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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

The regular Session of the 94th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Randy White, in the Independent Christian Church in Hamilton, Illinois.

PASTOR RANDY WHITE:

(Remarks and Prayer by Pastor Randy White) PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Maloney to lead.

SENATOR MALONEY:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Maloney) PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, November 15, 2006. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journal just read be -- by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Lightford moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no objection, so ordered. Madam Secretary, Messages, please. SECRETARY HAWKER:

A Message from the President, dated November 16, 2006.

Dear Madam Secretary - Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 2-10, I hereby establish January 9, 2007, as the 3rd Reading deadline for the following House Bills:

1896, 2197, 4344, 4804, 4895 and 5475. Sincerely, Emil Jones, Jr., Senate President.

A Message from the House by Mr. Mahoney, 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 205, together with House Amendment 1.

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Passed the House, as amended, November 15, 2006.

We have received like Messages on Senate Bill 318, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 799, with House Amendment 1; Senate Bill 1453, with House Amendment 1; and Senate Bill 2340, with House Amendment 1.

All passed the House, as amended, November 15, 2006.

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

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

House Bill 4344.

Passed the House, November 15, 2006.

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

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

House Joint Resolution 93.

Adopted by -- by the House, April 18, 2006.

It is substantive.

I have a like Message with respect to House Joint Resolution 139.

Adopted by the House, November 15, 2006.

A like Message on House Joint Resolution 141. Adopted by the House, November 15, 2006.

And House Joint Resolution 142.

Adopted by the House, November 15, 2006.

And they are all substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Before we do Introduction of Bills, News Channel 20-ABC, in Springfield, Illinois, seeking leave to videotape the proceedings. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Madam Secretary, Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 3200, offered by Senator Clayborne.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 3201, offered by Senator Sandoval.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House {sic} Bill 3202, offered by Senator Silverstein.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 882, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members.

Senate Resolution 883, offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members, as is Senate 884 and 885, 886, 887, 888, and also 889, all offered by Senator Lauzen and all Members. And they're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please, for purposes of an announcement? The Rules Committee will meet immediately. All members of the Rules Committee will be asked to go to the library reading room, just right outside the Chamber. All members of the Rules Committee will meet immediately outside the Chamber. Thank you. Madam Secretary, Committee Report, please. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-refer to the Rules Committee - House Bills 4804, 4895 and 5475; refer to Environment and Energy Committee - House Bill 2197; refer to Revenue Committee - House Bills 4895 and 5475; and refer to State Government Committee - House Bills 4344, 4804, House Joint Resolution 107, 139, 141 and 142; and Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Bill 925 and Floor Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 628.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will be going to Senate Bills 3rd Reading, final passage, on page 2 of your Calendar. We have Senate Bills 3rd Reading on the top of page 2. Senate Bill 628. Senator Trotter, on Senate Bill 628. Senator Trotter. Senator Don Trotter, on Senate Bill 628. Senator Trotter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 628 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment. Is that correct, sir? Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd

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SENATOR TROTTER:

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Reading comes Senate Bill 628. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Trotter. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Trotter, to explain the amendment. Ladies and Gentlemen, please, please, shhhhh. Would you give your attention to the speaker, please? Thank you very much. Senator Trotter, on the amendment.

Thank -- thank you very much, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 deals with the creation of the Cost of Doing Business Adjustment Act. To give you a little history, in the spring before we left, we addressed some issues of -- of clearing up and giving dollars - three-percent increase of cost of doing business - to various agencies throughout the State, those agencies that basically deal with some of our most vulnerable women and children. And in doing so, there was some questions asked by Members on both sides of the aisle: Why did we leave out certain groups? And as I explained at that time, it was an -- not an intentional oversight, that inadvertently we did leave out groups. This amendment puts those groups that we did forget back into play, that they, too -- in some cases, one of -two of 'em have not received an increase in twelve years, seven years, and most of `em since '01. We've added to the list of those who should get three-percent cost of doing business: early intervention, family case management, domestic violence, sexual assault, Intensive Prenatal Performance Projects, school-based health centers, family planning, Lekotek, Medicaid therapies for zero to three-year-olds and Centers for Independent Living. So this bill, again, is essentially a cleanup bill to do -- to address those issues. I would like for -- for this Body to adopt it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Millner.

SENATOR MILLNER:

This came out of committee, State Government Committee, unanimously.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay. I'm sorry -- Senator... Any further discussion? Senator Rauschenberger, for what purpose you seek recognition?

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To -- to the amendment.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

Yeah, I -- I just want to compliment the sponsor. He and I have worked together on budgets for a long time. We know the frustration human service providers have in the State of Illinois. I think this is an -- excellent example of leadership from his side of the aisle and his wisdom in doing this, and I wish you well and good work.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Trotter moves the adoption to Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 638. All those in -- 628 -- excuse me. Madam Secretary, 628. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Trotter. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Trotter, on Amendment No. 2, sir -- 4, Amendment No. 4.

SENATOR TROTTER:

Yes. For the Body, since all of us can count up to 4, there -- there was an Amendment No. 2 and No. 3. We basically have tabled those and added Amendment No. 4, which falls into that mundane category of being a technical amendment. There was -- in the original bill, there was language asking for that this bill be retroactive. Because of federal Medicaid guidelines, we cannot put this bill into a retro state. So this language brings us into compliance with federal Medicaid law, saying that this bill will go into effect two weeks after the effective date of the Act. And essentially that is what this bill does. And --

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and clarifies again which groups will be added to the list. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Trotter moves the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to Senate Bill 628. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and Amendment No. 4 is adopted. Are there -- Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 628. Senator Trotter, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 628.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Trotter, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR TROTTER:

To the bill. I essentially have explained what the bill is, and on behalf of those agencies that provide those much needed services to our most vulnerable, I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 628 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Althoff votes Aye. Axley. Axley votes Aye. Bomke. Bomke votes Aye. Brady. Brady votes Aye. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Aye. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes Aye. Cronin. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Dillard votes Aye. Forby. Forby votes Aye. Garrett. Garrett votes Aye. Geo-

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Haine votes Aye. Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine. Halvorson. Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Hendon. Hendon votes Aye. Hunter. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Aye. John Jones. John Jones votes Aye. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones votes Aye. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Aye. Lightford. Lightford votes Aye. Link. Link votes Aye. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Aye. Maloney. Maloney votes Aye. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks votes Aye. Millner. Millner votes Aye. Munoz. Munoz votes Aye. Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes Aye. Petka. Petka votes Aye. Radogno. Radogno votes Aye. Raoul. Raoul votes Aye. Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Righter. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Ronen. Ronen votes Aye. Roskam. Rutherford votes Aye. Rutherford. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Aye. Schoenberg. Schoenberg votes Aye. Shadid. Shadid votes Aye. Sieben. Sieben votes Aye. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Aye. Sullivan. Sullivan votes Aye. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Trotter. Trotter votes Aye. Viverito. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Wilhelmi votes Aye. And Winkel. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Viverito, for what purpose you rise? Senator Viverito shall be recorded -- Madam Secretary, Senator Viverito should be recorded as an Aye. Senator Righter, what purpose you seek recognition, sir? Thank you. Madam Secretary, Senator Righter should be recorded as an Aye vote. Ladies and Gentlemen, have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 628, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading, on page 2 of your Calendar is Senate Bill 836. Senator Clayborne, do you wish to proceed, sir? No. Out of the record. Senate Bill 862. Senator del Valle, do you wish to proceed on 862? Senator del Valle. Okay. Madam Secretary, Senator del Valle seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 862 to 2nd -- to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 862. Madam Secretary, have there been any -- amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator del Valle. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator del Valle to explain the amendment, sir. SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Last Session we passed Senate Bill 2202, designed to increase the number of early childhood ed teachers in Illinois. This is a technical amendment. It's more of a cleanup amendment. The amendment clarifies that teacher certification candidates may student teach under the supervision of a teacher who is -- who is a certified general elementary education teacher or an early childhood education teacher. The change adds general elementary education teacher so that we can increase the number of individuals who are eligible to supervise these teachers-in-training.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator del Valle moves the adoption to Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 862. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading -- Madam Secretary, are there any other Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Floor Amendment No. -- pardon me -- I'm sorry. No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 862. Senator del Valle, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 862.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator del Valle, to the bill, sir.

SENATOR DEL VALLE:

Well, it does what I just explained. I ask for an Aye vote. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Thank you. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 862 -- the question is, shall Senate Bill 862 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Althoff votes Aye. Axley. Axley votes Aye. Bomke. Bomke votes Aye. Brady. Brady votes Aye. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Aye. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes Aye. Cronin. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Dillard votes Aye. Forby. Forby votes Aye. Garrett. Garrett votes Aye. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine. Haine votes Aye. Halvorson. Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Hendon. Hendon votes Aye. Hunter. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Aye. John Jones. John Jones votes Aye. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones votes Aye. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Aye. Lightford. Lightford votes Aye. Link. Link Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Aye. votes Aye. Maloney. Maloney votes Aye. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks votes Aye. Millner. Millner votes Aye. Munoz. Munoz votes Aye. Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes Aye. Petka. Petka votes Aye. Radogno. Radogno votes Aye. Raoul. Raoul votes Aye. Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Righter. Righter votes Aye. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Ronen. Ronen votes Aye. Roskam. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Aye. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Schoenberg. Schoenberg votes Aye. Shadid. Sieben. Aye. Senator Shadid votes Aye. Senator Sieben votes Aye. Silverstein votes Aye. Sullivan. Sullivan votes Silverstein. Aye. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Trotter. Trotter votes Viverito. Viverito votes Aye. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Ave. Wilhelmi. Wilhelmi votes Aye. Winkel. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Crotty, for what purpose you seek recognition, ma'am? Thank you. Madam Secretary, Senator Crotty's vote should be recorded as an Aye. Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present.

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Senate Bill 862, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on 3rd -- Senate Bills 3rd Reading is House Bill -- Senate Bill 863. Senator Crotty, do you wish to proceed, ma'am? Senator Crotty seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 863 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment. Is that correct, ma'am? Hearing no objection, leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading comes Senate Bill 863. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Crotty. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty, explain the amendment, ma'am. SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you very much. This amendment deletes the underlying vehicle and it now becomes the bill. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Crotty moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 863. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 863. Senator Crotty, do you wish to proceed, ma'am? Indicates she wishes to proceed. Do you -- Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 863.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Crotty, to the bill.

SENATOR CROTTY:

Thank you. Under current law, a K through eight or a nine through twelve school district may incur an aggregate debt of up

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to 6.6 percent of the value of the taxable property in -- within that district. With this amendment, it would allow that district or such a district to incur an aggregate debt of up to fifteen percent of the value of the taxable property within the district only if the bonds are issued to pay the cost of acquiring or improving school sites or building and equipping additional school building facilities or the actual -- and the actual present enrollment of the students has increased over the previous school year by not less than thirty-five percent or not by less than two hundred students and the school board determines that the new school construction is needed as a result of the increase. And another very important part of this is the voters of that district approve a proposition for the issuance of the bonds at a regularly scheduled election and that the bonds are issued before January 1st, 2008. This bill came to a few of us Legislators because of -- in Will County they're experiencing such major growth. They've passed the referendum already to -to build two schools. So the referendum has -- has overwhelmingly been passed. In the process of them building their first building, they were told by the -- the persons that are developing the -- the school that they can actually save dollars if they were able to purchase some of the materials for the second building at this time. So that's what this bill is about. The voters have spoken. The money is there. But when they called the State Board of Ed, the State Board said they would need to come back with legislation to be able to lift that debt limit. So, that's the reason for the bill. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 863 pass. Those in favor, vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Axley. Bomke. Pardon me. I'm sorry. Each of those: Althoff, Axley and Bomke, all voted Aye. Brady. Brady votes Aye. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Aye. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes Aye. Cronin. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes

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Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Dillard votes Aye. Forby. Forby votes Aye. Garrett. Garrett votes Aye. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine votes Aye. Halvorson. Haine. Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Hendon. Hendon votes Aye. Hunter. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Aye. John Jones. John Jones votes Aye. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones votes Aye. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Aye. Lightford. Lightford votes Aye. Link. Link votes Aye. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Aye. Maloney. Maloney votes Aye. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks votes Aye. Millner. Millner Munoz. Munoz votes Aye. Pankau. Peterson. votes Aye. Peterson votes Aye. Petka. Petka votes Aye. Radogno. Radogno Raoul. Raoul votes Aye. Rauschenberger. votes Aye. Righter. Righter votes Aye. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Ronen. Ronen votes Aye. Roskam. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Aye. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Schoenberg. Schoenberg votes Aye. Shadid. Aye. Sieben. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Aye. Sieben votes Aye. Sullivan. Sullivan votes Aye. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Viverito votes Aye. Trotter. Trotter votes Aye. Viverito. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Watson. Wilhelmi votes Aye. Winkel. Winkel votes Aye. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Shadid, for what purpose do you seek recognition, sir? Madam Secretary, Senator Shadid's vote should be recorded as an Aye. Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the On that question, there are 55 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 record. voting Present. Senate Bill 863, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bills 3rd Senate Bill 947. There's a -- for the leave of the Reading. Body, one of the chief cosponsors, Senator Cullerton, will be handling the bill. Senator Cullerton, are you seeking leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 947 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of amendment? Hearing no objection, leave is Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 947. granted. Madam Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Cullerton, to explain the amendment, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. This amendment deals with the State law dealing with a liquor license within a hundred feet of a school or a church within the City of Chicago. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussions? Seeing no discussion, Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 947. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Senate -- now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 947. Senator Cullerton, you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 947.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'm sponsoring this bill on behalf of Senator Martinez, who I'm told, by the way, the correct pronunciation of her name is Iris Martinez, and she asked me to sponsor this for her today. This deals with a liquor license for a restaurant within her district. As we probably know, under our State laws, you cannot obtain a liquor license for any restaurant that's within a hundred feet of any church or school if you're within the City of Chicago. For

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some reason there's an exemption for every city outside Chicago, but in Chicago, if you want to have a liquor license for a restaurant within a hundred feet of a school or church, you have to get a State law passed. And that's what this bill does. It's for a restaurant called Leona's. They have a number of restaurants in Chicago. They are spending a lot of money into the -- putting a lot of money into the facility and the neighbors are in favor of it. The -- the church across the street is aware of it and has no objection. Be happy to answer any questions. Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 947 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff votes Aye. Axley. Althoff. Axley votes Aye. Bomke. Bomke votes No. Brady. Burzynski. Burzynski votes No. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes No. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cronin. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes No. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio. Dillard votes Aye. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Forby. Garrett. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine. Haine votes Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Halvorson. Aye. Hendon. Hendon votes Aye. Hunter. Jacobs. Jacobs votes John Jones. John Jones votes No. Wendell Jones. Wendell Aye. Jones votes No. Lauzen. Lauzen votes No. Lightford. Lightford votes Aye. Link. Link votes Aye. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes No. Maloney. Maloney votes Aye. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks Millner. Millner votes Aye. Munoz. votes Aye. Munoz votes Aye. Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes No. Petka. Petka votes Radogno votes Aye. Raoul. Raoul votes Aye. Aye. Radoqno. Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Righter. Righter votes No. Risinger. Ronen. Ronen votes Aye. Roskam. Rutherford votes Aye. Rutherford. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Aye. Schoenberg. Schoenberg votes Aye. Shadid. Shadid votes Aye. Sieben. Sieben votes Aye. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Sullivan. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Aye. Trotter.

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Trotter votes Aye. Viverito. Viverito votes Aye. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Wilhelmi votes Aye. Winkel. Winkel votes No. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary -- Senator Brady, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir? Please, Madam Secretary, please record Senator Brady as a No vote. Senator Risinger. Senator Risinger, Madam Secretary, should be recorded as an Aye. Senator Garrett. Madam Secretary, Senator Garrett vote should be recorded as an Aye. Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 41 Ayes, 12 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 947, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 948. Senator Cullerton, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 948 to the Order of 2nd Reading for purposes of amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 948. Madam Secretary, have there been any amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Cullerton. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, to explain Amendment No. 1, sir. SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes, we continue on the order of liquor. This is the bill that amends the Liquor Control Commission {sic} to clarify tableside bottle service. So I'll be -- wish that we would adopt the amendment, and I'll be happy to explain it in greater detail on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 948. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

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No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 948. Gentleman indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 948.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, to Senate Bill 948, sir.

SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This deals with the issue of tableside bottle service. This is something which has been ongoing in practice in Illinois, where consumers purchase the full bottle of liquor at a bar or restaurant and they mix their own drinks. But apparently somebody at the Liquor Control Commission felt that the statute was ambiguous, and as a result, they actually issued some citations against retail licensees for providing this. So all this bill does is to clarify that this is legal, as -- as was thought by many people throughout the State up until now. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 948 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. All those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Althoff votes Aye. Axley. Axley votes Aye. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Bomke. Brady. Brady votes Aye. Aye. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes Cronin votes Aye. No. Cronin. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Forby. Garrett. Garrett votes Aye. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine. Haine votes Aye. Halvorson. Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Hendon. Hendon votes Aye. Hunter. Jacobs. Jacobs votes Aye.

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John Jones. John Jones votes No. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones Lauzen votes Aye. Lightford. Lightford votes No. Lauzen. votes Aye. Link. Link votes Aye. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld Maloney votes Aye. votes Aye. Maloney. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks votes Aye. Millner. Millner votes Aye. Munoz. Munoz Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes Aye. votes Aye. Petka. Petka votes Aye. Radogno. Radogno votes Aye. Raoul. Raoul votes Aye. Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Righter. Righter votes Aye. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Ronen. Ronen votes Aye. Roskam. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Aye. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Aye. Schoenberg. Schoenberg votes Shadid votes Aye. Sieben. Sieben votes Aye. Aye. Shadid. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Aye. Sullivan. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Trotter. Trotter votes Aye. Viverito. Viverito votes Aye. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Winkel votes Aye. Wilhelmi votes Aye. Winkel. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Haine, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir? Madam Secretary, change Senator Haine's vote from Aye to Nay. Senator Millner, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir? Senator Millner changes his Aye to Nay. Have -- have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 46 Ayes, 5 Nays, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 948, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Okay. Senate Bill 1195. On the Order of --Senator Cullerton, do you wish to proceed, sir? Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1195 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purpose of an amendment. Hearing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading comes Senate Bill 1195. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Cullerton. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, to explain your amendment, sir. SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This

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bill deals with the Good Samaritan Act and it's a minor change to a bill that Senator Burzynski passed last year. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain the bill further on 3rd Reading. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Thank you. Senator -- is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Cullerton moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1195. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 1195. Senator Cullerton, you wish to proceed? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1195.

(Secretary reads title of bill) 3rd Reading of the bill. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Cullerton, to the bill, sir. SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senators, last year Senator Burzynski passed a bill, which we I think, unanimously, which provided liability supported, protection for individuals who provide first aid assistance free of charge and who are certified in first aid by either the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. And that bill passed with the approval, by the way, of the -- or support, or neutrality anyway, of the Trial Lawyers. Inadvertently, we did not add the other major provider of first aid training. That's the National Safety Council. So all this bill does is to add the National Safety Council to the Red Cross and the American Heart Association. It's important because ironically enough the Safety Council is headquartered here in Illinois, in Itasca, Illinois, and they actually have now lost contracts because they're not under the same protection that the Red Cross and the

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Heart Association has. So, it does have an immediate effective date and I do need all of your support. I would point out that the Trial Lawyers have yet to support the bill. They did file a slip in committee in opposition, although they did not testify, and I expect that we'll be able to work out their objections, if the bill passes, before it's voted on over in the House, since they did support the bill that was vitually identical that Senator Burzynski had passed. Be happy to answer any questions. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Burzynski, for a question. SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just to the bill. I'd like to suggest that the -- Senator Cullerton's amendment is a great amendment and certainly does correct an oversight that we had last year. So I would encourage Members to vote for the bill. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Cullerton, to close, sir. SENATOR CULLERTON:

Yes. Just ask for an Aye vote. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1195 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Althoff votes Aye. Axley. Axley votes Aye. Bomke. Bomke votes Aye. Brady. Brady votes Aye. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Aye. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes Aye. Cronin. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Demuzio. Dillard votes Aye. Forby. Forby votes Aye. Garrett. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine. Haine votes Aye. Halvorson. Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Hendon. Hunter. Jacobs. Jacobs John Jones. John Jones votes Aye. Wendell Jones. votes Aye. Wendell Jones votes Aye. Lauzen. Lightford. Lightford votes Aye. Link. Link votes Aye. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes

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Aye. Maloney. Maloney votes Aye. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks votes Aye. Millner. Millner votes Aye. Munoz. Munoz votes Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes Aye. Petka. Aye. Petka votes Aye. Radogno. Radogno votes Aye. Raoul. Raoul votes Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Aye. Righter. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Righter votes Aye. Ronen. Roskam. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Aye. Sandoval. Sandoval votes Aye. Schoenberg. Shadid. Shadid votes Aye. Sieben. Sieben votes Aye. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Ave. Sullivan. Sullivan votes Aye. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Trotter votes Aye. Trotter. Viverito. Viverito votes Aye. Wilhelmi votes Aye. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Winkel. Winkel votes Aye. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? SECRETARY HAWKER:

Again, Mr. President votes Aye. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, Senator Garrett would like to be recorded as a -- yes, she would like -- Senator -- Madam Secretary, please record Senator Garrett as an Aye. Senator Schoenberg, how would you like to be recorded, sir? Please --Madam Secretary, please record Senator Schoenberg as an Aye. Senator Carol Ronen, what would you like to be recorded as, ma'am? Madam Secretary, please record Senator Ronen as an Aye. Senator Lauzen, for -- would like to be -- Madam Secretary, Senator Lauzen would like to be recorded as an Aye. Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1195, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Continuing on Senate Bills 3rd Reading comes Senate Bill 1269. Senator Haine. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1269 back to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of amendment. Is that Hearing no objection, leave is That's correct. correct, sir? granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1269. Madam Secretary, are there any amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Yes. Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Haine, to explain the amendment, sir. SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is a trailer bill. Last spring, we passed a blood donation Act, which was signed into law by the -- the Governor; however, construction of the Act would have limited an employee and an employer to an hour to give blood. Many employers voluntarily give more than that. They tell the employee, "If you're going to give blood, just take the afternoon off." This would allow them to do just -- just that pursuant to voluntary employer action or collective bargaining agreements. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Thank you. Senator -- is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing no discussion, Senator Haine moves the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1269. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Madam Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration? SECRETARY HAWKER:

No further amendments reported, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. 3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1269. Senator Haine, do you wish to proceed, sir? He indicates he wishes to proceed. Madam Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Bill 1269.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Would ask for an Aye vote. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. Is there any discussion? Is there any

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discussion? Seeing no discussion, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1269 pass. Those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed will vote Nay. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Axley. Axley votes Aye. Bomke. Bomke votes Aye. Brady votes Aye. Burzynski. Burzynski votes Aye. Brady. Clayborne. Clayborne votes Aye. Collins. Collins votes Aye. Cronin. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cullerton. Cullerton votes Aye. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes Aye. Del Valle. Del Valle votes Aye. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Dillard votes Aye. Forby. Forby votes Aye. Garrett. Garrett votes Aye. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes Aye. Haine. Haine votes Aye. Halvorson. Halvorson votes Aye. Harmon. Harmon votes Aye. Hendon. Hendon votes Aye. Jacobs votes Aye. John Jones. John Jones Hunter. Jacobs. votes Aye. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones votes Aye. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Aye. Lightford. Lightford votes Aye. Link. Link votes Aye. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Aye. Maloney. Maloney votes Aye. Martinez. Pardon me. Meeks. Meeks votes Aye. Millner. Munoz. Munoz votes Aye. Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes Aye. Petka. Radogno. Radogno votes Aye. Raoul. Raoul votes Aye. Rauschenberger. Rauschenberger votes Aye. Righter. Righter votes Aye. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Ronen. Ronen votes Aye. Roskam. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Sandoval. Sandoval votes Aye. Schoenberg. Aye. Schoenberg votes Aye. Shadid. Shadid votes Aye. Sieben. Sieben votes Aye. Silverstein. Silverstein votes Aye. Sullivan. Sullivan votes Syverson votes Aye. Trotter. Trotter votes Aye. Syverson. Aye. Viverito. Viverito votes Aye. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Wilhelmi votes Aye. Winkel. Winkel votes Aye. And Mr. President. Mr. President votes Aye. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator -- Althoff, you look alike. For what purpose you seek recognition, ma'am? Madam Secretary, Senator Althoff's vote should be recorded as an Aye. Senator Millner, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir? Thank you. Senator Millner's --Madam Secretary, Senator Millner's vote should be recorded as an Aye. Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, please take the

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record. On that question, there are 54 Ayes, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1269, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, for the purposes of an announcement: We'd ask that all members of the Rules Committee -- the Rules Committee will meet immediately in the library reading room, just outside the Chamber. So all members of the Rules Committee please report to the reading room outside the Chamber immediately. Madam Secretary, Messages from the House, please. SECRETARY HAWKER:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed bills of the following titles, in the passage of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit:

House Bill 1896.

Passed the House, November 15, 2006.

Pardon me, Mr. President, I should also include House Bill 5834.

Also passed the House, November 15, 2006. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Madam Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senator Viverito, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Re-refer to the Rules Committee - House Bill 4344; refer to State Government Committee - House Bill 1896; and refer to Transportation Committee - House Bill 4344. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to page 4 of your Calendar. Page 4 of your Calendar. We have Secretary's Desk in the middle of page 4, Resolutions. We will be going to House Joint Resolution 121. House Joint Resolution 121. Senator Susan Garrett. Senator Garrett, on House Joint Resolution 121, ma'am. Madam Secretary, please -- Madam -- Madam Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

House Joint Resolution 121.

There are no committee or Floor amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Garrett, to explain the resolution, ma'am. SENATOR GARRETT:

Is it okay to start? Thank you, Mr. President. Basically, Senate -- House Joint Resolution 121 disapproves in whole the report of the Compensation Review Board filed in 2006. The basic points of that report are: Number one, the 2006 report of the Compensation Review Board provides the following recommendations: Number one, to place all Members of the Executive and Legislative Branches in the same position they would be in today if the appropriate COLA adjustments for Fiscal Year 2003, '04 and '05 had been paid; number two, to place State's attorneys in the same position they would be in today if the COLA for Fiscal Year 2003 had been paid; and number three, to set the salaries of associate judges at ninety-five percent of the salary of circuit judges; and finally, to urge the General Assembly to amend the Act so the Board's reports are submitted in odd-number years, beginning April 2007. And finally, the Illinois Constitution forbids the diminishment of judicial salaries. The Supreme Court of Illinois has held laws, which prohibit judges from receiving a cost-ofliving increase, violate the State constitutional provision that prevent judges' salaries from being reduced during their terms of The background of this bill -- of this resolution -- or office. of this report was created by the Compensation Review Act. The Act confers on the Board the power to determine the salaries of various government officials. The Board is required to undertake periodic reevaluations of those salaries and may adjust them based on various factors. Following this review, which includes public hearings, the Board determines the compensation for each of the covered offices and files a report with the General Assembly. So, this resolution basically does not support the work of the Compensation Review Board. So, while there's going to be discussion, I want to make it clear that if you -- if you support the cost-of-living, you would be voting No. If you do not want to see a cost-of-living increase, you would support this resolution and be voting Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Thank you very much, Senator. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Cullerton, for

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what purpose you seek recognition, sir? SENATOR CULLERTON:

Thank you. I would urge a No or Present vote on this Yes. matter. I believe that we should support the Compensation Review Board. There's three entities here who are affected. The first one is the judges. Associate judges used to make, I believe, it was five thousand dollars less than full circuit judges. When we allowed for the judges to get a COLA, over the years that disparity grew. So this would say that associate judges would be ninety-five percent of the salary of the full circuit judges. I don't know about the rest of the State. I actually practice law in Chicago and there's many, many associate judges who make less money than some of the -- many of the people practicing in front of 'em. I think it's something which -- which is a good idea so that they are back with that parity. The State's attorneys in this State do a great job. They do it, and -- and sometimes even when they are the subject of -- of much potential harm even, because of the prosecutions that they bring about. This, of course, is not a pay raise for them, but rather it is a COLA cost-of-living adjustment - for the Fiscal Year '03 and we should support the State's attorneys in receiving that. And then finally we come to our own cost-of-living increase for the General Assembly. You know, recently I had a conversation with a reporter who I have great respect for, and it was interesting that in discussing the compensation for the Legislature, she said, "You guys get to vote for your own pay raises." And I thought it was an interesting choice of words. To say that we "get" to vote for our own pay raises. I suggested that the better way to phrase it is to say we "have" to vote for our own pay raises, otherwise we don't get it. When Frank Watson and I got sworn in, in 1979, the day before we got sworn in, the salary of the Legislature was twelve thousand dollars. Our predecessors had voted for the salary, I believe, to go up to eighteen thousand dollars. If nobody ever voted again since Frank Watson and I came here to the General Assembly, our salary would be But obviously it's higher because eighteen thousand dollars. we've had to vote for our salary. We're the only people that can't get a salary increase unless we vote for it. The private sector, obviously, if you do a good job or if the business is

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working, you can -- you get a pay raise. The only way we can get one is to do this. And I once again reiterate, it's not really a pay raise. This is -- this is what we have made the mistake of doing of -- of not authorizing these COLAs. It's this painful action of having to vote on your own compensation that we're trying to avoid. That's why we put the COLAs in - so it would just keep us up to what the cost-of-living is, so we don't have to go through this -- this exercise. But we got away from it and now the Compensation Review Board is suggesting that we -- that we correct that. I would point out, obviously, that if this prevails so that the money would be paid out, we do have the option of donating the money back to the State, if that's the position you find yourself in economically or politically. Maybe all those House Members that voted No, they might want to turn back in their -- their salaries to the extent that they get an increase. It's up to them or even people in this -- this But this is something that we ought to do. And in the Chamber. -- in the future, I think we should appropriate the money for the The -- I suggest that the Compensation Review Board will COLAs. probably never, ever have to suggest that we get another pay raise ever again, because the COLA will keep it where it should be. And as a result, I would ask that you vote No or Present on this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Any - - Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield, please? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Sponsor, she indicates she'll yield for a question, sir. SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Garrett, am I correct that there is a provision in the report that would move the presentation of the report from election years to nonelection years? PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

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Senator Garrett. SENATOR GARRETT:

Well, I wasn't on the Compensation Review Board, but my guess is because it is a very political statement that we're

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making and during off-election years, it becomes maybe a more rational decision for people in our position to make. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Righter. SENATOR RIGHTER:

...Mr. President. So, by that you mean that sometimes Legislators are irrational in election years?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

I -- I think what -- what happens is we -- and -- and I think many of us agree with what Senator Cullerton has said. These are past-due COLAs and there's always a hesitation that if we follow through with granting these COLAs, that it could be used against us in an election campaign flyer. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Senator Righter. And just for clarification for the Members, your resolution is to reject it. Is... Senator Righter. SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President, and for leading me into that. So, Senator Garrett, I want to make sure that I'm clear. If the majority of the Chamber votes for your resolution, the Compensation Review Board's report will continue to be presented in election years. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Senator Garrett.

SENATOR GARRETT:

I think that is correct. Their recommendation, which is part of this, is to go to off-election years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator -- any further discussion? Any further -- Senator Meeks, for what purpose do you rise, sir? SENATOR MEEKS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the bill, sir. SENATOR MEEKS:

Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. I strongly urge a No vote. I recognize that it's very difficult when people are put in a

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position to have to vote on their own cost-of-living; however, that's the law and that just happens to be where we find ourselves. It's not fair and the -- the scriptures speak of the fact that a workman is worthy of his hire. Just because we are elected officials, it's not fair to come to work every day and then to not be able to expect an adequate compensation. I know that we worry about what will people say. Everybody wants to do the right political thing and, all of us, we have constituents to answer to. But there's not one of our constituents that don't want a cost-of-living. There's not one of our constituents that don't want to be adequately compensated. We have people in our Chambers who - we're head of household. We have single mothers. We have female head of households. It's not fair for people to come into work every single day and then to be charged in a political climate and say that you cannot or you're not able to get adequate compensation. And so -- I think that we voted on I think we've been fiscally responsible in the this before. past, but we can't keep saying no to our own cost-of-living. And so I would urge all of us to consider this and, you know, our own constituents would definitely understand that we need our costof-living. And so, hey, don't be scared. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Thank you, Senator. Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Hendon, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR HENDON:

To the bill, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the bill, sir. SENATOR HENDON:

I rise just to inform the -- the Body that you can vote No, you can vote Present or you don't have to vote at all in order for us to get our cost-of-living. It's simply a cost-of-living. It's going to cost the State a little less than a million dollars for us. And if the House, who rejected it -- since they rejected it, we know they won't be accepting their money. And so -- the -- the perfect world would be if you reject it, you don't get the money. But then you'd have to go home to the wife and she'd look at you like you're a fool because, you know, she need that money.

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So, being a divorcé, I don't have that problem, but I have the problem of being a single father. It -- it's always not just a single mother. And when my little daughter, Skye, say, "Daddy, I got to have these pictures; I got to have this book; I have to have this computer or I can't pass this class." Because these days they have -- they are going high-tech. And the schools don't have the money. They come to the parent for that money. They come to the parent for that money. And in my case, it is I have children in school. This is nothing. We're not me. asking for a ridiculous amount, not like the -- I have no problem with the aldermen in the City of Chicago, but they're making a hundred and two, plus forty thousand for their automobile. We are underpaid. If you reject a raise for yourself, you're saying you're not worth it. And I don't know about all of you, but I know I work my butt off for the people of the Fifth District and I deserve this little cost-of-living. So think about that. Think about going back home, looking at your wife. You -- you know you're going to accept the money. So if you're going to accept the money, don't be a hypocrite. Vote to reject or vote Present or don't vote at all, because you know you're going to accept the money, and if you don't want to accept the money, as Senator Cullerton said, you can turn it back in to the State. You know you're not going to do that, 'cause you want to stay happily married. You don't want problems at home. So go ahead, do the right thing, say you're worth it, because I believe you're worth it. And let's vote No, Present or skip it so we can get the little bitty raise that we deserve.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Senator Geo-Karis, for what purpose do you seek recognition, ma'am? SENATOR GEO-KARIS:

Well, Mr. President, after hearing all the discussion, I'm still confused as to which way we go. Now, if we vote Yes, what do we do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

A vote Yes is to reject the pay compensation report. To vote No is the -- accept the pay compensation report. A vote of Yes rejects it. A vote of No accepts it. Is there any further discussion? Senator Risinger, for what purpose you rise, sir?

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SENATOR RISINGER:

To the bill. I -- I agree that, you know, it's a cost-ofliving and that everybody deserves a cost-of-living. We have professional people in this government working right now that have had -- not had a cost-of-living raise in four years. Engineers that are my friends have not had a cost-of-living in four years. And we're here talking about giving ourselves a cost-of-living. I think you should get a cost-of-living, but you know what? We need to give those people that are working hard, doing a good job for the State of Illinois, their cost-of-living first. After we do that, then I would entertain looking at ours. But I cannot go back and look in the eyes of other people in this government that are doing a heck of a job - working hard saying, "You know what? I got mine, but you can't get yours." So I'll be voting Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Senator Schoenberg, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir? SENATOR SCHOENBERG:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. For the record, I'd just like to indicate that I'm going to be voting in favor of the resolution. Member of my immediate family who's been confirmed by this Body twice is also impacted by this, and according with the appropriate Senate procedures and statutes, I'll be voting for the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you, sir. The record will so indicate your remarks. Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Senator Lightford, for what purpose you seek recognition, ma'am? SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

To the resolution, ma'am.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

To the resolution, sir. I was not going to say a word until Senator Risinger urged me to step forward. If you have a desire not to receive your compensation, just donate it back and then perhaps the engineers will be successful. But the problem that I'm having is that I've been here eight years and I've received

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one COLA in eight years. And I am a single mother and I'm very proud of that. But it makes it very difficult to continue to live on the same income year after year. And when I fight for a minimum wage increase for everyone else, I need to fight for myself. And so I urge a No or Aye {sic} vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Senator Risinger, your name was used in debate, sir.

SENATOR RISINGER:

Thank you. And I appreciate that comment, but, you know, whenever you have people that's working in government that haven't had a raise - a cost-of-living - in four years. And I've argued with them. You know, we need to give these people that are doing a hard job their cost-of-living. You know, we're -they don't get a chance to vote on their cost-of-living or -- or to kill it or -- or do anything. Why this Governor won't move forward and reward the people that are doing a good job is beyond me. You know, it's not a lot of money statewide, but it's the right thing to do. And if we vote for this and pass this, I hope all of you then will fight for these people that are doing a good job to help get them their raise. They've got family. They need the money just as well as we do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, seeing no further discussion, Senator Garrett, to close, ma'am. SENATOR GARRETT:

Well, not to bring up any previous comments, but one of the previous speakers talked about going back to your wife. Some of us have to go back to our husbands and I just wanted to make that point. But having said that, we all know how we're going to vote and thanks for the great debate. Please proceed. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DELEO)

Thank you, Senator. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Garrett moves the adoption of House Joint Resolution 121. All those in favor will vote Aye. All those opposed will vote -- vote Nay. The voting is open. Madam Secretary, please call the roll. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Althoff. Althoff votes Aye. Axley. Axley votes Aye. Bomke. Bomke votes Aye. Brady. Brady votes Aye. Burzynski.

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Burzynski votes Aye. Clayborne. Clayborne votes No. Collins. Cronin. Cronin votes Aye. Crotty. Crotty votes Aye. Cullerton. Cullerton votes No. Dahl. Dahl votes Aye. DeLeo. DeLeo votes No. Del Valle. Del Valle votes No. Demuzio. Demuzio votes Aye. Dillard. Dillard votes Present. Forby. Forby votes Aye. Garrett. Garrett votes Aye. Geo-Karis. Geo-Karis votes No. Haine. Haine votes Aye. Halvorson. Harmon. Harmon votes No. Hendon. Hendon votes No. Hunter. Jacobs. Was that Jacobs votes No? Thank you. John Jones. John Jones votes Aye. Wendell Jones. Wendell Jones votes No. Lauzen. Lauzen votes Aye. Lightford. Lightford votes No. Link. Link votes No. Luechtefeld. Luechtefeld votes Aye. Maloney. Maloney votes Present. Martinez. Meeks. Meeks votes No. Millner. Munoz. Munoz votes No. Pankau. Peterson. Peterson votes Yes. Petka. Petka votes Present. Radogno. Radogno votes Rauschenberger. Righter. Aye. Raoul. Righter votes Aye. Ronen votes No. Risinger. Risinger votes Aye. Ronen. Roskam. Rutherford. Rutherford votes Aye. Sandoval. Sandoval votes No. Schoenberg. Schoenberg votes Aye. Shadid. Shadid votes No. Sieben votes -- votes Present. Sieben. Silverstein. Silverstein votes No. Sullivan. Sullivan votes Aye. Syverson. Syverson votes Aye. Trotter. Trotter votes No. Viverito. Viverito votes Present. Watson. Watson votes Aye. Wilhelmi. Wilhelmi votes Present. Winkel. Winkel votes Yes, Aye. Mr. President. Mr. President votes No. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Raoul, for what purpose you seek recognition, sir? Madam Secretary, record Senator Raoul -- should be recorded as a No vote. Have all voted who wish? Senator Halvorson, for what purpose you seek recognition, ma'am? You're recorded as not voting, ma'am. Madam Secretary, please record Senator Halvorson. She should be recorded as a No vote. Have all voted who wish? Madam Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 25 Ayes, 21 Nays, 6 voting Present. House Joint Resolution 121 Senator Burzynski. Senator Burzynski, for what purpose fails. are you seeking recognition? Ladies and Gentlemen, may we have your attention, please? We're still in Session. Ladies and Gentlemen. Senator Burzynski.

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SENATOR BURZYNSKI:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just for purposes of an announcement: There will be a brief Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Room 1030, which is the computer lab down the hallway. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, the -- Senate Republicans will caucus here in the library immediately upon adjournment. Madam Secretary, Messages, please.

SECRETARY HAWKER:

Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, dated March 7 {sic} (9), 2006.

Mr. President - The Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 94th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Second Message for the Governor by Joseph B. Handley, Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Affairs, dated November 16, 2006.

Mr. President - The -- the Governor directs me to lay before the Senate the following Message:

To the Honorable Members of the Senate, 94th General Assembly - I have nominated and appointed the following named persons to the offices enumerated below and respectfully ask concurrence in and confirmation of these appointments of your Honorable Body.

Mr. President, I wanted to note that the March 6th {sic} Message from the Governor is a corrected Message. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we're still in Session. This is a recording Session. Please give your respect to the speakers. Madam Secretary, Consent Calendar, please. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all the resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Madam Secretary, has there been any objections filed to any resolution on the Consent Calendar? SECRETARY HAWKER:

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There have been no objections filed, Mr. President. PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor will say... All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries. The resolutions are adopted. Madam Secretary, Order of Resolutions, please. SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution 96, offered by Senator Halvorson.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 96)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR DeLEO)

All right, Ladies and Gentlemen. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Halvorson moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration in the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 96. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. And the Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Halvorson moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 96. All those in favor, say Aye. All those opposed ... All right, once again. Ladies and Gentlemen, Senator Halvorson moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 96. All those in favor will say Aye. All those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 96, the Senate stands adjourned until 1 p.m. Ladies and Gentlemen - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th, the year 2006. 1 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th, the year 2006. The Senate stands adjourned.