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...(microphone disengaged)...

THE REVEREND WAYNE KUNA:

(Prayer by the Reverend Wayne Kuna)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Remain standing for the Pledge Allegiance. Senator
Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Cunningham)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and the approval
of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript.
There being no objection, so ordered. James Carder,
Blueroomstream.com, requests permission to videotape. Seeing no
objection, permission granted. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Landek, Chairperson of the Committee on State
Government and Veterans Affairs, reports Senate Amendment 1 to
Senate Bill 564, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 903, Senate
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Senator Martinez, Chairperson of the Committee on Licensed Activities and Pensions, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 437, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 454, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 973 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 125, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 248, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 509, Senate -- Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 914, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 986, Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1334, Senate Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 1813, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1919, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 373 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Jones, Chairperson of the Committee on Local Government, reports Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 116, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 374, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 376, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 377, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 378, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 379, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1629 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Mulroe, Chairperson of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 661, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1228, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1410, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1466, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1800 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Noland, Chairperson of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 184, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 201, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 206, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 207, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 567, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 845, Senate Amendment 1 to

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Senate Bill 1062, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1102, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1129, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1145, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1657, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1747 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Delgado, Chairperson of the Committee on Education, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 100, Senate Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 1393, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1793 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Hunter, Chairperson of the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 418, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 547, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1446 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Koehler, Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Conservation, reports Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 544, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 545, Senate Amendment 5 to Senate Bill 1408, and Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1672 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, House -- Committee -- House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 235, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate {sic} Bill 242, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 341, offered by Senator Althoff.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 573, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 806, offered by President Cullerton.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 821, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1320, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1485, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1646, offered by Senator LaHood.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1744, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2543, offered by Senator Steans.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2580, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2755, offered by Senator Hunter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2916, offered by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 2919, offered by Senator Cunningham.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3101, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3122, offered by Senator Hastings.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3161, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3197, offered by Senator Collins.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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House Bill 3303, offered by Senator Raoul.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3311, offered by Senator McCarter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3323, offered by Senator Holmes.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3341, offered by Senator McConnaughay.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3375, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3438, offered by Senator Koehler.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3497, offered by Senator Muñoz.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3504, offered by Senator Delgado.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3512, offered by Senator Mulroe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3527, offered by Senator Connelly.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3655, offered by Senator Martinez.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3664, offered by Senator McCann.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3669, offered by Senator Anderson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3750, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3757, offered by Senator Althoff.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3788, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3797, offered by Senator Luechtefeld.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3895, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3896, offered by Senator Sullivan.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 3898, offered by Senator Mulroe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4029, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 4049, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

And House Bill 4089, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Would everybody at the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? We will be going to 3rd Reading, final action on legislation. Please come to the Floor immediately. We will be going to 3rd Readings immediately. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 342, offered by Senator Kotowski.

It is substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

On page 22 on the Calendar, on Order of Resolutions - this is

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final action - Senate Resolution 51. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 51, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your resolution.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This resolution is in response to the disturbing stories that have taken place in my own community as well as across the State. Teen suicide, unfortunately, has become more and more prevalent. This is a measure to bring awareness to everyone and I ask for the Senate's support on it this morning. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall -- Senate Resolution 51 pass. All those in favor will vote -- say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 53. Senator Barickman. Senator Barickman. Out of the record. Senate Resolution 90. Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 90, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your resolution.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This calls for the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Public Health to collaborate and devise policy recommendations regarding HIV supportive services and preventive education for HIV positive and

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at-risk youth at the Department of Children and Family Services.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 90 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 120. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill {sic}.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 120, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your resolution.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The resolution designates April 30th of this year and April 28th of next year as Envirothon Day. Envirothon is an environmental problem-solving competition for high school-aged students in the United States and Canada. Illinois is an active participant in this competition. It's been responsible for more than eighteen thousand participating high school students being taught about natural resources principles and issues. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 120 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 139. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 139, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Cullerton, on your resolution.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Senate Resolution 139 urges the FAA and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study describing the environmental and human health impacts caused by increased runways and air traffic noise at Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 139 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Resolution 140. Senator -- Mr. Secretary -- Senator Morrison, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I ask for its adoption and I look forward to discussing it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Resolution 140, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Can we keep the noise on the Floor down, please? Senator Morrison, on your resolution.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 140 directs the Auditor General to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Children and Family Services' compliance with its obligations to place children in its care in placements consistent with their best interests and with clinical recommendations. The audit will focus on children up to the age of twenty-one in the care of DCFS in 2014 and '15 who remain in psychiatric hospitals, emergency shelters, detention centers or the Department of Juvenile Justice for longer than necessary.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? As this resolution requires the expenditure of State funds, a roll call vote will be required. 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 46 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Resolution 140, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Senate Resolution 142. Senator Hunter. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter, on your amendment.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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I can explain it on -- on -- on the final. I'd like to move for its adoption and I'll explain it later.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's been adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 142, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution urges the United States government to focus on increased accountability and higher security regarding credit card -- credit card data used at retailers for financial institutions and personal information data kept at any organizations. Over the past several years, there's been so many data breaches using -- with our credit cards. I know that I have personally been a victim of credit card breaches for the past five years. And I would urge for an adoption, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 142 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The -- and the resolution is

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adopted. Just a reminder to all of our colleagues that we will be finishing up the resolutions on page 23 and then we will be going to the Order of 3rd Reading, final action. Senate Resolution 161. Senator Anderson. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 161, offered by Senator Anderson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson, on your resolution.

SENATOR ANDERSON.

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution 161 designates September 19th of every year as Preventing Lost Potential Day, by the HAVlife Foundation. It provides a new focus on the importance and dedication to educate, encourage, protect, and develop Illinois' youth.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 161 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Joint Resolution 2. Senator McCann. Senator McCann. Out of the record. Senate Joint Resolution 3. Senator Luechtefeld. Senator Luechtefeld. Out of the record. Senate Joint Resolution 7. Senator Manar. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 7, offered by Senator Manar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar, on your resolution.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. This resolution simply urges the federal government to update regulations implementing an -- an

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Executive Order that's nearly forty years old that prohibits discrimination by federally assisted contractors and subcontractors on construction projects -- excuse me, using federal funds. This came to me from a local organization, Faith Coalition for the Common Good, and is supported by many organizations statewide. I know of no opposition. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate -- Joint Resolution 7 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Senate Joint Resolution 9. Senator Haine. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill -- or...(microphone cutoff)...

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 9, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Haine, on your resolution.

SENATOR HAINE:

...you -- thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Nature Conservancy, the Invasive Species Council, the Environmental Council, the Forestry Association. It draws attention to declaring a month to show support for events that will raise awareness of the negative impacts of invasive species of plant life and insect and animal life on Illinois' ecology, landscape, and economy.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Joint Resolution 9 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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Senate Joint Resolution 11. Senator McConnaughay. Senate Joint Resolution 13. Senator Tom Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senate (Joint) Resolution 13, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cullerton, on your resolution.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Joint Resolution 13 creates the Personal Property Replacement Task -- Task {sic} (Tax) Reform Task Force to study the personal property replacement task -- tax. The task force is to identify the types of entities that pay - stop laughing - that pay the tax, how the tax proceeds are distributed. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

As this -- there any discussion? Seeing none, as this resolution requires expenditure of State funds, a roll call vote will be required. 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 44 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Joint Resolution 13, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. All right, on the bottom of page 2, we will be going to the Order of 3rd Reading. President Cullerton -- Senate Bill 4. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 14. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 17. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 23. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 30. Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 32. Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 41. Senator Barickman. Senator Barickman. Senate Bill 52.

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Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 52 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 52. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, this is to address Senator Murphy's issue. Senate Amendment 4 takes Chicago out of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 52. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 52.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

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Yes, this is the same bill that I presented yesterday that allows a -- a local school district, along with the consultation of the -- the State Board of Education, to make findings consistent with the Illinois streetgang law and allow these students to be picked up if it's been determined by the local law enforcement authority, based upon the criteria, that they are traveling through a dangerous area.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 52 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 32 Ayes, 19 Noes, none voting Present. Senate Bill 52, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will go back to Senate Bill 47. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 47.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman -- I mean Mr. President. Senate Bill 47, as amended, removes a portion of the underlying bill that changed the requirement of legislative findings and requires the agency -- the -- the day labor agency must collect and keep race, ethnic, gender -- and gender information for persons who apply to become a day or temporary laborer. The record shall be open to

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inspection by the Department of Labor and Department of Human Rights. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR McCARTER:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, what -- what kinds of problems came about to where we needed to have this legislation? Can you -- can you tell us about that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yeah, there's certain individuals who go in and they aren't sent out for work, and they believe there's a consistent pattern of certain individuals not being called out for work. So we're just keeping track of that to make sure that that's not the case.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Do you think there might be any similar patterns in -- in a union hall environment as well? Is it possible?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Could we please keep the noise down on the Senate Floor? We're on final action. Please keep the noise down. Senator Clayborne.

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SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, but that doesn't have anything to do with this bill, though.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

I understand and that's why I had an amendment drafted to where it would apply to both. Because if there is discrimination, it should be dealt with in both situations -- in both areas, I believe. The -- I think there's a -- a group that represents these temporary agencies. Was there anyone - and I don't recall it, but if you do, let me know - that spoke on their behalf for or against this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I -- I don't know of any group that's opposed to this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCARTER:

You know, it's unfortunate that there would be any discrimination in -- in -- to employers {sic} now. I do know this is going to be a burden on temporary agencies to collect this data and report this data once again. It really should have applied to any area where people go to wait for work, including union halls.

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Because I went back to my district and asked people whether that discrimination happens in union halls, and they told -- and some told me that it did. So I would suggest that if this makes it through the Senate, the House, and is signed by the Governor that we come back and apply this to union halls as well, because I believe it -- I -- I believe that discrimination does take place. Now, I -- I'm -- I'm not going to vote for the bill because I think this is just one more burden on small businesses that they don't need. If it comes about, I hope it corrects the problem, but I stand in opposition. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Clayborne, do you wish to close?

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

I just ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 47 pass. All those in favor, 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 30 Ayes, 16 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 47, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 70. Senator McCann. Senator McCann. Senate Bill 100. Senator Lightford. Mr. Secretary, please -- Senator Lightford seeks -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 100 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 100. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Lightford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford, on your amendment.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would say that this is a technical amendment and I would debate it on 3rd. But I do want to just leave this on the minds of Members - that negotiating in good faith, it used to mean something. Having value to the discussion around here, it used to mean something. What's going on in this Chamber today is unacceptable, very unprofessional. I move this amendment only because I'm a woman of my word. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, the -- seeing none, the question is -- the question is, shall Amendment 1 to Senate Bill -- Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 100 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The amendment is -- the Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 100. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 100.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Lightford, on your bill.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate -- Senate Bill 100 with the amendment actually brings us to a good place to address school discipline policies in our schools across the State. This has been an issue since 2012, when we began working on this. It's taken a long time to get to this point. I would like to just share some provisions of what the bill does. It just -- the disciplinary removals of longer than three days -- so, right now, schools are suspending kids for ten days flat out, a whole lot of expulsion taking place, and kids are not in school learning as they should be. So we remove the -- the time frame for it to be longer than the three-day suspension where the student's presence is an ongoing threat to the school and all other options have been exhausted. I do recognize that kids do need to be disciplined, and -- and so the bill does allow for that to remain. A school board must state how a suspension and expulsion is in the best interest of a school before disciplinary action is taken. School districts must establish re-engagement policies for disciplined students. Suspended students must be given the opportunity to make up their homework. And school officials must limit suspensions and expulsion to the greatest extent practical. Just to note that we should be shamed here in Illinois; we have the highest in the country of suspensions and expulsions and that percentages {sic} is mainly among African American students. I'd be happy to debate this further and to answer any questions you may have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Bertino-Tarrant, for what

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purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

She indicates she will yield.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

First, thank you, Leader Lightford. I -- I appreciate all your -- your hard work on this bill, but I'd like to ask you several questions so we can fully understand the -- the language in this -- in this bill. Can you tell us the effective date?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Senator, I want to tell you the effective date is in the bill. I realize that this is some agreement that the Alliance came up with. This was just now handed to me, again at the last minute. So here we go with the same devaluing professionalism. All of these questions is in the bill. But it's September 15, 2016.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bertino-Tarrant.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

And, you know, I -- I -- I'm happy to -- to forgo these and just -- and, if I can, just speak on behalf of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BERTINO-TARRANT:

All right. We talk here a lot about mandates and things that are inundated in the school systems, and -- and I have to be -- sometimes I -- I feel like a hypocrite because I go back and forth.

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There's things I vote on that are mandated and things that I feel are not necessary. And, when I first read this bill -- this has been a -- a work in progress and they have made tremendous progress to come up with a bill that I feel truly supports children. A lot of times when we think of expulsions and suspensions, we -- we think about the repeat offenders, the so-called bad kids. But when you read a bill like this, right away I think of those good kids that have got themselves in a bad situation - the student who was in the wrong place at the wrong time, the student who just couldn't take it one more day of being bullied and maybe punched someone, the -- the student who -- who is a -- great academically and got caught smoking in the -- in -- in the bathroom and gets expelled. And these are things that happened and they're things I've lived with. So this bill has a lot of great policies in it, great policies that we as educators are taught in treating -- in -- in helping students succeed. And we talk about zero policy - zero policy serves no purpose. By simply kicking a student out of school, we leave them no options. It talks about providing behavioral support services. Again, how are we going to correct a behavior if we're not -- identifying the behavior and helping these students? Referring students to -- expelled to the appropriate and available support service. Allowing students to be re-entered into school with a support system. Again, three, four days out of school is significant. We need to make sure these kids are coming back and on the right path. Opportunities to make up work for academic credit - again, the behavior should never, never reflect how a -- a student's grades. Ongoing professional development for staff - very, very important. Today, school classroom management is probably one of the most significant

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problems and, however, a good way to have classroom success, and we still only have one class on classroom discipline. And then advising and encouraging students -- no longer advising and encouraging students to drop out from school voluntary -- voluntarily. Again, all of these are good policy. Educators should support these policies because public education is to keep kids in school. So I highly support Senate Bill 100. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

The -- we hear a lot down in this building about local control, particularly with regard to schools. This is an example of taking local control away. For people who bring up local control as something that they believe strongly in, understand that this bill is designed to override the decisions that locals are currently making. Your local school boards, your local superintendents, your local teachers, your local principals - they are in charge, under our system, of creating the -- the educational environment for our kids. And what we're saying today with this bill is -- if you vote for this bill today, you're saying "I don't think the people who are making those decisions are doing a very good job." And the sponsor apparently believes that's the case. I don't. If you think your local school districts need to be told how to discipline kids 'cause they're doing a bad job, then vote

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Yes for this bill. If you trust your local administrators to do the right thing and to respect the balance between keeping kids in school who have discipline issues and maintaining an educational environment for those kids that aren't creating a disturbance -- and let's not forget them in this debate. This isn't just about the disruptive kid; this is about the local schools ability to maintain an environment for kids who are not causing problems to learn. If you trust your locals and you think they're doing a good job, back 'em up and vote No. If you think your locals need to be told what to do by Springfield, here's your chance and you can vote Yes for this bill. For me, I think the local school districts that I've heard from, who say this bill makes it harder for them to do their job, I'm going to back 'em up and vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I -- I rise in strong support of the legislation as a chief cosponsor and the Chair of the Education Committee. Let's be real clear, it's not, like the previous speaker pointed out, what people think. The sponsor has made an eloquent presentation as to what the statistics speak to to the State of Illinois and suspensions. Talk about young people, VOYCEs are always in my committee, young students who come to Chicago -- or come to Springfield to be heard, to be

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active into civics of State government. To think, no. Facts are a stubborn thing, and we know that Illinois and our cities suffer from the highest levels in the nation. And to have suspensions and innovations means that let's make sure that, at the end of the day, our Illinois student still learns something from their lesson. And when we talk about their job, well, we've let our folks do their jobs in the education communities. That whats {sic} creates these stats. So I -- I rise in strong support. And then, once again, keeping in mind our diverse populations we have inside of our classrooms. When I worked for DCFS as a child welfare specialist, if I had to do an IEP or if I had to work from a law enforcement standpoint in probation/parole with juveniles, we had to -- at the end of the day, they're participating in our classrooms. You're right - a -- a child doing something that might slip up and puts them in a bad spot, then we may have an egregious case. There's no one more open to doing that than this sponsor. So I rise in strong support. This is not an opinion. We are straightening out and making sure that Illinois has the integrity and the decency to address something that isn't working and that's what State government is for and that's why this needs to be codified. And would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR REZIN:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

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Thank you. And thank you, Leader Lightford. In working on this bill, I know that you worked for actually well over a year, met with many groups, and your group did come to talk to me to try to explain it. Many times, in education especially, we have bills that are important to certain districts but are a challenge for other districts. This bill, when it initially was proposed, was one of those bills. You have worked on it, with many people at the table. I do appreciate that. In our last meeting, when you brought this bill to the committee, I asked at the time -- there was opposition from the Alliance, which is the group that represents my district. My question to you is, where is the Alliance on this particular bill and how have you worked together?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment that was just adopted was the amendment that the Alliance put forth. So they are now neutral. There is no opposition to this bill, Senator. We spent more than a year on this legislation. In fact, law enforcement played a major role in this legislation, as well as child welfare groups, teacher unions, school administrators, management groups. I left no one out. Everyone was included, for about a year and a half of negotiations, and I think we have a really solid piece of legislation that will significantly change the way our kids are -- are viewed as it relates to discipline. I want to just say for the record to everyone here, I -- I feel that discipline is important. If you behave inappropriately, you should be reprimanded. It's just the trend across the nation has shown that all of our disciplinarian actions are really locking kids out of

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school. They're not learning. They're falling behind. High school dropout rate is increasing. And working with law enforcement and all these groups, really came together to figure out a better model for Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Again, when we met last -- when this bill came before Education Committee last time, it had -- it does have many challenges. I commend the sponsor for at least working with all of the groups. I did ask, for my particular district, for the sponsor to work with the Alliance, which does represent my district. I appreciate that you did and also put in their language, and as a result of that, I will be supporting your bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any further discussion? Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCANN:

I just want to commend the sponsor on this piece of legislation. I met with probably close to two dozen administrators from around my downstate district, and I want to thank you for

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taking the time to work with everyone and to do your best to include everyone in this piece of legislation. I commend you on that and I look forward to supporting it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any further discussion? Senator Lightford, to close.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I believe this bill is going to make sure that we keep our schools safe, we keep the flexibility for our administrators and teachers to provide them with what they need to do to discipline their children when the need arise, and that we keep our students in school where they belong. This is a negotiated bill. There is no opposition. Local control was very much involved, all of the management groups, school administrators. I hosted town hall meetings. I had dozens of conversations with superintendents across the State. I encourage an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 100 pass. All those in favor, 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 38 Ayes, 16 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 100, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

For a point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR McCANN:

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I would like to make an introduction. We have here with us, in the President's Gallery directly above you, the Illinois School for the Deaf, several representatives. We have Dr. Janice Smith-Warshaw, the Superintendent; Sheila Stephens, the Principal; and Carolyn Eilering, the Admissions Director. We have several students from the Illinois School for the Deaf. We have Kyla, Abby, Elaina, Ryan, and Michael. It's my honor and privilege to be able to represent the Illinois School for the Deaf, the Illinois School for the Visually Impaired. They're both here today. And I'd ask our guests to rise and I'd ask all of you to join me in welcoming our guests here to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Because all of -- I -- I don't think anybody wants to stay here tomorrow, so for that purpose alone, we will be setting the timer, and the timer will be on from now on. Senate Bill 106. Senator McCann. Senate Bill 116. Senator Biss. Mr. -- Senator Biss seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 116 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of adding an amendment. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 116. Mr. Secretary, please read the amendment.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your amendment.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill and I would ask that we adopt it and debate it on the Order of 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Amendment No. 3 be adopted. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments for -- for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 116. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 116.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 116, as amended by Floor Amendment 3, is now an agreed bill. It's on the subject of PACE - that stands for property-assessed clean energy. And the basic concept is that you might want to do an energy efficiency or renewable energy project on a building and you might want to finance it over time because it will reduce your energy bills. This allows you to finance it over time on your property tax bill. There are a lot of concerns about consumer consequences of doing this for individual residential homeowners, as well as some implementation concerns. So we've stripped those out of the bill. It's only for commercial and industrial and multi-family properties. As I said, that change resulted in this being an agreed bill. There's still some discussion, led by the

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Bankers Association, about how to make this as efficacious as possible, so we may see some amendment in the -- in the House. But as I said, there's no opposition, and I would ask your support in moving forward.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 116 pass. All those in favor, 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 35 Ayes, 12 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 116, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 125. President Cullerton. Senate Bill 141. Senator Stadelman. Senate Bill 155. Senator Haine. Senate Bill 157. Senator Harmon. With leave of the Body, we will go back to Senate Bill 57. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 57.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the -- the Senate. Before I begin, I just want to let everybody know that this is the result or culmination of seven years of work with a lot of people in the area of -- of divorce work. The CBA was involved. The ISBA was involved. The Illinois Family (Law) Study Committee was involved. Judges throughout our State were involved, that -- that

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heard divorce cases. We are still working on the -- the bill. We couldn't get those, hopefully, minor changes put into the bill, so I'm asking that the -- the bill be sent over to the House, where they're going to continue to work and -- and then bring it back here. Basically what Senate Bill 57 does, it was developed by the Illinois Family Law Study Committee with the intent of modernizing statutory rights and procedures of divorce cases and child custody disputes. Some of the things that it does is it eliminates heart balm actions, which are archaic. They're -- some of which -- I'll explain what a heart balm action is: alienation of affection, which is luring your spouse away; Breach of Promise to -- Act; or Criminal Conversion {sic} (Conversation) Act. Some of the good things that it does, in its general Rules of Construction or Purposes Section, 5/102, is it mitigates the potential harm to spouses and their children caused by the process of an action brought under this Act; preserves the integrity of marriage and safeguard family relationship; recognizes the right of children to a healthy relationship with parents; acknowledges the interests of children and allocation of parenting time and decision -- decision-making responsibilities are among the paramount responsibilities of our system of justice. And currently, for those of you that are not familiar with divorces, you have to either allege grounds or allege irreconcilable differences. Once you meet that phase, you move on to maintenance support, and then what, before this bill hopefully passes, was custody and visitation. What we are doing today is eliminating the grounds. Some of the grounds that you may be familiar with are things that we don't want our kids to have. So we're eliminating those and just trying to modernize the -- the -- the Act. So I'd -- I'd ask for your Aye vote. We will

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see it again.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR NYBO:

Will the sponsor yield while I fix my microphone here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator, you and I discussed this bill yesterday and I understand that there are, as you alluded to, some significant concerns from people who advocate on behalf of father's rights, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

That is correct, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator, did you tell me, at my request, that if -- if we pass this bill today that you would still be willing to work with those organizations, and -- and a -- and a person like me who's got a concern about an issue like that, on perhaps trying to address those bills -- or -- or those concerns should this bill pass and become law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

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Yes, Senator, that -- that is absolutely correct. We are trying to address the concerns, but I also don't want to disrupt the seven years of work on the -- on the bill and -- that got everybody on the same page. But, yes, I -- I am willing to do that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

To the bill. Senator, I appreciate that. I know you share those concerns that I have and I look forward to working with you to see if we can get those issues addressed favorably and make what is a good bill an even better bill. But I -- I'm happy to support this. So thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

You know, Ladies and Gentlemen, this -- this bill, admittedly, has seen a lot of work and I commend the sponsor for that. However, at this time, I -- I rise in opposition to the bill. And I simply want to make note that there are a number of groups who have -- who remain opposed to this legislation for a couple of reasons. First of all, this legislation today contemplates a dramatic shift in policy for the way in which Illinois treats divorces. Specifically, this bill contemplates Illinois moving to what is considered a no fault divorce, which is a -- again, a dramatic

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shift in policy for which, you know, many groups remain opposed. Second, there are also -- there is also opposition that comes from groups of individuals who represent kind of noncustodial parents and the issues related to noncustodial parents. Those groups - and, again, I think the sponsor, although -- you know, has included those groups in his -- in his negotiations - those groups remain opposed to the bill. I hope the issues that have been raised by these groups are worked on if this bill does move over to the House. But until then, I don't think this bill's ready and I would simply urge a No vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Mulroe, to close.

SENATOR MULROE:

Just briefly, what this bill does not do is touch the maintenance or support provisions of the Dissolution of Marriage Act. It does eliminate grounds, but if you -- what I was going to say earlier is, we don't -- sometimes we don't want to make the allegations. They become public record. Our children can see 'em. Some of the grounds that we're eliminating - which aren't practically used anyway today, because people recognize we don't want to drag people's history or what they've done through the -- the court system and make 'em public - it's impotence, bigamy, adultery, desertion, drunkenness, addiction, physical or mental abuse, or if you transmitted a sexually transmitted disease to your spouse. So we're trying to take those out. Practically speaking, people allege irreconcilable difference anyway, so we're just trying to modernize the statute. I'd ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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The question is, shall Senate Bill 57 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 33 Ayes, 18 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 57, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 201. Senator Cunningham. Senator Cunningham. Senate Bill 206. Senator Raoul. Mr. -- Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 206 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 206. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, on your amendment.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, Floor Amendment 1 becomes the bill. I'd -- I'd ask to explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 206. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 206.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, on your bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Bill 206 gives the Department of Human Services the ability to schedule entire structural classes of synthetic drugs as controlled substances. This is a bill that is a -- a -- a companion to a bill that we'll here from Senator McCarter. But it gives -- the two bills together gives the flexibility for us to keep in pace with folks who are changing synthetic drugs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 206 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 206, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NYBO:

A point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR NYBO:

Members of the Body, Mr. President, I would like to ask you to extend a warm welcome to my Page for a Day. Tom Snyder is

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joining me -- helping me out -- evaluate our bills. Tom is a fourth grader at Seton Montessori in Clarendon Hills. He -- he's also a resident of Riverside. His father, Stephen, is up here in the gallery also, as well. Tom's been a big help today, and I -- I turned to him at one point and I said, "Tom, you know, what -- what interests you about being down here?" And he says, "Well, people tell me, you know, I -- with all my smart-aleck remarks that I should be a lawyer." And I didn't take too much offense to that. But, Tom, with all your smart-aleck remarks, if you're really good at that, you belong right here on this Floor. So, if you can give him a big welcome and -- and come over and welcome him to Springfield.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 207. Senator Morrison. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 207 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 207. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Mr. President, I ask that the Members adopt this amendment and I will discuss it on 3rd Reading, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 207. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 207.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill makes it an aggravating factor for sentencing purposes for a defendant to commit criminal sexual assault or criminal sexual abuse while holding a position of trust, authority, or supervision against a victim with an intellectual disability. I know of no opposition to this bill. This is an initiative of the Lake County State's Attorney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 207 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 207, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 220. Senator McCann. Senate Bill 221. Senator McGuire. Senate Bill 248. Senator Morrison. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 248

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to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 248. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I ask the Body to adopt this, Mr. President, and I'll discuss the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 248. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 248.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Morrison, on your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 248 increases the frequency of reporting requirements for independent expenditures.

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This bill closes a reporting gap in which independent expenditures are made after quarterly reporting deadlines but before a thirty-day period of enhanced reporting requirements made to an election. It increases transparency and more closely aligns requirements with A-1 contribution requirements. It creates a year-round timely expenditure reporting. It's a simple fix to a gap that is allowing millions of dollars right now to go unreported prior to election day. Increasing this reporting requirement will allow voters and the media to access this important information in a timely and consistent manner, will give our constituents a reason to place more trust in the electoral process. There's bipartisan support of this bill. And I would ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. I just -- I rise in support...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I rise in support of the legislation and I commend Senator Morrison for her work on this bill. Cleaning up our elections process and making it more transparent for voters, I hope is something we can all get behind. And I'm glad to work with you on that and urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, Senate -- shall Senate Bill 248 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 53 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 248, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 437. Senator Martinez. Mr. -- oh! Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 437 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 437. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This has to deal with creating an exception in the standard investment. I'll be -- and I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 437. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 437.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 437 creates an exception in the standard investment services procurement process for emerging investment managers with whom it currently has an indirect relationship, at the discretion of the pension fund, retirement system, or investment board. Currently, the Pension Code encourages, but does not require, the trustee of public employee retirement system, pension funds, and investment boards to use emerging investment managers. The Pension Code also says that -- that if the trustee wants to contract for investment services, the fund must use a competitive procurement process substantially similar to the Procurement Code. And it also would allow the trustees to circumvent the RFP process where the fund has been -- has had an existing indirect relationship with the emerging manager. The intent is to make it easier for emerging investment managers to get direct contracts with pension funds. It is an initiative of the Chicago Municipal Pension Fund and the added amendment is -- is at the request of the Municipal Employment {sic} (Employees) Annuity and Benefit Fund of Chicago. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

To the bill, Mr. Speaker -- or President. Hey, welcome back.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To -- to the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. You know, we -- we heard this bill in committee yesterday. And this is a very technical bill and I appreciate the -- the sponsors bringing it forward. Some of us voted No in committee and I'm going to do my best to explain the reasoning behind our No vote so others can consider, and maybe the sponsor may want to reply to -- to what I say. The concern that I had in -- in committee is that this may be an attempt to circumvent the Procurement Code. The Procurement Codes {sic} outlines a -- a set of guidelines for which government entities, you know, issue contracts. And the concern that we have is that this -- this appears to be a mechanism where an entity that has an existing contract with the -- with the -- the pension board - I think it's the Municipal Fund -- that existing entity may have subcontract arrangements with other vendors who have not qualified themselves under the Procurement Code. This bill contemplates qualifying those subcontractees for services from this fund outside of the Procurement Code. And so I -- so the concern is that this essentially circumvents that process. I'm glad to answer questions too, but... All right.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I'm not sure there was a question there. Is there any further discussion? Senator Rezin -- Rezin for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The sponsor indicates she will yield.

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SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you. What is the difference from what is already existing in statute for the emerging investments investors as opposed to what is this piece of legislation trying to -- trying to change?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

This gives them an opportunity to be able to go ahead and -- and -- and invest. But the -- the thing is that they already do this. This is just another way of helping them, the smaller company, just build on their portfolio. I really believe that -- this is something that was brought to me by the -- by the Municipal -- Chicago Municipal Pension Fund. And also -- the Municipal Employee {sic} (Employees) Annuity and Benefit Fund also agree that this is something they need just so they can continue to grow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

And I appreciate that, sitting on the Pension and Investment Board, and we have many people who come and testify to us, many funds, about their emerging investment portion of the portfolio. And again, it's just, my question is, what is different from what is already being done as to -- opposed to what it -- what this bill is trying to do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

It -- it takes them out from under a manager. It just lets

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them continue to grow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin. Senator Martinez, to close.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I ask for a favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 437 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 40 Ayes, 11 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 437, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will go back to Senate Bill 201. Senator Cunningham seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 201 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 201. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Cunningham.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on your amendment.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. If we can adopt it and discuss it on 3rd, I'd appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 201. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 201.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 201 is an effort to crack down on the human trafficking of wards of the State who are in the care and custody of DCFS. A recent Chicago Tribune series detailed the fact that human traffickers often specifically target and recruit wards of the State who reside in group homes because they see them as vulnerable and -- and, as such, they attempt to lure them into a life of prostitution. This legislation will enable judges to take that kind of conduct into consideration as an aggravating factor in sentencing. If the State, in those cases, can prove that an individual found guilty of juvenile pimping and other related prostitution charges knew that that victim was a ward of the State, then the sentence can be enhanced. Know of no opposition and would be happy to answer any questions and ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 201 pass. All those in favor, 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 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 201, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We will now go back to Senate Bill -- or -- or 343. Senator Steans. Mr... Mr. Secretary, Senate Bill 507. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 507.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. In the 98th General Assembly, the House and Senate both passed Senate Bill 3397 unanimously. It was -- received one of those very late amendatory vetoes from Governor Quinn, which ultimately killed the bill, and we reintroduced it as Senate Bill 1224 in this General Assembly. And the -- the purpose of that initiative would be to amend the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act to allow a retailer to recover, in certain circumstances, some sales tax when the debt goes bad and the payment is never collected by the retailer. Because there's a potential revenue consequence of this, what I'm asking the Chamber to do, is to allow us to pass this shell bill over to the House to allow the discussions to continue and craft an even more carefully narrow solution to this problem to ensure that in our current difficult fiscal climate we don't lose any more revenue than is absolutely necessary to address this issue.

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Ask for your support and happy to answer any questions about this very complex piece of technical legislation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 507 pass. All those in favor, 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 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 507, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 543. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 543 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading now is Senate Bill 543. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your amendment.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I ask for its adoption and be happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 543. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 543.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your bill.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. What the legislation does is, allows the Department of Ag and EPA to classify synthetic gypsum as either a fertilizer or soil amendment. Currently, there's two forms of gypsum. It's naturally mined, applied as a fertilizer currently. It's -- also, gypsum is a -- a by-product of the scrubbing process in -- in coal-fired plants. Both natural and synthetic gypsum are identical chemically. So what -- under current law, gypsum cannot be applied as a fertilizer or a soil amendment here in Illinois. And incidentally, we're the only state in the nation that does not allow that. So what this bill, Senate Bill 543, does is authorize -- authorizes the Department of Ag and EPA to regulate synthetic -- gypsum as a fertilizer/soil amendment. It's a win for the environment because currently it's being treated as a sludge and it goes into as -- as waste. It's a win for the environment. It's -- it's a win for agriculture and farmers. I know of no opposition and I ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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Senate Bill 543 pass. All those in favor, 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 543, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 544. Senator Bush. Senator Bush. Senate Bill 545. Senator McGuire. Senate Bill 547. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 547 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of 2nd Reading {sic}. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 547. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. I will -- please move the -- to -- to adopt and I'll be happy to discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill

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547. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 547.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the City of Chicago. It allows a municipality of over a million or more to regulate underground utility facilities damage prevention. Currently, home rule units may not regulate underground utility facilities. I believe that the I -- ICC has met with the City of Chicago and they have worked out whatever the opposition was and now there is no one to oppose this bill. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 547 pass. All those in favor, 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 547, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Martinez, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. I pushed the speak button as opposed to pushing the Yes button, so I want to be recorded as a Yes on my own bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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The record will reflect that. Senate Bill 563. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 563.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your bill.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The legislation is -- is an omnibus Department of Veterans' Affairs bill. It does a number of things. But, incidentally, it's identical to a bill we passed out of this Chamber last year on a unanimous roll call. But I'll run through briefly what it does. It expands the Department's powers and duties to create and maintain a volunteer field force. It expands their duties to conduct educational programs through social media. It adds that a veteran or spouse, once admitted to an Illinois Veterans Home facility, is considered a resident for interfacility purposes. It allows the Director to authorize a Veteran Home to conduct limited fundraising. It allows for the operation of some cemeteries, on and on. But, finally, and really what my interest is, it includes language needed for the Department of Public Health to conduct an independent review of involuntary discharges from the Veterans Home. Had an incident over in the Quincy Veterans Home where a gentleman was involuntarily discharged. There really was no process to allow him an appeal through an independent agency, and this legislation mirrors what we do currently in other long-term care facilities. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions.

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Ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 563 pass. All those in favor, 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 563, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I would -- I would like the Body to recognize a group from Kaskaskia College, led here by the President of Kaskaskia College, James Underwood. They are the Leadership class of the College. They're in the gallery behind the Democrats. If they would stand and you would give them a warm welcome. They're also from Kyle McCarter's district. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 564. Senator Biss. Senator Biss seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 564 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 564. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Biss.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your amendment.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I'd ask that we adopt it and debate it on the Order of 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 564. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 564.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 564, as amended, requires the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions to establish and maintain an online meeting notice page and automated mailing list server to inform users of the meeting times and agendas for each board and commission. Happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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Senate Bill 564 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 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 564, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?
SENATOR HASTINGS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I'd like to introduce one of my constituents in the crowd today, Mr. Bill Gibson. I was hoping he could stand up and be recognized. He's a great constituent and a volunteer in our community, and I thank him for what he does. So I want to give him a warm Springfield welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 567. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 567 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 567. Mr. Secretary, have there been any further -- have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, it just changes one word. Replaces conviction with

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background.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 567. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 567.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, thank you. This bill makes it -- "unlawful discrimination" includes taking criminal background -- or criminal conviction {sic} information into account (in) making adverse employment decisions if doing so has a disparate impact on race, religion, sex, or other protected classes. This bill does -- provide a defense of claim on the unlawful discrimination if the employment decision was based on a criminal background that is job-related or consistent with a business necessity. I would -- it -- there will be probably an amendment in the House. I just met with the Illinois Bankers Association and agreed to work with them to exclude banks based upon the federal law. I would ask for

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your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 567 pass. All those in favor, 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 39 Ayes, no -- 6 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 567, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 661. Senator Mulroe. Senate Bill 675. Senator Manar. Senate Bill 680. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 717. Senator Hutchinson. Senator Hutchinson. Senate Bill 727. Senator Stadelman. Senator Stadelman. Senate Bill 743. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senate Bill 760. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 760.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. -- Mr. President. 760, the -- creates the Career (and) Workforce Transition Act. The Act will allow a student to receive up to thirty credit hours transferred from a non-degree institution, regulated by Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act, if the student has completed a program in medical assisting, medical coding, dental assisting, HVAC, welding, or pharmacy

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technician. It has to be a -- the school had to have been nationally accredited. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 760 pass. All those in favor, 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 49 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 760, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Paul Elders of WICS-TV seeks permission to take video and audio. No -- seeing no objection, permission granted. Senate Bill 773. Senator Connelly. Senate Bill 781. Senator Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 781.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President. 781 addresses a concern, by resolution, ordinance, or intergovernmental agreement, that the fire district envisioned to be the new service provider must have the right to elect or deny the replacement services duty {sic} (service duties). And basically what this does is, there -- there was a bill passed that allowed a fire district to go to, by -- by referendum, to be dissolved and it would go to the neighboring district. This just allows the neighboring district to have the ability to reject or to accept it based upon cost. I would ask

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for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 781 pass. All those in favor, 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 781, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 800. Senator McCann.

Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 800.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCann, on your bill.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 800 -- the genesis of Senate Bill 800 came to me from the combined fourth grade classes at Chatham Elementary School. They were studying the -- Illinois State government. They had an idea. They wanted to be a part of the process. They had an idea for a law. They thought that the State of Illinois should have a State vegetable, and since Chatham, Illinois, is the home of the Sweet Corn Festival every July - it's been a recipient of the Governor's Hometown Award for that Sweet Corn Festival - they thought that sweet corn should be the State vegetable. And I have to tell you that I am proud -- proud and honored to carry their inspiration and their desire to be a part of the legislative

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process today in the form of Senate Bill 800. I will also say that I've received a few emails. I've -- I received one email from a lady in Champaign who informed me that corn was indeed a grain and not a vegetable. And I have some information to share with you here today, if you care to ask me any questions. And then I had some -- I had a couple of emails from folks around the State saying that while the budget is such an issue, while the -- the city walls are seemingly crumbling, why are you focusing on something like this? And, of course, the answer couldn't be more clear - we have to invest in the future leaders of our State and our nation. And these young people took an extraordinary interest in the process and I think it's fair that they have their day on the Floor, in the form of this bill, to be a part of that process. So we look forward to an awful lot of Aye votes, and if we have any questions, we look forward to answering those as well. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. Will the sponsor yield for a couple of questions?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR MANAR:

Senator McCann, thank you for bringing this controversial piece of legislation to -- to the Senate. We had a robust debate in committee about this bill. So I just wanted to maybe re-ask a couple of those questions. The first of which is, can you explain the difference to the Body between a grain and a vegetable? And

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indeed, in your opinion, is -- is sweet corn a vegetable?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Senator Manar, for those deeply insightful questions. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to defend my bill here today, once again. I think it really comes down to realizing that, depending on what you're -- the framework in which you're viewing corn, it is either a fruit, a vegetable, or a grain. It is actually both, depending on whether you're looking at it culinarily or scientifically. If you look at it as a botanist, it's actually a fruit. If you look at it as truly what it was planted as, it was -- it's a grain. And if -- if sweet corn were to remain -- the ear were to remain on the stalk to full maturation, it would indeed be harvested and then have to be utilized as a grain, if it could be. But because sweet corn is planted with the intent of being harvested before maturity - and we've been doing this for hundreds if not thousands of years - it's planted with the intent to be harvested early so that it can be enjoyed as a vegetable. And I -- one of the -- the reasons I had full faith in the fourth grade classes of Chatham Elementary for bringing -- bringing this idea to me and defending it here on the Senate Floor today is that I consulted the Holy Grail of how we -- of food classification, the U.S. Department of Agriculture. And the U.S. Department of Agriculture has the five food groups. The second food group identified after fruit is vegetable, and they actually classify corn - the USDA - as a vegetable. And if -- in case you're asking yourselves, "Well, maybe -- did they -- did they get rid of grains? I haven't been in school for a while so maybe

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we don't even still classify grains as a food group", if you flip to the next page, the next classification is that of grain. And as a whole grain, popcorn is a grain. As far as refined grains go, corn bread and corn tortillas are considered grains. But if we flip back to page 1, we find that corn is classified as a starchy vegetable, because that's indeed what its intent to be -- its intent when it's planted is to be harvested to be used as a vegetable.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank -- thank you for that overly coherent answer. Now, I know -- I know we don't want to rely on the federal government to dictate to us what is or isn't a vegetable. Senator McCann, I'm curious, which state produces the most pumpkins in -- in the nation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

And I agree with you, Senator. I think you -- Senator, you and I have probably greatly astonished the Body, as well as Illinois State government, in the fact that we agree on so much; that we would not want the federal government to be breathing down our throats. The State's rights are very important to all of us here. But I do not have any -- any data in front of me to support this, but I have heard that Illinois is the leading producer of pumpkins in the State of Illinois -- or in this -- in the country.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Manar.

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SENATOR MANAR:

Is there as much uncertainty about the status of a pumpkin being a vegetable, or is there more uncertainty about sweet corn being a vegetable?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCann.

SENATOR McCANN:

Thank you, Senator, for -- I appreciate that. It's interesting that when you look at -- at -- at, quote, unquote, "vegetables" such as pumpkins, such as peaches, plums, oranges, eggplants, bell peppers, and tomatoes, they are all botanically fruits. But in a Supreme Court ruling, Nix versus Hedden, 1893, they ruled that while the tomato is botanically a fruit, it is used as a vegetable and should be taxed and tariffed as such. And so I believe pumpkin falls into that same category. So I think - - I composite the theory that sweet corn is undoubtedly a vegetable and should be the State vegetable of Illinois.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

It's a good thing I didn't put the timer on. Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Thank you. To the bill.

SENATOR MANAR:

I'd like to thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward and offering his clarifications to these important questions that were posed in committee and my compliments to the students here in the gallery from Glenwood for their work on this matter and bringing it before this Body. I urge an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the gentleman's bill, but I wanted to address Senator Manar's question about pumpkins. I want him to know that pumpkin is a pie. And the House has passed a bill that will name the State pie pumpkin pie. I picked it up for Representative Sommer and you can join me in cosponsoring that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCann, to close.

SENATOR McCANN:

I want to thank you, Mr. President and all of my colleagues here in the Chamber. I know that we all look for every opportunity to be positive role models for everyone around us, but especially that next generation of leaders. I ask for your Aye vote and I thank you for allowing me to take your time here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 800 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 800, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. I know. Senator McCann, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCANN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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...your point.

SENATOR McCANN:

Mr. President, colleagues, I would never -- I would never stoop to the level of introducing any guest in the Chamber just for mere support - oh, well, I probably would, but I -- I choose not to today. But I do -- now that the bill has passed, I would like to introduce to you the combined fourth grade classes - there are five fourth grade classes here - from Chatham Elementary School. They are in the President's Gallery and on this side of the public gallery over here. And if you could all join me in thanking them for their tremendously wonderful idea and for joining us here today in the process. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Congratulations and welcome to the State Capitol. John O'Connor, Associated Press, seeks permission to -- still photo. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Senate Bill 806. Senator Kotowski. Senator Kotowski. Senate Bill 817. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senator Tom... Senator -- Senate Bill 845. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Oop. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 845 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 845. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would - and Members of the Senate

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- ask that the amendment be adopted. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The amendment is -- the Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Now -- Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 845. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 845.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 845, as amended, provides that provisions of the Public Act 98-1012 shall be considered pretrial services. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 845 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 845, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

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SENATOR RAOUL:

A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR RAOUL:

As here -- have here as my guests today Sharon Hahs, Dr. Sharon Hahs, President of Northeastern Illinois University, and a -- a distinguished alumnus of Northeastern Illinois University, who we actually needed here last week for the House/Senate basketball game, Danny Crawford, NBA referee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Connelly, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Briefly, I too welcome my dear friend and constituent, Danny Crawford, to the State Senate. I've known Danny for, I don't know, twenty years or so. He has two incredible children, Drew and Lia; an incredible wife, Claudia. I am honored to represent him here in the State Senate and I wish him well. And why not another hand for an NBA Hall of Fame referee, Danny Crawford.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 903. Senator McConnaughay. Mr. Secretary, please -- Senator McConnaughay seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 903 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 903. Mr. Secretary, have

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there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes, Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator McConnaughay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConnaughay, on your amendment.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you. I will explain the bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 903. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 903.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConnaughay, on your bill.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill attempts to codify the Online Ledger and Warehouse under the State Comptroller. These are repositories for the storage of any reports submitted to the Comptroller and the database of all State transactions. These are two wildly popular initiatives under the late Judy Baar Topinka

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during her tenure as Comptroller. These are online databases that make available to the taxpayers the transactions under State and local government. We introduced an amendment that I have -- have agreement with Committee Chairman Landek to take out the local reporting requirement and that will be done in the House and we will bring it back over with that concurrence. I ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 903 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 903, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 914. Senator Connelly. Senator Connelly seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 914 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 914. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Connelly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your amendment.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill. I move for its adoption. We'll discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor

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will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 914. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 914.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 914 amends the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act to ban all units of local government and their employees and contractors from using taxpayer funds to send promotional materials to residents during -- immediately preceding an election. This is an initiative of a very upset taxpayer of the College of DuPage, namely me. And I'll tell you the genesis. The Saturday before the -- the consolidated election, I went through my mail and I found this mail piece of the incumbent candidate's, this mail piece of those running for the position, and this interesting mail piece, which happens to be the same size as the other mail pieces, promoting all sorts of wonderful things happening at College of DuPage. In my humble opinion, it was designed for a political purpose. We have a dead period that we abide by. Our staff is -- is told to be restricted from what we do. I want to apply this to local

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government. It's -- it's high time we do this. I've spoken to the park district association and the schools. I -- former Senator and now State Representative Ron Sandack will be the House sponsor. We're going to tighten the language with respect to promotional materials. But in the end, this is to require local governments to abide by the same dead period restrictions that we abide by. I ask for an Aye vote and I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR NYBO:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator Connelly, this is a great bill. I -- I am delighted that you're running with this. I am as outraged as you are as -- as what has happened, not only with respect to those mail pieces, but I am very disheartened with what is happening at the College of DuPage. I'm optimistic that the new board at the College of DuPage will be able to begin righting their ship and getting things back in order. And I look forward to having opportunities like this to do our part to help improve College of DuPage. It is a great asset for our county and the other counties that it serves, but there are some things that they can be doing better. This is one thing they should not be doing. So, great job for -- for -- for picking this up and running with it. I'm -- I'm happy that you're doing that and I'm proud of you. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Any further discussion? Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, your bill enjoyed bipartisan support in the Executive Committee. We did talk at some length about some of the uncertainty as to the language and some of the provisions. We talked about our staffs working together on refining that bill. I presume that has not happened yet. I don't know that you made an express commitment in committee, but it was my understanding we were going to try to work out some of those rough edges here in the Senate before it went over to the House. What is -- what is your plan here?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Leader Harmon. I spoke with the park district association regarding tightening up the language regarding promotional materials. And just by the way of background, and I appreciated the discussion in Exec - it was late in the evening and all - but there are promotional materials; for example, a park district sends out their spring catalog. That's fine. A school will send out its course catalog. That's perfectly fine. So those are the things we -- we do need to tighten up. I spoke to Representative now Sandack about this concern and about amending it to tighten it and bring it back here. I'd be willing to put it

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back, to keep it here today, if that was -- if that's what you'd like to happen, Leader. But I can tell you this, it will be brought back with that amendment -- amended language. I've spoken to Jason Anselment from the park district association and Deanna Sullivan as well that our staffs will be working with Representative Sandack to amend it and bring it back here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, I don't need to derail your bill here today. I -- I trust that -- I just want a firm assurance in Session that our staff and your staff, Senate staff, will work on this and what comes back from the House would be something that we anticipate and agree upon. If we can -- if we have that express understanding, I would certainly withdraw my reservations and encourage my colleagues to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Absolutely, Leader. You have my word on that. As it's written today, it does need to be amended, and it will be amended, and we will be the final action on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Any further discussion? Senator Connelly, to close.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

I respectfully ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 914 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 Ayes, 1 Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 914, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Delgado, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR DELGADO:

Thank you. Members of the Body, it's my honor to introduce up in the President's Gallery from my own -- alumni of Northeastern Illinois University. We have trustee and former State Representative Bobby Biggins up in the -- in the President's Gallery, along with a great student, Joanna Nowacka, and the Chief Communications Officer, Mike Dizon. I hope I pronounced it correctly. Northeastern, welcome to your Capitol. It's always great to see our alumni here, our universities here. And, folks, let's give them a great round of applause. We've also enjoyed their President here on the Floor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 973. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 973 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 973. Mr. Secretary, have there been a Floor -- any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Althoff, on your amendment.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

The amendment becomes the bill and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 973. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 973.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff, on your bill.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 973 contains the modernization and extension language that was agreed to by the industry as well as the Department for the Respiratory Care (Practice) Act sunset extensions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 973 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 55 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 973, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 986. Leader Radogno. Leader Radogno. Senate Bill 1057. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 1062. Senator Barickman. Senator Barickman seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1062 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1062. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes, Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Barickman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, on your amendment.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

The amendment, Mr. President, becomes the bill. I'd ask for adoption of the amendment and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1062. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1062.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, on your bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1062 is an initiative of the IDFPR. It is an amendment to the Controlled Substances Act to codify existing rules and practices within IDFPR regarding licensing of drug canine handlers and trainers as well as medical residents temporarily licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987. I know of no opponents and would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1062 pass. All those in favor, 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1062, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1076. Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy. Senator Bennett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to be -- to have my vote recorded as an Aye for SB 1062.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record shall reflect your intention. Senate Bill 1102. Senator Connelly. Senator Connelly seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1102 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1102. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your amendment.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I move for its adoption and I'll discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1102. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1102.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1102 amends the State Employee Indemnification Act. It prohibits State and local public entities from providing representation for or indemnifying State or local employees in any criminal proceeding

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arising out of that employee's employment with the State or local public entity. We're simply trying to clarify the public entity should not be paying for the employee's legal fees in criminal matters. This was brought to my attention by a constituent regarding a situation at Northern Illinois University where the University indemnified and paid the criminal legal fees for three employees. I'll answer any questions and I respectfully ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1102 pass. All those in favor, 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1102, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of personal privilege, if I may.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR ROSE:

Ladies and Gentlemen, behind the President in the gallery, if they would rise, is the Class 1A State Champion IHSA Girls Basketball Team from Moweaqua Central A & M Raiders. I am very honored to represent the Moweaqua area and I -- Senator Manar actually has a little bit of their territory as well. And they're here today. There's -- they've done a great job. They had 33 wins and only 1 loss in this season. Their Coach is Mr. Tom

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Dooley, and I think he's up here as well, with Assistant Coaches, Todd Rork and Mike Garner, and their Principal is Judy Fitzgerald. Let's welcome the ladies and give 'em a big hand on their State Championship.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 1129. Senator McCarter. Senator McCarter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1129 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1129. Mr. Secretary, are there any further -- are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator McCarter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter, on your amendment.

SENATOR McCARTER:

The amendment becomes the bill. I'll -- I move for its adoption. I'll speak -- speak to it on the -- once it's adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1129. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1129.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter, on your bill.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bill 1129 deals with synthetic drugs. This is the companion bill to Senator Raoul's Senate Bill 206. And as I mentioned in the committee, I'm doing this for some parents who have lost their children due to synthetic drugs. One of them is Lance Dyer. He's the father of Dakota. I just received a call from Mr. Dyer. He has crossed this country to -- to do what he can so that other children like his don't have to die. In the last ten days, he just told me, there have been two thousand -- over two thousand four hundred hospitalizations due to synthetic drugs. The drug flakka, which is the "\$5 insanity" drug. There have been twenty-two deaths in the last ten days. This is an epidemic. This is across the country. The hospitals in Chicago have had two to three times the incidents just in the last ten days. What this bill does, it represents a significant step towards addressing the prevailing approach to -- to a -- synthetic drugs by scheduling them as they appear and in -- but, technically, the legal definition is bypassed many times by one change in the formula to make them legal. You can go to Decatur to the Mini Mart and another store, the Super Pantry, and buy them today - legally. We will have, if -- once this passes, the toughest legislation to deal with synthetic drugs in the nation, along with Rhode Island. What this does is removes the intent requirement as to human consumption currently in the controlled substance analog statute and, two, scheduling the entire structural class synthetic

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drugs. It is the intent of this legislation to get in front of all the emerging designer synthetic cannabinoids and cathinones. I ask for its passage. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RAOUL:

To -- to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I -- I rise in straight -- in strong support of the gentleman's bill. I appreciate his work on this bill. What this bill does, in combination with the bill we previously passed, is we stay ahead of the game, because we've been coming back here Session after Session tweaking the law because these manufacturers of these synthetic drugs try to evade the enforcement of the law. These synthetic drugs are causing people to do some serious harm in our communities and I -- I appreciate the sponsor's work on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator McCarter, to close.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Thank you for all the -- the hard work that's been put in on this. I -- I -- I think this is one thing we can be proud of - that we're leading in this country - to aggressively go after this to protect young people and -- and stop -- do what we can, the best we can, to stop this epidemic. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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The question is, shall Senate Bill 1129 pass. All those in favor, 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1129, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1145. Senator Connelly. Senator Connelly seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1145 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1145. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes, Floor Amendment 1, offered by Senator Connelly.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your amendment.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. The amendment becomes the bill. I move for its adoption, will discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1145. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1145.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Connelly, on your bill.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a companion bill to what we just passed a few minutes ago, Senate Bill 1102. It clarifies public universities should not be paying for legal fees in criminal matters. This was a -- a matter brought to me by a constituent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1145 pass. All those in favor, 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1145, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator -- Senator Stadelman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I'd like to recognize a large group from Rockford sitting in the gallery on the north side of the Chamber. They're members of the Rockford

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Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Rockford group. They're a group of people who have been identified as emerging leaders in the Rockford area. They've been going through about an eight-month program, meeting about government, business, and -- and civic issues, and that program includes a -- a yearly trip to the Capitol. So hopefully we can show 'em what we do down here in a positive light. So, please, a warm Springfield welcome to members of the Rockford Leadership group.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you -- thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

I have two young ladies here who -- some of you remember a -- a lady by the name of Janet -- Jeanette Malafa who I think -- was on our staff for a long time, when -- with -- and in particular with the Education. She has two daughters that are -- two lovely daughters. I would like you to give a warm welcome, if you would. Right here at the desk.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. Senate Bill 1204. Senate Bill 1206. Senator Tom Cullerton. Senate Bill 1213. Senator Murphy. Senate Bill 1258. Senator Harmon. Senate Bill 1271. Senator McGuire. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 1271.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McGuire, on your bill.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1271 seeks to increase the threshold amount for park and forest preserve district contracts for supplies, material, or work which requires competitive bidding from 20,000 to 25,000. This adjusts the rate, which was set in 2004, to adjust for inflation and establishes uniformity with the School Code and the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act. And I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1271 pass. All those in favor will say {sic} Aye. Opposed, vote 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1271, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1322. Senator Barickman. Senate Bill 1327. Leader Radogno. Senate Bill 1334. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1334 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1334. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment 4, offered by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your amendment.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Yes, the amendment just reiterates that these are goals that are required to be established.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are -- Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1334. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1334.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Clayborne, on your bill.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you. Senate Bill 1334, as amended, addresses concerns from businesses owned by minority women and persons with disabilities who are underrepresented in professional services contracts. It requires the State agencies as well as the public institutions of higher education to establish goals of twenty percent of the total dollar amount of their contracts. And it

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establishes certain areas in which they're supposed to establish these goals in terms of professional services. It also requires the BEP Council to look at this on their agenda every issue -- every meeting and if those -- if it -- if it appears that they are not complying with establishing these goals and -- trying to achieve these goals, then they have the ability to take action to try to address those concerns. This is a bill about fundamental fairness and giving everyone an opportunity to succeed. It's a - - it's a great business bill to -- to continue to increase and expand jobs in all sectors of professional services as well as in all of our communities. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1334 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 50 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1334, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Manar, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. For a point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MANAR:

I would like to ask my colleagues to draw their attention up to the President's Gallery on the Republican side of the aisle. With us today are a fine group of young men from Gillespie Middle School who are the Class 7A {sic} (7-3A) Boys Basketball State

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Champions. They finished with a record of 26 and 2 for the season. I was just talking with them before coming out here on the Floor and they reminded me that they were a team that consistently battled back from deficits at half-time to win their games. I'm very proud of this group. They played with heart and they played with energy. They actually came back to beat Teutopolis, the Wooden Shoes, represented by Senator Righter, in the tournament. Their coaches are Tim Wargo and Stuart Ringer. And I would just like for us to recognize them and congratulate them on their victory this year.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield and congratulations. Senate Bill 1380. Senator Koehler. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1380.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, on your bill.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a bill that comes to me by the City of Peoria and it does affect a lot of communities that are in similar situations. It provides that when a municipality has obtained a lien for removal activities, the municipality may also bring an action for a money judgment against the owner of real estate in the manner provided in the Code of Civil Procedure. And upon obtaining judgment, the municipality may file a judgment lien against all of the real estate of the owner and then enforce that lien. I know that this

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has some -- some controversy to it, and I met with a number of the opponents of this, just kind of stated what the issue was. We've got problems in my community, in my neighborhood, of slum landlords that don't take care of property and then just push everything on to the City to take care of either demolition or cutting weeds, what have you. And -- so we asked the industry to help us out on this. The financial group came forward and said here is an amendment. We attached the amendment to -- to -- to resolve this. I know the Realtors are still against this. Although their attorney has stated that there is already a way in law for cities to proceed on this, it's just kind of a convoluted way. So what this does is it expedites and makes it less costly for cities to -- to pursue this. Number one, a judge has to issue this order. So it's only in egregious situations where this is even -- comes -- comes into factor. So, I understand that the -- you know, the controversy on this, but I also understand that communities need help and we need help in terms of protecting especially low-income communities with blight. So I ask for your support and I -- I'll take any questions you have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Koehler, first, I want to make sure that I understand what your bill will allow. If a -- a

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city files a lien on a parcel of property and then goes to court and obtains a - excuse me - a -- is able to get a money judgment, the city will not only be allowed to file - I'm sorry - file a lien on the parcel of property that is the subject of the controversy but any other property that that entity or individual may own. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, that's -- that's correct. And what's important about what you've stated is that, again, this in egregious situations where there have been numerous attempts to try to collect this. And, you know, we're talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars in terms of demolition costs and -- and weed and litter removal. And -- and it -- and it has to be such that a court would give the city permission to do this. So a court has to decide this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, okay, now you said where there have been numerous other attempts to collect the money. Where -- what is in the bill that outlines what other steps the municipality has to take before taking what, I think we'd all agree, is an extraordinary step of filing a lien on a piece of property that has nothing to do with the dispute?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, there's already a process by which municipalities try

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to collect liens and place liens on property. Again, this is in the case where a city has gone and tried to collect on -- on liens and just has really been, you know, ignored by the -- the person responsible for this. So this is just an added tool. There's already a process in place by which normal liens would be gone after and -- and sought for recovery.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Okay, Senator, I want to -- I want to ask again. I mean, I understand the situation you're describing to some extent in Peoria, but, now, I believe that we -- we need to be very careful in extending to a government entity the ability to file a lien on a parcel of property that has nothing to do with the issue at hand. Let me ask you, does a -- does an individual have a right to do this? In other words, if I work on your home and you don't pay me and I file a lien -- mechanics lien, if I can't collect from you, do I have the right to go file a lien on one of your other properties?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, and the time's about to expire.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

No. It's -- it's really only given to municipalities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, to wrap up.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, while I appreciate there may be a vexing situation in the City of Peoria, and there may be in other municipalities as well, first, a couple notes about this bill. One, there is no requirement in the bill of a showing of what kind of steps a municipality has to take in order to take the extraordinary step of filing a lien on a piece of property that has absolutely nothing to do with this. Second, we are going to give authority to a government entity to collect that does not now exist for a private individual who -- may have just as or a more legitimate claim with regards to money damages in the form of a lien. It seems to me that before we walk forward with this and expand the government's powers, we need to check those powers a little bit, and Senate Bill 1380 just doesn't have that check. I would respectfully urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Ladies and Gentlemen, please understand what we're doing here. Situation: Landlord has, let's say, five properties. If he's a good landlord and there's a bill, there will be a lien against the property that has incurred the liability. Eventually, it'll get paid. In the case where you've got a bad landlord, what that bad landlord is going to do is simply reregister his properties in five different names. He'll have company A, company

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B, company C, company D, and company E, and so on. So, in the long run, what this is going to do is create more confusion in the marketplace - so make it more difficult to know who actually owns the property. It's not going to help solve any problems, because they're not going to be able to collect the money anyway because the property will be titled in different names. So this would be one more example where we're making life more complicated, more confusing in Illinois. I urge a No vote on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ROSE:

Questions of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Sponsor indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Senator, I have a -- what -- what would stop somebody from just simply owning all their property in different LLC formations and -- then this is useless.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Nothing would stop them. If they -- if they think that getting out of a lien requires all that cost and expense and time to go through LLCs, I suppose they could do that. But the -- the reality is that these situations that I'm talking about are landlords who just really don't care about property in older, poorer communities and they let the city take care of it, let the other taxpayers pay for it. So we're not talking about people that are smart enough to avoid this in the first place. We're

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talking about people that just really don't care about some neighborhoods.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

First of all, I would suggest that these people probably are fairly smart, but -- you know, you might not like the outcome - I don't think anybody likes the outcome - but that doesn't mean they don't know exactly what they're doing in letting their property fall into disrepair. But here's another question I have, and it is a very real practical problem with this: Let's say you have a -- a -- a -- a judgment lien against property A that would cost thirty thousand dollars to repair and then you're going to go ahead and lien property B, which is some tenement that's not worth knocking down and there's a contract for sale in place for ten thousand dollars. Well, now you've stopped that sale from proceeding for want of the ten thousand dollars; now that owner does not have the ten thousand dollars to put towards the thirty thousand dollars. 'Cause that's what you've done - you've now tangled up property B and they're now stuck and they can't proceed to the sale of that property, even though those funds could have been used to partially, not fully, but partially mitigate property A.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, there -- there's a lot of what-ifs on this. I mean, I -- yeah, you might be right. But what I have here is the law that already states about how a lien is processed. This is, again, a

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tool for a city when they've exhausted all the regular routes of trying to collect taxpayers' dollars that have been spent to clean up somebody else's mess. And this is -- and -- and I'll tell you practically how this is going to be used: It's going to be used by communities in this State to kind of send a message that you can't just dump this on the taxpayers anymore; you can't just walk away from your asset in a -- in an older neighborhood, in a poorer neighborhood, and think you can get away with it. Again, this is a tool that our cities are asking for. The reason we've set it up to go through a court is that a court needs to see that this has been an egregious situation and that finally this drastic action is warranted. Otherwise, this won't be used. The normal course of filing a lien will be used.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, to wrap up. Time has expired.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, it will not be used, because anybody -- except by those who can't afford to go get an LLC. So the == the people who can and have means will simply structure this differently to obfuscate the entire purpose of the bill by structuring this in other companies. Those other small business people who maybe don't have the personal wherewithal and have gotten themselves in some sort of financial uncertainty won't be able to avail those -- themselves of the same legal means because they won't be able to afford it. But let's not kid ourselves, most of the property owners will simply restructure this to avoid your entire bill in the first place. Second of all, you -- you are now -- when you're encumbering these other properties, you're -- you're -- you're encumbering other

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lienholders' rights in the process, and you have banks, you have mortgages, you have contracts for -- you have lease agreements on there. What happens if the other -- here's a good question - and I know I'm out of time: What happens if I'm a lessee of the property and I've got my family in that property and now my property's been liened because of something that happened in a completely different town, another neighborhood, miles away? Now my property's been liened and now I'm being foreclosed upon and I'm being kicked out of my property that I've got a lease in it. This, with all due respect, because I do respect the sponsor immensely, and the sponsor's got a heart of gold, but the bottom line is, all the what-ifs, that's why this shouldn't pass today. This is not ready. There are too many what-ifs. Vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

I'm going to follow up, Senator, in regards to some of the comments made by Chapin -- Senator Rose, but I want to go a little deeper. As I -- as I understand it, the -- there's an amendment that addressed the bankers' considerations. Can -- can you briefly describe that amendment?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yeah, it was just that we go through the court system to have

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judgment on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

So -- so the court system would suggest, I -- I think, if -- you know, if I'm hearing your amendment right, the court system would suggest that the mortgage that was filed ahead of time is in priority to, say, a lien filed by a city on property A that now is being attached to property B. In that situation, I think your amendment says, on property B, the mortgage that was recorded first prevails in the -- in priority to the lien issued by the city, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, I think the -- the lien on the original property could be above it. But you may be correct on the second properties.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Okay, so on that second property though, the -- the property that does not have the -- a problem with the city. Here's my -- here's my question and -- my concern and question: On that second property, for the -- the homebuilder that's, you know, performing an improvement project on it, for the roofer that did -- is doing work that summer on it, for the plumber that does work in the bathrooms, Senator Rose referenced - for the tenant that lives there, what happens -- what happens to all these contractors on that second property? What priority do they have in relation to

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the lien that is coming from property A from the city?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I think the lien would be superior on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

Whose lien?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Municipality lien.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Barickman.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

So -- to the bill. So, this is -- this...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BARICKMAN:

This is the concern: The concern is that we have all these parties out there who might be doing work on these other properties that exist. And so -- you know, this extraordinary power being given to the city says that a city that has an issue with property A can somehow attach those problems to an unrelated property simply because it's owned by the same owner, but it jeopardizes the relationship of multiple numbers of contractors who may be doing work on that good, you know, party B, property B. The roofers, the plumbers, all those small business owners today have no reason

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to know that when they're being asked to perform work on a property that's in good condition that -- that that work and their lien rights could be in jeopardy simply because of this extraordinary power given to the city. I'd ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, to close.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. There's a lot of what-ifs out there. Let's go back to the original intent of this bill. It's to give cities a chance to take the burden off the taxpayers and off the poor neighborhoods that have been left because a -- a -- a slum landlord doesn't want to take care of their property. That's it, period. I think this is a good piece of legislation. It has a lot of support of the cities that go through this. The -- the neighborhoods I live in are -- are plagued with this every day. I'd ask for an Aye -- Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1380 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 30 Ayes, 18 Noes, 2 none voting Present. Senate Bill 1380, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Righter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would seek a verification of the most recent roll call, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter has seek -- has requested a verification.

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Will Members please be at their seats? The Secretary will read the... The Secretary will read the affirmative votes.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Those Members voting in the affirmative: Bennett, Bertino-Tarrant, Biss, Clayborne, Collins, Cunningham, Delgado, Harmon, Harris, Hunter, Hutchinson, Jones, Koehler, Landek, Lightford, Link, Manar, Martinez, McGuire, Morrison, Mulroe, Muñoz, Noland, Raoul, Sandoval, Stadelman, Steans, Trotter, Van Pelt, President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Does Senator Righter question the presence of any of the Members voting in the affirmative?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Sandoval, please, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sandoval. Senator Sandoval. I have the timer on. Strike Senator Sandoval from the record. Is there anyone else, Senator Righter, that you would like to question?

SENATOR RIGHTER:

No. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Inquiry of the Parliamentarian, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your inquiry.

SENATOR HARMON:

In a verification, Mr. President, if a Member has been struck from the roll and -- and returns to the Chamber, is -- is that

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Member's name restored to the -- to the roll call, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The answer is yes, until we close the roll call. On a verified roll call, 29 Ayes, 18 Nays, 2 Present. Senate Bill 1380, have not -- having not received the required constitutional majority, is declared failed. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I'd move to put the bill on Postponed Consideration, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler requests that Senate Bill 1389 {sic} be put on Postponed Consideration. The bill will be placed on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Will the Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately? The Committee on Assignments please meet in the President's Anteroom immediately. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolutions 343 through 395, offered by Senator Althoff and all Members.

They're all death resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1389, Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 373, and House Joint Resolution 16.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chair...(microphone cutoff)...Chairman.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Murphy, what -- for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR MURPHY:

We are joined today on the Democratic side in the gallery by two good friends of mine from back home, Ron and Janet Joy. Janet is a longtime IEA member and local leader in our area, and they've both been very good friends to me over the years. And I'd appreciate giving them a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield. With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 16, House Bills. House Bill 373. Senator Raoul. Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 373 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 373. Mr. Secretary, are there Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Could -- could we please keep the noise down a little bit? Senator Raoul, on your amendment.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Floor -- Mr. President, Floor Amendment 1 is the substance of the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor,

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say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Mr. President, Floor Amendment 2 just changes -- is a technical amendment, just changes a period to a comma.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is House Bill 373. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 373.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, on your bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. House Bill 373 amends the Park District Aquarian and Museum Act to

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grant authority to cities and park districts to purchase, erect, and maintain facilities to be used as presidential libraries, centers, and museums. This includes parks on formerly submerged lands. This bill is to -- as we all know, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Chamber, all know there's proposals being considered for the Barack Obama presidential library. This is -- this bill, if passed, would send a strong message to the selection committee that the State is -- there won't be any obstacles to the library being built on park land. Additionally, in the case of Friends of the Park {sic} (Parks) versus the Chicago Park District with -- which raised the question of a George Lucas museum being built on park land, previously submerged park land, this makes clear that such authority can be also extended for previous -- previously submerged land. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

The -- I want to make clear right off the bat, the -- the -- the part about sending a message to President Obama that we want his library, his presidential library, here is one I know I share and I think our caucus in the past has shared and we still do. I -- I -- I have to admit, I'm not quite as big a fan of the President as I am of his successor in the State Senate. I think Hyde Park got an upgrade when he went to the United States Senate. But --

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but we want that library here too. However, as the sponsor pointed out, that isn't the entirety of this bill. There's more to this bill than sending a statement to President Obama and that library team and it involves the George Lucas museum and Soldier Field and the interaction between those two, and -- and contract rights with -- involving the Chicago Bears. The Chicago Bears have a contract with the Park District that gives them access to the -- the parking lots around Soldier Field for their games. That's where the fans park. That's where the fans tailgate. That is a critically important contract right that the Chicago Bears negotiate. They have that now. This bill is somewhat in response to a lawsuit with regard to the George Lucas museum. This bill will invite a new lawsuit in all likelihood from the Chicago Bears because they have a -- a contract right to the land that this bill would put the George Lucas museum on. You cannot take away contract rights. Moreover, for the thousands of fans that we all -- most of us here all represent, who go to Bears games every Sunday, who park in these lots, who tailgate in these lots, this bill is going to substantially impact their ability to park and tailgate in Soldier Field in the manner that they have in the past. So I strongly encourage -- let's send the message to the President. I'd love to do something with a joint resolution, saying we'll do what's necessary to help him. This is not the fix. This bill poses a bigger problem than -- than it -- than it solves. So I encourage everybody here respect contract rights, respect the contract rights of the Chicago Bears, and protect Chicago Bears fans from this bill and vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Raoul, to close.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

To -- to be clear, as a Bears fan, this bill does not explicitly state -- state anything about any parking lot. What it addresses is a concern that Judge Darrah raised in -- in -- in litigation about formerly submerged land, whether the Park District had authority, and it raised a question about existing museums, including the Aquarium and the Museum of Science and Industry, which are all on -- not the Museum of Science and Industry, but Field Museum, which are all on formerly submerged lands. So this is not about the Bears. We can all be supporters of the Bears and we will be able to park and go to Bears games. This has nothing to do with the Chicago Bears. And I urge an Aye vote on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall House Bill 373 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 39 Ayes, 13 Nays, none voting Present. House Bill 373, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Brady, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BRADY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BRADY:

I have guests in the gallery and what I'd like to do is introduce them. They are the Dee-Mack Girls Volleyball Team. They are the 1st place State Title winners for 2A. They're accompanied

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by their Principal, Mary Lanier, as well as their Head Coach, Brandon Mueller, and the Assistant Coach, Kelsey Hough. If the Members of the State Senate would please join me in congratulating them, I would appreciate it, as they stand.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Welcome to Springfield and congratulations. Senator Brady.
SENATOR BRADY:

Another point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

SENATOR BRADY:

Today is Take a Child to Work Day for Hunter DiGiovanna. She's nine -- he is nine years old, excuse me, a third grader in Athens. He's accompanied with his aunt, Angie O'Neal. And I'd ask the Senate to recognize their presence.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We'll go back to Senate Bills 3rd Reading on page 13. Senate Bill 1383. Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1383 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1383. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I would move for its adoption and will discuss on 3rd Reading.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1383. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1383.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Body. 1383 effectively establishes the ABLE accounts. That's the Achieving (a) Better Life Expectancy {sic} (Experience) Act, is the -- the words leading up to that acronym. And what this would do is give the Treasurer regulatory authority necessary to create accounts that would allow people to save money for individuals and family members with disabilities. Now, this came after -- the federal bill, I think in December, created this ability as long as the states created the individual frameworks on how that would work. But it would allow families to set aside money. The Treasurer's Office would -- would create the individual framework, but any money that would be saved that would be -- those would be tax-

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advantaged accounts that would go toward the qualifying expenses for the child or other relative with disability. And I would welcome any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR BISS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. I -- I just want to thank the sponsor for introducing this important piece of legislation. The federal Act that was passed in December is -- is hopefully going to be a lifeline to families of individuals with disabilities who are currently in a devastating position, and it's important that we act wisely to create the state-level structure to make this concept a reality. And I certainly would urge everyone to vote Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Bennett, to close.

SENATOR BENNETT:

I think, at this time, we recognize that we're in a position where the -- the State and the government on all levels can do less to help out families. This just allows families that have -- really, they have to rely on themselves to do more of the -- the paying for the expenses. It just -- gives a -- takes a little of that burden off by making them tax-advantaged. And I would -- I would ask for your Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1383 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1383, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1389. Senator Bennett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1389 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, permission is granted. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill -- 2nd Reading is 1389. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. It is a technical amendment. I would move for its adoption and will discuss on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

There any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1389. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1389.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. 1389 would amend the Criminal Code and would basically allow the court to have one more option when dealing with cases where you have minors that have to testify or a witness that has an intellectual or developmental disability. It allows the court to consider many factors and to allow the presence, if appropriate, for a facility dog - basically what some people know as a therapy dog - for cases that -- where you can bring in those animals to -- under whatever conditions the court feels is appropriate, to allow the witness to be able to express their testimony to the jury.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion on the bill? Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1389 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill -- 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1389, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I had my key off. I inadvertently

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didn't vote Yes for 1389. I'd -- I'd like to be recorded as a Yes vote for that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

You mean 1383, correct?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you. That's why you're the Leader. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record shall reflect your intention. Senate Bill 1393. Senator Bennett. Senator Bennett seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1383 {sic} to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1393. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would move for the adoption of the amendment and will discuss on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Is -- Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill

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1393. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1393.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett, on your bill.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. 1393 is an effort to -- attempt to -- to reduce the workforce shortages. This is a concern that we have in that while we all talk about the need for more jobs, there are actually studies that show that there are jobs available but we don't have a workforce that has all the skills to -- to meet those requirements. So to try to address that, this bill would require the State Board of Education to meet each year with the Illinois Community College Board as well as the Illinois Department of Employment Security. They would identify where there are workforce shortages, which industries and occupations are going to have openings in the following year, and then they'll develop programs. So, for example, high school students can get specialized training in those fields and then will actually graduate with a certificate. This would then provide those schools both -- either a high school or in the case where it's the community college, which is the driver for a series of schools, award them grants of a thousand dollars per pupil to school districts as an incentive for training our -- our workforce to meeting those needs. That would, of course, be subject to appropriation. And I would...(microphone cutoff)...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

He indicates he will.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Bennett, this would create a one-thousand-dollar-per-year grant to every student that graduates from high school and is aiming toward a technical or vocational career. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Just a minor correction on that, respectfully, Senator. It would be a thousand-dollar grant for any pupil that would then receive one of the certificates and would complete the approved certification program that the schools and the different boards would be -- would create.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

How many of those are there in the State, Senator Bennett?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Well, currently none. That -- this bill would act to create those.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Who does the work to create the certificates and identify the students who would qualify for the scholarship?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Well, that's -- that's the -- the reason for the annual meeting between the State Board of Education, the Community College Board, and the Department of Employment Security. They would recognize where and what fields. For example, this year, one that's often discussed is welding or truck driving. They would identify where those shortfalls are falling and then create certification programs to meet those needs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So we're going to have a meeting amongst the entities that you've just described, they're going to take time and effort to identify where we have those shortages with regards to workers, and then what happens?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Then, at that point, either the schools themselves or, as is the case in part of my district, Vermilion County, where the area community college has taken the initiative and taken the lead for the smaller schools, they would create the programs to -- that would -- that would try to meet those needs. And then, whether it

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be the high school or the community college - this legislation gives the "or"; so a little bit of option because schools have different abilities to meet those needs - then they would create the program and then students, if they were to get in that program, they -- they would be eligible for the grant.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, Senator Bennett, we have this group of three entities that are going to get together and they're going to meet and they're going to figure out where the work shortages are. Then they're going to -- we're going to go down to the community college or high school level to create the programs. Here's -- the sixty-four-thousand-dollar question is, realistically, is there any chance on the planet that you will come up with the money to actually fund the grant program that all of these people are going to put time and effort into identifying who would be eligible for it?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Senator, I -- I sure hope so. Right now, what you're seeing is, schools are trying to meet those needs now. But, one, they don't have the interaction between those agencies, so they don't have a timely response. It's heard much later from employers that say, "I wish we had a educated workforce in this field or that field." At that point, it might be too late for those students. So this is trying to address it immediately and recognize that, hopefully, if we address it in a series of years, there'll be a

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different field where there'll be a shortage, because we'll have met the needs from the year before. But, ultimately, what we're trying to do and I'm hoping that when -- when -- what we're just trying to do is recognize. So many of these schools have come to us and say we are trying to address these needs now for our community, we don't have the money to do it, and this thousand-dollar grant is just trying to give them an incentive to do that. I think what we're going to find though is, much as we're finding now for the schools trying to do it now, is that the more skilled workers we have working here, the more jobs are going to stay here; this is going to pay for itself by additional taxpayers.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, to wrap up.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill, quickly.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Bennett, I think that, on paper, this is a great idea, but the biggest problem here with regards to work shortages in the technical and vocational area certainly has to do with producing graduates who would work in those fields. But the reason, at least part of the reason, we're not producing those graduates is because local school districts have been cutting those programs. And why have they been cutting those programs? Well, in part, because this State government in the last few years has embraced the word "proration". They are failing to have these programs because local school districts have not had the funds to keep the programs, like the technical vocational programs, to which

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you are referring, Senator Bennett. You have hit the nail right on the head. The problem with Senate Bill 1393 is, Ladies and Gentlemen, is that if this becomes law, those groups that we talked about that are going to meet and identify the workplace shortages are going to meet and they're going to do all that work and then the community colleges and the local school districts are going to create the programs and then they will sit and wait with baited breath for the thousand dollars per students {sic} to come down like manna from heaven - and it won't. We don't have the money for this. We do not have money for this. Senator Bennett, I would respectfully urge you to pull this out of the record. Let's wait until we actually have a chance to fund this before we do it, rather than send out an empty promise and what will likely be another unfunded mandate on these institutions of learning. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1393 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 36 Ayes, 18 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1393, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1407. Senator Harmon. Senator Harmon. Senate Bill 1408. Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1408 to the Order of 2nd Reading for the purposes of an amendment. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1408. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments -- Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 5, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment just removes the opposition. Be happy to talk about it on 3rd. I would move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1408. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1408.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, on your bill.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill is really about recycling, and what Senate Amendment 5, Floor Amendment 5, did was it removed the City of Chicago and -- and Cook County. But what it does is, it provides that for facilities

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accepting general construction or -- or demolition debris in a county with less than 1.5 million people, fees that are imposed by the local government are -- as related to recycling activities are two thousand dollars. So it puts a cap on it. For facilities that are considered BUD facilities, which is beneficial use determination, which are like your asphalt recycling depositories, those fees would be limited to fifteen hundred dollars. So I think this is a good step to encourage recycling and I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator, if this bill is good for the State of Illinois, why isn't it good enough for Cook County?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I think it is good for Cook County as well, but they didn't see it that way.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

So, you're asking us to approve legislation that you believe is good, make it apply to Illinois, but exclude Cook County because

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they didn't like it. What if -- what if Kane County, my district, doesn't like it? Could you exclude them?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I forgot what other county it was, but they were okay with it. There was another county that...(microphone cutoff)...initially in dispute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

So the answer is yes? Any county that you -- that wish to be excluded, you would exclude.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

No other counties have asked to be excluded.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

What if -- what if other counties do ask to be excluded?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I don't know how to respond. They didn't ask to be excluded.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1408 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish?
Take the record. On that question, there are 50 Ayes, no Nays, 1
voting Present. Senate Bill 1408, having received the required
constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1410.
Senator Mulroe. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return
Senate Bill 1410 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted.
Now on the Order of 2nd -- on 2nd -- now on the Order of 2nd
Reading is Senate Bill 1410. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor
amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Floor
Amendment 2 actually addressed and removed the -- opposition on
the bill. I'll explain more on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill
1410. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1410.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This was on the agreed bill list yesterday. Senate Bill 1410's a compromise between a coalition led by EverThrive, the Medical Society, and the parents who oppose Senate Bill 14. Specifically, I'd like to commend Kim Janas from the Med Society and Mike Kreloff, also Laura Cellini, who represented the opponents, in working together to craft the agreed-upon amendment. This is regarding vaccinations. Currently everyone needs to get vaccinated unless they have a medical exemption or a religious exemption. This bill addressed the religious exemption and basically states that if you're going to object to a vaccine based on a religious ground, we want you to go to a doctor to have them explain the risks and benefits of vaccinating or not vaccinating, so -- in order to make a more informed consent -- or more informed decision. The amendment addresses the opponents' issues. I'd be happy to answer any questions on those, but for sake of brevity, I'll keep it at that. I'd ask for Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator Mulroe, I want to make sure that I understood the change that the bill brings about. If someone now, if this bill becomes law, objects to an immunization on religious grounds, the law will then require them to -- to go to a doctor so the doctor can explain to them the impact of immunizations. Am -
- am I fairly stating that?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Yes. That was in the bill prior to the amendment. The amendment actually -- the original bill said you have to go annually to recertify that you've talked to the doctor. I thought that was excessive, so we changed that to get more in line with physical examinations. So I think it's kindergarten, sixth grade, and ninth grade. It also -- the amendment also said, hey, the doctor's not to inject his or her philosophy about the religion or the basis of the grounds. And the last part of the amendment was to have the doctors -- or the people receive information regarding the vaccines and to address certain adverse reactions that kids that might be more susceptible to the vaccine could have.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

So, I want to be crystal clear, Senator. If someone objects, based on their faith, to an immunization, that act alone will trigger the government telling them that they have to go have a conversation with a doctor to explain to them immunizations. Is that -- is that accurate?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Yeah, it's -- basically it's consistent with the law as it is right now. You -- you have to get vaccinated. We're telling you that vaccinations are good for the general population, unless you can get a medical exemption, which you'd have to go to the doctor to get one. So we're telling you, if you want a medical exemption, go to the doctor and get one. Or if now you're claiming a religious objection, we want you to go to the doctor so you make an informed or better decision.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, time's wrapping up.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I'm -- I'm trying to plow my way through this, but I appreciate the fact that you are -- you're picking up the pace now, Mr. President. Okay, Senator, you -- you opened that answer by saying it really doesn't make that much of a change. So I'm fishing for exactly what the change is, what the law is now, and what -- what the new requirement will be imposed on people who choose to object based on their faith?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

All right, currently if you want to make -- not get vaccinated based on a religious objection, you would actually, I think, just sign a paper yourself and submit it to the school. What we want to do is make sure that person goes to a doctor and is explained the risks and benefits, and after being explained those risks and

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benefits by a doctor, they can choose to have a religious objection. There's going to be a form that is created by the Department of Public Health, doctor signs, they sign, they submit it to the school.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Righter, to wrap up, please.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill, quickly.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, my children were immunized. I think immunizations generally are a smart thing to do. But, like a bill we had yesterday, this isn't just about immunizations. This is now about, because someone acts on their faith, the government is going to assume that they know so little about immunizations and public health, we are by law going to tell them to go make an appointment with their doctor, because they say, based on my faith, I don't want this to happen to my child. I wonder, I wonder what the reaction in this Chamber, in this building, would be if, let's say, there was a bill proposed that said if a woman wants to terminate her pregnancy, we are going to force her to go to a doctor or go to a preacher and have them explain the effects of that. I suspect that most of the people in this building would go through the roof. That's not required right now. But it's okay to require now someone acting on their faith to go talk to a doctor to make sure they understand and make sure they really believe in their faith enough to not have their child immunized. There's a way to do this, Senator - this is not it. I

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would urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

I just want to say, we had the timer on for a purpose. I'm going to hold it to the timer from now on. We are not even done with half of the bills that we were supposed to do today. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Senator Mulroe, I -- I'm slightly troubled by the notion that somehow parents can't figure this out on their own. I mean, to be brutally honest, we vaccinated all our kids 'cause we already know the risks and the benefits. Why on earth would anybody think that a parent doesn't already know that? And why on earth should poor parents have to pay a doctor to go get advice on something that anybody already knows? Is there a fee waiver if you can't afford to see the doctor?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I don't know where this is going, but we're about -- we're trying to protect children and make sure people make more informed or better decisions regarding vaccinating their children. That's all this does. This is about a virus that -- similar to polio, that was corrected by a vaccine, that doesn't get out of control. They can really hurt kids if we had no vaccinations. But there are certain kids that we want to make sure don't get vaccinated if they're -- they're more susceptible, and that's for the medical exemption. And -- and you -- you know, there are people that may not be making as informed decisions as you do, Senator. So just want to open this up to everyone.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Senator Mulroe, I -- I -- I appreciate what you just said, but, I mean, look, I don't believe that people are inherently stupid. People are given gifts, and one of the gifts is to raise your own kids. I mean, any parent out there wants the best for their kids and they're making the best decisions they can make. I don't need a doctor to tell me the benefits. I don't need to pay for a doctor to tell me the benefits. I can go on the Internet and google it. I -- again, I would ask the question: Would -- a parent that wants to exercise their First Amendment rights to exempt out, that can't afford to pay the doctor, what do they do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

We have programs for people that are really poor that allow them to go to doctors. Thank God.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rose, to wrap up.

SENATOR ROSE:

Well, again, I -- and my world view, parents are -- parents are pretty darn smart people. They're doing the best they can do raising their kids. They don't -- I -- I mean, good lord, you can go on the Internet - as our old colleague, Senator Jacobs, used to say, the -- the inner Google - and find out the relative merits of examinations. And, yeah, everybody should get -- get their vaccinations. But, once again, we're telling -- I mean, go to a doctor for something you can pull up for free on the -- on the

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space book - give me a break.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Question to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senator, it's stated in the legislation that they will -- if they refuse on religious intent or by faith that they will have to see a doctor. My question is, can I go see my chiropractor that does not believe in immunizations?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

You can always go see your chiropractor and talk about anything you want, but he's -- the chiropractor would not, right now, under our current law, be able to sign the exemption for medical purposes and -- and religious as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

So a chiropractor is not viewed as a real doctor, according to this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I didn't say that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Can -- can you clarify though, Senator? I mean, what -- what does define, according to this legislation, a real doctor that can sign this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

The legislation doesn't define it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

So, if the legislation does not define it, then a chiropractor should be able to sign off on this?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

It's not in this legislation. It's somewhere else what doctors can actually sign the exemptions. Chiropractors can't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Senator, I -- I understand what you're trying to do and I -- and I applaud it, but we as a free people and as a government representing those free people, we have to be very cautious about

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what we tell free citizens what they can and cannot do. I think all of us know that your intentions of this bill are good, but, again, I would be cautious, as most of us know that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Just a question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Senator, I appreciate the work that you've done on this and I think we've made a lot of headway, but maybe just following up on the last question. Part of this goal is to -- and the reason we picked those three years is those are the years that you have to do your school physicals. And so, if you're already going to the doctor for that school physical, then it's not going to be an added cost to that individual. But then that goes -- it goes back to the -- the question that was raised by the previous sponsor {sic}. Under Illinois law though, what branches are allowed to do school physicals? And I -- if I'm not mistaken, in Illinois, I think chiropractors are allowed to do school physicals, and so if that's the...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

This does not change the law with respect to who can and can't do physical exams and make the exemptions. So there's a process already in place. I -- I may have misspoken on the chiropractors.

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I don't think they are, but if they currently can give -- sign the exemption, then they can do it now. If they can't, then they can't.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

I think what my -- my question would be that it could be in different parts of the Code that a -- that a -- that it has to be a doctor that's licensed in all its -- all its practices {sic} that can do it, but that could create a problem then financially for the -- for the family that does use a chiropractor for school physicals, 'cause then they would have to go then and pay the added cost out of pocket, not under wellness, so they would have to pay for that whole cost to go to a physician. So I guess I'm wondering, I don't know how many people use the chiropractic for school physicals, but if we're going to allow this so it doesn't become a cost to them and they're going to the physician for the school physical that would be the time to talk about that. And so, I guess, you may not have the answer today, but is that something that we could at least look at that the physician they're seeing for the school physical is the one that could counsel them and sign that waiver, even if that's chiropractic? If -- if -- if they're allowed to do the school physicals, can we amend the bill, either in the House or something, that says whoever is authorized under Illinois law to do the school physicals could also be authorized to sign that -- that form? Does that make sense that...?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

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Yes, that does make sense, Senator Syverson. And I believe -- you know, there is a process right now that can, you know, write the -- who is allowed to say, hey, you've received your physical examination, and whoever that person is I believe they can file this exemption as well. So we can try to clarify it in the House as to who's supposed to -- who can and can't do it. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Senator Mulroe, thank you for -- for your efforts on behalf of the children of Illinois. I'm -- I certainly am -- I'm sure that you have very good intentions here. But let me ask, could this -- first of all, let me ask, what is the position of the Illinois Autism Society on this bill?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Senator Oberweis, I'm not sure if they -- they've taken a -- you know, an actual position on this, but I believe -- you know, the House Member, Robin Gabel, she's spoken with EverThrive. Laura Cellini's represented people that -- probably from that group. Everyone -- we've removed the opposition. There's nobody that filed a slip right now in opposition. So we addressed, as far as I know -- so we took in their -- all their considerations. We amended the bill, worked with them and -- and -- in good faith in

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addressing all their concerns.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Thank you, Senator. My other question is, could I -- could I possibly describe your position here as that you believe that we here in Springfield know more about what is good for our children than the parents of those children do?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I'm not an expert on most of what we do down here. I don't think any of us are. We rely on experts. This bill is supported by the -- the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Illinois State Medical Society, the North {sic} (Northern) Illinois Public Health Consortium, the Illinois Association of School Nurses, the -- Pharmacists Association, the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Cook County Department of Public Health, the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians, the Illinois Public Health Association, the March of Dimes, the Illinois Chapter of Mom Plus Baby Northwestern -- Plus Baby, Northwestern Hospital, Illinois Association of Public Health Administrators, and numerous other county public health departments statewide, including private physicians.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Oberweis, to...

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

...wrap up.

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SENATOR OBERWEIS:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

Again, thank you for your -- for your efforts, Senator, but I respectfully have to urge a No vote on this because it seems to me that this is one more example where we here in Springfield as legislators are saying we know better what is good for your children than the parents of those children do. I believe that parents should be free to make those decisions for themselves. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BISS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you. Mr. President, I wasn't intending to speak about this piece of legislation, but I -- I feel compelled to do so because I am so deeply alarmed at the nature of some of the comments in opposition to the bill that I think mischaracterizes this issue in a very dangerous way. Some of the characterizations, including, for instance, from the most recent speaker, suggest that we are arguing about how to tell parents what's best for their own kids, as though this is only a question of individual liberty. Individual liberty is a very important consideration, but it is not the only consideration before us, because the purpose of immunization is

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not simply to protect one's own children but to protect all of society from the spread of communicable and dangerous diseases. And that mass immunization of the overwhelming majority of society is what makes immunization work, which is why we have to make a decision as a society about what we're going to do, which is exactly what we're elected to come to Springfield and do. That's the precise type of decision we're supposed to make. We have to make that decision consistent with science. We have to make that decision consistent with the advice of the experts, and what the experts are telling us loud and clear is that immunizing our own children is important not just for our own children's health but for the public health of all of society. This bill respects that principle and takes it seriously while also respecting the very important principle of individual liberty and religious freedom. And I -- extraordinarily, strongly, beg of you, please vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

I too was not going to speak to this bill until I heard a previous speaker ask a question of whether people are inherently stupid. And if folks want to stay at a Holiday Inn Express and think that they're a doctor by going on Google and going to their chiropractor for advice on pediatric care, we may have evidence inconsistent with the previous statement that people are not inherently stupid. This bill is not about all of what it's being

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made into. It's a -- as the previous speaker just indicated, it's -- it's a fine balance between respecting liberties and religious freedom. It's about -- if -- if folks want to go to a chiropractor and get advice about how to protect against communicable diseases that not only impact the child within the home but the children that they may interact with, I think that's strong evidence that, yes, there are times when the State must act to give guidance and those liberties are not unrestricted liberties. And so, I -- I urge everybody to not limit their medical care to going on Google and vote Aye for this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, to close.

SENATOR MULROE:

Everything's already been said. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1410 pass. All those in favor, 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, 14 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1410, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Forby, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FORBY:

I need to be voted Yes on that last bill. I got all excited and all this stuff going on, I forgot to push my button. I'm a Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record shall reflect all of your intentions. Senate Bill 1421. Senator Koehler. Mr. -- Mr. Secretary, please read the

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bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1421.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, on your bill.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is probably going to be a long bill as well. I apologize for that. But what Senate Bill 1421 would do would be to allow water utilities to request to the ICC that they combine the water and wastewater services for rate-making purposes if it is in the public interest. Let me just give you a little bit of background. I think this is a very important bill. Today, many communities are faced with increased water system costs due to much-needed infrastructure upgrades and, of course, federal mandates, and as a result, communities are either forgoing these water -- wastewater upgrades or they're subjecting their customers to rate shock, because the cost of these infrastructure improvements and the regulatory mandates are borne by a small number of customers within a particular community. In contrast, the cost of the same infrastructure improvements and the regulatory mandates on water systems are really spread throughout customers through a straight-wide {sic} tariff system approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission -- the Illinois Commerce Commission. This bill is modeled after similar legislation in Pennsylvania which would -- which removed the outdated barrier and allowed their Commerce Commission to consider consolidating water and wastewater tariffs.

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And if approved, the Commission would then allow these infrastructure and regulatory costs for both water and wastewater to be consolidated amongst both customer bases, and this would encourage system maintenance and upgrades in both water and wastewater systems and greatly diminish, if not entirely eliminate, the need for significant rate increases that have historically been accompanied by large system upgrades. Let me just mention as well that this has been an issue of significant importance to the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. And I mention this because we have three of our Senators who are a part of this Leadership in this esteemed group. They're Senators Trotter, Lightford and Hunter. And what -- the NBSCSL {sic} (NBCSL) has explained in a resolution that it has a long history of working on behalf of minorities and low-income communities to ensure that -- equal access to high-quality and affordable drinking water and other basic water services. They go on to say that they respectfully urge state legislators and other policymakers to educate themselves on the constraints facing the nation's water infrastructure and the need to modernize it to ensure successful modernization and increased efficiency. What this does -- and I -- I really relate this much to what we see in the -- what they call the -- the "triple p" - the public-private partnerships, and that is where you need a -- a investment of capital funds into improving infrastructure and where you have other options that may not be available. This gives an option to a small community, especially a poor community, that has to upgrade its wastewater system, which a lot of our communities are under that, you know, mandate from the federal government and we don't know what to do. This allows an option for them to choose if they want to do that.

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So I'll be happy to answer any questions. I know this is a complicated bill, but I think it's an important one for our communities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Will the sponsor yield?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you. Senator, I understand the issue completely and I admire your attempts to try and fix a problem that exists out there, particularly with wastewater infrastructure - it's rampant, the dissolution of such. However, explain to me and answer this question. I am a customer of a private water company in Springfield, Illinois, and I understand that potentially my rates could be raised to fund the infrastructure improvements of a wastewater system located in McHenry, Illinois. So my rates could potentially be increased for the improvements of a service, wastewater service, that I will never ever use. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

One second, Senator Koehler. Can we just keep the noise down a little bit? Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

The situation is, with private water companies, is, yes, that you might, at one point in time, be paying something that you're not particularly using, but at another point in time, all the ratepayers in that tariff area would be at some point paying and at some point receiving services. What this does is it just

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combines the drinking water and the wastewater into one tariff if it's in the public interest and if it's -- that's determined by the ICC.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

And -- and, again, I understand that, but as -- as a former local elected official and as someone who understands that I am being charged for a service that I will never ever receive the benefits from, just for it being part of a consortium that provides water and wastewater services throughout the State is inherently unfair. I can't imagine that anyone would buy a business knowing how expensive it was going to be to improve that business and then say "Oops". If you're any part of this, you're going to have to pay for it, even though you won't receive a single benefit from that investment. I know that locally, when you buy a home and you have sidewalks in front of it, you pay for those sidewalks. And locally we will not use your tax dollars for someone else to put sidewalks in front of a home that they purchased at a lower value for that amenity, and that's exactly what this is doing. And I understand the problem and I sympathize and would work completely to try and resolve it, but this is not the solution. If it was the same customer, if you had the same water customer who received that wastewater service, I get it, I understand it. I'm getting something for that rate increase. But to charge me, who is receiving water five hundred miles away, for an infrastructure improvement to wastewater is absolutely ludicrous, and I would strongly urge everyone vote No on this piece of legislation. Thank you, sir.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NYBO:

Will the sponsor yield, Mr. -- Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator Koehler, can you, again, articulate who are the supporters of this proposal?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Illinois American Water Company, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, and the Illinois Manufacturers' Association are three that I have on my list. Are there any others?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

Senator Koehler, as far as you know, is Aqua Illinois also a supporter of this legislation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I don't know.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

My -- my -- my analysis indicates that Aqua Illinois is also a supporter, but that -- that's not inconsistent with your

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understanding then, right? Senator, I supported... (microphone cutoff)... Senator, I supported this bill at -- at committee, and I did so -- and let -- let's make sure that my understanding is correct. This is not a rate increase bill. This is not going to increase rates. It's my understanding that this is going to give these entities the same opportunity that other regulated utilities have, which is to go in front of the ICC when they deem appropriate that they need a rate increase and that, at that point when they make the application, the ICC then will have to make the determination as to whether to allow that rate increase. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

That's absolutely correct. What this does is it just combines the two groups into one tariff group.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

And -- and, again, I'm not an expert in this area and it's -- it's a very rare occasion when I ever have to or want to disagree with my very well-respected colleague, Senator Althoff, but these companies who -- who operate these water systems are coming to us and saying we need to have the ability when we deem it necessary to increase our rates to provide these services and -- and we need the same flexibility that other utilities throughout the State have and we -- we want that same flexibility to be able to get the revenue that we need to run these water systems. Correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

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SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, that's absolutely correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo.

SENATOR NYBO:

To the bill. I support it. I'm not -- I'm not -- it's not a -- I'm not thrilled to support it, but I -- I understand the need for it. I think you've done a great job with the bill. I have some respectful disagreement with -- with my colleagues over here, but I'm -- I'm happy to support this bill. So..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

A question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator Koehler, if you can help me understand something, I -- I'm -- I'm really struggling with this bill because I've had some encouragement by my predecessor to be in favor of this. Currently, if American Water is charging a Community A a certain rate but they want to invest in infrastructure in Community B, are you saying that this would allow them to merge the costs and modify the rates?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Well, let -- let me just explain, you know, the whole -- how the whole system works. You have ratepayers that -- that are

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within, say, a particular water system's rate base and some of them might be for drinking water and a few of 'em might be for -- for wastewater. Right now, Illinois law doesn't allow that to be considered one group. And -- and I -- I see this as a big insurance pool. I mean, what you do is, you try to spread the -- the risk. I'll use Peoria as an example. We have an old water system in the older parts of the community. Every time it freezes, we've got upheavals. All the ratepayers really within that system help, you know, us out in our time of need, whereas we help out another community in its time of need. So you've spread that risk over a -- a large area. And what the ICC does is that they determine what is legitimate as a tariff for them to charge their customers based on whether it's in the public interest and whether it's within the -- the -- the range that they've allowed financially. They have to -- you know, they have to prove what they have spent and they also have a -- a fixed profit margin involved in that. So, again, alls this is talking about is what Pennsylvania did, and they allow the two groups to come together so that the whole system can help everybody. If you've got a wastewater issue, if you've got a drinking water issue, the whole system then helps to spread that risk.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

So, I -- I guess I still have that concern. If -- if they -- if that second system B needs a tremendous amount of capital invested, right, is it the fault of the original -- or of A, Group A, that they don't need the infrastructure but somebody else does? So we're going to -- we're going to increase the -- we're going to

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spend the capital, but those increased costs are going to be passed on to the original. I mean, as you say, it's going to be merged, it's going to be averaged, and -- and I guess this is one of the conflicts when we're dealing with a private entity. If we had one taxing body for one town, obviously all the cost would be allocated to that one town and that one district, but in this -- but in this case, where you have a private, they're spreading the cost, are they not?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

One final answer, Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, they are, but I think you have to understand that because they are a large system and they have a -- have a large base of -- of ratepayers that that cost is really spread out and so no one has any risk of a rate shock within any one year. Yes, that cost may be -- may be spread out over a number of years, but, again, the ICC has to approve this based on their plan and what their investment has -- has been. I think it's a very good way. I mean, still, we have cities that choose to have their own public water system. That's an option they have. But if you are choosing and you're in a privately owned, you know, free enterprise water system, then -- then this is how we have structured it. And all we're saying is that lets -- large -- make the pool a little larger, spread that risk a little farther, and allow more communities to help each other and to be a part of that process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

A little leeway, Senator McCarter, to close on this.

SENATOR McCARTER:

To the -- to the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill, quickly.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, I -- I -- I understand what you're trying to do. I -- I have a struggle with the bill, but I -- I guess I -- at least the -- the ratepayers have the ICC to protect them from a drastic shift of cost from one district to the other. So I'm going to trust that they are going to protect the ratepayers in this case. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Koehler, to close.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I just wanted to confirm that Aqua Illinois is a proponent of the bill. And I'd appreciate an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1421 pass. All those in favor, 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 40 Ayes, 4 Nays, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 1421, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1446. Senator Rezin. Senator Rezin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1446 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1446. Mr. Secretary, are there any amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes, Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Rezin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on your amendment.

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SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment -- I -- I move for the adoption of the amendment and I'll explain on 3rd's.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1446. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1446.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, on your bill.

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1446 streamlines the filing at the ICC regarding confidentiality of trade secrets. It automatically makes them confidential at the filing to save paperwork time at the ICC. There were concerns and, as a result, an amendment from the AG's Office that now moves them to neutral. There's no known opposition. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1446 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The -- the voting is open.

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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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1446, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1466. Senator Bush seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1466 for the purpose -- on the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1466. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your amendment.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Regretfully, heroin addiction is a growing concern. We've -- we've all heard about the lifesaving success of first responders who are administering an antidote called naloxone. This bill would allow families the same opportunity to save their loved ones when seconds may be all that they have. So, the executive summary is that 1466 provides pharmacists the ability to dispense opioid antidotes under protocols developed by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulations {sic} (Regulation) -- excuse me, DFPR, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Human Services. I know of no opposition and I would be -- happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is -- is there any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, all those in favor will vote -- say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes

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have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the -- please -- Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1466.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. So I think that I gave you the argument previously, but I'd just like to say we're also going to call this Lali's Law, because if this bill had been a law, we would have had an opportunity for this young man to still be alive today. I urge an Aye vote, and I'm so happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1466 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1466, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will go to Senate Bill 1847. Senator Biss. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1847.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1847 is an effort to simultaneously bring significant funds, in fact sixty million dollars of federal money, to Illinois while feeding needy working families in the State of Illinois, and it does this by changing our SNAP benefit threshold, the gross income threshold, which is currently set at a hundred and thirty percent of the federal poverty line - that is the federal minimum. This bill would increase it to a hundred sixty-five percent of the federal poverty line. As you know, the SNAP benefit is a hundred percent federally funded, and so, by expanding the eligibility, it'd enable us to pull down additional federal resources to feed this band of families who, definitionally, based upon the net income test in the law, in the federal law, are needy. In fact, the estimate is that ninety percent of the newly eligible people under this bill would be working Illinois families. I'm certainly happy to take any questions and I would appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1847 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 35 Ayes, 16 Nays, none voting Present. Senate

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Bill 1847, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Oberweis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR OBERWEIS:

It was to speak on that bill, which I had requested, but it's a little late now.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 1475. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 1476. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 1480. Senator Righter. Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR NYBO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would like the record to reflect that I intended to vote No on Senate Bill 1847. So, I -- I apologize for the mistake. But I was a No vote on 1847.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The record will reflect your intentions. Senate Bill 1516. Senator Mulroe. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1516.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1516 maintains the integrity of the three-tier system created in about 1934. Last year there was legislation issued -- or passed that cleared up a provision in the statute regarding the -- the

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beer industry. This year we're trying to clean up the statute regarding the wine industry. This specific bill removes an exception that was specific to a hotel, which was in violation of the three-tier system, way back when.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Nybo, for what purpose do you rise? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1516 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, 1 Nay, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1516, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1523. Senator McGuire. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1523.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McGuire, on your bill.

SENATOR MCGUIRE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1523, as amended, amends the Illinois Library Systems {sic} (System) Act by allowing the grant funding awarded to one library system -- and there are two library systems in our State - not library districts, but library systems. One is called RAILS; the other is Heartland. This bill would allow the grant funding awarded to one library system to be expended on the provision of services to members of the other library system if two criteria

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are met: if the expenditure is included in the library system's plan and, second, if it is approved by the State Librarian. I ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1523 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1523, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go back to page 8, Senate Bill 544. Senator Bush seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 544 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 544. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Yes, Floor Amendment 2, offered by Senator Bush.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your amendment.

SENATOR BUSH:

I would recommend do pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the -- I'm -- I'm sorry, Senator Rezin. On the amendment, Senator -- that's what I said, the amendment. Okay. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 544. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 554 -- 544.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, on your bill.

SENATOR BUSH:

...Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Nuclear waste storage -- this is a nuclear waste storage facility agreement. A storage impact fee may be established by a municipality. A fee may be charged to the entity that operated a facility within the unit of government before it closed. A fee may be applied prospectively to facilities that ceased operation before passage of this bill. I have one opposition, Exelon, and it is -- is in opposition of the bill. I would ask for an Aye vote. I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Now, Senator Rezin, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR REZIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a few questions for the sponsor. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The sponsor indicates she will yield.

SENATOR REZIN:

It's my understanding that the DOE is required by law to pick

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up and dispose all of the spent nuclear fuel located at the nuclear power plants across the country. All power plants have a storage facility of some type for spent fuel. I have three plants in my district. They have to store their spent fuel in dry cask storage because they do not have any other place until we can move it to Yucca Mountain to store. Despite also paying into the federal fund for the Yucca Mountain storage, the federal Nuclear Waste Policy Act requires nuclear power plant owners to have the primary responsibility to provide interim on-site spent fuel storage facilities and further requires the federal government to encourage and expedite such on-site storage facilities. How do you reconcile Senate Bill 544 with these federally mandated responsibilities?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you very much, Senator, for the questions. So, first, I'd like to say that, at this point, the federal government still has no answer for what we are to do with casks when they are left at facilities that are no longer operating. So they are in hence -- you know, they're basically being turned into storage facilities for spent nuclear fuel. I would say that -- you know, my understanding is that the Department of Energy has been called upon to stop collecting the fees, because there has been no answer. And I kind of further say that - I think it was Senator McCarter who said earlier - we need to lead on this as states because the federal government has done nothing. And they've left nuclear waste in a community. This is a closed facility. I understand yours are open, congratulations. You have jobs, you have income,

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you have property taxes. This is basically an abandoned site on Lake Michigan, prime real estate, that has become a place to store nuclear waste, and with that comes, in my mind, a responsibility to help this community who has been left with this, which affects their economic development, affects the people that live in the community. There's a negative impact. And until the federal government deals with this -- and, Senator Rezin, as soon as they do, this is no longer in effect. So if the federal government deals with this and takes this stuff to Yucca Mountain, well, I'm really happy, but until that happens I have a community in my district, Zion, that has been negatively impacted. They are -- thirty percent of their homes are empty. They have problems with their schools. They have -- they have been -- when this plant was open, there were jobs. When this plant was open, there was revenue. That's gone and Zion is left as a nuclear waste dump.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Senator Bush, how much currently does the facility pay in property taxes?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you. I appreciate that question also. I believe - I'm not positive - it's around two million dollars.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin.

SENATOR REZIN:

Are you aware that at least one federal court has evaluated

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a similar fee imposed by another state and determined that the fee was preempted by federal law?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, again, Senator Rezin. What I am aware of is that in Maine, the town of Wiscasset - I'm sorry if I've mispronounced that, for the people that live there - sought to impose impact fees for the Maine Yankee decommissioned nuclear plant in 1996. After fighting the issue for several years, the town and nuclear plant owners reached a settlement whereby the town received 19.8 million dollars in property taxes and impact fees over the span of almost twenty years. If Exelon would like to come to the table with that, I'd be happy to talk to them.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Rezin, to wrap up.

SENATOR REZIN:

Under Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant Corporation versus United States, the court found that it is not the states but rather the NRC that's vested with the authority to decide under what conditions to license an SNF storage facility. I'd like to close. I understand the frustration by the sponsor in terms of wanting to develop what she deems as good land on the -- on the lake, actually Lake Michigan, in terms of redevelopment, but at the end of the day, irregardless, a company owns the land. They're currently paying two million dollars. I have several industrial sites in my area as well that the company owns the land. They haven't decided to redevelop it. I would like for them to, but yet we don't have the authority - they own the land. We took an aerial shot, and we

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looked at the nuclear power plant, which sits on the lake, and it sits on a plot of land around two hundred acres. But if you look at the aerial shot on the lake to the north and to the south, it's still undeveloped. So there's a large area in the -- in that and around the plant that still can be developed. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We gave a little bit of leeway on these. Please try to keep -- when the timer's up, the timer's going to be up. Senator McCarter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR McCARTER:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR McCARTER:

Senator, how -- how is the community negatively affected?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush.

SENATOR BUSH:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate that question, Senator. Well, they lost about twenty million dollars in annual property tax revenue. They now have a piece -- and this is not about safety, may I say; this is about economic development, their ability to attract new businesses, because, frankly, it's pretty hard to get people to locate next to a nuclear waste dump. Imagine how many people will want to live by Yucca Mountain, on top of it with their townhomes, should we move this waste there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McCarter.

SENATOR McCARTER:

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Senator, I've seen the pictures of it. It -- there's land, spacious land, to the north and the south that hasn't been developed that could be developed. And for I think seventeen years at about twenty million dollars a year, the community did benefit and still does benefit at another two million dollars in property taxes a year. I -- I do question whether it's legal to randomly impose this impact fee. But, you said last night that this is lakefront property that needed to be developed. And by the way, to be clear, I didn't say that we should lead on this issue, as I recall - maybe that was misinterpreted. But I wasn't showing my support for the bill, let's make that very clear. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR McCARTER:

You know, we wouldn't do this to -- we wouldn't do this to anyone else. We wouldn't do this to another property owner in the same area that, let's just say, sat on the land to the north and didn't do anything with it, but I think -- you know, I guess during budget times, we always look to people that can pay. And I think this is what's happening; we're looking to somebody, saying, listen, they can pay; we're going to make 'em pay. The truth is, this company cannot do anything, even if they wanted to. The federal government has prevented them from doing anything other than safeguarding these rods where they're at. It's not a safety issue. The sponsor just said that. This is not a -- it's not a safety issue. This is a revenue issue. They want money out of these people, and this is the way they're going about it. It's - - it's not right and we should not agree to this. The proper response, I believe, Senator, would be to pass a resolution to

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Congress saying we want this process expedited so these people can finish this up, clean it up, and get it over with. But to say because we're tired of waiting for the federal government that you want to impose this impact fee is just wrong. I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Bush, to close.

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you. I appreciate -- my colleagues on the other side, I appreciate your comments. I'd say there was a word that you used that I'm going to use also, because Exelon can afford to pay, because they've left a community without jobs, they've left land that no one is going to develop next to it at this point. This is land that is unusable. We all know that there is about a half-life of, some people believe, more than ten thousand years for nuclear waste. This is going to sit there until the federal government figures something out, and until they do, I would say it's incumbent on this Body to make sure that Zion, who said yes -- they were good neighbors. They said come and build here, we want you here, we want you to be in this community, and they chose to close this plant and they chose to leave behind them a nuclear waste dump. And that's what it is. And I would be happy to pass a resolution that asks the federal government to give us some money at a State level, to give us part of the money they've been collecting in that fee, because they've done nothing. They're a do-nothing Congress, and I don't expect this to change any time soon. And I'd be damn happy, excuse me, to take some of that money from them and do what's right for this community, do what's right for the people that live in Zion. And frankly, it only impacts there, but I would say every one of you that have a nuclear facility

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should consider this closely, because when that plant closes, they're leaving something in your community that you don't want to have there and will impact future development. It's not a Wendy's that we can get something else in place of. So I would urge an Aye vote. I thank you very much for your time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 544 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 36 Ayes, 20 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 544, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Patti Vasquez of WGN Radio seeks permission to take still photos. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Will the Members on the Committee on Assignments please come to the President's Anteroom immediately? The Members on the Committee on Assignments, please come to the President's Anteroom immediately. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 396, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

It is a death resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Resolution Consent Calendar. Would all Members at the sound of my voice -- as soon as the Committee on Assignments is done, we will be returning to 3rd Readings. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the

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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 218.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 421, 1531, 1790, 2513, 3944, 4044, 4096, and 4120. Passed the House, April 23rd, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 125. Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

We are continuing now on Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Any Member that stepped off the Floor, I would request that you be back immediately. Senate Bill 1602. Senator Clayborne. Senator Clayborne. Senate Bill 1625. Senator Harmon. Senate Bill 1628. Senator Brady. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1628.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Brady, on your bill.

SENATOR BRADY:

Thank you, Mr. President. This piece of legislation initiated out of the disaster that hit Washington, Illinois. One of the

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ways we're -- one of the things we're trying to do with this legislation is provide like an insurance fund for school districts that would have losses suffered due to a tornado and not be able to receive reimbursement from the federal emergency disaster program. It takes very little money from others and helps someone in a time of need.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1628 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1628, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1629. Senator LaHood. Senator LaHood. Senate Bill 1630. Senator LaHood. Senator LaHood. Senate Bill 1657. Senator McConnaughay. Senator McConnaughay seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1657 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1657. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator McConnaughay.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConnaughay, on your amendment.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

I would be happy to explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is

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adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1657. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1657.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator McConnaughay, on your bill.

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 1 to SB 1657 adds to the bill. It clarifies that the provisions governing the stipulation shall not be a limitation on the cross-examination of a witness as to any other question related to that witness's interest or bias. As passed, the -- as passed by the committee, the bill requires that a party seeking to impeach a witness based on the witness's illegal immigration status first attempt to obtain a stipulation. If the party offering the witness stipulates to the witness's illegal status, the opposing side cannot question the witness on his or her illegal status. Floor Amendment 1 is the result of the Illinois State's Attorney Association working with opponent. It removes any opposition of the Cook County Public Defender.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

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Senate Bill 1657 pass. All those in favor, 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, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1657, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1668. Senator Rose. Senator Rose. Senate Bill 1670. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 1672. Senator Rezin. Senate Bill 1698. Senator Bennett. Senate Bill 1702. Senator Sullivan. Senator Sullivan seeks the leave -- seeks -- Senator Sullivan seeks leave of the Body to retain -- return Senate Bill 1702 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1702. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Sullivan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your amendment.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill. I ask for its adoption and be happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1702. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1702.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on your bill.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Secretary of State and -- and the Illinois Manufactured Housing Association. It sets out guidelines for the licensing of manufactured home dealers; in particular, it defines what a manufactured home is, who a manufactured home dealer is, a community-based home dealer, what -- when a license is required, when it's not required. It also reduces some fees on some of those sellers that only sell a very limited number of manufactured homes. I know of no opposition. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1702 pass. All those in favor, 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 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1702, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1704. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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Senate Bill 1704.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Sullivan, on the bill.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Right now a -- a local highway authority can post a road for a period of ninety days based on road conditions and weather and -- and weight restrictions. This legislation doesn't change that; it just simply says that those ninety days can be taken either consecutively or nonconsecutively. There was some opposition from -- from a couple of entities. We worked out that agreement and there is no opposition to it now. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1704 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 58 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1704, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1726. Senator Rose. Senator Rose. Senate Bill 1745. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 1745. Senator Mulroe. Excuse me, Senate Bill 1747. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1747 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1747. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I ask that it be adopted. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1747. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1747.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Mulroe, on your bill.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill was brought to me by the Cook County Sheriff's Office. It's seeking to do -- to defer frivolous lawsuits by inmates in county jail. If the court were to find that the lawsuit or motion was frivolous, the Cook County Sheriff's Office would like to revoke good behavior allowance. Initially, when this was initially offered, we -- we asked that if

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there was a finding of a frivolous lawsuit, you could revoke up to a hundred eighty days; we amended it after we heard concerns from the committee members to ninety days. I know of no opposition. I'd ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RAOUL:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RAOUL:

While -- while I supported the amendment, I think the amendment made a bill that could have a sort of chilling effect on folks who may have a -- may feel that they have a -- a claim from filing those claims because their filing a lawsuit is considered bad behavior. I -- I just don't think it's good public policy and I regretfully cannot support my seatmate on this bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1747 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 46 Ayes, 1 Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 1747, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sandoval, for what purpose do you rise? Senate Bill 1754. Senator Biss. Senate Bill 1763. Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 1793. Senator Hastings. Senator Hastings seeks leave of the Body to return

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Senate Bill 1793 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, permission granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1793. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings, on your amendment.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill and I'll explain it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will vote Aye -- or say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1793. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1793.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hastings, on your bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

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Previously we had passed Senate Resolution 51, which established September as a youth suicide prevention month. According to the youth risk behavioral survey, one quarter of high school students in Illinois feel sad and hopeless, nineteen percent of 'em contemplated suicide, nineteen percent of 'em planned suicide. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death in ages fifteen through thirty-four and it's the second-leading cause of death for children ten to fourteen years old. Senate Bill 1793 establishes Ann Marie's Law. Ann Marie was my neighbor. This bill requires the State Board of Education to develop a model youth suicide awareness and prevention policy and requires school districts to adopt an age-appropriate suicide awareness and prevention program beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. I urge that the Chamber vote Aye on this bill to prevent this from happening to any family and to prevent us from losing any more talented young people in the State of Illinois. I urge an Aye vote and I'll answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1793 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 51 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1793, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

State your point.

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SENATOR HASTINGS:

So there's people in the community when hard times hit 'em, they stand back up and they fight back. And I want to introduce two family members that are my neighbors - if you would please stand - in the President's Gallery. I want to introduce two special parents that -- that don't go down without a fight. We have Mike Blaha and Sue Blaha. They're my neighbors. Mike's the Deputy Chief of Police and Sue's a nurse in one of our hospitals. And I can tell you that, unfortunately, they lost their daughter, AnnMarie, but they want to make sure and they advocated here, down in Springfield, to make sure that this doesn't happen to any family again and that teachers and people throughout our schools, they recognize the signs so that they can help prevent this. And I want to say thanks to you for coming down here, thanks for being such great friends of the Hastings family, and thanks for doing what you do, and this is the least we can do for you. So if we can give 'em a warm Springfield welcome for all the great things that they do.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senate Bill 1800. Senator Steans. Senator Steans. Senate Bill 1808. Senator Hunter. Senator Hunter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1808 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1808. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter, on your amendment.

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SENATOR HUNTER:

I wish to adopt the amendment and I'll explain it on 3, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1808. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1808.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter, on your bill.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate -- Senate Bill 1808 creates the Illinois Youth {sic} (Young) Adult Recreation Corps and it defines the responsibilities and qualifications of -- of those participating in the program under the Illinois Veteran, Youth, and Young Adult Conservation Jobs Act. The program shall be established through the Department of Natural Resources. And this bill is subject to appropriations. And I'll be happy to answer any questions if there are any.

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I wonder if the sponsor will yield for what I hope is one question.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Under that condition, she said yes.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Hunter, I am looking at your bill and on page 4, line 5, there is a sentence that starts and ends this way: "Persons employed through the Illinois Young Adult Recreation Corps shall not perform work in State parks." Now this is the Department of Natural Resources, and while we know the Department does many things, I think it's fair to say that most of us believe that most of what they do has to do with the State parks. Why would we ban them from working in the State parks that DNR manages? That is my question, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I'm not really sure why it states that, Senator, but probably because when this program was developed, Natural Resources had jobs, so did Human Services, as well as Department of Children and Family -- no, DCEO. And so the way this program was structured, Natural Resources' children were already placed in the State parks and so these jobs were being implemented throughout the State other than State parks because Natural Resources had their own youth summer program. You said only one question, so that's it.

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Is this question 1a? Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Despite the fact that I did not understand the sponsor's answer and a strong urge to come back with a follow-up question, I'm going to resist that, and I wonder if I can simply speak to the bill, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I simply rise to let you know that the Department of Natural Resources is opposed to the bill. They've got a lot of things going on, including the State parks, in which these people apparently won't be allowed to work. They don't -- they are not interested in taking on yet another program that may or may not be funded for employment purposes. Thank you very much, Mr. Program {sic}. Thank you, Senator.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Hunter, to close.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill is subject -- subject to appropriation. Our young people need to work. They need to work not only in Chicago but throughout the State of Illinois. This program has been very successful over the past several years. This Body has passed this bill over the past several years. And I would simply ask for an Aye vote. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1808 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?

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Take the record. On that question, there are 42 Ayes, 10 Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1808, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1813. Senator Martinez. Senator Martinez seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1813 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1813. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Martinez.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Martinez, on your amendment.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

I ask for its adoption and I will discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1813. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1813.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Martinez, on your bill.

SENATOR MARTINEZ:

Mr. President and Members of the Senate, currently the Illinois Torture Inquiry and Relief Commission is required to conduct inquiries into the claims of torture with priority given to incarcerated persons with claims of torture by Jon Burge and officers under the command. As amended, this bill removes the requirement that these cases be given priority and removes references to Jon Burge from the definition of claims of torture. The bill also limits torture claims to those occurring within Cook County and it also allows the Commission to hear claims for an additional five years. And I'll be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1813 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, no Nays, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 1813, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1818. Senator McGuire. Senate Bill 1821. Senator Harmon. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1821.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Harmon, on your bill.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate.

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Senate Bill 1821 amends the Public Aid Code, particularly the Section on long-term care eligibility determination and enrollment. It provides specifically that an applicant whose application remains open at least fifteen days past the federally established guideline for processing application, which is forty-five days, shall be entitled to a temporary medical assistance card. Again, this means someone's application has been pending for sixty days. You'll be shocked to learn that the people who would be paid as a result of this are in favor and the Department that would have to pay is against. I'd be happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

To the bill.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I rise in opposition to Senate Bill 1821. As the sponsor acknowledged, the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is opposed. And they're not -- they're not opposed just because they're opposed, they're opposed because they estimate that this bill will cost in the neighborhood of twenty million dollars more. If you believe that the Medicaid system in Illinois is flush with cash and that we are in a -- in a time when we can create new programs or new obligations, then by all means vote for this. If you -- if the realization has now sunk in on you that the Medicaid program, like so many other

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programs in the State, is swimming in red ink, let's not add another obligation to the State's Medicaid program and slow down someone's payment somewhere else in order to pay for this. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any further discussion? Senator Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Righter made a point about the cost to the Department. I want to emphasize, it is my understanding that the cost the Department may incur are entirely avoidable if the Department were to process these applications in a timely fashion. That's the whole reason. These costs are then borne by the nursing homes and the -- the patients in the nursing homes if the Department does not move expeditiously to approve applications that should be approved. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 1821 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 36 Ayes, no -- 19 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1821, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1826. Senator Althoff. Senate Bill 1827. Senator Althoff. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1827.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Senator Althoff, on your bill.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1827 just extends the sunset date from January 1st, 2016 to 2026 and includes the modernization language that the Dental Practice Act needs to go forward. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1827 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 56 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1827, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1830. Senator Harmon. Senate Bill 1834. Senator Biss. Senator Biss seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1834 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1834. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your amendment.

SENATOR BISS:

Mr. President, I move that we table Floor Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss seeks to withdraw Senate Amendment 1. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on Floor Amendment 2.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment 2 becomes the bill. I move that we adopt it and would be happy to discuss it on the Order of 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 1834. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1834.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Senator Biss, on your bill.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 1834, as now amended by Amendment 2, represents an agreement between the SMART Transportation Division and the Railroad Association, between labor and management, and it's -- it's about the question of video event recorders that are on third-party-

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owned vans that are used to transport rail workers from one place to another in the railway system. The purpose of the bill is simply to direct that a video event -- event recorder post a notice stating that they can't -- passenger's conversation may be recorded and that any such data is the sole property of the owner or lessee of the vehicle. Again, it's an agreement between labor and management, and I'd appreciate your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1834 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 57 Ayes, no Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1834, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we will go back to page 3, Senate Bill 23. President Cullerton. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 23 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing -- leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 23. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your amendment.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adopt the amendment and explain it as part of the bill on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion -- or the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 23.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your bill.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This has to do with allowing a certain limited number of undocumented folks in this country to be eligible for a law license. The federal government, in 1996, enacted a law that prohibited certain categories of immigrants from receiving any public benefits, including law licenses, but they did say that states could affirmatively provide for such eligibility, and that's what the purpose of this bill is. It would be limited to those people who benefited from the prosecutorial discretion that was utilized in 2012, the -- the DACA eligibility bill, which has resulted in about thirty-four thousand Illinoisans being approved to receive DACA. So this bill would be limited to them and even further limited in the fact that even if we pass this bill, it would have to be up to

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the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois to adopt rules allowing for undocumented to -- who qualify to apply for a law license. So, with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 23 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 41 Ayes, 12 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 23, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 125. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 125 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 125. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your amendment.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This has to do the Humane Care for Animals Act. The amendment was suggested by the Illinois Farm Bureau and I'd like to adopt it and then debate the bill when we have fully adopted all the amendments.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments

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approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on Floor Amendment No. 3.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment was recommended by the legal counsels over on the Republican side of the aisle and I think it's an excellent addition to the bill. So I'd like to adopt the bill {sic}. It clarifies the intent of the underlying bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 125. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 125.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

President Cullerton, on your bill.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think the best way to describe this bill is to now just read what the bill does with the two

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amendments. It says "No owner of a dog or cat that is a companion animal may expose the dog or cat in a manner that places the dog or cat in a life-threatening situation for a prolonged period of time in extreme heat or cold conditions." This came about as a result of a -- a situation where there was a dog that was left outside and, in extreme weather, died after a couple of hours. There was a prosecution and it turned out that the only way to prosecute that person under the current law was to prove that they had abandoned the animal, which was still something which prohibited the person from being prosecuted. It was thought that clarification would send the message to people that if there's extreme weather conditions -- we're limiting it to dogs and cats that are a companion animal -- that this would be appropriate to protect our -- the dogs and cats that people own in this State. So, again, we had a lot of debate in committee. Be happy to answer any questions, but I think we've amended it in such a way that it would be approved and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 125 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 46 Ayes, 8 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 125, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll go to page 11 for Senate Bill 986. Leader Radogno. Leader Radogno seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 986 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 986. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment 2, offered by Leader Radogno.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Radogno, on your amendment.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment is at the request of the Department of Public Health and it adds DPT vaccine to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 986. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 986.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Leader Radogno, on your amendment -- on your bill.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill will simply require daycare workers who care for children under the age of six, who themselves cannot have a complete set of vaccinations, to be -

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that workers to be vaccinated. So it goes to the heart of the issue we've had with outbreaks of these diseases without, in any way, shape, or form, interfering or dictating what the parents do with their children. I would be happy to try to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR LINK)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 986 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, 2 Nays, none voting Present. Senate Bill 986, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, with leave of the Body, we're going to turn back to page 6 on your printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 374. Senator Link. Senator Link seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 374 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 374. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link, on your amendment.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill and I wish for its adoption.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 374. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 374. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 374.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link.

SENATOR LINK:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amended, it provides that township boards may enter into contracts for over twenty thousand for equipment that is only available from a single manufacturer. Contracts of this kind are required a four-fifths vote of the township board. I know of no objection to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 374 pass. All those in favor, 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 46 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 374, having received the

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required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, we're going to turn back to page 16 of your printed Calendar, back to our regular order of business. We are on Senate Bill 1861. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1861.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is an initiative of the Illinois Bankers Association. It amends the Banking -- Illinois Banking Act. Specifies that State-chartered banks do not need to file notices or obtain approval from the federal Office of the Comptroller in order to receive the powers granted to -- to them in the Act. Also provides State banks the ability to restructure with written approval by the Secretary of Financial and Professional Reg. Be more than happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1861 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1861, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill

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1862. Senator Rose. Senate Bill 1879. Senator Lightford. Senate Bill 1899. Senator Sullivan. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1899.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Sullivan.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This legislation simply codifies federal motor vehicle safety standards into Illinois law with regard to low-speed vehicles.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1899 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1899, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1919. Senator Morrison. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1919 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1919. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison, to present your amendment.

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SENATOR MORRISON:

I'd like to adopt the amendment, please, and discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison moves for adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1919. All in favor, say Aye. Senator Rose, are you seeking to discuss the amendment? Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

I understand this is the amendment, Mr. President, but, for some reason, our analysis on this side of the aisle is not working. So maybe someone from LRB can -- or -- can -- or LR - whatever they're called - can -- can fix this, 'cause we have no analysis at all and any of our Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Rose, would you object to us adopting the amendment while...? Senator Morrison has moved to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1919. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. We'll stand at ease for a moment, Senator Morrison, while the Senate Republicans work out their IT issues. (at ease) Senator Rose, your -- you resolved your technical issues? Have we determined whether or not Mountain Dew was involved? Mr. Secretary, please read Senator Morrison's bill for a third time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 1919.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This is a trailer bill. It's -- it clarifies some issues from the tobacco retail license bill, House Bill 2494. It ensures consistent employee training standards in minimum-age tobacco laws across various jurisdictions and provides a mechanism for tobacco retailers to prove their employees received proper training. It deals with other technical issues. It is supported by IRMA and the American Lung Association. I'm happy to answer questions or go into more detail if the Republicans do not have their analysis available. Is it? Good.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1919 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1919, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, that was the last bill on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We are going to return, with leave of the Body, to pick up some bills that were passed over. Sponsors are now ready to proceed. I will try to keep you informed as to where we are on the Calendar. But we're going to turn now

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to page 6 on the printed Calendar, Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 376. Senator Jones, are you ready to proceed? Senator Jones requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 376 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 376. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones, on the amendment.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move for its adoption and I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 376. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 376. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 376.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones.

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SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 376 is a -- is a initiative of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. Senate Bill 376 clarifies that police forces act independently of a chief or head of the police of the village or city where the land is located. It mirrors language that already exists in Illinois Downstate Forest Preserve Act. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 376 pass. All those in favor, 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 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 376, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 377. Mr. Secretary, Senator Jones requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 377 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 377. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones, on the amendment.

SENATOR JONES:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 377. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The

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Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Senator -- now, Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 377.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 377, as amended, provides that a county may, by ordinance, provide a system of administrative adjudication for violations of local government ordinances. Under this bill, a county that has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with a unit of local government may allow the county's hearing officers to adjudicate violations of local ordinances when the violation occurs within the boundaries of the county. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 377 pass. All those in favor, 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 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting

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Present. Senate Bill 377, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 378. Mr. Secretary, Senator Jones requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 378 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 378. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones, on the amendment.

SENATOR JONES:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 378. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 378. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 378.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones.

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SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 378 allows the county board president to have a designee which -- who may perform all the duties, same functions as the board president in regards to executing contracts and performing other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance. I know of no opposition.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 378 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 378, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Althoff, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

I was deeply involved in a conversation and I did not vote on Senate Bill 377. Might I be recorded as an Aye vote, please?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Record will reflect your intent to have voted Aye. Continuing on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 379. Mr. Secretary, Senator Jones requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 379 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 379. Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Jones.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones.

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SENATOR JONES:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 379. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 379. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 379.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 379 -- 379 provides that all construction on Cook County Forest Preserve land shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the county in which the forest preserve district is located. I know of no opposition. And, Senator Althoff, could you please vote for this bill? Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 379 pass. All those in favor, vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish?

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Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 379, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we're going to turn to page 7 of your printed Calendar, still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. Senate Bill 454. Senator Bennett. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Senator Bennett requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 454 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 3 -- 454, apologize. Mr. Secretary, have there been any amendments -- Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett, on the amendment.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the law. I would move for its adoption and will discuss it on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 454. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 454. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 454.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Body. Senate Bill 454 attempts to address one of the problems that we have all across this State, the one that I've noticed in my district, and that I represent, our largest public university as well as some community colleges, and that is skyrocketing tuition costs and the resulting debt that comes along with that. I was surprised to find upon joining the Senate that one of the remedies that lenders can pursue when someone falls behind on their student debt is that the professional license can be denied, revoked, or suspended for that -- for that individual. What we're talking about here is, lawyers, veterinarians, therapists, teachers who depend on professional licenses to work and to pay for all their bills, not only to get back on track with student loans, can lose that ability if they get behind on their debt. So this is to address that. It removes that as a possible remedy for the lenders. The -- it does not in any way absolve the -- the former student from their debt. There are still remedies that the lenders can pursue. But we simply -- we simply cannot afford to take them out of the workforce. And so I would be glad to discuss. There's only one opponent, which is the Illinois Student Assistant -- Assistance Commission. And I will be glad to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Thank you, Senator Bennett. Any discussion? Senator Murphy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, Senator, right now, we're -- we have the tools as a State, if we choose to use them and if we go through all of the safeguards, to withhold a license if somebody owes the State money for student loans, correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

It's my understanding that what you're doing with this bill would be to eliminate that option for us to collect that money. If we are to do this, does your bill give us any ability thereafter to collect money? I mean, can we put 'em on a payment plan? Do we have the latitude to get some of the money, because obviously we have a budget problem here? And, you know, we did loan this money in good faith with the expectation that we would get it paid back. Before we walk away from it, are we -- do we maintain the opportunity to at least put people on a payment plan?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

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SENATOR BENNETT:

I -- I very much do appreciate the -- the question. There's no question that we have an interest in making sure these debts are repaid. There are still other remedies the lenders can pursue. They can garnish someone's wages. They can claim someone's tax returns. They can certainly put a negative report on someone's credit, which affects people in so many different ways. So they can do much more than just put you on a payment plan; they have many different remedies to encourage people to get back on board. This is just simply saying we have recognized that it's not in any way corrective if they can't work. All it is punitive. And if they're not working, we know they can't get back on a payment plan. So we're addressing it that way.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

What -- what -- what do the lenders have to go through before we take away their license?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

According to -- according to ISAC, when a borrower -- borrower fails to make a payment, the lender contacts them, lets them know, informs them of repayment options, then default occurs after two hundred and seventy -- two hundred and seventy days after the last payment was made. The borrower then receives a letter informing them of default and, again, options for coming back into compliance, and if there's no response, the first step is administrative wage garnishment, then claiming the tax refunds,

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and then, finally, the license denial or suspension.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So it -- I mean, it sounds to me like everything you're saying they have at their disposal now is what you have to go through before you can get to this final last opportunity of suspending a license. And -- so you're taking away, basically, the lenders last best chance to get their attention. They've tried everything you said that they can do right now. None of that worked. This is sort of the last opportunity to get their attention, is their license, which you would think they value, and obviously we do because we make 'em go through all these hoops before it's an option. So you're effectively saying you lose this remedy as a lender. You're taking away the chance to do this. And how many times has this option even been utilized?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Well, -- again, according to ISAC, right now twenty-one borrowers in the State of Illinois are in default and have their license -- what they do is, right now, they are preventing them from being renewed. So when they come due, they don't allow them to renew. So twenty-one people currently are -- are falling in this trap, yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, with these twenty-one people, how did they get to this

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point? I mean, how -- how long did -- how many times did they have to ignore ISAC to get to this point?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

I'm sure each situation is a little different, but I imagine the general course is that which was outlined by ISAC. But I think you have to actually -- and I'm sure you've dealt with this as well with -- with talking to your constituents. The origin of how they got there is not so much about ignoring the steps from ISAC or -- or from the lender, it's whatever hardship befell them. So that even though they're working, even though they have this professional license, which they went to school to get and now are working and paying into the economy in so many different ways, something has happened, an illness, some other tragedy, which has got them behind on those bills. And I'm sure there are twenty-one different stories for why they got into that situation, but that's what this is trying to address.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Murphy, you have more questions?

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill. No, to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR MURPHY:

And -- and, Senator, I -- I appreciate that you're -- you're trying to help people who have gone through some distress, but when you -- when you borrow money and you're working, because presumably you are working with this license, and you have a lender

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on the other side that is expressing a willingness to work with you to stay on a payment plan, which has to happen before we get to the drastic remedy at the end, it seems to me that -- that the -- that the borrower has to have basically said, yes, I have a job, yes, I'm working right now, I do have income, but you know what, I just don't want to deal with paying you back, because presumably ISAC and the lenders involved with them would rather get something than nothing. I would imagine the only way you'd go to the extreme measure of doing this is to get somebody's attention because they're totally ignoring your efforts as a lender to work with them to get you to pay them back. I don't think it's a good idea to take that tool away from people. I do appreciate what you're trying to do. I just don't think that this makes the environment better and I urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SENATOR ROSE:

Two questions of the sponsor, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he'll yield. Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you. Senator Bennett, I have two brief questions. One, how much ISAC is left? Because before you got here -- and the Blagojevich administration actually sold the vast majority of the loan portfolio to a third-party vendor. So, there really isn't a whole lot of ISAC loan portfolio left. So, do we have any idea about how much we're talking about here? And I think you said there's only twenty-one people.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator, is that question germane to the bill?

SENATOR ROSE:

Because we want to know exactly how many people we'd be talking about that are left in the pool of potential applied people -- or potentially affected people.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett, do you have an answer that might satisfy the -- the Senator asking?

SENATOR BENNETT:

What I -- what I can say is that, according to ISAC, about forty-five thousand borrowers are in default currently. So, if that gives you any idea - not just those that are out there, but are in default in one way or another.

SENATOR ROSE:

In Illinois or...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

In Illinois or nationally or...?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Where they -- where they live now, but that's what ISAC reports.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Rose, to the bill or a question relating to the bill?

SENATOR ROSE:

That's all right. I do have another question. I do have a

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-- so, you and I used to work in the same State's Attorney's Office. The wonderful assignment I had at one point in time was child support collection, which is the one place where no one's ever happy. So, as part of child support collection, you can suspend any number of licenses, everything from driver's licenses to FOID cards to teacher certificates, whatever. You always, always, get them back though when you sign a payment plan and become making payments. Rather than pass this and let people essentially walk away from an obligation to not just the taxpayers, but also -- ultimately this ends up helping ISAC fund student lending -- programmatic components of student lending at campuses all over the State of Illinois, it would make sense to me to have an amendment in this bill that would say you -- your license, whatever the appropriate license is, will be suspended unless and until you get that payment plan back up and running, at which point in time you get your license back. So, in child support, it's called arrearages and you'd have to enter into the arrearage payment and then you get your license back. Because the goal here is you want people to work in order to repay the debt, right? That's the goal. But if you just do as this is currently drafted, they'll just walk away and you'll never hear from 'em again. So, you need the hook, in the form of an amendment to this bill, that would say come back later, enter into the payment plan and get your license back, and then you repay what's owed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett, if you can answer that question.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Sure. I -- I appreciate the -- the suggestion. Here -- here is my initial thought to that. If there was even a -- if you said,

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well, it might be a short - a one-, a two- or three-month - delay on renewal to a -- to a license, put it in the example of a teacher. If the teacher's license is not renewed and they cannot teach at a certain point, and then the hiring for that school comes in and then the person gets back on board and then we renew their license, well, now the -- the school's already made their hiring decision. So even for -- for -- for all the examples we use, law practice or -- or veterinarian or therapist, you've got to keep -- even a small delay to get you back on payment might -- might disrupt your entire career. But for a teacher, for example, you might not be able to teach until the next year and now you're going to always be having to answer to why you didn't work for that year. So, to me, this is just, again, a punitive measure at any level, because what we're doing is embarrassing these people for getting behind in their payments rather than actually addressing it as a corrective measure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

This will be my last comment, and then I'm assuming you're not going to call the bill unless you have the votes to pass it. But when it gets to the House, you may want to entertain this amendment, because you do this every day for child support payment and there is no hiccup, okay, unless it's on the individual just not wanting to get their paperwork in order, and so it -- it ends up becoming a fairly efficient system of collecting the arrearage, in the case of child support, while still enabling the individual to work, which is your goal, but you're not letting them completely walk away from it on -- on what will be, essentially, a

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technicality. So, I would like to see that amendment at some point in time. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Further discussion? Senator Hutchinson, are you seeking recognition? Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill. I heard this discussion -- this debate in committee and I just wanted to stand in support of the gentleman's bill, largely because I'd -- I'd point out two specific things: number one, you can never refinance student loans; and number two, you cannot put student loans in bankruptcy, which means there's nothing in this bill that discharges the liability of the debtor to the debt that's owed. This bill will follow you around until you do one of two things - pay it or die. That's the status of student loans in this country right now. That's the -- why it is the next biggest crisis outside of home debt and credit card debt in this country. It is how we administer student loans. So, I stand in support of the bill, and on those reasons, I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Bennett, to close.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. In the short time I've been here, I've seen so many on both sides of the aisle try to address an issue of how to move us in a new direction in this State; that means going to school and getting jobs and going to work. The group that this seeks to affect have done that. They've gone to school, they've graduated presumably, they've gotten now their

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professional license and they're trying to work, but something has happened putting them behind on their student debt. To now go against all the efforts we've been making and say we're going to come after you and -- and -- and make it so you cannot work by taking away their certificate -- their certification, that's putting us in the wrong direction. They're never going to be able to get back to paying their payments if they can't be working to pay those off, and, frankly, this is just one more embarrassment, one more hurdle for them to -- to jump over. This does nothing -- and I disagree with one of the -- the statements before, that you're walking away from an obligation to taxpayers. You still owe this debt. You cannot walk away from a student debt. It simply says that they have to use those other remedies and not this one, which I think is purely punitive. I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. The question is, shall Senate Bill 454 pass. All those in favor, 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 38 voting Aye, 17 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 454, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Still on page 6 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bill 418. I understand the paperwork has caught up. Senator Manar has become the chief sponsor. Senator, you wish to proceed? Senator Manar requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 418 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 418. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Manar.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Manar, on Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 418.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and take any questions on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Manar moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 418. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 418. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 418.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Manar.

SENATOR MANAR:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen in the Senate. This bill comes from the Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies. It seeks to remedy what is an administrative function in regards to the administration of LIHEAP funds, and it simply

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states that weatherization and administrative expenses shall not exceed ten percent of the funds collected during a given year if they represent funds carried over from previous years. This is in response to action that was taken several years ago by the Quinn administration. This bill would allow for what -- what I would describe as a smoother administration of LIHEAP funds from one fiscal year to the next. Be happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 418 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 418, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Sullivan, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Please state your point, Senator.

SENATOR SULLIVAN:

I just wanted the Members of the Senate to know that my seatmate, Senator Silverstein, is not here today. Has a family member that had some health issues, and I just wanted folks to know that that's why he is absent today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Sullivan. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, turn to the bottom of page 7 of your printed Calendar. Senate Bill 509. I understand the appropriate paperwork has been

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filed, Mr. Secretary, transferring sponsorship from President Cullerton to Senator Muñoz. Senator Muñoz requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 509 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 509. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Muñoz.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz, on the amendment.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment becomes the bill, which I'll explain on 3rd Reading, if that's ok. I ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Muñoz moves to adopt Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 509. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 509. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 509.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Muñoz.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. As amended, 509 seeks to add cigarettes that do not bear the city or county tax stamp to the definition of "contraband cigarettes". Currently Illinois law provides that a possession of over two hundred and fifty packs of contraband cigarettes is considered a Class 4 felony. However, the definition of contraband cigarettes fails to include cigarettes that do not bear the city or county tax stamps. Accordingly, law prevents cities and counties from having the authority to enforce criminal action against those retailers to {sic} avoid their taxpaying obligation. This is an initiative of the City of Chicago. A simple example would be if someone went to Will County or any other county and purchased not a carton of cigarettes but, again, more than two hundred and fifty packs of cigarettes and comes into the City of Chicago and starts selling them illegally. The problem that the City of Chicago is having, it attracts gang members. There is a lot of money in these cigarettes that are being sold on the city streets. I know of no opposition to the bill. Revenue is neutral on it. And, again, this would just apply for the county and the City of Chicago. I'll attempt to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 509 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 509, having received the

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required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On page 8 of the printed Calendar, Senate Bill 544. Senator Bush. Oh! I apologize. Ladies and Gentlemen, on the top of page 9 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bill 624. Senator Jones. Senator Jones. Senate Bill 661. Senator Mulroe. Senator Mulroe seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 661 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Is there any objection? Seeing none, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 661. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Mulroe.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Mulroe, on your amendment.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Floor Amendment 2 actually removes the opposition of the Illinois Department of Public Health. They are now neutral. I can explain more on 3rd. I'd ask for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Mulroe moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 661. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 661. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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Senate Bill 661.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. I've been working on this bill for two years. Also, in conjunction with the issue of hep C, we -- there was a task force that was created in 2013. I deferred to the task force. Just so you know, the task force was made up of, I think, about seventeen people. Included in those numbers were Senator Trotter, Senator Muñoz, and Senator Althoff. The task force supports this bill. As we heard yesterday, and if you don't already know, hepatitis C is a silent killer. Once the -- the symptoms manifest themselves, it's often too late. It -- your -- your liver becomes cirrhotic and it needs transferred and it -- it either requires a liver transplant or you die. The studies and statistics show that seventy-five percent of the people that have hep C in America were born between 1945 and '65. That makes the fifty-year-old to seventy-year-old population most vulnerable. Most susceptible in that -- those populations are Vietnam veterans, blood transfusions prior to 1992, and other high-risk behaviors. This virus gets spread through contaminated blood. As I said, it's a silent killer. I'm asking doctors to offer the hep C screening test, which is a very insignificant cost. It's the current standard of care by the medical community. Four doctors appeared in front of the -- the Public Health Committee. They all testified that they're -- doctors should be offering this test to their patients that are born between '45 and '65. And

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while the Medical Society may officially oppose the bill, I handed out literature that was offered by the Medical Society where, in one special alert dated March 16, 2015, at the bottom of that page, it states we, the Medical Society, strongly urge you to incorporate a onetime offering of HCV screening into your interactions with patients born between 1945 and 1965. There's other parts of their literature that say -- say the same thing. Doctors are not doing what they're supposed to be doing. It's the standard of care. The Med Society is urging that they offer this onetime screening. That's what this bill does. It's consistent with and supports the Medical Society's position to urge their doctors to offer -- offer this screening. We have worked with the Med Society. They're actually -- they actually proposed the amendment, Amendment No. 1, as it was drafted. I just want to tell everybody, this is a life-and-death situation or issue. I can tell you, there are people personally affected on this Floor that have experienced hepatitis C and the silent -- the killer that it is. Senator Bertino-Tarrant lost her father, Joe, as a result of hepatitis C. Senator Steans' sister-in-law luckily caught it and was actually able to be treated by the current technology, which will cure the virus. My Representative, Mike McAuliffe, his uncle died of hepatitis C and his wife's father died of hepatitis C. This bill will definitely save lives and save money, because not catching it now and not treating it earlier is going to cost ten times as much as the -- the treatments that exist now. I'd ask for everyone's support and to vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Sponsor indicates that he will yield. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Senator, it's my understanding that screenings for hepatitis C are one of -- is one of about seventy-five hundred recommendations that are out there that are made by some entity within the federal government to doctors about best practices. Is that -- is that accurate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I will take you at your word. I'm not aware of that statistic. I know that the CDC is recommending this, so I know that for certain. I know the Med Society is urging their doctors to -- to do this, and that's what this bill does.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

What percentage of the populace has hepatitis C, Senator?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

The data that I have says that four million Americans have it; seventy-five percent of which were born within those years '45 to '65. And I think it's about a hundred sixty thousand Illinoisans have it and don't know about it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, just trying to do the math in my head, that means, assuming that estimate is correct, then between one and two percent of the population, perhaps. I mean, if there's -- if there's two hundred seventy-five million people in the nation and four million have it, that's something in the neighborhood of two percent. Is that about -- two -- is that about right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Mulroe.

SENATOR MULROE:

I can't do those calculations in my head, but I'm going to assume you're right.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, and I know it is late in the day, but this is a disease that, according to estimates, affects about one to two percent of the people in the country and in the State, and we are going to take this one recommendation of the seventy-five hundred or so that come out from medical practitioners and tell doctors this is what you will do in your practice of medicine, which results in ninety-seven or ninety-eight percent of those screenings that the doctor may have chosen to not do, have been a waste of time, a waste of the

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patient's money. This Senate and the House and this State government have some things that we have to do and it is our appropriate task to do, such as balancing budgets and funding schools and those things like this. Practicing medicine for doctors or making doctors' decisions about what they will and won't do in their practice is not one of those. I would urge a No vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Righter. Senator Muñoz, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR MUÑOZ:

I rise in strong support of the bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, my aunt passed away of hepatitis C. People fall in that category, I had no idea until my aunt was going through this, and -- the number of people that fall into the category. They should be given the opportunity, the chance to seek help from the doctor if they so desire to do so. If we can save some lives, make everyone aware of what hepatitis C does and the effect that it has on their lives, I think we'd be doing a great thing by voting. And I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Senator Trotter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR TROTTER:

To the bill, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

To the bill, Senator.

SENATOR TROTTER:

I mean, we -- we keep talking about the -- our -- our economics here in the State of Illinois. We -- we always want to mention that in fact of what we can afford and what we cannot afford, which is certainly very important, but in the same kind of context, we need to address those kinds of things that we can take care of so we can afford 'em and manage it going forward. This isn't just for the individual who has hepatitis C; this is for the individual who is also very conscientious and they do not want to spread hepatitis C. They want to ensure that their loved ones do not become infected by this disease as a consequence of their knowledge that they have it. And we're -- we're talking about people of -- of all ages. There is -- there is some merit to, one, how we manage our dollars, and we do that in this instance by preventing this disease to continue to spread, to continue to wreak havoc on individual lives, and then, more importantly, on family lives as well. So this -- this is the correct thing to do as we look at how we manage our monies today and going forward. It's a great bill. Doctors have a responsibility, one, to a -- if an individual comes to them for care, to let them be aware of all those things that may be devastating to their lives. This is -- this is how you start ending a disease, an insidious disease like hepatitis C. It's the correct move. And thank you very much, Senator Mulroe, for bringing this forth.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Mulroe, do you wish to close? Senator Mulroe.

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SENATOR MULROE:

One comment. We're codifying what the Med Society is urging their members to do. Thank you. I'd ask for all Yes votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. The question is, shall Senate Bill 661 pass. All those in favor, 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 33 voting Aye, 19 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 661, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On page 11 of your Calendar, Senate Bill 986. Senator Radogno. I'm sorry. I'm sorry, I misread. 987, Senator Radogno. Senate Bill 1057. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff. Senator Althoff requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1057 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1057. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff, on Floor Amendment No. 1.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Floor amendment becomes the bill and I'd be happy to discuss it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1057. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any

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further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Althoff.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff, on Floor Amendment No. 2.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you, Mr. President. Floor Amendment No. 2 makes the bill immediately effective.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1057. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 1057. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1057.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Althoff.

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. We did some great bipartisan work last Session and passed the GATA bill. Unfortunately, the implementation of that Act is taking a little bit longer than was originally anticipated, so what Senate Bill

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1057 does, it extends, by one year, the deadline for implementing administrative rules under the Act. It also extends the repeal date of the Act by one year and gives the Governor's Office of Management and Budget an additional year to establish a centralized unit within its office to administer the Act. So what we're effectively doing is just giving everyone an additional year to get this program up and running. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator Althoff. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1057 pass. All those in favor, 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 57 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1057, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On page 14 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bill 1629. Senator LaHood. Senator LaHood requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1629 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 1629. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator LaHood.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator LaHood, on the amendment.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I would ask that the amendment be adopted and be happy to answer any questions on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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Senator LaHood moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 1629. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment is adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 1629. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1629.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator LaHood.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. This is a bill that we passed unanimously last year. This allows municipal invoices for the City of Peoria for garbage disposal to be included on the property tax bills. There was no opposition in committee. We did put a amendment on that limits it to the City of Peoria. Be happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1629 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1629, having received

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the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator LaHood, do you wish -- on Senate Bill 1630? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1630.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator LaHood.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. 1630 is a bill that we actually worked on with the Realtors and the Bankers. This establishes a process for counties and municipalities to sell irregular parcels or, if a parcel doesn't sell, to transfer it to an adjoining property owner. Be happy to answer any questions on the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you, Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1630 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1630, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On page 15 of your printed Calendar, Senate Bill 1800. Senator Steans. Senator Steans requests leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1800 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, Senate Bill 1800. Mr. Secretary, have there been any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Steans.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans, on the amendment.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, I'd like to adopt the amendment and then I'll discuss the bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill 1800. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The amendment's adopted. Have there been any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 1800. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1800.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Steans.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, this bill declares that a retail food establishment considered a low relative risk of causing foodborne illnesses based on DPH's rules and regulations and that's in a municipality with a population of two million or more, then has in place an

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inspection -- a self-inspection program that's mandated by the local health department. And there's also the -- the new amendment also put in place a requirement to get the approval for the self-inspection methodology in place by the Department of Public Health. I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Thank you Senator. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1800 pass. All those in favor, 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 50 voting Aye, none voting -- 4 voting No, none voting Present. Senate Bill 1800, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Trotter in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

We'll stand at ease for a second. (at ease) On page 16, Senate Bill 1830. Senator Harmon, do you wish to proceed? Senator Harmon, do you wish to proceed? Senate Bill 1830.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

Senate Bill 1830.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Just a quick parliamentary inquiry. I -- I know that there was a Floor amendment. I believe we've adopted it, the last go-round. Can I just confirm with the Secretary?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

That's correct. It has been adopted, Senator.

SENATOR HARMON:

It has been adopted. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, a -- a few years ago the United States Supreme Court, in the case of Miller against Alabama, declared that a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole is unconstitutional when applied to juveniles. We have been negotiating since how to appropriately respond to that ruling. This bill, as amended, reflects an agreement between all of the stakeholders, including the State's Attorneys Association. I want to thank Senator Haine for his determined and dogged effort to keep us on the right path and all of the advocates who had such an important role in shaping this bill. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR TROTTER)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate -- Senator Harmon, do you wish to close? Senator Harmon, do you wish to close? No discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1830 pass. All those in favor, 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 the question, there are 56 Ayes, no Nays, no Presents. And Senate Bill 1830, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Harmon back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, Senate Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed to the Members' desks. I'd call your attention to Senate Calendar, Supplemental Calendar No.

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1. On the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 16. Senator Bennett, you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY KAISER:

House Joint Resolution 16, offered by Senator Bennett.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Bennett, on the resolution.

SENATOR BENNETT:

Thank you, Mr. President. Sergeant Myron G. Deckard served with the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department for thirty-two years and was also a warrant officer for fifteen years. Sadly, he was shot and killed in the line of duty on June 6, 2001, along Interstate 72 East while transporting a prisoner. This resolution would designate the rest stop areas on Interstate 72 both East and West at Milepost 152, between Decatur and Champaign, as the "Sgt. Myron G. Deckard Memorial Rest Area". And I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as this resolution would require the expenditure of State funds, a roll call vote is in order. The question is, shall -- Joint -- House Joint Resolution 16 pass. All those in favor, 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 voting Aye, none voting No, none voting Present. House Joint Resolution 16, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, that concludes our final action on Senate Bills 3rd Reading and Resolutions. Because we were expeditious in our work

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this week, the Senate President has indicated that Session tomorrow will be canceled. You may all return to your districts to work there. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, 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 178.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 494, 500, 745, 1455, 2635, 2791, 3126, 3217, 3270, 3324, 3465, 3510, 3529, 3674, 3766, and 3840. Passed the House, April 23rd, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

A Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, 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 372.

We have received like Messages on House Bills 1004, 1121, 2471, 2627, 3190, 3229, 3549, 3988, and 4137. Passed the House, April 23rd, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Mr. Secretary, House Bills 1st Reading.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3269, offered by Senator Rose.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 23, offered by Senator Link.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 23)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

On the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution 23. Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Joint Resolution 23, offered by Senator Link.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HARMON)

Senator Link moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 23. All those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Link now moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 23. All in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

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There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon on the 28th day of April 2015. The Senate stands adjourned.