wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill please. Ope! Out of the record. House Bill 4988, Senator Loughran Cappel. House Bill 5016, Senator Simmons. House Bill 5041, Senator Fowler. House Bill 5049, Senator Muñoz and House Bill 5175, Senator Hastings. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5175.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5196, Senator Bennett. House Bill 5328, Senator Jones. House Bill 5334, Senator Crowe. House Bill

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5408, Senator Bennett. House Bill 5463, Senator Villivalam. House Bill 5502, Senator Cunningham and House Bill 5549, Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4199, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Ellman, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Madam President, I move to -- on a motion. Alright, thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your motion.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

Thank you. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that HB 5194 can be heard at 4:30, tomorrow, in the Senate Financial Institutions Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Ellman, moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bill 5194 can be heard at 4:30 p.m., tomorrow, in the Senate Financial Institutions Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. With leave of the Body, we're going to go back to House Bills 2nd Reading. In the middle of page 12, we're going to begin with, Senator Fowler on 5041. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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House Bill 5041.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

The Senate Democrats will caucus for thirty minutes in the Senate President's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The Senate Democratic Caucus will be caucusing in the President's Office for thirty minutes. Senator DeWitte, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DeWITTE:

For the purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR DeWITTE:

Senate Republicans will caucus in Room 309 for thirty minutes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senate Republicans will caucus in Room 309 for thirty minutes. The Senate will stand in recess. After caucus we will be returning to the Floor at approximately 1 o'clock for final action. The Senate will stand in recess, to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

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Will the Senate please come to order? Will the Committee on Assignments meet? Will the Committee on Assignments meet in the President's Anteroom? Will the Senate 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 Criminal Law Committee - House Bill 5441, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3465, and Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 17; refer to Energy and Public Utilities Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 4973; refer to Health Committee - House Joint Resolution 75, Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 970; refer to Pensions Committee - House Bill 4646; Be Approved for Consideration - House Bills 4600 and 3205.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Commerce Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 3205; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4600.

Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Ladies and Gentlemen. We're going to start out going back to House Bills and pick up those who did not move their House Bills and that's going to go pretty quickly, then we are going to House Bills 3rd Reading, that will be final action. So, we are going to start about middle of page 11, and we're going to go to Senate Bill 107. Ope, House Bill 107, Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 107.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Moving onto House Bill 260, Senator Connor. Nope. House Bill 1208, Senator Cunningham. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1208.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 3124, Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3124.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Muñoz, on House Bill 3949. Mr.

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Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3949.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Healthcare Access and Availability adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Going onto House Bill 4281, Senator Gillespie. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4281.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Going onto 40 -- going onto House Bill 4462, Senator Muñoz. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4462.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 34 -- going to page 12 of the printed

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Calendar, we're going to go down to Senator Simmons, on House Bill 5016. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5016.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Simmons.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Simmons, on your amendment, please.

SENATOR SIMMONS:

Thank you, Madam President. Move to adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

All those in -- 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 for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Muñoz, on House Bill 5049. Out of the record. Near the bottom of page 12 on your printed Calendar, we have House Bill 5463. Senator Villivalam. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5463.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Cunningham, on House Bill 5502. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5502.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Lightford, on 5549, that's House Bill 5549. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5549.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Madam President. Point of announcement.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Make your announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR MUÑOZ)

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. With me today, I have four constituents from my district, McKinley Park area, or that's my home. Cisneros -- Manny Cisneros, a Marine veteran; Oscar Contreras, Marine veteran. They're up in the gallery, Back of the Yards, and Robert and his wife, Leslie. I'm here to say a proclamation, few words. While residing in Chinatown, Fabian Sr. graduated from John Charles Haines grammar school at the age of twelve; and he continued his education at Lindblom Technical High School and, in '73 he graduated at only sixteen years of age. Shortly after receiving his diploma, Fabian Sr. worked under Joanna Western Mills, a for -- foreign profit corporation that is no longer operating, and as a file clerk before deciding to pursue higher education; and WHEREAS, Fabian Sr. was admitted to the University of Illinois Circle Campus with a full-ride scholarship, BEOG grants, which was made possible with the help of Pilsen's Centro de la Causa community organization, an institution that triumphs in its mission of providing comprehensive services to youth and families in order to enhance and cultivate community growth; and WHEREAS, in '78, Fabian Sr. graduated from the U of I with a double major in Art and Art Education and honors; and WHEREAS, his teaching career entailed various positions, including serving as a substitute teacher at Cook County Jail School, and cadre substitute at Curie High School, and remarkably as a teacher for those taking GED classes and those learning English as a second language in Little Village and Pilsen communities; and WHEREAS, in 1988, Fabian accepted a permanent

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position to teach at Seward Elementary in the Back of the Yards; and WHEREAS, in '06, he received the National Board Certification and ten years later, Fabian Sr. retired from service after thirty-five years serving as a public school teacher for the City of Chicago; and WHEREAS, motivated individual and product of Chicago community, Fabian Sr. has demonstrated a life of notable service and esteemed professionalism; therefore, be it (RESOLVED), by the Senate of the One Hundred and Second General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we commend Robert Paul Fabian Sr. for his influence as a Chicago public school teacher and his dedication as a civil servant; and be it further, (RESOLVED) this, a suitable copy resolution will be presented to Robert Paul Fabian Sr. as a symbol of our esteem and respect. Congratulations, please stand.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to Springfield. Thank you for all you have done. Congratulations. Senator Martwick, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. I move to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bills 4209, 4785, 4926, and 5447 can be heard on Wednesday at 9 a.m. in the Senate Pensions Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick moves to waive all notice and posting requirements so that House Bills 4209, 4785, 4926 and 5447 can be heard at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30th, in the Senate Pensions Committee. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and all notice and posting requirements have been waived. We're back on our Calendars on page 12, in the Order of

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2nd Reading with House Bill 5196, Senator Bennett. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5196.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. House Bill 5328, Senator Jones. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5328.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Senator Bennett, on House Bill 5408. Do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 5408.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

3rd Reading. Ladies and Gentlemen. We are going on to final action on page 3 of the printed Calendar is the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading. This is final action. Beginning with House Bill 2382, Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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House Bill 2382.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Out of the record, Mr. Secretary. Going onto House Bill 2739, Senator Harris. He wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2739.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Senate. House Bill 2739 creates the Private Primary Residential Flood Insurance Act, which governs the insurance companies that issue residential flood insurance policies in Illinois. There is no opposition and I request a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2739 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 2739, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Loughran Cappel, on House Bill 2910. She does wish to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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House Bill 2910.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator, explain your bill.

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2910 requires grocery stores to disclose to consumers both the original price of an item and the discounted price actually paid by consumer for the item. The bill provides an exception for purchases made via self-service checkout, or at wholesale clubs. And lastly, the bill provides that a store shall not be fined more than five hundred dollars per year. I'm happy to answer questions, and I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2910 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 2910, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to go back on page 3 to Senator Hunter, with House Bill 2382. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 2382.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 2382 creates the Healthy Food Program Development Act and the Healthy Food Development Program. This program will be a result of the collaboration between Department of Human Services, Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Public Health and EPA, as well as other State agencies to expand access to food -- to healthy foods in eligible areas throughout Illinois by providing assistance to grocery stores. I know of no opposition and I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 2382 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 2382, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. At the top of page 4, we're going to go to House Bill 3296. Senator Bush. With leave of the Body, we are going to go to House Bill 3637. Senator Connor. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3637.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Yes, thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 3637 implements the School Construction Task Force recommendations. It opens up schools that were on the 2004,

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'05 and '06 application list, to receive credit for their match in any new applications that they file. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator Fowler, for what reason do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FOWLER:

Question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Senator Connor, thank you so much for bringing this legislation forward. I know we've had many discussions about this legislation. And I know you are aware of one of the issues that was brought forth to me from some of my school superintendents is the fact of the threshold of four-hundred enrollment and under, does not qualify for this legislation. I know this is from the underlying bill that was proposed, and I know we have had several conversations about a possible trailer bill this Veto to try to strike that. I know in just one -- in one of my REOs, twenty-five percent of my school districts are under that threshold of four-hundred and under -- and under. So, I know, if I'm understanding right, just ask you, is that your intention to be able to bring a trailer bill back in Veto Session?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Connor.

SENATOR CONNOR:

Thank you for -- very much for that question, Senator. And yes, you are absolutely correct, we have had many discussions on

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that limitation, and so it is my intention to continue to work on that issue in order to -- to come to some sort of resolution that allows smaller schools, like those in your district, to be able to apply for these and to -- to look at the underpinnings of that particular -- of that particular limit and see if we can work on -- on getting around that for some of the smaller districts that need this type of construction. So yes, I am making that commitment today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER:

Thank you, Senator Connor. I look forward to working with you on -- with that, and I'm honored to support this bill. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Connor, would you like to close?

SENATOR CONNOR:

I would ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall House Bill 3637 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 3637, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator McClure, on House Bill 3717. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

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House Bill 3717.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. This is a bill that was worked out between commercial fishermen and DNR. It passed the House with no No votes. I know of no known opposition. Basically, it allows for quicker notification of commercial fishermen in case there's an issue with their nets. It also allows for them to purchase cheaper nets. Particularly, to catch Asian carp, which is an invasive species. So, I'd be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 3717 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 3717, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hunter, on House Bill 3988. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 3988.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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Thank you, Madam President. Since 2001, there has been a reported number of fifty-one unsolved murders in Chicago of missing women. House Bill 3988 creates a Task Force on Missing and Murdered Chicago Women Act. It establishes a task force to examine and report on the systemic causes behind violence of Chicago women and girls experience, appropriate methods of tracking and collecting data on violence against Chicago women and girls, policies and institutions that impact violence against Chicago women and girls. I know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote. Oh, and one more, the sunset date, in terms of the first report, the first report has to be done by December 31st, 2024. It changes the date, rather than 2021. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. I rise in support of Senator Hunter's legislation. I find it to be really important that we get behind the causes or the root causes of so many African American women and young girls missing in Chicago. And then the lack of finding them is really devastating for their families and for the community at large. I'm hoping the task force can yield some -- some results in -- in helping direct this Body on what direction we can go in to help lessen this challenge that we're faced with. I encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

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Is there further discussion? Senator Hunter, would you like to close? The question is, shall House Bill 3988 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 3988, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 4070, Senator Villivalam. Senator Koehler on House Bill 4089. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4089.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Senate. This bill would require school districts to provide a plant-based lunch option that complies with federal nutritional mandates to students who submit a prior request for such a lunch option. This would help to accommodate those with any religious or cultural issues or health issues, and I'd be happy to answer any question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield.

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SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Senator, if you could, is there a cost estimate on this particular legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yea, thank you for the question. No there is not a cost estimate at this point. This would be built into the contract so -- for the food service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Is there anything in the existing law that prohibits a school district, today, from making these decisions without your legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you. I would simply urge the Body to consider the many unfunded mandates that are placed upon our local units of government, including here, our school districts, who, as the

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sponsor says, are able to do exactly what the sponsor intends to do this, by this bill, without the mandate. And so, if we're going to embrace the notion of local control in allowing our local units of government to make their own decisions, here lies an example of where we can put that to work. So, I would encourage a No vote. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would also like to speak to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

I -- I rise because I have a concern that programs, like this, changing what is required of a school to offer in it's -- it's school lunch program can greatly expand. This morning, in Education Committee, we heard a subject matter bill about adding a Muslim based food option to a school lunch program. And, then it -- it -- it makes you ponder, could you then have a Jewish kosher school required option? Or, one that is specific to any religious following. So, it -- it -- it seemed to us, that and - - and as the Republicans in the Education Committee, that perhaps a task force to study this and how much it costs for a school district to do this, how much of a need there is should be explored. Because, as we know, often when we open a door there can be many subsequent unintended consequences adding to a great deal of -- of further mandates on school districts to do these type of -- of - - of changes in their school lunch program. So, I -- I just urge

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us to approach these kind of things with caution. There are always costs associated with starting a new program. And perhaps it's needed statewide, perhaps not. But I -- I think the prior speaker was correct. Local control and allowing a school district to function, to serve the -- the constituency that their students require, is a much more reasoned way to go about this. So, with that, I -- I do oppose this bill. Not necessarily the intent, but I think it can lead to a lot of repercussions. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

To the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I think that this is a wonderful bill, as people diets change, we're constantly spending millions and millions of dollars of dealing with all kinds of illnesses and people being sick. And I believe that by offering a plant-based diet, it allows people to eat healthy. It doesn't matter what ethnic group or what your religious background is, the fact of the matter is that, it's simply healthy eating. I eat -- I eat plant-based food as much as I possibly can, and I feel great after I eat plant-based food. So, thank you very much, and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none. Senator Koehler, would you like to close?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you Madam President, and thank you for the -- the

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conversation here. What this says is that a student who would seek to have a plant-based meal prepared for them would notify the school. So that they -- the school and -- and they can work this out. This really depends on -- on the makeup of the students. I mean you might have some that have special religious concerns or cultural concerns. In the case of my own granddaughter, Amelia Pastucha, who I said, who'd I mentioned to her in the debate because she is now as a middle schooler trying to control her own health and her own nutrition and in a very conscious way. And so, this really just allows an option. I, you know, as -- as a practicing vegetarian, there's not a lot of difference between the cost of food. You know, if you're creative you can find ways that you can satisfy your protein needs. So, I -- I think this is a good approach, and I think this is not going to affect all schools because you may have students that don't request this. But where you do, I think accommodations can be made and they can be made in a very creative way that's not going to cost any extra money. So, I'd appreciate an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall House Bill 4089 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 42 Ayes, 10 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4089, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bryant on House Bill 4116. I'm sorry, 4114, Senator Bryant. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4114.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. I rise to ask the Body to approve House Bill 4114. It's a very simple bill that just makes clear the law that the Kaskaskia Port District can own and lease certain buildings. Very simple, just a clarification in the law. I know of no opposition. In fact, it came through the House on the Agreed Bill List, and went through committee on the Agreed Bill List.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4114 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4114, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Feigenholtz on House Bill 4158. Senator, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4158.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Feigenholtz.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

Thank you. This bill does two things, Madam President. It extends the sunset on the Condominium and Common Interest

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Ombudsperson at IDFPR. And it is an initiative of the Chicago Bar Association, regarding access to records from associations for individual unit owners. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4158 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 48 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4158, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Peters on House Bill 4165. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4165.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Peters.

SENATOR PETERS:

Yeah, this bill will help reduce children drowning in Lake Michigan. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4165 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4165, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. The top of page 5 on your printed Calendar,

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we're going to start out with House Bill 4170. Senator Stadelman, do you wish... Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4170.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Members of the Senate. House Bill 4170 allows the Rockford Park -- Park District to sell the property containing the Elliot Golf Course, which was closed about a year and a half ago. This initiative worked on by myself and Senator Syverson, all the local governments, the Rockford Park District, Village of Cherry Valley, and City of Rockford have agreed to the provisions which would allow the sale of the property to take place. I'm not aware of any opposition. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4170 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4170, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. To correct the record.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your request.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I believe it was 4158, Senator Feigenholtz' bill. I intended to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The record will reflect your intentions. House Bill 4201, Senator Pacione-Zayas. She wishes -- she indicates to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4201.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Pacione-Zayas.

SENATOR PACIONE-ZAYAS:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 4201 requires each community college and public university to designate a benefits navigator with detailed understanding of benefits and eligibility for benefit programs and campuswide and community support, and it would also require the Illinois Community College Board to establish a statewide consortium to enable these benefits navigators to learn from each other best practices, and create a process in which students can provide feedback and recommendations how they can better assist them in determining eligibility and access to these benefits. I know of no opposition and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall

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House Bill 4201 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 43 Ayes, 9 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4201, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator McClure, on House Bill 4230. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4230.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you, Madam President. So, this is a bill that allows for people that had their licenses suspended for the reason that they did not pay child support in -- in the past three years. This would still make them eligible to receive school bus driver permits. So, this is going to do two things. Number one, we've got a school bus driver shortage right now, and because this is a nonmoving violation, it's going still allow them to have that position and to have a permit. And number two, it's going to help them to pay child support because they could potentially have a job, which would allow them to pay these -- pay these bills. So, I know of no known opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote and I'm happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4230 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed,

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Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4230, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 4246, Senator Loughran Cappel. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4246.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator, would you like to explain your bill?

SENATOR LOUGHRAN CAPPEL:

Thank you, Madam President. HB 4246 reduces the reinstatement of a lapsed Professional Educator License payment to fifty dollars, from a five-hundred-dollar penalty. It provides that retired licensees who qualify for benefits from a State of Illinois retirement system be listed as retired. If they retire during a renewal cycle, they must update the Educator Licensure Information System, which is called the ELIS, if they wish to maintain the license in retired status. It also provides that, if they maintain a retired status, that they shall not be required to complete professional development activities until returning to a position that requires a license, and if they return to work in a position that does require a license, they shall update their status using the ELIS and shall not be required to pay the registration fees. I'm happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall

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House Bill 4246 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4246, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Anderson on House Bill 4251. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4251.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Thank you, Madam Chairman. House Bill 4251 just raises the competitive bidding for townships from twenty-thousand to thirty-thousand. I know of no opposition. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4251 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4251, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bryant on 4257. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4257.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 4257 provides that licensees with an administrative endorsement, who are working as administrators or licensees with a Teacher Leader endorsement working as an administrator for fifty percent of the day, are not required to complete an Illinois Administrators' Academy course for the 2021-2022 school year. The -- the amendment to this bill went through the Senate on the -- Agreed Bill List, took away all of the opposition. So, I know of no opposition and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4257 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4257, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. House Bill 4261, Senator Ellman. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4261.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Ellman.

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SENATOR ELLMAN:

Thank you, Madam President. House Bill 4261 is a student led initiative to elect a State rock. Students have also led the initiative for the State artifact and even back in 1907 for the State flower and the State tree. HB 4261, establishes Dolostone as the official State rock of the State of Illinois. And I would just like to reiterate that we should not take our State rock, nor our students, for granted. I request an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion or more bad puns? Senator McClure, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCLURE:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

She indicates she'll yield.

SENATOR McCLURE:

Thank you for the bill, Senator. Why this particular rock? There's a lot of rocks in this State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Ellman.

SENATOR ELLMAN:

This rock is a -- one of many different kinds of rocks, but students choose this from two different school districts. One of them is in my district. And Dolostone is actually the foundation of the Old State Capitol.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR McCLURE:

You have just won me over. So, we -- you incorporate many

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areas, including Springfield, which I'm honored to represent along with both Senator Turners. So, thank you very much for that explanation. I look forward to voting Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4261 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 voting Present. House Bill 4261, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Fine on House Bill 4271. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you. House Bill 4271 requires that state-run medical insurance plans, cover medically necessary breast reduction surgery. I know of no opposition and I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4271 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4271, having received the required constitutional majority,

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is declared passed. Senator Martwick on House Bill 4292. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4292.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill, excuse me, House Bill 4292 amends the General Obligation Bond Act by authorizing one billion dollars of State Pension Obligation Acceleration Bonds. These bonds are used by SERS, SURS, and TRS, our pension systems, to fund the -- the buyout programs for the COLA buyout, costs of living adjustment buyout, and what's called the Vested Inactive Buyout. So, for Member's memories, these are -- it's a bipartisan initiative, Representative Mark Batinick and myself. These were implemented through the BIMP in 2019. They allow retirees, at the point of retirement, to elect to sell back their three percent compounded COLA, in exchange for one and a half percent simple COLA and seventy percent of the difference between the two benefits in cash. The initial bond was a billion dollars and that's produced 1.4 billion dollars in savings. It's been a successful program. We want to reauthorize that so we can get additional savings from this program. Be happy to answer any questions. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Senator Stoller.

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SENATOR STOLLER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR STOLLER:

Senator, thank you for this bill. I know we've talked about it a number of times and I appreciate your work on this but, also, the work on the buyout program, in general, which I think is a good program and I am a fan of that. I do have a concern about this bill. And that relates to the additional borrowing of a billion dollars and simply my concern is, I believe we too easily go to borrowing, in debt, as the option in order to pay for things in this State. And in this case, the expected demand, I understand, is about a hundred or two hundred million per year and I believe we can pay as we go. We currently payout about 13.5 billion to retirees every year. That money comes from, you know, employee contributions, State contributions, and investment returns. And this would take it from 13.5 to maybe 13.6 or 13.7 billion per year. I'm just not convinced of the need to borrow to be able to fund this program. And I -- I realize that there's -- many of my colleagues will want to vote Yes on this bill because of the value of the underlying buyout program which is a good program. I just wanted to offer a word of caution related to the additional borrowing and explain that, so thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick.

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Oh, I -- I believe you were speaking to the bill. But...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

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Okay, we can go on with further discussion. Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Madam President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

To the bill.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I actually stand in support of this bill. I remember when Representative Batinick first brought this forward. This is -- if this is good for the taxpayers, obviously, because we're getting, we're -- we're actually paying down part of our pension debt by getting individuals out of the Tier 1 pension system. It's good for the individual because they get to own their own money. So, when they take the buyout, if they -- if they pass early -- ordinarily their -- their spouse would get half of their benefits. In this case, they get the full amount that they agreed to take either the partial of the full buyout. So, it's good -- it's good for the taxpayers, it's good for the State, it's good for the individuals and -- and even the borrowing that takes place obviously, I guess we could argue about what the amount of money is on the bonding. But it does help to pay down our pension debt and it's good for everyone all the way around. So, I fully support this bill and I ask, also, join you in asking for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Martwick, would you like to close?

SENATOR MARTWICK:

Thank you. Yes, thank you Madam President -- I appreciate the comments -- I am -- I share Senator Stoller's concern about debt. I think Illinois needs to be primarily focused on reducing our overall debt. However, in this instance, what we're doing is

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we are -- are using a financing tool, not to finance a dollar for a dollar, but to finance seventy cents on the dollar in -- in this buyout, which creates an incredible arbitrage opportunity. And what it allows us to do, is it allows us to allow -- to not divest the assets in the pension system. That keeps those assets nice and high and as we've seen with these large market returns, for the first time in nearly two decades, our pension -- our -- our -- our funded liability has gone up, or our debts have gone down. And by keeping those assets in the pension system we're able to really capitalize on it. As I mentioned to Senator Stoller in -- in private, I understand his concern about occurring additional debt but if you're going to, this is without a doubt the best possible situation to do it because you're getting such great return on the dollars. So, it's a good program. It's bipartisan, it's worked, it's provided savings. We should continue it at least for now, and see if we can get more, and I respectfully ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

The question is, shall House Bill 4292 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 52 Ayes, 1 Nay, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4292, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to go to page 8 on your printed Calendar. We're going to go to House Bill 4811. Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, read the bill, please.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Bill 4811.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Madam President. Senate or House Bill 4811 is the Republic of Ireland Day. April 18 of each year is designated as the Republic of Ireland Day, to be reserved -- observed throughout the State as a day in recognition of the anniversary of April 18th, 1949, the day in which the Republic of Ireland officially declared itself independent from Great Britain. In recognition of the Republic of Ireland and its people, and in recognition of the many Illinoisans of Irish descent who have made a lasting impact upon our State. Each year, within 10 days before Republic of Ireland Day, the Governor shall issue a proclamation announcing the recognition of Republic of Ireland Day, and designate the official events that shall be held in honor of the Republic of Ireland Day and the contributions of Illinoisans of Irish descent. So, I know of know of no opposition and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall House Bill 4811 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 0 voting Present. House Bill 4811, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Murphy, we're -- what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

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For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, it was so nice to see all that green up there, and then I ask everyone to join us at the Sullivan Caucus for the 17th annual Saint Patrick's Day celebration, at the Gin Mill this evening. Music is provided by Emerald Underground, the State Police Pipes and Drums Corp will be available, Harrington's corn beef will be served. So, we'd like to have you all join us for a bit of Irish craic.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Nothing Irish, Madam President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

State your announcement.

SENATOR BUSH:

So, I think the first time we did this was the other day. We're going to do it again, today. I would like to ask the Senate to recognize Maureen Huhn, she's my -- my person, my district office. Laura Faver Dias who lives in Grayslake and is a Grayslake Village Trustee and Chelsea Laliberte, Chelsie is someone we've done a tremendous amount of work here on the opioid crisis. If you would like to stand and we'll give you a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to Springfield. It's nice to have people back in the gallery. Going to page 11 on your printed Calendar, we're going

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to go to Senate Resolution 934. President Harmon. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Resolution 934, offered by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Madam President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This week the Illinois State Police celebrate one hundred years of service to the people of Illinois. This resolution is our way of recognizing that service and saying thank you. It's an interesting origin story. The -- the agencies first headquarters in 1922 was in the home of its director, former Kankakee Police Chief John Stack. The first eighty patrolmen were tasked with enforcing road weight laws and their equipment consisted of World War I surplus. Superintendent Stack held the State Troopers to a higher standard. A legacy that lives on this day as the agency has now grown to now include twenty-one patrol divisions, eight investigative zones, a half a dozen forensic labs and five regional crime scene service centers. So, over the last hundred years more than seventy troopers have made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in service of our State. This resolution seeks to recognize and honor the accomplishments and sacrifices of the Illinois State Police by naming April of 2022, as Illinois State Police Centennial Month, in the State of Illinois. I'm delighted that we're joined by Director Brendan Kelly in the gallery to watch us take this resolution up. And I hope that you will join me in saying thank you to Troopers past, present and future for their service.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 934 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senator Harmon. Ladies and Gentlemen. We are going to recess now for committees. We will be back this evening for paperwork only, but tomorrow we will be back at 11:00 a.m. Everybody head to their committees, please. Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 938, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members.

It is a celebration of life resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Health, reports Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 4674 Recommend Do Adopt; Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bills 4434 and 5581 Do Pass, House Bill 5496 Do Pass, as Amended and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 5026 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Connor, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports

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Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1490 and Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 861 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Connor, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports House Bills 4559 and 4741 Do Pass, House Bill 4556 Do Pass, as Amended, and Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 17 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Fine, Chair of the Committee on Behavioral and Mental Health, reports Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4306 Recommend Do Adopt.

And Senator Bennett, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education, reports Senate Resolution 922 Be Adopted; and House Bill 5464 Do Pass, as Amended.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

Mr. Secretary, are there any 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 1099.

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

House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1099.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 2565, with House Amendment 2, Senate Bill 3005, with House Amendments 1 and 2, Senate Bill 3023 with House Amendment 1, and Senate Bill 3032 with House Amendment 2. Passed the House, as amended, March 29, 2022, John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR CUNNINGHAM)

There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on the 30th day of March, 2022. The Senate stands adjourned.