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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

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

Communication from the President. Letter dated August 19th, 2015.

Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on August 19th, 2015.

Sincerely, John J. Cullerton, Senate President.

Resolutions.

Senate Resolution 854, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 855, offered by Senator Mulroe and all Members.

Senate Resolution 856, offered by Senator Clayborne and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 857 through 861, offered by Senator Link and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 862 and 863, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolution 864, offered by Senator Sullivan and all Members.

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Senate Resolutions 866 and 867, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton and all Members.

Senate Resolution 868, offered by Senator Lightford and all Members.

Senate Resolution 869, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton and all Members.

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Senate Resolution 870, offered by Senator Koehler and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 871 through 874, offered by Senator Althoff and all Members.

Senate Resolution 875, offered by Senator Collins and all Members.

Senate Resolution 876, offered by Senators McConnaughay, Althoff and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 877 and 878, offered by Senator McConnaughay and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 879 and 880, offered by Senator Haine and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 881 through 886, offered by Senator Bennett and all Members.

Senate Resolutions 888 through 891, offered by Senator Anderson and all Members.

Senate Resolution 892, offered by Senator Manar and all Members.

They are all death resolutions and will be referred to the Resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senate Resolution 887, offered by Senator Mulroe.

And Senate Joint Resolution 31, offered by Senator Silverstein.

They are both substantive.

Introduction of Senate Bills.

Senate Bill 2167, offered by Senator Mulroe.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 2168, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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And Senate Bill 2169, offered by Senator Noland.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

Messages from the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred with the Senate in the passage of a bill of the following title, to wit:

Senate Bill 2042.

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

House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2042.

Passed the House, as amended, August 12th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

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 800.

We have received a like Message on House Bill 1054. Passed the House, August 5th, 2015. Timothy D. Mapes, Clerk of the House.

Message from the House by Mr. Mapes, Clerk.

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

House Joint Resolution 91.

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Offered by Senator Biss. Adopted by the House, July 28th, 2015.
It is a death resolution. It will be referred to the Resolutions
Consent Calendar.

House Bills 1st Reading.

House Bill 800, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House Bill 1054, offered by President Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

Appointment Messages.

Appointment Message 990298

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Maureen Josh

Member, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Appointment Message 990299

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Miriam Martinez

Member, Illinois Secure Choice Savings Board

Appointment Message 990300

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Charles Crowder

Member, Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority

Appointment Message 990301

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Darren Dwyer

Member, Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority

Appointment Message 990302

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Brian Gansauer

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Member, Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority
Appointment Message 990303

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Larry Kramer

Member, Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority
Appointment Message 990304

Governor's non-salaried appointment

David Banaszynski

Member, State Board of Health

Appointment Message 990305

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Beth Fiorini

Member, State Board of Health

Appointment Message 990306

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Jose Sanchez

Member, State Board of Health

Appointment Message 990307

Governor's salaried appointment

John Baldwin

Director, Illinois Department of Corrections

Appointment Message 990308

Governor's salaried appointment

George Andros

Arbitrator, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission

Appointment Message 990309

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Maria Bocanegra

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Ketki Steffen

Arbitrator, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission

Appointment Message 990318

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Mark Buisson

Member, Labor Advisory Board

Appointment Message 990319

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Kim Clarke Maisch

Member, Labor Advisory Board

Appointment Message 990320

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Pedro DeJesus

Member, Labor Advisory Board

Appointment Message 990321

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Robert Fulton

Member, Labor Advisory Board

Appointment Message 990322

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Jonathan Ginzel

Member, Labor Advisory Board

Appointment Message 990323

Governor's non-salaried appointment

Guy Niedorkorn

Member, Labor Advisory Board

Perfunctory Session of the Senate will remain at ease while
the Committee on Assignment {sic} (Assignments) meets. (at ease)

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Senate is back in Session.

Senator Clayborne, Chairman of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Education Committee - House Bill 800; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 219, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 2043, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2043, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 813, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3540, and Floor Amendment 1 to House Joint Resolution 90; refer to State Government and Veterans Affairs Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 381, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2482, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1081, and Motion to Concur on House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2042; Be Approved for Consideration - Senate Resolution 802 and 852.

Signed, Senator James F. Clayborne, Chairman.

There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session, pursuant to House Joint Resolution 85, the Senate stands adjourned until Wednesday, August 19th, 2015, at the hour of 4 p.m., or until the call of the Senate President. Senate stands adjourned.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Good afternoon. The regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will come to order. Will all the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Shaun Lewis, Civil Servant Ministries, here in Springfield, Illinois. Shaun.

PASTOR SHAUN LEWIS:

(Prayer by Pastor Shaun Lewis)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Please remain standing for the Pledge of

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Allegiance. Senator Cunningham, to lead us in the Pledge. (microphone disengaged during Pledge of Allegiance) Lisa Yuscus with Blueroomstream.com requests permission to videotape. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journals of January 14th, 15th, and 28th; February 3rd, 4th, 5th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 25th; and March 3rd, 4th, 5th, -- and 10th, 2015.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hunter moves to approve the Journals just read by the Secretary. There being no -- no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary... Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, August 5th, 2015.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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 SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senator Hunter moves to postpone the reading and

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approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. 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 381 and Motions to Concur: House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2042, House Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 2042, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1081, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2482 Recommend Do Adopt.

Senator Harmon, Chairperson of the Committee on Executive, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 219 and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 2043 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 1288 Do Pass; Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3540 and Senate Amendment 1 to House Joint Resolution 90 Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, Communication from the Secretary of State.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Letter dated August 19th, 2015.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bills from the 99th General Assembly as vetoed by the Governor, together with his objections:

Senate Bills 1344 and 1360.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

Letter dated August 19th, 2015.

To the Honorable President of the Senate:

In compliance with the provisions of the Constitution of the

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State of Illinois, I am forwarding herewith the enclosed Senate bills from the 99th General Assembly that are being returned by the Governor with specific recommendations for change:

Senate Bills 650, 781, 816, and 1885.

Respectfully, Jesse White, Secretary of State.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, are there any motions on -- are there any motions on file?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Motions have been filed with respect to the Governor's action on the following Senate bills: Senate Bills 51, 274, 650, 781, 1229, and 1344.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, please place those motions on the Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Appointment Messages.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Appointment Message 990324
Governor's non-salaried appointment
John Coli
Member, Labor Advisory Board

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Silverstein, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

Purpose of announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR SILVERSTEIN:

I'm calling for a Democratic Caucus for approximately forty-five minutes after -- upon recess, Mr. President.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR ALTHOFF:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Senators Silverstein and Althoff move that the Senate recess for the purpose of a Democrat and Republican Caucus, each lasting approximately forty-five minutes. Seeing no objection, the motion is granted. The Senate now stands in recess to the call of the Chair. After the Senate Democrat and Republican Caucuses, the Senate will reconvene for Floor action. The Senate stands in recess to the call of the Chair.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The Senate will come to order. Will all Members within the sound of my voice please come to the Senate Floor immediately? We're ready to go to the final action here. Ladies and Gentlemen, Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. We're going to go to that order here momentarily, so... We will be starting with Senate Bill 2042. We'll be doing that just in a moment. Senator Connelly, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CONNELLY:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Connelly, please make your point.

SENATOR CONNELLY:

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Thank you, Mr. President. It's Wednesday, August 19th. It's early in the evening and I wanted to introduce here in the -- behind the Senate Republican side, John Liz and Eleanor McEnaney, are here from Northfield. They're friends of ours. They came down to see the State Fair for Governor's Day and they thought why not a late-night session here at -- in the State Senate. So I thought we'd give them a warm welcome and thanking them for watching this late-night session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

John and Eleanor, if you will rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Great to have you here today and your guests. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

So I'm excited today to have a gentleman with me who does a lot of great things for our community. Of note, he's built a baseball field for special needs and developmentally disabled students. He spearheads uniform initiatives for our baseball teams. I want to tell you that he's a great guy and I'm excited to have him. He recently joined our office staff this past Monday. I want to introduce Mr. Mark Gierhahn.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Mark, welcome to the Senate. Thanks for joining us. Great to have you here. Senator Bivins, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BIVINS:

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

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Bivins.

SENATOR BIVINS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have about three introductions to make here. With us today are -- are two Pages and they happen to be related. This is our grandson, Carson, and our grandson, Brady Bivins, who are seven and five years old. And -- and we've been spending some time at the Fair here. And behind them is -- is my, soon-to-be, wife of forty-one years, my wife, Terri. Please welcome them to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Welcome to your family, Papa Bivins. Senator Harris, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARRIS:

Purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS:

Today I have with me two young men that I am so proud of, and as people would say, thank God they look like their mother. Today I have with me my two boys, Napoleon IV and Noah. So if you can, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, give 'em a warm Springfield..

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Napoleon and Noah. Hello there. Look at him waving. Senator LaHood, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purposes of an introduction also.

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Please make your introduction, Senator LaHood.

SENATOR LaHOOD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just would like to introduce my guest today. It's Alex O'Connor. Alex is a junior at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He is from the Morris area and he has worked for Senator Sue Rezin in the past. He has an interest in politics. He interned in D.C. this summer. And I wanted to introduce him and give him a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Welcome to the Senate, Alex. Good to have you here. Thanks for joining us. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. For purposes of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction, Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have two special friends of yours, important constituents from my district. I'd like to introduce them before they murder each other. I have my two daughters, the lovely Frances, age twelve; and the beautiful Maggie, age eleven. We are -- I'd like to thank Senate President Cullerton for scheduling this special Session during our annual trip to the State Fair. It worked out very well and we're looking forward to enjoying a lovely week here in Springfield. So please join me in welcoming my lovely daughters to the Illinois State Senate.

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Frances and Maggie, welcome back to the Illinois Senate. Great to see you. Senator Emil Jones, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR JONES:

Thank you, Mr. President. Purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR JONES:

I have my two bodyguards here with me today, my two play nephews. To my right, this is Corey Calvert, Jr. He is nine years old. He loves to play basketball. He's an honor roll student at Christian Academy in Dolton. He says when he wants to grow up, he wants to be an Illinois State Senator. So thank God he lives in Senator Napoleon Harris's district, not mine. Now to my left, I have Camron Calvert. He's seven years old. He's also a honor roll student. His favorite food is - what? - pizza. So he has some pizza in Senator Harris' office. He also attends Christian Academy in Dolton, Illinois. And when he grow up, he want to -- you want to go to the military, right? And be in the Armed Services and serve his country. So please join me in giving them a warm welcoming to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome Senator Jones's good-looking guests here. Thanks for joining us. Senator Raoul, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAOUL:

Point of personal privilege, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Please state your point, Senator Raoul.

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SENATOR RAOUL:

To my right here, I have my guests, who are about to stand so they can be visible. Two constituents of mine. First, my adopted daughter, the daughter of my district chief of staff, Maya James, who is a sophomore at Walter Payton High School in Chicago. And my dear daughter - and I say that generously - Mizan Raoul, who is a sophomore at the University of Chicago Laboratory School.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, let's welcome our guests. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. We -- appear we have made all introductions. Matt Porter with WCIA requests permission to shoot film. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen, as I announced earlier, Supplemental Calendar 1 -- Supplemental Calendar No. 1 has been distributed. We will go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Concurrence, Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2042. President Cullerton. I understand that -- it's been indicated that President Cullerton has asked Senator Steans to present the bill. Do you wish to proceed? Indicates she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2042.

Signed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- Senator Steans, to present.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, the motion adds the amendments, which add to the underlying language of the bill. This is the federal funds bill that we had passed with unanimous support over to the House. What

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they've added to it are three things: Appropriation authority of a hundred and twenty-five million in federal funds to ISBE for a child nutrition program; 305.1 million in federal funds to IEMA, Emergency Management; and then 166.5 million other State funds to the Metropolitan Pier (and) Exposition Authority for debt service. I believe that this still has general support across all and -- and look forward to seeing that reflected on the board. Thank you very much for working with us on this.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall the Senate concur in House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2042. All those in favor will vote Aye. Those opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 52 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional majority, the Senate does concur in House Amendments 2 and 3 to Senate Bill 2042, and the bill is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1. We're going to go to the Order of Total Vetoes, Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1229. Senator Harmon, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 1229 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by Senator Harmon.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

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Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I move to override the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 1229. I understand -- I'm -- I'm told the Governor's opposed to this motion. I understand some of you may have heard from him. I have not, but I understand there -- there's an unusual degree of hyperbole and inaccuracy surrounding the discussion of this bill, so I'd like to start by reminding you what the bill actually does. Let me explain. In the current negotiations of the new contract for State employees, if the administration and the union reach an impasse and fail to agree, instead of going to a strike or to a lockout, either party could -- could submit individual items, individual economic issues to interest arbitration. Now, normally, under normal circumstances, the threat of a strike or the threat of a lockout would encourage both sides to be reasonable and to compromise. But in a situation where the Governor has actively courted a strike, those moderating influences don't exist. Let me be clear about what the bill does not do. It does not require arbitration. Both sides can stay at the bargaining table and negotiate a contract, and that is what should happen. It does not interrupt or disturb the negotiations going on. I want to emphasize that this is a proven alternative. This model, interest arbitration, has been in place for more than thirty years for police and fire at the local level, for State Police and correction officers at the State, and in all those years, AFSCME has never once invoked it on behalf of State employees in negotiations of a contract. Let me address just one fundamental inaccuracy in the criticism of this bill. The Governor has claimed that this bill is biased in favor of the union. That is not true. In fact, if anything, this bill is biased in favor of the Governor

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and the management side. From 2006 to 2015, by our estimation, reviewing the -- the filings online, there have been three hundred and thirty-three cases of interest arbitration, settling fourteen hundred and six economic issues. Of those, the union prevailed in forty-three percent of the economic items. The employer prevailed in forty-eight. The arbitrators that settle these decisions are independently qualified and certified. The neutral chair of the arbitration panel is selected from a roster prepared by the Illinois Labor Relations Board. I want to emphasize for you, there are five members of the Illinois Labor Relations Board - three of the current members were appointed by Governor Rauner, a fourth was a lead negotiator on behalf of prior Republican administrations in contract negotiations. And, finally, if the Governor is unhappy with the result of interest arbitration, he can reject it and send it back to the panel, the union cannot. This model is proven. It is fair. If anything, it is still tipped in favor of management. This will not be invoked casually or carelessly by the union representing State employees. This hopefully will encourage parties to stay at the bargaining table, to be reasonable, to be moderate, to compromise, to keep State government open, and to reach a fair compromise for all parties. I welcome your questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

Question of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for questions, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

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Senator, you indicated and I think the direct quote was that the Governor is actively courting a strike. He -- he expressly took a lockout off the table, which is a pretty big indication that he doesn't want to see a work stoppage. What is your basis for asserting - and I found it ironic it came within words of the reference to the hyperbole around this bill - what is your basis for asserting that the Governor is actively courting a strike?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Senator Murphy, you were here when I presented the bill on the Floor the first time. I cannot believe you would walk into this blind. Let me do two things. Let me read to you two quotes from Governor Rauner. At the Cumberland County Lincoln Day Dinner, the Governor said, "We'd take a strike and shut down government for a week or two and redo everybody's contract. That's a possibility. I will do it proudly, because it's the right thing to do." At the Tazewell County Lincoln Day Dinner in 2013, Rauner said, "I apologize. We may have to go through rough times. We may have to do what Ronald Reagan did with the air traffic controllers, sort of have to do a do-over and shut things down for a while. That's what we're going to do." I will play you the YouTube videos if you'd like. Let me engage in the -- the most simplistic explanation of what the fear is here, because it's not a lockout and that's what's misleading about that promise not to lockout. I will be overly simple here, but this explains the concern. If the Governor continues to go through sham negotiations of the union contract, and at the end of this, promise not to lockout - or the -- the tolling agreement with the current contract

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- declares an impasse and imposes upon the workers completely unreasonable terms with respect to wages and benefits and healthcare and says, "You have to take it. That's the way the rules work", he will force a strike with no alternative and then he will fire every State employee, just like Ronald Reagan did with the air traffic controllers. This is absolutely clear to me that the Governor is courting a strike for the purpose of firing every State employee and setting the reset button.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

The quotes that you reference were from -- I think you said one was 2013, the other one was probably 2013 if not 2012. Those were quotes, at that time, of candidate Rauner. Since becoming Governor, the Governor has in fact negotiated a deal with the Teamsters. Right? The State employee Teamsters. So, other than old campaign quotes -- and I know everybody out here, everybody would -- out here would always want to be held to everything they ever said on the campaign trail. Right? You never said anything -- boy, I wish nobody would have heard that. I don't know whether he meant that or not at the point {sic}, but the point is, right now, as we sit here today and since January 2015 when Governor Rauner became Governor Rauner, during that time period, he reached an agreement with the Teamsters; during that time period, reached two continuation agreements with AFSCME. Where is the basis for your assertion that he is currently, as Governor, actively courting a strike? Because the only thing I heard before was a couple of old campaign quotes.

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Senator Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Murphy, I fundamentally reject your claim that the Governor is lying. He said it, he meant it, and he has never stopped campaigning. The -- the -- the contracts he's negotiated were very small bargaining units. He has said it, he meant it, and I -- I reject your claim that the Governor was lying to us. I think he was telling the truth.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

To -- to the bill, Mr. President. I...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I'm sure the Teamsters aren't going to appreciate being referred to as a small bargaining unit; nonetheless, it's an agreement - it's an agreement that he reached with a rather substantial union, irrespective of how many members were included in it. It shows a willingness to work with the people you say he's hell bent on locking out or forcing into a strike. You know, this bill -- this is just fascinating to me. You guys didn't need this bill when you had Democratic Governors. You say this is for the Governor. That is on its face laughable. There isn't one thing you guys have done all year that you did to strengthen the Governor's hand. This isn't about strengthening the Governor's hand. It's about weakening it. And let's not forget who the Governor is in this context. The Governor in this context is the one person in this whole negotiation between taxpayers and public

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employees that the taxpayers actually had a say on putting into the room and you want to take him out of the room. You're taking him out of the negotiation table. The one person that the voters said, I want that guy at the bargaining table on my behalf as a taxpayer, and you're taking him out. This requires only one party to decide impasse, only one party, and you want to talk about these arbitrators and impact arbitration. Have any of you talked to your mayors lately? They -- they come down here every single year and tell us how they're absolutely getting killed and our property taxes are going through the roof because of impact arbitration and the fact that it's a stacked deck for the employee against the employer, who, by the way, is funded by the taxpayer. Do we want that model here? No. You know why? 'Cause it's a rigged game and it's a bad deal for taxpayers. Now, let's talk about this unreasonable negotiation that's going on, which, again, the Teamsters didn't think it was so unreasonable otherwise they wouldn't have signed on. But what are we talking about here exactly? What's the context of this? First of all, the State is imploding economically. We can't afford the deals that Governor Blagojevich and Governor Quinn gave away. That -- just so everyone is clear, these employer -- employees you're talking about, these State employees, are making eighty percent more than they did ten years ago - eighty percent. Go home, any of you, and talk to your taxpayers, who are private employee taxpayers. Ask 'em how they weathered the recession. They get an eighty percent raise since the start of the recession? No, they didn't. Fortunately, they got about a twenty-five percent increase over the last ten years, while the public employees, whose hand you seek to strengthen with this bill, saw an eighty percent increase. They're getting a

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Cadillac plan under Obamacare, the Affordable Care Act, a Cadillac plan that the taxpayers have the risk of having to pay a forty percent tax on because of President Obama's bill. That's another layer on top of this. We can't afford the deals that Blagojevich and Quinn gave away that we're paying for now. What the union is asking for is effectively another two billion dollars on top of what we already can't afford. Now for those of you on that side of the aisle that are worried about various things that we're going to have to fund or not fund - we're talking about MAP grants today; we've talked about all sorts of core priorities - are you willing to see your spending priority cut so that we can increase by two billion the take of employees who have seen their pay go up eighty percent in the last decade? Are you ready to tell the people that you say you're down here fighting for, sorry, the money's not there anymore, I gave it to AFSCME? 'Cause if you support this, you better be willing to look 'em in the eye and tell 'em that truth, 'cause that's the reality. Or are you willing to go to John Q. Taxpayer and say, hey, you know what, in addition to the deficit we have, in addition to the pension crisis we have, in addition to all of these other things, I want to give AFSCME another two billion dollars a year, so I'm going to need to layer on an even larger tax, 'cause I don't want to have to go to these other people I said I'd fund and tell 'em I got to cut 'em. So you, John Q. Taxpayer, get to pay more because I want to rig this game that's already rigged even more. This is the picture of reality and the people in this State know it. You read all of these editorial endorsements of this bill. This is wrong. I mean, to take the people's one elected person out of the negotiating room and say we're going to go to this arbitration and we're going to give one

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side the opportunity to jam arbitration and put the Governor on the sideline 'cause he's actually talking tough a little bit - that's not what the people asked for. That is not what the people asked for and they are not going to appreciate the bill you send them if you jam this. And one last point and I'll finish with this, Mr. President. What's particularly disappointing to me about this is that it's coming from your caucus, and the reason I say that is because yours is the caucus that I think gives us the best chance to find a way out of this whole mess and actually work with us, work with the Governor, and work with the House Republicans. I know how important this is to the Governor. I know that this is going to really hurt this process. You're going to do damage to the relationship between the Governor and yourselves and you're going to push final resolution further away rather than bringing it closer. And for what? For what? To tell AFSCME -- get an at-a-boy from AFSCME? Come on, guys, don't do this. I urge a No vote -- I urge a No on the motion. Do not override this veto.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler, one second, please. Senator Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

I -- I'm just asking to respond to -- to Senator... I don't know where to begin responding to that remarkable work of interpretive history here. The -- the Teamsters local that reached an agreement with the Governor - three hundred and fifty employees,

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according to my sources. That's less than one percent of the bargaining unit represented by AFSCME. Nobody ever said we were doing this for the Governor. That's a complete distortion of what I said here on the Floor. I said that the process is not biased against the Governor. This does not interrupt the negotiations. This does not ensure any sort of a result. This absurd claim that it's going to lead to a two-billion-dollar increase is baloney. It's malarkey. And your local mayors, who are clamoring about interest arbitration being the end of the world, last year, in 2014, there were a hundred and sixty-two total awards - sixty-four were in favor of the union, seventy-three were in favor of the employer, twenty-five were split or undecided. There are similar numbers going back years. You can accuse me of all the hyperbole you want. After that rant, I don't know what hyperbole is left that hasn't been said.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

To the motion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the motion, Senator Koehler.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Mr. President. I think that under different times or different circumstances, we might be -- really have criticism by the unions for suggesting that a union give up the right to strike. That's a pretty big deal. That's a pretty big deal for groups that are involved in collective bargaining. But let's understand where interest arbitration comes from and it's used with police groups, with fire, and it's used in a different way

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than regular mediation or arbitration is used. For twenty-one years before coming to the Senate, I was Director of the Peoria Area Labor Management Council, where I taught groups how to negotiate and did contract negotiations myself. Interest arbitration really forces both sides to the middle. It -- it forces reasonableness, because the arbitrator is not able to render their own formula of a decision. They have to choose between one proposal or another, and so if your proposal is out of line, then it has a chance of getting tossed out. So it forces the sides really to be reasonable. And I think that that's where we need to be at this point in time. I mean, too much emotion has been put into this issue, and if you're interested in stability and trying to maintain some calm and having a reasonable process to get to an end result that everyone can live with, this is the way to go. This is the way to go. Interest arbitration - it's not something wild or taking power away. It's really a good process and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Leader Harmon, to close.

SENATOR HARMON:

I think all that there is to be said has been said by both sides. I ask for a vote in favor of reasonableness, moderation, compromise, protecting State services for the people who need them most, protecting State workers from being locked out, forced to strike and fired. Let's -- let's do what's right for the people we represent, the people of the State of Illinois, and not what's right for your friends in the Governor's Office. I ask for your Aye votes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1229 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 38 voting Aye, 15 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1229, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. Gaynor Hall with -- WGN-TV requests permission to shoot film. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Ladies and Gentlemen -- Ladies and Gentlemen, continuing on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, on the Order of Total Vetoes, Senate Bills is Senate Bill 51. President Cullerton indicates he's assigned the bill to be presented by Senator Steans. Do you wish to proceed? Indicates that she does. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 51 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Steans, to present for President Cullerton.

SENATOR STEANS:

Yes, thank you. This is a -- one of the budget implementation bills that had been vetoed. We are asking to override the veto. It makes transfers to the Professional Services Fund, Workers' Comp Revolving Fund, Secretary of State's ID Security and Theft Prevention Fund, Presidential Library and Museum. It also creates the Grant Accountability and Transparency Fund for use by GOMB. Sets at ten percent the share of personal income taxes and 16.5

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percent of the share of the corporate income taxes for -- their refund. It allows intermediate service centers in Cook County to be funded through the same line item as the regional education offices. It expands the YouthBuild program to CJIA and it extends the current sunset of some of the renewable energy programs and creates the Coal Mining Land Services {sic} (Conservation and Reclamation Fund). Would ask for your Aye vote on this. It's needed really to help sort of make some -- make sure some things go forward, such as the income and corporate tax refund programs.
PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 51 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 12 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. Senate Bill 51, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. Continuing on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, on the Order of Total Vetoes, Senate Bills, we have Senate Bill 274. Senate President Cullerton indicates that he has indicated that he'd like Senator Steans to present. Indicates that she's ready to go. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 274 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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Senator Steans, to present.

SENATOR STEANS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is another budget implementation bill. It collapsed the Illinois veteran home funds into -- into one fund and allows the fund to be used for capital improvements. It also - excuse me, I'm turning the page - codifies those who can receive child care assistance from DHS to under -- mandate under thirteen years of age. And it codifies the enhanced rate under the Community Care Program to in-home service providers that offer health insurance coverage as a benefit to their workers -- to their employees. I would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 274 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 15 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 274, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. Continuing along, we have Senate Bill 1344. Senator -- Senator Luechtefeld, for what purpose do you rise before we go to that order?

SENATOR LUECHTEFELD:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to be recorded on Senate Bill 51 as a No. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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The -- the record will so indicate that that was your intent, Senator Luechtefeld. Okay, Ladies and Gentlemen, we have Senate Bill 1344. Senator Haine, you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 1344 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Signed by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you very much, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Senate Bill 1344, I believe -- it affects common interest community associations. I'm not sure if it affects any other one than the one in my district, which is Holiday Shores. The purpose of the bill is to make it only slightly easier for members of a common interest community, like Holiday Shores, to place a referendum on the election ballot regarding whether to incorporate as to a village, which of course has police power. They're a growing community. They're very successful. They have problems with trespassers and other people in -- in the area and this would reduce the requirement from two-thirds of all members signing a document agreeing to incorporate to fifty-one percent, which is similar to the Municipal Code. It still requires a majority vote of the people at an -- an election. Holiday Shores has approximately thirteen hundred voting members and therefore this is still an onerous requirement. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

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Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 1344 pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1344, having received the required three-fifths majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor. Ladies and Gentlemen, still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1, we're going to go to the second page of that Calendar, Motions in Writing, Override Specific Recommendations, Senate Bills. We're going to go to Senate Bill 650. Leader Haine, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read that motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 650 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor.

Signed by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Mr. President, thank you very much, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I would ask for this -- for this motion for two reasons. The Governor's amendatory veto is noncompliant, number one. It's a substantive change. Number two, the underlying bill, as we recall, is an initiative of the fire protection districts and they -- are given authority to sue each other if there's a disconnection and they have to show injury to the district from which one piece of property is disconnected. They have that power now. What this is -- will do is give a -- some kind of a benchmark

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to a judge, because what's happened over the decades is a patchwork quilt of inconsistent judicial decisions. So this bill defines the term "serious injury" to being a loss of real estate tax revenues of ten percent or more to give a judge -- the judge has to find all of the other conditions to allow it or disallow it. This just defines what "serious injury" is.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Haine. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 650 pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 13 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 650, having received the required three-fifths constitutional majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. Continuing on the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 781. Leader Clayborne. Mr. Secretary, please read the motion.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

I move that Senate Bill 781 do pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor.

Signed by Senator Clayborne.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Clayborne.

SENATOR CLAYBORNE:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This bill -- the Governor's veto basically changes the essence of the bill. This bill is -- is -- ensures that a local unit of government will

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not be required to assume responsibilities of a -- a dissolved fire district without consent by the board of trustees that will be taking on the additional responsibilities. I would ask for your favorable vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 781 pass, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 12 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 781, having received the required three-fifths constitutional majority, is declared passed, notwithstanding the specific recommendations of the Governor. Senator Bush, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR BUSH:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to be recorded for my intention to vote Yes on the previous vote. I'd stepped away.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

The record will so indicate it was your intent to vote Aye on Senate Bill 781. Thank you, Senator Bush. Ladies and Gentlemen, now if you'll turn to the regular Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. On page 4, we have Senate Bill 219. Senator Raoul indicates he'd like to proceed. Senator Raoul seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 219 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 219. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Raoul.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul, on -- to present Floor Amendment 1. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could have your attention. Please keep the visiting down. We are on the order of final action here. Ladies and Gentlemen, shhh, please. Thank you. I know we're all happy to see each other, but let's hold the visiting down. Senator Raoul, on Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Floor Amendment 1 becomes the bill. I'll explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 219. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 219.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President. We recently passed Senate Bill 7

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and the Governor recently signed Senate Bill 7, which required return-to-play and return-to-learn protocol at both high school and elementary school levels. Because the bill became law immediately, school districts are scurrying trying to be in compliance with the law. What Senate Bill 219 does is delay implementation until the 2016-2017 school year. This is an agreement reached with the School Management Alliance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Can I -- can I talk about Senator Harmon's bill for a little longer? I just rise to support the -- the fine Senator's eminently reasonable bill and encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you, Senator Murphy. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Raoul, do you wish to close? Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

In the spirit of bipartisanship, I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 219 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present.

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Senate Bill 219, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 381 is on page 5 of the printed Calendars, lady -- Ladies and Gentlemen. Still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 381. Senator Tom Cullerton, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Senator Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 381 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 381. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Tom Cullerton, to present Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

I -- I'd like to present on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Senate Bill 381. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 381.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Cullerton.

SENATOR T. CULLERTON:

Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 381 inserts the language from the Governor's recommendation in his amendatory veto from Senate Bill 816 and runs as a stand-alone bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 381 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 381, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill -- Ladies and Gentlemen, now turn to page 11 of the regular Calendar on -- still on the Order of Senate Bills 3rd Reading. We have Senate Bill 2043, 2-0-4-3. President Cullerton. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary... President Cullerton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2043 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2043. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Kotowski.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski, on Floor Amendment 2.

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SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

I'd like to read it on 3rd Reading, Mr. President. Ask...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on Floor Amendment 2? 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. President Cullerton has indicated he wishes Senator Kotowski to present the bill. Senator Kotowski, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2043.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Kotowski.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Thank you very much, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Floor Amendment No. 2 makes appropriations to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for the Monetary Award Program for fiscal year '16. Floor Amendment No. 2 appropriates 373.2 million-dollar GRF for the Monetary Award Program, which represents an 8.4 million-dollar GRF increase as compared to 364.8 million appropriations for fiscal year 2015. This amount is consistent with what the Governor introduced in his budget that he

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introduced in February. It is consistent with it. It'll allow for about a hundred and twenty-five to a hundred and thirty thousand students to get access to Monetary Award Grants in the State of Illinois. This program has proven to be very successful and given people -- students across the State of Illinois an opportunity to be successful, to get a college education, be able to get the jobs that are out there. It is a important investment that we're making in the State of Illinois. I believe that we need to continue to do that. For those of you on the other side of the aisle - I know we talked about this in the Exec Committee today - this will impact approximately forty thousand -- forty thousand four hundred and sixty-four students in your legislative districts, those on the other side of the aisle. The rest will be served by those receive -- recipients will be -- come from the districts that are represented by those on our side of the aisle. But regardless of political party, we're talking about a hundred and thirty thousand students who will be -- have a chance to go to private universities, public universities, and community colleges. I'd ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR MURPHY:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I -- I appreciate the Senator's commitment to the MAP program - if fact, share it. I think everybody in the Chamber supports

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MAP funding and making college accessible. I do think, as Senator Syverson referenced in committee, there are some abilities to make it an even better program and a better return on investment. But the concept is a great one and that's -- there's no debate about that. The issue with this bill has nothing to do with any concern about MAP or an impression that MAP is somehow unimportant. You know, everybody stipulates that it is. I do think it's important to note when you talk about forty thousand-plus people being affected, the public four-year universities in the State and the community colleges in this State are honoring the MAP grants even during this budget time. I suspect many of their private colleagues will follow suit to maintain those students that they don't want to lose. So when you talk about people being affected in the near term, those people certainly are not. Finally, this bill, like a lot of the other ones that have been here, highlights the fundamental problem. We're talking about spending thirty-eight billion dollars when you have thirty-two. Now the Governor said, I'll cut a deal with you guys; I'll sign the tax increase bill, if you'll give me some reforms. So far, you guys haven't been so good on the reform part. If you don't want to do the reforms, then you raise the taxes yourselves to fund these programs that you bleed on about week after week are so important. Either make a deal with the Governor or pass your tax increase and fund these programs, but dragging us down here for these meaningless stunts week after week isn't really impressing anybody. In the meantime, because of the fact that we're not going to have the money to pay this and you're going to either let down MAP recipients when the bill comes due and we don't have the money to pay it or some other program in the budget to the tune of five

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billion or six billion dollars, don't make promises you can't keep - and that's what this bill does. So, unfortunately, out of support for MAP, but a recognition of the fact that the money's not there, I have to encourage a Present vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HASTINGS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Previous speaker had talked about what the Governor has said. Today in a speech, he said that the Illinois government's comparative to the Soviet Union and China, which is a -- a communist government. Our government's a government that I fought to defend and let me tell you why I fought to defend it. It's because we care and we're compassionate about people and we put people at priorities. So let me tell you about some of the priorities that the Governor doesn't have. He doesn't care about senior citizens, mentally ill, the developmentally disabled; doesn't care about those that use affordable child care to lift themselves out of poverty. He's presented a thirty-one percent cut to Governors State University, which shuts down the university, put thousands out of work, thousands out of school, an affordable education opportunity for those who can't afford the tuition of U of I, gives them a chance to go to school.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Hastings, let's -- let's keep the comments to the

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bill, please. To -- to the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I will address the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator -- go ahead, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Three thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight students would receive MAP awards in my district. These MAP awards, according to some university presidents that I have spoken to, will turn off in the spring. Those students will end up dropping out of school, lost potential, a lost opportunity, the future of our economic engine the State has is done. So I encourage everyone to vote Yes. If you vote Present, that's shame on you. You don't care about any of the priorities or essentials that we think of in government and it's just a shame that you feel that way. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Senator Hutchinson.

SENATOR HUTCHINSON:

You know, I was -- I was thinking about whether I was going to say something about this one thing and the one thing I want to point out is that where we are right now is symbolic of just kind of chaos. Nobody knows what's going to happen next. We have all these programs falling apart. We have so much of the budget that's

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out the door, but the things that are left are the ones that are important to folks who don't have all the money to come down here on the rail and -- and lobby for what it is they need, and -- it struck me that I should probably talk about how I was one of those kids. So when you negotiate with me, please know where I'm coming from. I was a Pell Grant kid. I was a MAP grant kid. When I graduated with my bachelor's in college, I was holding my one-year-old baby. That's how I got through the last year of school. I needed child care for that. And so when I look at what's potentially dismantled and the fact that at every turn, you hear people say, "Yeah, we support that", but you're not saying how much you want to cut for that - "Yeah, we support that", but you're also saying you don't want to pay for that - and -- and I am saying. So if you charge me with do you want to pay -- how -- do you support this program that costs X amount of dollars? I'm saying to you very clearly, yes, I do. I support MAP grant funding. I support child care and I support seniors that need services at home. I support the developmentally disabled. I want the K through twelve grants that are left outstanding to be paid. I don't want higher education to be cut. These are priorities. We want all those things. I don't want chaos. So right now, it's like if you don't, then it seems to me then that's what you want. You don't want us to take away the strike provisions, so it sounds like you want to strike. You don't want us to do -- fund these programs, then you want, literally, chaos, and that's heartbreaking to me. So I saw this quote and I think it sums up something really amazing about where we are right now, because if we don't fund these things, we are -- this is the next crisis that will happen. The MAP crisis is the next crisis that'll happen.

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You didn't want K through twelve schools not to open, so that part of the budget was signed. This is the next crisis that's going to happen, just like every twenty-four hours that goes by, a child care center is closing. So this is a thing about chaos. "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. And procrastination is still the thief of time. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words 'Too Late'." That's what happens when a kid gets turned away. That's what happens when a kid can't sign up for classes again. That's what happens when they don't know what to do next because our State wasn't there for them. So if there's going to be a choice between chaos or community, I'm always going to choose community. That's where I'm at. That's what I think. That's what we believe. That's why you should vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

To the bill, Leader Lightford.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I just want to remind us that we've done a pretty good job in acknowledging that education is something that we've been working on improving over the years. I don't know that we do a good job with funding it at the level that we should, but many of us do acknowledge how important it is to educate our young people. I just want to bring us to some simple facts. Regardless of all the rhetoric and

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whether we agree or not, the facts are the Governor vetoed a bill we sent over for three hundred and ninety million dollars. This bill takes us back to the Governor's introduced funding. So I know the Governor find it important for us to fund MAP at his introduced level, but what I want us to know is that not only does this support our public institutions, our four-year institutions, our -- our community colleges, but it also supports the private non-for-profits, hospitals, proprietary schools. This is for over a hundred and twenty-five thousand students in the State of Illinois who are looking to earn a higher education. Senator Kotowski mentioned in committee that we'd be blocking out individuals from the American dream. I think he was dead on when he said that, because we all know that the seed to prosperity, especially in the 21st century, is a quality education. You can no longer go and earn a living with a high school diploma. So this will allow well over a hundred and twenty-five thousand students an opportunity to advance their education. You know, when I look here and I see that DePaul University is the highest recipient of private nonprofit schools, that says something. When I look here and see that the University of Illinois takes on over twenty -- almost twenty thousand students in the system with a Pell Grant, that says something. We're right on target with doing some of the things that we're supposed to do in education funding and the MAP grant is definitely one of 'em. I speak directly to my district that has over forty-two hundred eligible students and twenty-five hundred of them will receive some type of support. I want to rise for all of the students, not just mine in my district, but all of those - if you're a traditional student; if you're a - a head of your household, you're -- you've been working on a job

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for twenty years, you keep getting passed over for promotion, you decide to return to school to advance your education. We all know that is key. We all know how it's -- important it is. We'll come up with how we make sure that everything is funded the way it should be. But this is definitely the right thing to do. I want to thank Senator Kotowski for bringing this measure up, again. He'd already submitted it once at three hundred and ninety million. I appreciate him bringing it forth at the Governor's spending levels, which is less than what our caucus felt was needed, but it's still important that we move forward with it. And I -- I encourage an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Kotowski, to close.

SENATOR KOTOWSKI:

Yes, thank you very much for the remarks. Thank you for the -- the -- the understanding and the appreciation of the importance of this moment and what we're doing. I would like to say, I think it's very essential that we back the Governor on his proposal to fund MAP. The Governor introduced a measure to support MAP. At this -- his level in his introduced budget was three hundred and seventy-three million dollars. I think it's important that we support the Governor and his advocacy to make sure we put funding in place for the Monetary Award Program. We are at a crisis point in our State. I know that becomes kind of a hackneyed phrase, but Eastern Illinois University has proposed that they are going to lay off sixty-seven - sixty-seven people who work there, plus they're not going to fill fifty-one positions. If you go across our State and you look at the universities and you look at the

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number of students who benefit from MAP, at the U of I, which is considered one of our flagship educational institutions, University of Illinois Urbana, twenty-five percent of undergraduates are MAP recipients; at UIC, forty-nine percent are MAP recipients; at UIS, twenty-nine percent undergraduates are MAP recipients; SUI, thirty-five percent of students are MAP recipients; NIU, thirty-seven percent. I think you'll get the picture here. Chicago State University, thirty-eight percent. Here's the point. If these students don't get the support to help offset the cost, the rising cost of tuition and fees, they won't be able to go to school. They won't be able to get the education that they deserve. We have an opportunity to allow them to achieve the American dream, because as I stated before, all things being equal, when we give students an opportunity to get access to the education that we have here, they thrive, they succeed, they achieve if we give them that chance, regardless of their economic situation. So here's the deal, are we going to be the Chamber that protects the people who woke up on third base and feel like they hit a triple? Right? Or are we going to allow the people who are at home plate and they're trying to take a swing at the bat just so they can get on base, just so they have an opportunity to be successful. Listen, I don't fault anybody who grew up in privilege. I don't fault anybody who grew up with a considerable amount of wealth. It's no fault of their own. God bless them, but we shouldn't forbid or prevent other people from getting access to that same opportunity, 'cause that's what we're all about here. That's what we're all about here, giving people a chance to be successful. We're not talking about some situation where someone's getting a handout. These are students who want to go to college.

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They want to go to college. They want to get jobs. They want to perform. They want to be taxpayers. We have a great opportunity here. Vote for this bill. If you vote against this bill, you're voting against forty thousand people you represent in your districts - forty thousand human beings who want to go to college. Vote Yes. Support a hundred twenty-five -- thousand students with the opportunity to get a world-class education. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2043 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 37 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 14 voting Present. Senate Bill 2043, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're still on the regular Calendar, House Bills 3rd Reading, on page 13 now. House Bills 3rd Reading, page 13. House Bill 1081. 1081. President Cullerton. He indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, he indicates -- seeks leave of the Body to return Senate {sic} Bill 1081 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 1081. Mr. Secretary, are there any committee or Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Stadelman, to present Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1081.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

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Mr. President, I'll explain on 3rd and move that the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, President Cullerton has indicated Senator Stadelman will present the bill. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1081.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Stadelman.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, Floor Amendment No. 1 becomes the bill. It's an initiative of the Secretary of State and it contains three different provisions. The first creates the Universal special license plate. We, in the State of Illinois, have one hundred and nine available specialty license plates and that certainly can cause a problem for police officers in trying to know all these plates. This bill will create a uniform license plate, but this plate will also allow groups to add a decal to show their support for a particular organization. The second

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provision is a technical change to Senate Bill 1482. It changes the date in the Section of the Vehicle Code concerning the verification of liability insurance. And the third provision is a trailer bill to Senate Bill 627, which -- which passed unanimously here out of this Chamber this spring. It requires an offender found guilty of a second DUI within a five-year period to install a BAIID device on his or her employment vehicle, even if that vehicle is solely used for employment purposes. This change will simply allow the State to comply with federal regulations. I'm not aware of any opposition. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 1081 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 1081, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you'll turn to page 13 of the regular Calendar, still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, we have House Bill 2482. Understand, Mr. Secretary, there's paperwork that has transferred sponsorship to Senator Biss. Indicates... Mr. Secretary, please correct that, that we have paperwork that allows Senator Biss to present the bill. Do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Senator Biss seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 2482 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading, we have House Bill 2482. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for

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consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Biss.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss, on Floor Amendment 1.

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, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion on the amendment? 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 2482. Mr. Secretary, read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 2482.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

3rd -- 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President and Members of the Senate. House Bill 2482, as amended, puts in statute a DON score threshold limit of twenty-nine, reinstating the current status quo and stopping an

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effort underway between the administration and the federal government to elevate that threshold from twenty-nine to thirty-seven. We do this for two reasons: first of all, to avoid throwing tens of thousands of people off of care that they currently rely upon; but second of all, because there's a new assessment tool that will be rolled out shortly and we feel that the disruption of throwing a lot of people off of the -- of the program right now in advance of that new assessment tool really makes no sense whatsoever. I'm happy to take any questions and I certainly would strongly urge everyone to support this important legislative measure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Leader Harmon, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARMON:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates he will yield for a question. Leader Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senator, does this legislation require providers to continue to provide services to current clients in certain limited circumstances even though the client no longer meets the DON score requirements?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Great question. The answer is yes. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services will be required to continue to reimburse the provider for services provided during these periods

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of time even though the client's DON score no longer qualifies them for services as long as the client continues to meet the exceptions contained in this legislation. This applies to clients receiving home and community-based services and clients receiving services in long-term care facilities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Will the sponsor yield, please, Mr. President?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Indicates that he will. Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Senator Biss, first, in your opening and presentation of the bill, you talked about -- you gave a number. I think it was -- I don't know if it was five to ten -- five to ten thousand or tens of thousands of people would be let go. Where does that estimate come from?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

Well, the estimate before me, which comes from the Care Coordination Units, is -- as I'm adding it up, it's just around forty thousand, including twenty-four thousand older adults in the Community Care Program, ten thousand persons with disabilities in the Home Services Program, and between four and five thousand individuals in supportive living facilities.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

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SENATOR RIGHTER:

I'm sorry, Senator, those estimates come from where?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

The -- the individuals who perform the DON score calculation.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Are those State employees, Senator? Or are those people who contract with the State to do the DON scores? I mean, because I remember in the committee when you presented the substance of this legislation, that number was tossed out and I thought there was some serious question raised about the validity of the number. So can you help me with that a little bit?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

They -- they contract with the Area Agencies on Aging, so they're not -- they're contracting for the agencies. They're not directly themselves State employees.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

And that statistic is only for people whose DON score comes up short of, I guess, twenty-nine?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

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I -- I think you meant thirty-seven. That's for people in that twenty-nine to thirty-seven window who are currently receiving services and would be removed.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

I want to make sure I understand what you're intending here, Senator, because when I first read it, I was -- well, I was really surprised at what I read. The -- even if the new assessment tool goes into place, regardless of how many people should be removed on the program, you're going to limit that removal to one percent of the people being served. Why did you pick one percent?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

The idea is that if the determination is made to significantly raise the threshold for eligibility, there's a difference between doing that for new people being evaluated and for people already relying upon those services, so that one percent number, which is by design a small number, is meant to indicate, hey, we're certainly willing to entertain significant changes going forward, but the best way to do it is not to abruptly remove people already in the program from the services that they rely upon on a day-to-day basis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

Well, I understand that, Senator Biss, but -- so what you're saying is that regardless of how legitimate the assessment tool

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may have been changed, regardless of how well it's focused on what we really need to do, we're going to say here in the General Assembly that no more than one percent can be affected. Right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss.

SENATOR BISS:

As you know, Senator, as immortal as we feel our actions here to be, no law is immune from subsequent change. You made reference to that committee hearing that we were in not too many weeks ago and in that hearing, my view, personally, was that the level of preparation in the administration regarding a transition plan for people who would be thrown off the program was, frankly, terrifying - alarming. And so this bill, as currently designed, is a response to that belief that we have -- based upon that hearing and other like discussions, that there is no transition plan. If we see over the course of time that a new assessment tool is designed, is utilized, that we discover that there are many people who for good reason ought not be receiving services, that there are sound transition plans in place to move them into other less expensive services, then, yes, absolutely, we should come back and change the law that we hopefully will today be creating. But based on what we know today, I do not feel like there is a preparedness to transition people who would be abruptly removed from this program into any other kind of adequate service.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Righter.

SENATOR RIGHTER:

To the bill, if I might, Mr. President. Thank you very much, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, we hear figures like forty

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thousand and we critique the testimony of some in the administration, but let's talk about what the bill does. The bill arbitrarily says that regardless of the reform that happens with regards to the DON score and regardless to the degree to which it is right on the money for what we ought to be doing, we are arbitrarily saying no more than one percent will be affected, which is a little like changing the speed limit and lowering it from, let's say, seventy to sixty and saying but we're only going to issue tickets to one percent of the people who are caught speeding between -- under seventy miles an hour. I mean, that's what -- that -- because that's exactly how precise that this is. But this also takes -- it goes an extra step and it says we are going to make sure that people who are not eligible for the program stay on the program. Now think of that. By statute - think about all the Medicaid issues we've had with Medicaid fraud - this will put in law a provision that says if you're not eligible for the program, you can still stay on the program for at least eleven months. The administration testified transition plans and made a commitment with regards to that in the committee hearing. There is no reason to reform anything if you are going to protect the current recipients from {sic} the services even though they are no longer eligible. This kind of bill absolutely stops any kind of meaningful reform dead in its tracks. Please vote No.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Biss, to close.

SENATOR BISS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to respond to the -- that last set of comments there. First of all, the very last comment, little baffling, there is no reason to engage in a reform

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if you protect the people already in the system. That's just -- that's just not true. We expect the program in the State to continue for many years and making changes on a going-forward basis is sometimes the right way to go. If you think that it's the wrong way to go in this case, explain why, but don't tell me that it's never reasonable to protect the people already in the system and make reforms on a going-forward basis. Finally, I think that speed limit analogy kind of opens the door to a more complete analogy. I would say, don't enact a new law that's going to result in taking away a bunch of people's driver's licenses unless you're willing to invest in public transportation. What this bill says is, there is no transition plan. There is no alternate mechanism to provide services. The current plan of the administration is to take forty thousand individuals, who are relying on these programs for services, and say we're going to take it away, throw you off, and we have no idea what we're going to do about that. That's a bad idea. It is wrong. In the long term, it will cost the State more, I believe, and I think everybody on both sides of the aisle should be joining me in voting Yes for this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall Senate Bill -- excuse me, shall House Bill 2482 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 36 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 11 voting Present. House Bill 2482, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, still on the regular Calendar and still on the Order of House Bills 3rd Reading, on

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page 14, let's go to House Bill 3540. Senator Haine indicates he wishes to proceed. Senator Haine seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 3540 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 3540. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Haine.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine, to present Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. This merely adds Lewis and Clark Community College and any properties it has in the -- in its district to be able to provide generally that alcoholic liquors may be delivered to and sold on their property.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. 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 SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, House Bill 3540. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 3540.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Haine.

SENATOR HAINE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This -- the entire bill is Lewis and Clark Community College and Paulina Meat Market, where all the consents and permissions have been obtained, in -- in President Cullerton's district.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Bill 3540 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 49 voting Aye, 2 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House Bill 3540, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, still on the regular Calendar, on the Order of Resolutions. If you'll turn to page 15, we have House Joint Resolution 90. President Cullerton, do you wish to proceed? Indicates that he does. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

President Cullerton, on Floor Amendment 1.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. This is a resolution that would create two task forces to examine issues included in Governor Rauner's Turnaround Agenda. First one would

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be on Civil Law Practice and Procedure to examine the number of lawsuits filed in Illinois, proper venue, liability of parties, and the like. Second would be on collective bargaining rights and taxpayer protection and this would examine the effects that local collective bargaining has on property taxes and study the effects of limiting the collection of -- or the -- limiting the collective bargaining rights of local government employees. It's an effort to see if we can get some hearings throughout the State on these two topics that the Governor's raised. They'd be public hearings. This was debated in committee. It was recommended that perhaps we can have equal number of Democrats and Republicans on the committee - that would be fine with me - and perhaps have the report come in sooner than what's in the resolution, which is September 1st, 2016. I would suggest that we pass this resolution. It does go over to the House and I will take it up with the Speaker if we can amend the resolution per the request. So with that, I'll be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the amendment? 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 SULLIVAN)

Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 90, offered by President Cullerton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

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President Cullerton, on the resolution.

SENATOR J. CULLERTON:

Yes, thank you. This is an effort to try to reach out to the Governor, who has indicated that he wants us to take up his Turnaround Agenda. We've had efforts in the past that were in smaller groups that were private. I think it would be very helpful to have people come and testify throughout the State. We would have four hearings, each of these -- each of these task force, and see if there's any way we can reach some kind of a compromise with the Governor. So with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, as this requires the expenditure of State funds, it will recall -- require a roll call vote. Simple majority of thirty is required for passage. Ladies and Gentlemen, the question is, shall House Joint Resolution 90 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? Mr. Secretary, take the record. On that question, there are 38 voting Aye, 9 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. House Joint Resolution -- House Joint Resolution 90, having received the -- having received the required constitutional majority, is declared adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, if you will return to Supplemental Calendar No. 1. Let's go to the Order of Secretary's Desk, Resolutions. We have Senate Resolution 802. Senator Raoul. Indicates he wishes to proceed. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 802, offered by Senator Raoul.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Raoul.

SENATOR RAOUL:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Many of you all know that I -- I am born to two Haitian immigrants, who had the pleasure of being U.S. citizens naturalized. There's a crisis going on in the Dominican Republic right now, where Dominicans of Haitian descent are being treated discriminatorily and there is deporting going on of Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent. Recently, Presidential Candidate Marco Rubio wrote a letter to the Secretary of State urging the Secretary of State to intervene. What Senate Resolution 802 would do is urge the U.S. government to put pressure on the Dominican Republic to -- treat Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian descent in a nondiscriminatory manner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor will say -- all those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Next up, we have Senate Resolution 852. Senator Forby, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 852, offered by Senator Forby.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Senator Forby, to your resolution.

SENATOR FORBY:

Thank you. Resolution 852 requests that the United State {sic} Department of Interior give Illinois coal producers and

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stakeholders no less than a hundred {sic} (180) days to response to the proposal of Stream Protection Rule. They've got a new rule that's over two thousand pages. They just want to make sure they have plenty of time to read 'em and -- so when they go to the public comments, and this is -- issue is a big deal in my district, 'cause I got a lot of coal mines.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Thank you. Is there any discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, the question is, shall Senate Resolution 852 pass. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, Mr. Secretary, let's go -- we're still on Supplemental Calendar No. 1. We have House Bills 2nd Reading. We have House Bill 20 -- excuse me, 1288. Senator Silverstein, do you wish to proceed? Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 1288.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, Introduction of Senate Bills.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2170, offered by Senator Tom Cullerton.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR SULLIVAN)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now proceed to the Order of Resolutions Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all those

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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 SULLIVAN)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in favor -- all those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries and the resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, there being no further business to come before the Senate, pursuant to the House Joint Resolution 85, the Senate stands adjourned until the 9th day of September 2015, or until the call of the President. The Senate stands adjourned.