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Speaker Burke: "The First Special Session of the House will come to order. With leave of the Body, we will use the Quorum Roll Call from the Regular Session as the Quorum Roll Call for the First Special Session. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I'm glad to have a question for you since we've asked a lot of questions of you over the last few days. I have a parliamentary inquiry, please."

Speaker Burke: "State your inquiry."

Butler: "The rules that we passed earlier this week regarding the... the changes to the rules regarding the Session that we're currently in state that on any day in which the House is in Session during a disaster proclaimed by the Governor due to the COVID-19 virus, access to the House chamber and so on, it lays out everything. Can you tell me under... we are currently under Phase 2 of the Governor's Restore Illinois plan. We have no idea about when and if we will be moving into Phase 3, Phase 4, Phase 5 or if or when the Governor will continue to proclaim disasters under COVID when we get into phases maybe 4, which gatherings of 50 people or more, travel resumes, child care reopens, restaurants or Phase 5, which the economy fully reopens and safety precautions continuing. If there is a disaster proclamation in say, Phase 5, when the economy is fully reopened, even though he issues a disaster proclamation, will the House continue to meet under those guidelines as they're spelled out in those rules?"

Speaker Burke: "Thank you, Representative Butler. Those rules are under review, and if appropriate, they can be amended."

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Butler: "I have a further inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Burke: "Please state your inquiry."

Butler: "What about committee meetings that might be held once we adjourn this Special Session? Though often times we have committee meetings when we're not in Session, is the intention of the majority to have committee meetings in Springfield or to have committee meetings at the Bilandic Building?"

Speaker Burke: "The procedures are under review."

Butler: "Okay. One further parliamentary inquiry. We also have joint commissions and joint legislative bodies that act. Do these same rules that apply to our proceedings that were spelled out in the rules apply to say a joint committee meeting?"

Speaker Burke: "No, they would have their own rules."

Butler: "And how are those rules determined?"

Speaker Burke: "Each legislative support agency sets their own rules."

Butler: "Each legislative... what's... legislative support agency?"

Speaker Burke: "Are you referring to JCAR and..."

Butler: "Well, we have joint committees, we have commissions. We're establishing commissions actually this week under legislation that are joint commissions of all four caucuses. I'm wondering what the guidelines will be for... and they have deadlines. I'm wondering what the guidelines for meetings of those commissions will be."

Speaker Burke: "So, they set their own rules, unless they're committees solely of the House. But they have set their own rules in the past and will continue to."

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Butler: "So, no rules until the committee meets and then the committee would make the rules? Is that... is that what it would be?"

Speaker Burke: "That's the process, yes."

Butler: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Spain is recognized."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know that there were a number of inquiries just made and as a result, to give some time for that research, the House Republicans request an immediate caucus."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Willis."

Willis: "Thank you, Madam Chair. The Democrats will caucus immediately also in this chamber once the Republicans have moved out. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "The House will stand in recess. The Republicans will caucus in their usual caucus place. And the Democrats will stay in this... Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 6 for Senate Bill 516."

Speaker Burke: "Members, we're going to be under the Order of Concurrence and we will be using a three-minute timer. Under the Order of Concurrence, we have House Bill 2096, offered by Leader Wehrli... Leader Willis, pardon me. The print is so small. Leader Willis is recognized."

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Willis: "Willis, Wehrli, we can interchange. That's fine. Thank you very much, Madam Chair. I move for concurrence on House Bill 2096. This Bill is a cleanup language on some stuff on letting township meetings... having those suspension dates because that was part of the thing that we dealt with during the COVID. And also, putting in some guidance regarding the CARES Act and the Township General Assistant Fund, along with Cards for Kids Act. The... allowing e-signatures on school construction and it also expands the developmental... development tools under the Housing Authority Act for the Cook County Housing Authority. I know of no opposition at all, and it's basically just codifying what's already going on and making sure that we get it that way. I would ask for an 'aye' vote on the concurrence. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Halbrog is recognized for a question. Representative Wheeler is recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Representative Willis, this is the one we talked about last night in exec, I recall. Is that right?"

Willis: "Right, right. I didn't have my analysis. I have it now. Thank you."

Wheeler: "Fantastic 'cause I didn't have all my questions either. So, there is one thing... everything else we covered regarding townships, changing dates, and other kind of loose ends being tied up. I think that was kind of the gist of it, right?"

Willis: "Yes."

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Wheeler: "And then the other part that I didn't get to ask last time, I'd like to ask you now. It's been brought to my attention that there were some requests that the municipalities, that IML maybe had that were taken out of the Bill. Do you know what happened to those or why those were removed?"

Willis: "They... the language was being was being worked on. They are in part of another Bill that'll be coming forward later today. So, their language was taken in consideration and will be voting on it in another Bill."

Wheeler: "Perfect. I appreciate the explanation. Thank you very much."

Willis: "No problem. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 2096?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. And the voting is open. Ding. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. The House does concur in Senate Amendment... oh, I'm sorry. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 2096. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving to the Order of Senate Bills on Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 531. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 531, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously."

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No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Walsh to explain the Amendment."

Walsh: "Could I withdrawal Amendment #2?"

Speaker Burke: "Yes, you may. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Willis. Correction, Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Walsh to explain the Amendment."

Walsh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment #2... or Floor Amendment #3 is the actual language that we talked about in this Bill last night in Executive Committee. This is a trailer Bill to Senate Bill 158 that we passed last year dealing with a private toll bridge that would be built by a private entity in Joliet over the Des Plaines River at Houbolt Road. This is just clarification language that the State's Attorney of Will County requested to clarify the county's ability to operate within this lease agreement with this private tolling company. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Batinick, would it be... or, Representative McDermed, would it be all right if we adopted the Amendment and debated on Third? Representative Walsh moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Burke: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 531, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Walsh is recognized."

Walsh: "So, I basically explained the Bill on Second Reading. This... the underlying Bill passed 86 to 29, just wanted to put that in the record. And if I have any questions, happy to answer them."

Speaker Burke: "Representative McDermed is recognized for a question."

McDermed: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

McDermed: "Thank you. I want to clarify for the benefit of my caucus and anybody else that this Bill follows up on a Bill we passed last year. And it passed by a 'yes' vote of 86. And it was Senate Bill 158. You might want to be consistent with what you did last year. Last year we permitted the Will County Board to set the toll rates for this bridge that's being built by a private party. What the Will County State's Attorney needs for us to do today is to permit the county to actually sign the contract implementing the rates that they set. And so, you would definitely want to be consistent with what you did last year. We... this bridge is going to be a big benefit to Will County and get a whole lot of trucks out of the neighborhoods, onto this bridge, and away from residential areas. It's going to be a big safety, and I would urge 'yes' vote."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Walsh to close."

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Walsh: "Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Burke: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 531 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting 'yes', 23 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing on the Order of Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 516, offered by Representative Rita. Representative Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Batinick: "On Senate Bill 531, I could not get my button to hit 'yes' on time running from the food line. So, I intended to vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 531."

Speaker Burke: "The record will reflect. Members, we're on Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 516, Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Burke: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 5 and 6 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita, please explain the Amendment."

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Rita: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Amendment #5 makes five changes. One, is the tax rates for the City of Chicago's casino that they've been asking for, for the last year. Another change is it changes the reconciliation payments from two years to six years for all the casinos and racetracks. It moves the two tiered tax date from when the first casino becomes online to July 1, 2020. It makes some technical changes, fix for the Danville casino. And it also addresses the procurement issue for the video poker machines at the State Fair. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Wheeler is recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler: "Representative Rita, we talked about this Bill in committee last night. Is that correct?"

Rita: "Yes."

Wheeler: "And this is the framework... this Amendment, we talked about in detail last night in our committee. This is the same Amendment, right?"

Rita: "Yes."

Wheeler: "I just want to make sure. You've got five Amendments, I start losing track after about three. So I want to make sure I understand which part of the process we're on. And, just so I'm clear, I believe there's potentially more Amendments coming. Is that accurate?"

Rita: "So, there's going to be Amendment 6, which makes the changes that we talked about last night in committee so that for the Danville and the tax rates and the City of Chicago.

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So, there will be another Amendment for this, which was filed, which got kicked out to the floor."

Wheeler: "Bob, is there an Amendment 7 we're going to see?"

Rita: "We have Amendment 7 that has been filed. It's still in Rules."

Wheeler: "Is that going to get kicked out of Rules so we can add that to our long list of Amendments?"

Rita: "That's being considered right now. But I don't suspect so being considered."

Wheeler: "I'm sorry."

Rita: "It's still in Rules."

Wheeler: "You don't expect that it's going to get to the floor?"

Rita: "I don't believe so."

Wheeler: "So, what was the content of Amendment 7?"

Rita: "So, Amendment 7 addresses some issues with the... Amendment 6 or 7? You're asking about 7, 7's not on here. It's still in Rules. Amendment 6 adjusts the language for Danville..."

Wheeler: "Right."

Rita: "...which there was some confusion in the Danville language. And Amendment 6 will adjust that language so that you'll be able to put a casino there and redo their process. That the gaming board will be able to redo their process."

Wheeler: "So that will actually remedy the questions that we've been asked many times about the Danville concerns. That's in Amendment 6?"

Rita: "Yes."

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Wheeler: "Amendment 7, which is still in Rules, is the... if I understand it right, was an Amendment that would address the due dates for the license fees for sports wagering."

Rita: "Yes."

Wheeler: "And without that, then we're not going to see sports wagering in Illinois this year."

Rita: "Okay, yeah. So, hold on, I was getting a little confused. So, yes, that's the due date. So, Amendment 7 is... deals with the due dates for extra positions in sports betting licenses, requests from the gaming board."

Wheeler: "And that came from the gaming board as of... that's their language?"

Rita: "Yes."

Wheeler: "Okay. I know that's a concern for those of us who have casinos that are already applying in their areas for sports wagering."

Rita: "What was that?"

Wheeler: "I just want to make sure I'm clear that that would be... that was what would allow the casinos that have already begun the application process but yet... haven't yet paid the application fee to move the due date from July 1 this year to July 1 next year. So, Representative, my question may have just been answered."

Rita: "What was that?"

Wheeler: "My question may have just been answered."

Rita: "Okay."

Wheeler: "So, we're just going to adopt these on the floor now and come back and do the other Amendments when they're ready?"

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Speaker Burke: "Representative Wheeler, your time has expired. Representative Reick has indicated he will yield his time to you."

Wheeler: "Thank you."

Rita: "Okay, so we have... Amendment #6 was kicked to the floor."

Wheeler: "Okay."

Rita: "All right. We have Amendment 5, 6 makes the changes to the 5. So we need to adopt 5 to get the changes for 6. 7 and 8 were filed, they're under review."

Wheeler: "Okay. Are those going to go to committee or floor you think, Bob?"

Rita: "The intent would be to come to the floor."

Wheeler: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Stephens is recognized."

Stephens: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Sponsor yield? Just..."

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

Stephens: "...one quick question. Want to make sure the revenue from the Chicago casino, the much anticipated Chicago casino, funds capital and, very important to my district, the Chicago police and fire pensions."

Rita: "Yes, that's correct."

Stephens: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. I just... the Chicago police and fire pensions are very important in my district. So I urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Severin is recognized."

Severin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

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Severin: "I feel like I should say this first, who's on first? When you went through all those different Amendments, I felt that's what we were doing. My question to you is this, Sir. To be clear, the board may not reopen the application process as long as an application for a license is pending before the board. Is that correct?"

Rita: "Yes. So, here's... Amendment 5, we would like to do is adopt that. We got Amendment 6 that's going to come to the floor. We'd like to move this and we could debate all that when we get to Third Reading because we got the clarifications for Amendment 6 that make these clarifications that you're going to be asking on this for Danville and the tax structure."

Severin: "Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Marron is recognized."

Marron: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the... Amendment 6. I just want to thank Representative Rita for his work on this and for including the language on Danville. And so, I think, as everybody knows, myself, my predecessors... two of my predecessors before me have worked extensively on the Danville casino and it's something that's critically important to economic development in my district. And so, what the language would simply do, if for some reason the applicant that's before the gaming board would not have their application approved, it would reset the clock and give Danville a second shot, which is so critically important to my district. So, thank you very much for your work on this, Representative. And I would encourage us to ratify the Amendment. Thank you."

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Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #5. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #6, offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita to explain Floor Amendment #6."

Rita: "Could we take this Bill out of the record?"

Speaker Burke: "Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report... or Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 7 to Senate Bill 516."

Speaker Burke: "Senate Bills on the Order of Second Reading. Recalling Senate Bill 516. Representative Rita to offer... Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Senate Bill 516?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. The Bill has been read for a second time, previously. Amendments 2 and 5 have been adopted. Floor Amendment #6 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita to explain Floor Amendment #6."

Rita: "All right, thank you. Amendment #6... there was some technical changes for the Danville... fix for the Danville casino. This makes that adjustment in 6 and it also adjusts

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the tax rates that were originally filed for the City of Chicago. These are the tax rates that the City of Chicago is requesting. We need to make a correction on that and that's what Amendment #6 does."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Jones, did you wish to speak on Amendment #6? Representative Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Representative, is the Horsemen in favor of this Amendment?"

Rita: "Amendment #6? I am not aware about Amendment #6. I know they have an issue that you've been working on with the Horsemen and you've been continuing to work on, but that's not included in Amendment #6."

Hernandez, L.: "Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Jones, did you wish to speak on Amendment #6? Your light's on."

Jones: "I just want to be clear of the process. So, we are doing Amendment 6 to the Bill and there's a proposed Amendment 7 to this Bill, correct?"

Speaker Burke: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #7 has also been approved for consideration."

Jones: "And will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

Jones: "Representative Rita..."

Rita: "Yes."

Jones: "...you and I have talked about the need for an additional Amendment on this Bill that deals with South Suburbs, correct?"

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Rita: "Yes."

Jones: "Now, before this process closes out, let me just first thank you for all the hard work you did on this Bill. Before this process close out with Amendments, I just want to be clear that if Chicago is driving this Bill and Chicago is saying that they need certain items in this Bill, is there room to add other gaming interests amongst our Members, particularly the South Suburbs, that can be added to this Bill?"

Rita: "So, there's been a number of issues that come, as you imagine, with any type of gaming Bill. This is initiative of the Mayor of the City of Chicago. This was the Bill and the language that she would like to have consideration of the General Assembly. And I've been... we have a number items that are not included in this and that's what we're working through now."

Jones: "So, in my conversation with the Mayor of Chicago, one of the things that she pushed back was that this Bill is not solely for Chicago but it seems that Chicago's interest is heavily in Senate Bill 516. There's also interest not only for the South Suburbs, which I particularly care about and I want to thank you for your help on my Bill, House Bill 3933. I filed an Amendment on this Bill during Veto Session. Can that Bill... can that Amendment be still considered or applicable to Senate Bill 516 now?"

Rita: "As there's been a number of issues and a number of interests of trying to get Amendments put on this Bill, we put that under consideration and this is what we have coming before

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the General Assembly today. And we're looking at #6 which fixes some technical changes that need to be changed to the underlined 516."

Jones: "So, inquiry to the Chair. Since the Amendment that I filed to this Bill was filed on 11/16/2019, is it possible to have that considered or does it need to be a new Amendment drafted for this Bill that can be considered?"

Speaker Burke: "Do you know the Amendment number?"

Jones: "Amendment #4, I believe."

Speaker Burke: "One moment."

Jones: "And I will just say that the Amendment has no impact on the City of Chicago and it's strictly for the South Suburbs, which the South Suburbs for years has been decimated. If we're down here talking about COVID-19 related items, which we were called down here to do, this falls under economic recovery. So does my Amendment #4, falls under economic recovery."

Speaker Burke: "Representative, we're inquiring of the Parliamentarian and your debate timers out, but I'm sure someone will yield their time. Representative DeLuca yields his time to you. So, we'll... if we could just take a pause for the Parliamentarian."

Jones: "Thank you. Please extend my time once we come back, but don't start my time now."

Speaker Burke: "We will. Representative Jones, we've been advised that Amendment #4 is in the Rules Committee and cannot be considered on the floor until it's discharged from the Rules Committee."

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Jones: "Is it possible to make a Motion to that effect? To request the Rules Committee consider Amendment #4 and add it to this Bill? Or is it possible to have that Amendment redrafted?"

Speaker Burke: "We'll check with Parliamentarian."

Jones: "Thank you. And thank you, Representative Rita, not only for doing a good job on this, I know it's tough. The other items that the gaming that was considered, I will submit that not one person who had another interest filed an Amendment previously for this Bill. And the South Suburbs need to be put in the spotlight and that's what Amendment 4 did. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #6. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #7 is offered by Representative Rita."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita to explain Amendment 7."

Rita: "So, Floor Amendment #7 addresses the dates that positions in sports betting licenses would be due. Currently, the fees for these new positions in sports betting license are due July 1. This moves the date to July 1, 2021, one year. Instead of having all these... due to the pandemic and what's going on the casinos are currently closed and this now just moves the date out a year that the fees for the additional positions in sports betting license would be due."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Butler is recognized."

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Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And, Representative, just to clarify what we're doing here, this addresses what Representative Wheeler was speaking about not too long ago. Is that correct?"

Rita: "Yes."

Butler: "Okay. So, just to make sure that we have everything together here. Amendment 7 takes care of the sports wagering licensing. Amendment 6 was technical fix to Danville."

Rita: "7 changes the due dates for fees for sports betting in new positions."

Butler: "All right. And, there's an Amendment 8 that I see is filed."

Rita: "I believe that's still in Rules."

Butler: "Okay. Any insight you would like to provide us on what Amendment 8 would be doing or would you like for the Rules Committee to act first?"

Rita: "We'll let Rules Committee review it and act."

Butler: "Okay. So what's the plan for... so if we adopt 7, what's the plan from here?"

Rita: "What was that question again?"

Butler: "So, if we adopt 7, what will... what we're going to do from here, after adopting 7?"

Rita: "So then we'll move the Bill to Third and debate the Bill."

Butler: "Very good. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Burke: "Representative... Representative Rita moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #7. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments have been approved for consideration. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Burke: "Third Reading. Representative Kifowit is seeking recognition."

Kifowit: "I was going to speak on the last debate but I'll wait for the Bill."

Speaker Burke: "Leader Manley seeks to be recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please excuse Representative Larry Walsh, Jr. for the rest of the day."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the Floor is Floor Amendment(s) 9 to Senate Bill 516, Floor Amendment(s) 6 to Senate Bill 1864, and Floor Amendment(s) 5 for Senate Bill 2135."

Speaker Burke: "Members, on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 516, Representative Rita. Mr. Clerk, would you move that back to Second Reading for purposes of adopting an Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Amendments 2, 5, 6, and 7 have been adopted. Floor Amendment #9, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita is recognized for the... on Senate Bill 516."

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Rita: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move... make a Motion to move the one hour posting requirements so we could hear the Amendment #9."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are waived. Representative Rita to explain Amendment #9."

Rita: "All right. Amendment #9 fixes the technical change from Amendment #7. It adds casinos with the fees... moving the fees to July 2021. So it's for casinos and racetracks. That's all this Amendment does."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you. A question of the Sponsor, please."

Speaker Burke: "He yields."

Butler: "Thank you. Bob, I'm sorry, I was talking. Can you tell me again what... we're on Amendment 9. Tell me again, I'm sorry."

Rita: "Amendment 9, it fixes Amendment 7. Adds both casinos and... it just adds casinos to the date change for fees that were due this July to make it next July."

Butler: "Okay. So the plan is here to hopefully adopt 9, which we will, and then go to the Third Reading on the Bill. Is that correct?"

Rita: "Yes."

Butler: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita has moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #9. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those

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opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Burke: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 516, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Third Reading of the Senate Bill."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. So, Senate Bill 516, as amended, makes all the technical changes and changes that we talked about in all these different Amendments. I'd be happy to answer any questions. This is the Chicago casino and other fixes for other areas so that we could fund the vertical capital program."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Butler is recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And to the Bill. I would just say this is a major accomplishment for this General Assembly to be able to pass out, hopefully, two gaming Bills within a year. Considering we've gone a long time without doing major gaming legislation. This piece of legislation is vitally important for several reasons. Not the least of which is the Chicago casino is a tremendously important part for this entire state when it comes to our Capital Bill that many of us supported last year, and that districts across the state will be benefiting from the dollars that will come out of the gaming expansion that we have in Illinois. And a very major part of that is the Chicago casino. And I recognize that as someone as a downstater, the importance of the Chicago casino,

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moving it forward. This will allow that to happen. Beyond that, there's pieces... parts of the legislation that I appreciate the Sponsor of the Bill working with us on including the State Fair Gaming Act, which we got in the Bill last year. Being able to adjust that a little bit to make sure that we have video gaming at the state fairgrounds in both Springfield and DuQuoin moving forward. As well as a fix to concerns that we have with the Danville casino. Gaming is an issue... is something that happens across this entire state and impacts many of our districts, Republican and Democrat, and that's why we've seen bipartisan support for gaming legislation over the years. So, I would urge an 'aye' vote on this. And the last thing I would say to Representative Rita, I appreciate his work on this. He's become a friend and we've spent a lot of time together, especially on this one. And I appreciate that you've listened to our concerns, Representative, and taken them into consideration. And I really appreciate the work of the... work of the staff. On both sides of the aisle we have tremendous staff. Gaming Bills are very difficult and we have great staff that figures out what we should be doing 'cause it can be very confusing. So thank you, James. Thank you, Mike Mahoney. Thank you our staff that does a lot of the work on this and I appreciate it. And with that, Madam Speaker, I will be done."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

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Stuart: "First, I just wanted to thank you for doing all this work in this chaotic, crazy, short time frame. And thank you for doing things that are actually helping the racetrack where I represent. I have a quick legislative intent question. It's about the Danville fix language. Would this reopen the bidding process or application process for casinos that have pending applications?"

Rita: "No, it will not. It's just for Danville."

Stuart: "Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Wheeler is recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Representative Rita, I'm over here my friend. Hey, I want to say, also back to the comments of my colleague from Springfield, thanks to your work James, Mike, everybody who's been involved in this. I know it's a lot of moving parts to get right. I just want to clarify on the sports wagering issue. This is a critical thing to get right. It was brought to my attention in JCAR that we might try to do some via rule. Turned out that was not possible, so legislation was the only path forward to get it so we could move these... this part of the process up. And we depend on this also as part of our capital. So, just to be clear we've got racinos and casinos covered now for the deadline for the application fee to be paid. Is that correct?"

Rita: "That is correct."

Wheeler: "I appreciate your hard work. Thank you, guys."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hoffman is recognized."

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Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just real briefly. As you know, last May, and some of the previous speakers indicated this, we passed a historic Capital Bill, provide jobs and economic development throughout the entire state. A large part of that vertical Capital Bill was to be funded by gaming. And a large part of that was to be funded by a Chicago casino. So, regardless of where you are in the state, this money is going to go towards projects in your area. The revenues from the Chicago casino and the other casinos, as well as the other changes that have been made, are going to allow us to come out of this pandemic to create jobs, economic development, and put people back to work, regardless of where you live in the state. If you voted for the Bill last May, you should be voting for this. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Davis is recognized."

Davis: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

Davis: "So, Representative, again, as many Members have complimented you on trying to herd all those cats and put this together, I, too, would like to add my name to that list of Members. I can only imagine how it has been trying to put all of this together and trying to appease all the interest in this. I think my question may have been answered when you answered Representative Stuart's question about Danville, but I guess for the casino to be... the future casino for the South Suburbs, does this Bill in any way slow that process down or

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do anything that would not allow for that license to be awarded by, I think its October or something or another?"

Rita: "Nothing in the language here will do anything to the south suburban casino or any other casinos throughout the state that have applied already."

Davis: "'Cause it's been suggested in some way that these changes are somehow or another going to hurt the South Suburbs. And you being a south suburban Rep.. not that you would intentionally try to do anything like that, but sometimes, as we've learned, it's just the consequences of those things that happen down here. So, I'm just wanting to kind of ask a question on the record for the many mayors and folks in the South Suburbs, particularly those communities that have applied to receive that license, whether or not this changes anything that they're attempting to do or slows it down in any way."

Rita: "It does not. And there was some confusion with... as you can see, with the different Amendments that we needed to file here. It's been a lot of moving parts. It does not do anything to the south suburban casino or any other casino licenses that were authorized under Senate Bill 690 last year. It does not... it does a... the fix for Danville to adjust that. It does not affect any of them other applications."

Davis: "Okay. And lastly that I'll ask as time is running out. I just want to make sure... so, this obviously offers some help. This rate change or this reconciliation payment offers some help for future south suburban casino, and I appreciate that. But the idea that a Chicago casino, if it comes online, may...

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you know, as people go wherever they feel, see fit to go wherever they want to go, may have an impact on I think it's Rivers Casino in Des Plaines. There are several south suburban communities that get an allocation payment from Rivers Casino is part of the deal to award that license. So, if that... if those payments are predicated on the revenue that comes out of Rivers. If that revenue goes down, presumably, those payments are going to take a hit to those south suburban communities. Would that be fair?"

Rita: "That was... that was talked about. A number of people have brought that to our attention while we were going through the language and the negotiating. And it... potentially that could happen. There has been a number of other items, but this was an item that was discussed and something that we would have to look at down the line in other Bills. No different than some of the other comments that were made earlier."

Davis: "Madam Chair, can I have a little more time? Mr. Chair, sorry."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Davis, Representative Kalish says that he will yield you his time."

Davis: "Okay, probably won't need it. So, to that... to that answer, Representative, do you know if there's any way... has there been any conversation or does anything exist in what you're presenting now that somehow makes those communities whole or are you talking... is that what you're suggesting maybe we can do at some point in the future?"

Rita: "So, in Senate Bill 690, when we initially passed it, there was talk about eliminating the revenue sharing that was part

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of the original bid for the... when Des Plaines originally was awarded it. We kept them, south suburban communities, whole in terms of continuing to receive the percent from Des Plaines to the south suburbs because that was part of the application process. As to the effects of what a Chicago casino and or the effects of what it would do to Rivers or any other casino is an unknown factor at this point. One of the items that they were trying to do was to eliminate the revenue sharing back last year and we fought to keep that in because that was part of the bid process for them awarding the bids. But there is... there has been discussions and it's brought to the attention that after what happens if the revenues from Rivers Casino and what effect does that have in the South Suburbs, we also don't have the effects of what a south suburban casino would do with their revenue sharing. So, there is nothing in this Bill that addresses that but there is a lot of talk about that."

Davis: "Okay. So, presumably, something that... and as much as we don't necessarily like to open up the casino conversation frequently, but that is something, if we determine that there is some revenue loss that impacts the payments to the south suburban communities, that we may be able to go back and revisit that at some point."

Rita: "And I'm going to imagine we're going to... as we move forward, in the years to come, in the General Assemblies to come... and there's going to be a number of items that we're going to have to again look at. Again, we're in the middle of a

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pandemic right now. Casinos, VGTs, they're all closed right now. We don't know what the ultimate effect is going to be."

Davis: "And I ask that question with all due respect to Representative Moylan who would like to see the payments go away. I'm not suggesting the payments go away, just figuring out if there's an opportunity make them whole back to the original amount that may require some revenue being pulled from other sources. But just wanted to know that, if we had that conversation, we're talking about trying to figure out how to make those communities whole and not eliminate the payments all together."

Rita: "I'm going to say, yes, I think I understand what you're saying."

Davis: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Rita, thank you so much for your efforts on this Bill. A Chicago casino has been a long time coming and to see it come to a fruition and get into the phases of construction is very important. As all of us in here are excited about the funding mechanism for the Capital Bill and creating jobs and putting people back to work, that's equally as important. But for me, as a big first responder supporter, the funding element for the Chicago police and firefighters pension is what makes me an overwhelming yes. So, again, thank you and I'll be voting 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

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Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates that he will yield."

Halbrook: "Thank you. Representative, is there tax cuts in these Amendments or in this Bill somewhere?"

Rita: "Tax..."

Halbrook: "Tax cuts."

Rita: "When you refer to tax cuts... you're talking about... for the Chicago casino... you're referring to moving the tax to two-tiered tax system from when the first casino would go online, that we're moving it to July 1? Yes, that would be in there."

Halbrook: "So, that's a tax rate reduction?"

Rita: "Yes."

Halbrook: "Okay. And the reason for that is why?"

Rita: "When we originally negotiated the gaming package and the final passage, part of that with adding new gaming on there would be to separate and give a two-tiered tax system for table games and slot machines. The effective date would be when the first casino would go online that these tax rates would go in effect. Instead of waiting for the new casino to go online, considering that we're under this pandemic, casinos are closed, we'll just move that and make it a straight date of July 1 of this year to have a two-tiered tax rates for the casinos."

Halbrook: "Okay. And so, who does that benefit then? Why is moving that... what's the benefit of doing that?"

Rita: "It just accelerates from what's already going to happen, just to accelerate it now."

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Halbrook: "Okay. So, it's... what is the... is there a percentage reduction in the rate or... you said you moved a date but the question was about a rate reduction or a tax cut."

Rita: "Well, originally when we passed Senate Bill 690 it had them rates and the rate changes were all part of current law. We're just moving the effective date when them tax rates would take effect. So we're moving it to reduce the taxes which would have come in a year or two when a first casino would come online. We're just moving to that straight day which helps the existing casinos right now who are currently closed."

Halbrook: "Okay. So does this rate reduction, does that spur the economic activity or the economic growth and development of the area? Is that what's going on?"

Rita: "Well, with them being closed right now, I guess when they reopen this would be very helpful for them in terms of how they're going to reopen that by moving this up this could be helpful to them, the people that they employ. We still don't know what that looks like. When they'll be reopen and how they will be able to reopen. Whether it be able to fill a blackjack table with six players or three or with social distancing. So they're going to have some changes in how they operate. This just moves that date forward for them which will be able to help them, to help their employees, and help these areas where these current casinos are at."

Halbrook: "So, thank you. Could we make a case that maybe changing some rates for our small business people around the state might help coming out of this coronavirus pandemic?"

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Rita: "You looking for Amendment 10?"

Speaker Turner: "Representative Halbbrook."

Halbrook: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "All right. Chair recognizes Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates they will yield."

Moylan: "Representative, is there any revenue sharing in this Bill?"

Rita: "Yes, there is revenue sharing."

Moylan: "Did we have conversations about some relief for the City of Des Plaines? And let it be known that the City of Des Plaines is different from the owner of the casinos. The owner of the casinos are going to do very well while the residents of Des Plaines are going to suffer. Let's get a couple things clear. When we made the original deal, this was for the tenth and final license. Representative Davis stated that this deal should be finalized and make sure there's nothing to take money away from the south suburban communities, and I agree. But let's say... let's make a couple things clear, the deal has changed. It's not the tenth and final license anymore. There's going to be multiple licenses. So why should the City of Des Plaines continue to pay \$5 million a year to the state and have 40 percent of our revenues? We, the City of Des Plaines, need some relief, and we spoke about this, Representative. And you said that you could work something out, we'd... we would be able to give us, the city, the residents of Des Plaines, and now it's not happening."

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Rita: "Is that a question? Or..."

Moylan: "No. Well, Representative, not you said to fix it in the Senate and now we can't fix it in the Senate and then you said..."

Rita: "So..."

Moylan: "No. Okay, what's the so?"

Rita: "Are you going to let me talk?"

Moylan: "Sure. I mean, \$5 million worth."

Rita: "So, you've approached me on this, a number of people approached me. I believe the Senate has talked about this relief for Des Plaines. Originally when Senate... when we passed Senate Bill 690 we gave a five million dollars a year reduction to Des Plaines to give them relief with new casinos coming online. So part of the original package that was awarded by the gaming board when that tenth and final license, as you did say, and they said it was the tenth and final license, was part of that Des Plaines would pay ten billion dollars to the state. I believe it was for... was it for twenty-seven years? Thirty years."

Moylan: "Thirty years, three hundred million dollars."

Rita: "We're 8 years into it from when Des Plaines went on to line. When we did Senate Bill 690 we gave a \$5 million relief that they would... state would pick up to give relief to Des Plaines. To not intermix what Representative Davis from the South Suburbs is a revenue sharing that was part of that package. That's something that, again, when we look at gaming and another gaming issue and see what the impacts are to not only Des Plaines but to the existing casinos, this is

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something that we could take up at a later date or in another piece of legislation. Along with these... all these other items that were brought up in discussion in doing this Bill."

Moylan: "Okay, but let's make sure we understand what we're doing. We're changing the original deal. Des Plaines was paying ten million dollars a year for thirty years. Three hundred million. We got five million off. Forty percent of our revenues goes to ten benefiting communities because we believe that caring is... that sharing is caring. We believe in sharing, but don't take all our money so our residents suffer. We need some more relief. And I'm hoping you will understand that, Representative, and that's what we discussed."

Rita: "And I do understand it."

Moylan: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Chair recognizes Leader Spain."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates they will yield."

Spain: "Representative Rita, first let me extend my appreciation, as so many others have, for your incredible leadership and patience and juggling skills as we've worked to put this Bill together. Last night in Executive Committee we spoke about some of the changes to the revenue expectations as a result of changes to the tax structure here. And I just want to go through a few of those things with you. I guess my first question would be regarding expected revenues generated from the Chicago casino as was passed last spring. Knowing the infeasibility of that arrangement, how many dollars would we have expected to be available for the vertical Capital Bill?"

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Rita: "Well, I would say zero based upon the structure that was originally put in. It would never have a casino built, but there was estimates of what? Eight fifty was the estimate."

Spain: "Thank you. And I would agree with that. And appreciate the willingness of Mayor Lightfoot to work with our caucus, work with your caucus, and share information and help educate us all about some of the challenges that, as constructed last spring, would have been available and constraining the feasibility of a Chicago casino. Can you talk about though... even in that infeasible arrangement that was passed, we certainly didn't know it was infeasible as we passed it last spring, but... the difference between the amount of dollars that we would have expected if that materialized and then what will be available now going into vertical capital."

Rita: "So, the decrease in what, by changing these rates and allowing them so that they would be able to build a casino is the question? The difference between that, I believe, 400 million. So, by doing these new rates and by adjusting the reconciliation, this will estimate it at 500 million annually. So, initially... so the fiscal... initially when we had the... and we'll talk about the reconciliation being paid back in 2 years, by stretching it out 6 years is not a reduction. It just allows a little more time from them to pay. But the new rates estimated at 500 million annually."

Spain: "Thank you, Representative. So, we'll move from an expectation that we had that was infeasible, a reality that we currently have, which would be 0, and now, based on this legislation, we would have approximately \$500 million that

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would materialize as true revenue that would be available to benefit the state?"

Rita: "That's correct."

Spain: "Thank you very much. Thank you, again, for your leadership and for answering these questions."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rita to close."

Rita: "Well, we got a long day ahead of us so I'm going to keep our close short and sweet. But a lot of people worked hard in these last few days, both on the Democratic side and the Republican side. James, I don't know if got any sleep. And the tenacity the Mayor of Chicago to push this legislation from day one when she said we originally passed 690, this wouldn't work for Chicago. The idea is to make this work for Chicago so that we can fund a vertical capital, put people to work, not only for Chicago, but for everywhere in the entire State of Illinois. This is good for everyone for jobs and development, having a Chicago casino be real. I urge everyone to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 516 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a count of 76 voting in 'favor', 32 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 516, having... excuse me, I had the count wrong. On a count of 77 voting in 'favor', 32 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', Senate Bill 516, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

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Clerk Hollman: "The Executive Committee will meet immediately.
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Speaker Turner: "The House shall recess to the call of the Chair."

Speaker Willis: "Willis in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 264."

Andrade: "Personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Andrade: "Madam Speaker, please let the record show that my intention to vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 516 and let the Journal reflect, too."

Speaker Willis: "So reflected. Thank you. We'll be at ease for a few minutes, Members. Thank you. Welcome back, Members. Proceed to the Order of House Bills on Second Reading. We will begin with... actually, Senate Bills on Second Reading. It'll be Senate Bill 671, offered by Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 671, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Conroy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conroy on the Amendment."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. As we all know, this pandemic has caused everyone in our entire world to be... their livelihoods,

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their health to be threatened. We have faced unprecedented hardships and health care issues. We have people suffering from mental health and addiction. We have people under... not understanding and having to deal with their struggles with their own personal mental health. We've had record numbers of suicides, increased overdose deaths. Because of that, we've been able to use telehealth through an Executive Order. This Amendment will allow us to continue that Executive Order, to continue to access telehealth through January 1. And I would like to thank many people for this, including Representative Thaddeus Jones, Leader Greg Harris, the working group on mental health and addiction. And I would particularly like to thank Speaker Madigan for understanding and supporting the fact that we have a crisis of mental health and addiction in our state and in our country. And I believe this Bill will help us to save so many lives."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 671. All those in favor please say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 671, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conroy is recognized on the Bill. Any further information you'd like to share with us?"

Conroy: "No, I'm happy to take any questions."

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Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative Ramirez on the Bill."

Ramirez: "No, it's a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Willis: "We'll come back to you later."

Ramirez: "Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Flowers, did you have questions on this Bill?"

Flowers: "Representative, is this just dealing with mental health?"

Conroy: "No. It is the... it expands the entire Executive Order on telehealth."

Flowers: "And so, with telehealth... I've gotten quite a few calls and I've read where a couple of women have died because they were trying to get into see their doctor. But because of the pandemic, the doctors wanted to insist that they use telehealth. And it was a problem for them because they knew the condition that their body was in. And so, as a result, both of the women... two separate womens, two separate states. Both of them eventually went into labor and both of them eventually died. So, I would like to make sure that when we're talking about telehealth, it's not one size fit all. And I do know that when I've had my hearings on maternal mortality and morbidity, the doctors testified that they do not hear and always respect what women of color have to say. That's a problem. And so, there's a standard of care and there's a layman's term that if a person feel like they need a certain type of medicine or a certain type of care, they are at liberty to do so. I hope you make that very explicit. I hope it is explicit in the Bill so the patients won't feel like

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they will not have to... they cannot go to the doctor and they have to deal with the telemedicine and eventually cause to their death. So, can you answer how will that be addressed in your Bill or is it just a matter of fact that telehealth is available without any alternatives because of the insurance company as well?"

Conroy: "Representative, this Bill extends the Executive Order to January 1. We are moving into Phase 3 where most doctors' offices are going to begin to open. So, I think... sadly I'm very sorry to hear about those deaths, and I agree with you, we have a serious issue with maternal mortality and we need to address it. And fortunately and hopefully women will not be in a position for any reason to have to not be able to see their doctor."

Flowers: "I understand what you're saying in regards to this Executive Order being extended. But I'm asking you, are there any type of alternatives in the Executive Order in the case of an emergency? Such as what happened with these two moms."

Conroy: "So an insurance company cannot require telehealth. It's left up to the provider in this Bill."

Flowers: "Well, I think, because you are carrying... you are extending the Governor's Executive Order, maybe we should have a conversation with the Governor to let him know that there's a possibility that something can go wrong, and it needs to be explicit in the Executive Order, if they think it's medically necessary, they should go to the emergency room."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Flowers, your time is up. Do you need additional or was that your last question, Ma'am?"

Flowers: "That will be my last statement for now. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative Demmer is recognized. For what do you wish recognition?"

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam... thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will. Please proceed."

Demmer: "Thank you. Representative Conroy, I appreciate the description. I think it's a pretty brief Bill. There are a couple of things though that I want to clarify with you. First, this takes the provisions that are in place under Executive Order today and extends those 'til December 31 of this year. Is that correct?"

Conroy: "Correct."

Demmer: "But you also have a provision in here that empowers the Department of Insurance to promulgate emergency rules for the implementation of this Act. And that emergency rulemaking authority expires on January 1 of 2026. Why the need for emergency rulemaking authority for six years?"

Conroy: "The Act sunsets, and because of that the emergency rulemaking power would go away. So it's a technical issue."

Demmer: "Why is the date written as 2026 then?"

Conroy: "It was a drafting choice and it can be changed if that's important to you."

Demmer: "Yeah... I also... you know, emergency rules by their nature are time limited. They only last for 150 days. And so, I'd be concerned about a situation in which emergency rules were

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drafted while this Act was in place but extended beyond the life of the Act. What would happen if those... to those emergency rules if they had been filed and the sunset happens while those rules are still effective?"

Conroy: "It would not be effective."

Demmer: "So, also in this time period, if they promulgate emergency rules... let's say this Act passes and is signed today, there are more than 150 days left in the year and an emergency rule... you can't have an identical emergency rule filed twice in a row. So, by what authority will the balance of days in this calendar year be covered?"

Conroy: "That's a procedural question. I'll have to get back to you on that."

Demmer: "Okay. You know, also I think telehealth has been... it's been a developing method of receiving treatment for the last couple years. And I know there's been a lot of discussions. I mean, a lot of people are experiencing using telehealth for the first time right now because of some closures or maybe a lack of comfort with traveling outside their home. This is a really important policy area for the state to weigh in on and I understand that in an emergency situation we got the emergency Executive Order from the Governor. I think it's appropriate that we, as a Legislature, act and put a specific end date on that. I think that helps people make some plans and understand that it's not just working on 30-day extensions of emergency Executive Orders. That part I think is acceptable. What I want to make sure doesn't happen though is... you know, these telehealth rules that are currently in

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play were developed in a very short period of time because of this emergency. And I think because of that, as a result of that, we didn't necessarily get a chance to really have all the stakeholders around a table negotiating this. And so, my question for you is, if this is approved.."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, I need to have some more time yielded to you."

Demmer: "Sure."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Caulkins will give you additional three minutes. Continue, I'm sorry."

Demmer: "Thank you very much. You know, if we extend this through the end of the year, hopefully we'll have a chance to come back for Veto Session. In the interim, is it your intention to convene some discussions with stakeholders and put in place not just a Bill that's going to remove the sunset date but instead a full robust telehealth Bill that recognizes all the policy implications?"

Conroy: "Yes, Representative, it is. And I would very much like you to be part of that. We will be holding hearings over the summer before Veto Session through the Mental Health Committee. I 100 percent agree with you. We have many opportunities here but we need to have good policy behind it and we need to have everybody at the table when we do that."

Demmer: "Thank you very much. And to the Bill. You know, I think this is a good example of how the Legislature can act to provide a longer term policy than what an Executive Order allows for. We can add some certainty about the dates, when things will expire, buy ourselves a little bit of time to

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have some of these more in depth negotiations, which I think are really critical to this being a successful policy going forward. I do want to clarify a little bit about... with staff, a little bit about this emergency rule provision and how we can actually carry out this policy for the remainder of this year. We have countless Bills this week that are granting broad emergency rulemaking authority. And I think we, as a Legislature, should be very careful. That really cedes pretty significant authority outside of the control of the Legislature. So, as... we're going to review that, but I do appreciate you bringing this Bill forward, allowing us to, as a Legislature, take an up or down vote on an emergency Executive Order that had been put in place by the Governor. I think that's an appropriate function for the Legislature. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Bryant, you are recognized."

Bryant: "Yes, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will. Please proceed."

Bryant: "I need a little bit... (audio malfunction)... a case and make the Body aware that that's the case. There are still some questions that they have in regard to some of the telehealth Bills. And I wish that you would pull this so we can maybe have a little bit more time to take a look at it. It seems that this popped up and they were not aware that this was even being looked at right now, so."

Conroy: "Representative, we've been discussing telehealth through our working groups for a couple of weeks now and this Bill has had many different compromises and iteration. So it's not

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something that just popped up today. This is a huge compromise from where we started."

Bryant: "I don't think that it was understood though that this is more than just for mental health. As obviously, you have two of us asking the same question from two sides of the aisle."

Conroy: "The Executive Order was not just for mental health and addiction."

Bryant: "Okay. Thank you then. I would urge a 'no' vote for those who are pro-life in this... in this Body."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Batinick, you are recognized."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Representative, it was a pleasure working with you on the mental health and wellness working group, which I believe this is somewhat of the product of, correct? I'm sorry I took my glasses off so... 'cause they fogged up."

Conroy: "Yes, as I mentioned when I described the Bill."

Batinick: "Correct. So, I just wanted for my side... actually, the language is probably shorter than the analysis. So, for my side I want to read it. Emergency rulemaking. To provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of the telehealth... probably an extra 'the'... during the COVID-19 Pandemic Act, emergency rules may be adopted in accordance with Section 5-45 by the respective Department of Insurance. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by Section 5-45 in this Section is deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare. This Section is repealed on January 1, 2026. So, it's a paragraph. Essentially we're giving the Governor the

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ability to make emergency rules for five and a half... five and a half years. Allowing for telehealth how he sees fit, correct?"

Conroy: "No."

Batinick: "Okay, good. What are we doing?"

Conroy: "Rules cannot conflict with the underlying Act. When the Act goes away, the rules will not be in effect."

Batinick: "Right. I think you said the Act goes away in 2026 though, correct?"

Conroy: "No."

Batinick: "When does the Act go away?"

Conroy: "It sunsets December 31, 2020."

Batinick: "Okay. That's important information. So, essentially what you're saying is, is the reality of this... and I'm not sure why there's a conflict with the date then. The reality of this is, this would only be in effect for the rest of the calendar year?"

Conroy: "That's correct."

Batinick: "Okay. Those are helpful questions for Members on my side. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Stava-Murray on the Bill. You are recognized."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Stava-Murray: "I just had a question around... does this continue to hold providers harmless completely in instances or is that not a part of this?"

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Conroy: "This Bill has nothing to do with liability, Representative."

Stava-Murray: "Okay, fantastic. And then my... does it do any rules around any providers or help in any way the issue of some medical providers seem to be forcing people to have like two appointments instead of one for their COVID testing? Does that address that issue at all, or?"

Conroy: "No."

Stava-Murray: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Members, a point of housekeeping. Once you have spoken or if you have a point of personal privilege, we're not taking any points right now, please hit your speak button again so you get off of my list. I have... Ramirez was a point... thank you. Great, that cleans up the list a lot. I appreciate that. Representative Mazzochi, you are recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I completely support this Bill in the context of mental health. I think that telehealth can be a crucial intervention that will help people and save lives. I am concerned, however, to the extent the Bill starts to go into certain areas. For example, a truly new patient visit where a doctor does not have any... or a nurse practitioner does not have experience with that particular person beforehand. For patients who may be underage and maybe don't necessarily have the supports they need to get the good communication back and forth between a doctor. I do think that there are certain skill sets that are required to do things online. We've seen this in education, it's no less true in medicine. And there are certain issues where I've

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gotten constituent complaints into my office in connection with telehealth where they did feel that their interactions with the physician, they couldn't necessarily articulate what some of their symptoms were. And that was precisely the scenario where a hands on visit or an in-person visit, had that option been available to them, would've led to better patient outcomes. And instead, they walked away very frustrated and, for some instances, it actually complicated some of their health related issues. So, I truly would wish that this language could be improved just a little bit more or otherwise... to the extent we were giving the emergency rulemaking, if it extended to just mental health services or, at the very least, instances where you had a pre-existing relationship with a provider or where no in-person visit could otherwise be done. Because I'm very concerned that while I want to make sure that we're not putting more patients at risk, I also don't want this vehicle to be a way that does put more patients at risk. And I very much appreciate all of the incredible work that you have put into this so far, but that's the one area where I'm truly struggling when it comes to the particular language in the Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Wheeler, you're recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "So, Representative Conroy, I'm trying to understand the dates in this. The actual Act, your COVID-19 Telehealth Act, that one repeals on December 31 of this year, 2020?"

Conroy: "Correct."

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Wheeler: "Correct. But then there's the rulemaking reference that's in Section... or I guess, lines 12 through 19 that those extend 6 years beyond that. I'm sorry, 5 years beyond that."

Conroy: "So, again, the underlying Act sunsets and takes care of that so..."

Wheeler: "No... the under... that's not how I read this 'cause that affects your Act. This other part affects the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act. That's a different Act."

Conroy: "The change to the Administrative Procedural Act enables the rulemaking authority that we gave to them under the Act that sunsets in December. And when that goes away, that authority will go away, which I believe I stated before."

Wheeler: "Okay. Yeah, but I guess that's the part I just don't see a point of why we would just not choose the dates to line up identically."

Conroy: "We can."

Wheeler: "Okay. I think that would make a lot more sense. I mean, I still have questions that my colleague from Dixon had mentioned that emergency rulemaking, which is something I pay a lot of attention to as my responsibilities on JCAR with all the JCAR Members that are here in the Body, you can't repeat the same rule and effects, they have to be subsequently different every time you file them. That looks like it'd be creating a whole situation that you don't want to... I don't think that's your intent. I think your intent is to create a telehealth opportunity to be used and very appropriately so. Going forward I just think you might be preventing yourself

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from doing what we actually are trying to do with the way this has been written."

Conroy: "I'm sorry can you repeat your question?"

Wheeler: "Sure. Actually, you know what? Madam Speaker, I'm going to allow myself time so I can... so I don't have to start in the middle again, please."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Parkhurst yields you additional three minutes. Thank you."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Representative Parkhurst. Thank you, Madam Speaker. What I was trying to get at, Representative Conroy, has to do with... you want us to create a Telehealth Act that's going to work well for everyone, appropriately so."

Conroy: "What we want to do is extend this so that we can save lives..."

Wheeler: "Agreed."

Conroy: "...particularly... yes. So, that's all we want to do, just extend it to December 31."

Wheeler: "But my problem is that if we do it by emergency rulemaking and it extends for 150 days, we pretty much just stop right there because you can't file the same emergency rule twice. That's the definition of emergency rulemaking. Wouldn't we be better off putting the language that you want to put right into the Bill and voting on that?"

Conroy: "Can you repeat the question, please?"

Wheeler: "I think we'd be better off... and I'm trying to help you here, I'm not trying to slow you down. I want this to work the way you're intending it to work, but the way I read this it only lasts for 150 days. We'd have to stop at the end of

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the first emergency rule because you can't file an identical emergency rule again. So, if we just take the language that you're really interested in and put it into the Bill, and we pass it, and it extends until the end of the year without a problem."

Conroy: "We don't really understand what you're asking."

Wheeler: "I'm asking you to take this language out, put the language you really want in, and we vote on that. Because this emergency rulemaking process is going to have a stumbling block in five months. In other words, we'll come up about two months short of, I think, what your goal is of hitting the end of the year the way I'm seeing this."

Conroy: "The Act will sunset, Representative, at the end of the year."

Wheeler: "Emergency rulemaking does not last forever. It lasts for 150 days."

Conroy: "This is not an emergency rule."

Wheeler: "That's the title of the paragraph, emergency rulemaking."

Conroy: "No, the Act."

Wheeler: "I'm talking about page 6, line 12 through line 19."

Conroy: "That is a procedural change to allow the rulemaking."

Wheeler: "Okay. I'm trying to explain that this won't work the way it's written if that's what you're trying to accomplish."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Keicher, you're yielding additional time. Thank you so much. Please continue."

Conroy: "Speaker, can we remove this from the record? And we will fix the date for you."

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Wheeler: "Okay. Can I come over and talk to you about it before you do all that because there's one thing I think would be really helpful?"

Speaker Willis: "We're going to temporarily pull this from the record. We'll come back to it. Thank you. Okay. On the Order of Second Reading we'll proceed to the order of Senate Bill 2135 by Representative Burke. Mr. Clerk, please read the record.. read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2135, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 4, 5, and 6 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke on the Amendment, please."

Burke: "Just one moment, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "No problem, take your time."

Burke: "May I withdrawal Amendment 4, please?"

Speaker Willis: "You may withdrawal Amendment 4. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke on Amendment 5."

Burke: "Amendment 5 is a gut and replace. It contains the provisions of Amendment 4 and it adds a couple things and also fixes some dates that were in Amendment 4. So, if we could adopt this and discuss it on Third Reading I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Willis: "Is that all right to go and have discussion, my other side? Mr. Batinick? Okay. Third Reading. I'm sorry."

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Representative Burke moves for adoption of Floor Amendment #5. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #6, offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke on Amendment #6."

Burke: "Amendment 6 is a page and line Amendment that addresses a couple dates and then fixes an error in drafting that was in House Floor Amendment #5. So, I'd like to adopt it and discuss the entire thing on Third Reading."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke moves to the adoption of Floor Amendment #6. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. On the Order of Third Reading for Senate Bill 2135, Representative Burke."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2135, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke, you are recognized."

Burke: "This is the Government Administration Emergency Package. It contains numerous elements that I'll go through one by one and then I'd be happy to take questions. The first is... deals with electronic notarization and codifies the contents of the Governor's Executive Order regarding electronic notarization. There's a provision for the Open Meetings Act that codifies

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the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order regarding remote meetings during the pandemic and also incorporates a suggestion by... that was heard in committee yesterday requiring that meetings that are held remotely be either audio or video recorded and be available to the public. The next item is... regards the Freedom of Information Act and it requires any public body that fails to respond to a FOIA request during the pandemic to have an extension of time to answer those requests. And the Amendment does change it from June 1, 2020 as the deadline to 15 days following the effective date of the Amendatory Act. The next provision deals with statements of economic interest. A temporary movement of the deadline just for this year to August 1, 2020. And then there are some provisions for emergency powers for the Secretary of State for purposes of being able to extend deadlines for licensing and things of that nature with the Secretary of State's Office. There's a provision for the Secretary of State's Merit Commission, an extension of time for their hearings and rendering decisions. There's a provision for temporary procurement exemption for the University of Illinois for their investment services procurements. There is a provision for the extension of the requirement for free days at aquariums and museums as well as the Zoological Park Act. There is the creation of a broadband access study that requires the Broadband Advisory Council to study how the state, through a creative partnership, can make high-speed broadband a reality in rural and urban areas with high poverty and the insufficient infrastructure to support

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broadband access. We also create the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission. Creating a commission consisting of 14 Members of the General Assembly that will collaborate with the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the planning... in planning the revival of various sectors of the state economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. There's a task force established on business interruption insurance. The Bill also contains a deadline of... for municipal appropriation ordinances and annual budgets during a disaster. And it provides for remote legislating for the General Assembly and remote meeting for the Legislative Audit Commission. Happy to take any questions and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Leader Burke. Representative... Leader Batinick, you are recognized for questions."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Batinick: "Hi, Representative. Good to see you on your feet again for... a little bit there again today. A couple questions. It looks like there was a whole bunch of things that were put into this Bill around COVID, and just the response to it and what we need to do, correct?"

Burke: "That's correct."

Batinick: "Okay. So I think like a week ago, maybe 10 days ago, Representative Spain and I put out a release. We were looking for language and we put in for a drafting, probably which should be a paragraph or two of a Bill. For some reason it hasn't come out yet, shockingly. And I'm hoping that maybe

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this language in this... is in this Bill. Is there anything about small business fairness? Regarding that under no circumstance can you close a small business that sells the same products that are allowed to be sold at, let's say, a big box store. Is that anywhere in the Bill?"

Burke: "That is not."

Batinick: "Okay. Is there anything about the Legislature being involved in the reopening plan for the state? Is that anywhere in the Bill?"

Burke: "That would be the Restore Collaborative Commission."

Batinick: "Okay. Is there anything regarding pension reform in the Bill?"

Burke: "There is not."

Batinick: "Okay. Is there anything regarding ethics reform in the Bill?"

Burke: "There is not."

Batinick: "Anything regarding... you know, we're going to have some situations with the census now. We're not sure exactly how we're going to be able to do redistricting. Is there anything regarding fair maps in the Bill?"

Burke: "Not in this Bill."

Batinick: "Okay. I think probably some of the frustration from... I'm going to go to the Bill. There's... I'm going to let everybody make their own decision on the contents of what's in the Bill. There are some other... some other Members who are going to speak to some of the things that are in the Bill. I think there's a little disappointment on our side. I'm going to rephrase that. There's disappointment on our side that

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there were a lot of things that we could have been doing collaboratively that would've made this entire process and response to COVID better if it was done with representation from 118 districts. And what's not in the Bill is probably more troubling to us than what is in the Bill. To my side, listen to the rest of the debate and vote your conscious. Thank you very much."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative Butler, you are recognized."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Chair. And a few questions of my friend, the Sponsor."

Speaker Willis: "Go right ahead."

Butler: "Thank you. Kelly, we've had some good conversations this week. The kitchen sink in this one, too? There's a lot of stuff in this Bill."

Burke: "Kitchen sink is not. And to the prior speaker's point, everything's COVID related in here."

Butler: "Can we... can I... I've got three minutes. So, if you want to address it on your time after my three minutes then maybe I'll get some. So, I've got a few questions here. First of all, with the Broadband Advisory Council, the study that's supposed to be done there. It talks about free broadband. Free to who and how's it provided?"

Burke: "Illinois residents."

Butler: "And who's... who would... how does it... who's paying for it? It's not going to be free."

Burke: "Well, it's a study."

Butler: "Okay."

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Burke: "So, the Bill creates a study. And also looking to financial revenue streams that can help support that access for folks who, because of their geography or their economic situation, aren't able to access broadband."

Butler: "Okay, financial revenue streams. Okay, that's what they're going to be looking at. So we understand what that is. The Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, is this... is that... will that allow a vote on the Restore Illinois plan like a lot of us have asked for?"

Burke: "Well, it's collaboration. So, it's a collaboration between Members of the General Assembly and the Executive Branch through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. And it will give an opportunity for us, as Legislators, to be heard and to partner with the Governor and his staff on crafting those plans."

Butler: "We can do that currently, and it's too bad the Governor has not done that for the last two months... being collaborative. And I see some head shakes on your side and affirmative on that as well. I would encourage the Governor and his team to be more collaborative in this whole thing. It's a huge source of frustration, I think, for many of us that the Governor has not been more collaborative in this. Restore Illinois is a huge government undertaking and up until this week, the General Assembly has been completely left out of that. I know some of my colleagues want to talk about some other issues. There's one in the most recent Amendment or one of them, I think in Amendment 5 that has to do with remote voting. Can you please explain that to me?"

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Burke: "Sure, let me just pull that up. So the remote voting provisions would come into play under certain conditions that are defined in the statute, pestilence or enemy attack. And it would provide a framework for the Legislature to meet remotely and to do remote voting."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Murphy yields additional time."

Butler: "Thank you. So pestilence I assume... pandemic falls under pestilence, I would assume."

Burke: "That's... that's correct"

Butler: "I had to Google the definition of pestilence and it did talk about pandemic. So, this would allow remote voting of us, correct?"

Burke: "Right. We'd be able to..."

Butler: "What... how would the... what's the process for establishing that outside of the... outside of what's written here in this statute?"

Burke: "It will be determined by rules, but it would be a joint proclamation of the Speaker and the President of the Senate. Before they would have to make a proclamation and then we would create the specific rules depending on the situation."

Butler: "So there will be no rules before this is passed that we would see to... the rules would be specific to an individual disaster?"

Burke: "The statute doesn't specify when we have to make the rules but the intent is to put together some rules before we're... as soon as possible."

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Butler: "Is that something we're going to be involved in as Members of the General Assembly to craft rules about how we meet? We meaning the minority."

Burke: "Yes, we've been talking with the Republicans on this."

Butler: "Talking's one thing, having input is another thing. So the government... the General Assembly Organization Act says that the General Assembly shall, shall meet in the seat of government. That's why we are here today because the General Assembly Organization Act says we shall meet in the seat of government. This is, in my mind, a very dangerous precedent to set when we start allowing remote voting for us. I get it, other Legislatures are doing it. I understand the hazards that are here today. I understand the communities are doing this in local governments. This is a very dangerous precedent to allow remote voting. For over a hundred eighty years we have met here in the seat of government, Springfield, in General Assembly. That is the name of what we do, General Assembly. And I can tell you... I know for a fact that gaming Bill that we passed earlier today would not have passed if we weren't in this setting right now 'cause all the conversations we had back and forth allowed that Bill to happen. And if we start meeting by Zoom, which we've all experienced over these last several of weeks..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Frese, do you yield additional time to Representative Butler? Thank you. Continue, Sir."

Butler: "Thank you. All... we've been in these meetings when we've dropped the feed, when people are talking over each other, and it's very difficult. When I've talked to some of my local

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officials who've tried to do this, it's very difficult and unwieldy. Look at the Chicago City Council and what has happened with the Chicago City Council when they have tried to meet remotely. We are meant to meet here and we're doing it safely right now, in this very setting. There is no reason for 118, 177 dually elected Constitutional Members of the General Assembly to be virtual. We're supposed to meet here at the Capitol, that's where we're supposed to meet."

Burke: "Representative, I would just say that this provision does expire in June 1, 2022. And I would also say we've got two Members who were unable to attend because of their exposure to COVID. And if you talk to other of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle, there are plenty of people who are here very nervously. And so, providing this, it's not a requirement, it's an option. It'd provide flexibility and I think it takes into account the unknown nature of the pandemic and what it's going to look like health wise going forward. And I think it's a way to be considerate to some of the health challenges that some of our Members face and also that might be required down the road. Not only this, we don't know what's going to happen in the future. So, I understand that it's ideal to be meeting at the seat of government but this provides some flexibility if for some reason that is impossible or unwise."

Butler: "For 202 years Illinoisans have traveled from all corners of the state by car, by train, by horseback, by walking to get to the Capitol. We've done it through Civil War, we've done it through World Wars, we've done it through the Spanish

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Flu. We've met in all these very difficult times to meet. Again, having this back and forth where I can talk directly to a Representative and walk over about a housing Bill or I can talk directly to a Representative about a gaming Bill or I can talk to a Representative directly about a mixed cocktail drink Bill, makes it.. this whole process better. I understand.. I understand the danger that is present here. I think every single one of us do. I think the staff who've worked their tails off do, but again, this is a dangerous, dangerous precedent. I will wrap.. just give me 30 seconds."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Bailey, do you want to give part of your time over?"

Butler: "Thank you, Representative Bailey."

Speaker Willis: "Continue."

Butler: "Do I have your commitment that this will expire as it says in the Bill and you will make no attempt to extend this beyond that date ever?"

Burke: "No. I don't know what the.. I don't know what the landscape will look like. We don't know what the future brings. This is extraordinary, and we pass this with the gravity of understanding that this is an extraordinary situation, but I can't offer the guarantee to you today."

Butler: "Okay. I appreciate your.. the debate on this, I really do, and I understand the situation. You understand my feelings. I think this is a tremendously bad precedent. There's many other things in this piece of legislation that I know some other people are going to talk about, and I would urge a 'no' vote."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Guzzardi, you are recognized."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Leader Willis: "She indicates she will. Please proceed."

Guzzardi: "Thank you. Question, Representative Burke, just around the provisions on FOIA."

Burke: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "So could you just walk us through those provisions one more time?"

Burke: "Sure. So as you can imagine with so many government offices being shut down or being on skeleton staff, having timely compliance with FOIA has been difficult. So this is a provision that we think balances the public's right to public records with the practical difficulties of getting this stuff back out to people. And it requires that a public body that failed to respond to a FOIA request due between March 19 and 15 days following whatever date the Governor signs this, gives them time to respond to that request no later than 30 days after the effective date of the Act."

Guzzardi: "So it would be for a period starting in March and ending, you said, after... 15 days after the Governor signs the Bill?"

Burke: "That's correct and then they'd have to have... they'd have to comply with the FOIA request by 30 days after the Governor signs the Bill."

Guzzardi: "Thirty days after the end of the emergency, right?"

Burke: "No, the day after he signs the Bill."

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Guzzardi: "Oh, okay. So, let me make sure I understand this because there's been a lot of discussion around this provision."

Burke: "So I think there was a little confusion because Amendment 6 extended a different deadline that's for the Secretary of State. And I think some people may have mistakenly believed that it was extending 30 days much farther for the FOIA, but I think that was an incorrect interpretation."

Guzzardi: "Okay. So, I just want to clarify on the record, the statute says that for only for FOIAs issued between this date in March and 15 dates after the Governor signs this Bill, that small window of FOIAs, they'll get an extension until 30 days after the Governor signs the Bill."

Burke: "Yeah, I'm just going to double check one thing. Will, just to clarify, it's 30 days after the Governor signs the Bill or the date they should have filed the FOIA request by whatever's later because depending on the situation, some FOIA requests you get longer than 5 days to do it."

Guzzardi: "Okay. But so this does not last for the entire duration of the emergency?"

Burke: "It does not."

Guzzardi: "It just is between March and when the Governor... a short duration after the Governor signs the Bill?"

Burke: "I should've made a chart, but, yes."

Guzzardi: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Swanson, you are recognized."

Swanson: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To the speaker... or to the Sponsor. Thank you."

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Speaker Willis: "She will yield."

Swanson: "I'm over here, Kelly. I'm straight across from you."

Burke: "Oh, thank you."

Swanson: "Thank you. I know it's tough. Just a question of you and then I'm going to move on to the Bill itself. But is there anything in the Bill regards to IDPH and any of their rulemaking as far as the phases?"

Burke: "Not in this Bill, no."

Swanson: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill. Most of us in this room have received phone calls from mayors, city government, county governments, businesses, child care, dining, barbers, hair salons, tanning, fitness centers, YMCA, parks, golf courses, and as I said, county government. We're about to move into Phase 3 without any direction, guidance, or rules from IDPH. And a little story from when I was in Iraq. I had to brief the new General and the new General said, 'Dan, I can see what's on the front of the slide but tell me what's on the back.' We've all seen those phases, Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3, Phase 4, Phase 5, that tell us what's going to happen, but we're 6 days away possibly from moving to Phase 3 and we do not have any rules from IDPH. And I was hoping that we'd have some legislation providing guidance that we need to have these rules earlier. The Restore Illinois Collaborative Commissions a great idea but doesn't start until 1 July. By 1 July we could be moving beyond Phase 3. And for those of us who are trying to support our local governments and our businesses, we've got businesses opening in 6 days and we're 6 days away from opening up some of the

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best and broadest economy moving businesses within our districts, but yet, we do not have rules telling them how to open. And we're putting them at risk, we're putting our citizens at risk. It's time we get some rules established. It's time that IDPH gets some rules to our businesses, to our counties. My county health departments, just like yours, have been reaching out to me asking for rules. So as I close in, I would just like to say, we're 6 days away from opening up and getting the economy going once again here in Illinois but we don't have the rules of how to do that. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative McCombie, you are recognized."

McCombie: "Thank you, Speaker. I do have a question. I do want to say thank you to... will the Sponsor yield? Sorry."

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

McCombie: "I do want to say thank you to Representative Butler. He's done a lot and he'll do a lot more concerning good government in Illinois. So, I do certainly appreciate that. I do want to clarify on SB2135, is the sunset 6-1 or 6-30?"

Burke: "For which provision?"

McCombie: "Oh, that's a good question. Let's talk about on this Amendment, on page 40 for the zoological parks. Page 37, it appears June 30. Just want to clarify that."

Burke: "Okay, for the zoological park the free day extension?"

McCombie: "Yes."

Burke: "Because they've been closed this would, I don't know if the right way is prorated their free days and it allows them to spread it out over a longer time. And so, the ending date would be June 30, 2022, not ending where they have to... they

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have to keep those free days. That doesn't go away, but it gives them some flexibility in utilizing the free days during that time."

McCombie: "Great, thank you. And thank you to Representative Halpin for helping us get that change and correction in the Bill so maybe Niabi Zoo can land the tuna on that one. I appreciate that. Another question I had is for the Broadband Advisory Council, for their reporting recommendations no later than 1-1 of 21. They are able to meet through Zoom but one person has to physically be there, correct?"

Burke: "For the Broadband Advisory Council? That's not addressed in this legislation."

McCombie: "Oh, it's not?"

Burke: "No. Not for the broadband access study. They're two separate..."

McCombie: "Okay, so through the study..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Halbrook, do you yield additional time? Continue."

Burke: "I'm sorry, Representative, was there a question?"

McCombie: "Yeah, I thought there was but... so the council's not in this Bill?"

Burke: "The council is in this Bill but your question, I thought, was are they..."

McCombie: "How are they going to meet? How is the council... how is the group going to meet?"

Burke: "They can meet remotely."

McCombie: "Oh, okay. So, I... okay. All right, great. Well, obviously broadband is a big issue. And so, my hope is that

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through this that they'll be able to provide better access and get rid of my set of antlers. I mean, those creepy antennas. So, I appreciate that and hope that you have success on that. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Members, I'm going to remind you once you speak make sure you touch your button again. I've got some already on here that have already gone a couple of times. Representative Spain, you are recognized for questions."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Spain: "Leader Burke, thank you for bringing this Bill forward. I'd like to talk a little further about the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission. And in the earlier debate you made reference to the focus of that collaboration occurring with DCEO. I don't read that in the text but maybe I'm missing it. Could you explain further?"

Burke: "Just one sec, let me pull that up. Yeah, it is DCEO."

Spain: "And can you just point that to me? It looked like maybe you found it."

Burke: "It's within the DCEO statute. So when it refers in paragraph... subparagraph (b) to department, the department may request, it's referring to the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity."

Spain: "And that's in Section (d) you said? Oh, in Section (c) the department. Okay. Thank you. And is there any other collaboration with other elements of the Executive Branch?"

Burke: "Not in this Bill."

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Spain: "Is there any way to formalize the participation of the Governor's Office? I'm looking at the appointments that would be made to the commission. It would consist of 14 Members of the Legislature, I assume. Is that your intention?"

Burke: "That's correct, 14 Legislative Members."

Spain: "Thank you. And no official members that would be appointed by Governor Pritzker. Is that correct?"

Burke: "Again, we'd be collaborating with the Governor's Office through the offices of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and working with officials in that department on the restore."

Spain: "Thank you. Madam Speaker, I'd like to request a little more time from one of my Members, Representative Parkhurst."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Parkhurst, you already used your time. Representative Reick will you give his. Thank you."

Spain: "Thank you, Representative Reick and Madam Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, for many of my constituents the first time they've had an occasion to learn about the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has been during this pandemic experience where the department was given the authority to make the decision on whether or not their business should be opened or closed. And for far too many of the businesses in my district, the answer was to be closed. And so, while we certainly need to continue working with DCEO, the genesis of many of those decisions flow deeper into the Executive Branch and ultimately to the Governor. I am certainly interested in further collaboration with the Governor. I think that's important. But I think it is an

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abdication of our duty as a Legislature to leave this Special Session with only creating a collaborative commission or what would essentially be a task force for recommendations. And I am not certain at this point that the Governor's Office would be receptive to any of those suggestions or points of input, based on how the experience of working together for the last two months has gone so far. The important work that we're doing here and the important work that we should do for our constituents is to owe them an answer by taking a vote indicating our position on the Governor's Restore Illinois plan. For me, I could not support the plan. The plan is divided into regions that are arbitrary and far too large. The plan suggests phases that are 28 days long that may not be appropriate for every community or every subregion in the State of Illinois. The plan establishes arbitrary dates such as the decision by the Governor to only begin including data on some of the important metrics that we're watching in each of our communities starting on May 1. Even though no meaningful changes occurred on May 1 other than allowing garden centers that are mom and pop stores to be open while their big box counterparts were already open or allowing two people to walk on a golf course together. I would characterize these as very minor changes and certainly not indicative of a milestone date to begin measuring health care data for our communities. In the community I live and the region that surrounds it, our community should've been in Phase 3 of the Governor's plan since at least the middle of April, maybe earlier, based on achievements in testing, health care

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capacity, ICU availability. And yet, we are not. And as a result, our economy has been stuck on hold for far too long."

Speaker Willis: "Do you need additional time, Sir?"

Spain: "Please."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Grant yields your time to you."

Spain: "Thank you, Representative Grant. And thank you, Madam Speaker. So, I think we're at an important moment as we come to a near point of conclusion for our duties as a Legislature. And again, what a shame it would be to our constituents to leave here and tell our constituents that the only thing that we did to provide input on the actions of the Governor is to create a commission that will deliver a report at the beginning of July. I'm disappointed by that, I think we can do better. I think that we have an opportunity to work in collaboration with the Governor. And I would hope that if we took a vote on the Restore Illinois plan, as we should, that we could make it a better plan. That we could offer Amendments, that we could be collaborative with the Governor. But it takes real action and real votes by the Illinois General Assembly. I am sure many of you, like I have, have offered suggestions and input to the Governor and to other members of his team. I have been very disappointed by the receptivity of the Governor and his team to those suggestions. And I feel that the only way we can truly affect change and make sure that we can move forward in a better direction as a state and to begin unifying our state is to have votes that come with accountability that provide better direction to the Governor. I think there is a reason that we're all here.

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There's a reason we don't just hold one election for only one person in the State of Illinois. It's that we all arrive here in this capital city bringing the very best perspective, input, experiences that we assemble from our districts, from our constituents, from our businesses and it's our obligation to put those best practices into action. And right now we need action on the next step for our state and I do not think that continuing on the same path that we have been for the last several months is what will be best for Illinois. So, Representative, I thank you for bringing the Bill forward. I hope that we can have an opportunity for collaboration, but we need action from the General Assembly. We owe it to our constituents to take a vote on the Restore Illinois plan. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Ugaste, you are recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Leader. Leader Burke, I have a question. I'd like some clarification to maybe make sure we have some legislative intent concerning the open meetings and the remote meeting being conducted so that everyone that is on the call verifies that they can hear one another and can hear all discussion and testimony. Do you see the Section I'm talking about?"

Burke: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Okay. How is it if one Member is not hearing or somehow gets disconnected that they're supposed to be able to notify

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the others that the meeting has to stop at that point? Or know what they haven't heard."

Burke: "Well, the meetings will be recorded. So, they'll know what... they'll be able to capture that. But they're going... there's call every time you have a remote meeting. There's not only if you're joining by video, there's also call-in numbers. You can also do simple things like texting the person... someone else to let them know. I mean, you have a variety of technology in order to make yourself heard."

Ugaste: "Okay. I guess my question is... so they notify someone, the meetings going on, testimony is being given or discussions had, and they notify that they can't hear and they think what they have to say next or a question they want to ask next is important in the discussion. What happens to the meeting then? Does it have to stop and start over again? Do they get to keep on going? I... I'm just wondering just so we're clear on what's going to happen in the event someone becomes disconnected or can no longer hear."

Burke: "Have you been on a meeting that this has happened?"

Ugaste: "When things have dropped? Yes."

Burke: "Yeah, okay. So what do people do?"

Ugaste: "They have continued the meeting, but this is for purposes of possibly passing legislation and everything. Ours have just been meetings for purposes of discussion."

Burke: "This is to have public access in an emergency situation. So while the technology may not be perfect, there's going to have to be adaptability. And if you are the person, the Member of the public body who is participating, it's probably a good

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idea to make sure you've got both ability to access your meeting both ways, both through the video and through the phone. And..."

Ugaste: "I understand what best practice is. And I'll ask if someone would concede some time to me?"

Burke: "And you... you can still be physically present if you have an issue with new technology."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Chesney, are you willing to yield additional time? Thank you."

Ugaste: "Thank you. I... my question... I'm just wondering, so it's clear, if someone drops off, the meeting gets to continue then? Whether the persons able to rejoin or not or whatever is going on? I just want it clear so everyone knows what's going to happen if someone cuts out and can no longer be part of the discussion or hear the testimony or anything else that's going on."

Burke: "Can you clarify, are you discussing a member of the public calling in to listen in who somehow drops or are you talking about a Member of the public body who is unable to access?"

Ugaste: "Well there's two provisions. One says a Member of the public body, and that's the one I'm most concerned about, but it also says the members of the public have to be able to verify they can hear as well. So if you can tell me what happens on both occasions, I'd appreciate it. Just so we know when we're voting."

Burke: "Right. So, it's the obligation of the public body to provide a way for the public to access."

Ugaste: "Okay."

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Burke: "And if the member of the public who's calling in isn't in a good cell spot or can't access it or their call drops, that's not the fault of the public body and they're not going to stop the meeting."

Ugaste: "Okay. And if a member of whatever... say it's a Member of this Body right here and I'm on the phone and my phone drops and I can no longer hear the testimony or the discussion or am unable to vote, I just want to know so we're clear on what we're voting on, what would happen then? Does everyone have to wait for me to get back on or does the meeting continue without me?"

Burke: "Again, this is kind of getting into the weeds, but if your... if your presence was needed to constitute a quorum then there might be a way they needed to halt, but just as in here if somebody has to walk out to take a phone call or use the restroom and they miss a vote, there's ways to record what your vote is later on."

Ugaste: "Okay. I just wanted to make sure I knew what would happen. The FOIA going 15 days after the effective date, what is... is there an effective date in this Bill or?"

Burke: "It's upon the Governor signing it. So we just don't know the date he's going to sign it."

Ugaste: "And how... after we pass it, how long does he have to sign it?"

Burke: "I mean, we have... technically we have 30 days to send the Bill to the Governor and then the Governor has 60 days after we send it to him, but because the provisions of this... of this Bill are all related to the COVID pandemic and Government

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Administration Emergency package, presumably the Governor is going to look at it and hopefully sign it very expeditiously."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Ugaste, do you need more time?"

Ugaste: "I do."

Speaker Willis: "Representative McDermed offers to yield her time."

Ugaste: "Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Continue, please."

Ugaste: "Okay. So, technically though it could be 90 days after we vote it out and the Senate votes it out that... before he'd sign it, possibly?"

Burke: "Theoretically."

Ugaste: "So we could be looking at 105 days before an answer for FOIA request goes out that was made back in early March."

Burke: "Theoretically, but again, that's really not the intent."

Ugaste: "Okay. Oh, I understand it's not the intent. I wasn't questioning that. To the Bill. I echo Representative Spain's statement about Restore Illinois and won't elaborate further on it. I certainly could not have said it any better. I think we are ceding a bit much power to the Governor here and that we need to do further work in order to make certain that the Legislative Body is heard. I myself have filed HB5790. If anyone would like to take part in it, it reforms IEMA, the Illinois Emergency Management Act, and makes certain that the Legislature will be part of any further emergency declarations going forward and that they will be heard on these issues. While there's many things that I know the intent is great in this Bill, I'm going to urge a 'no' vote."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Wehrli, you are recognized."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Wehrli: "Leader Burke, our most honorable and esteemed colleague from Springfield made a very cogent and articulate argument why the business of State Government should be executed from the State Capitol. Is this Bill specifically only for State Government or is it applicable to all units of the government throughout the entire State of Illinois?"

Burke: "Just the General Assembly. That particular piece, yes."

Wehrli: "But the Bill in its entirety is applicable when we're talking about FOIA and the Open Meetings Act, that is applicable to all units of government?"

Burke: "All public bodies, yes."

Wehrli: "Okay. So while there are many issues being addressed in this Bill, I want to personally be on the record to say thank you for including the language that requires us to... that would require local units of government or any unit of government in the State of Illinois that does a remote meeting whether it be Zoom, Google, whatever the technology is, that that data be captured and kept as a matter of public record."

Burke: "Thanks for the suggestion."

Wehrli: "So, to the Bill. While this Bill has a little bit of everything for everyone, that component of it is something that we need to be cognizant of as a General Assembly as we move forward in technology. So while these Zoom meetings, we can all get the Zoom headaches, as we get more and more integrated with technology as we legislate, not only here in

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the State Capitol but throughout government in the State of Illinois, it's imperative that we are keeping an accurate and truthful record. So the actual requirement of an audio or video recording is something that I'm glad to see introduced in this Bill. Thank you very much."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Wheeler, you are recognized. Again, Members, please close off your lights after you speak. I've got a couple still standing in there. Representative Wheeler, go ahead."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "Leader Burke, I've got a few questions here. I just want to make sure we get them on the record. First one has to do with... and you and I had a conversation about the free Internet component for the Broadband Advisory Council and that... I want to just clarify that the goal... I'll let you get there first."

Burke: "Thank you."

Wheeler: "So we... I've asked you a question on... in our conversation on the floor about free Internet, is this going to be something that would just be mandated as the state to be free or is it something that would just be... something that we would subsidize potentially? So, I wanted to see if you agree with the idea that the goal really isn't to have the state develop a whole new Internet system for everybody, be rather to have the goal be the private sector invest to provide broadband to consumers. Is that accurate?"

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Burke: "Yeah, I think that's the goal. And you know the shift that we've gone through with students being.. taking classes at home, people working from home, it's really heightened some of the inadequacies of our broadband infrastructure across the state, either through geography or access.. lack of access because of lack of recourses. And so, this is really designed to look at that and determine how we can better build up those networks and provide access that is maybe free but definitely more affordable for a different.. so again, it's just going to study that."

Wheeler: "Yeah, as a member of the Broadband Advisory Council, that's something that we've been looking at, how pervasive is it around the state and how can we make it so it's accessible to everyone. I also have a question here from one of my cities, and they asked a question.. I'm going to bring it up real quick. Of course my facial recognition doesn't work right now. Okay, are you ready? This has to do with.. one of my towns in my district has in the ballpark of about 50 public bodies by the time you count up the council, it's committees, zoning board, planning commission, and all the rest. And their concern is, why do we have to have a lawyer or official present in the actual government room and not virtually when everyone else is attending the meeting virtually?"

Burke: "I mean, I think we're trying to balance the ability of officials to act and hold meetings and do the work of the public and stay safe, but then also balance it with the public's access to information. And a little bit to Representative Butler's point about the having something be

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in the seat of government. So, by having one official at the physical location of the seat of government for that particular locality, makes a connection between and strikes a balance between allowing some flexibility for remote meetings, but also keeping assurances to the public that the government is still functioning."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Wheeler, do you need additional time?"

Wheeler: "Yes, please."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Keicher yields his time to you. Please continue."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Representative Keicher. So, trying to find that balance, Leader Burke. Regarding if it's truly... it's a pandemic type situation at maybe a higher level of intensity than we have right now, was there any kind of opportunity for relief in that direction that we could have just the entire thing virtually?"

Burke: "To have relief from one person being in the building?"

Wheeler: "I'm just asking. If you say no, that's fine."

Burke: "We can always come back in an Amendment if it turns out it's unworkable, but it doesn't seem like a big burden."

Wheeler: "No, I'm just asking a question that my city is concerned about. Leader Burke, we also talked about the Secretary of State had some emergency rules suspended recently because they could not move a deadline, or a set of deadlines, unilaterally via rule, they needed to do it statutorily. Is that in this Bill?"

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Burke: "The Secretary of State provisions I believe are in response to that situation and allows the secretary to extend, in an emergency situation, renewals for license plates, car registrations, things of that nature."

Wheeler: "Okay. There was a specific set of concerns with emergency rule regarding the Business Services Department at the Secretary of State, that their deadlines were set specifically in statute. I just want to make sure that we got that remedied so we wouldn't have to... consider that forward."

Burke: "I believe we did."

Wheeler: "Thank you for that. And I'd like to circle back down to FOIA just for a moment. I know it had been touched on by a couple of Members. But I have concerns about the fact that the... that the incentive for FOIA at a local government level would be kind of diminished entirely until the actual 15 days after or whatever that extension is, I don't have... 30 days after the effective date of the Bill being filed. Is there... there's no responsibility then for anyone to actually complete the FOIA until that date. Is that... am I reading that correctly?"

Burke: "Again, we're trying to balance the public access to public information with the very real practical concerns. I mean, you just... you just diluted to people saying, why do I have to go into the office for this meeting? These local governments at this point are operating on very skeleton staffs, if at any physically there. And it's not like every record that somebody requests can be responded to digitally. There's often redaction that has to go on and it's also an actual

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physical record and there's some safety concerns about compiling those physical records and then sending them to someone. So, I think the public bodies are really trying to balance that, and we're just giving them a little breathing room."

Wheeler: "Right, and I'm just trying to make sure that I understand the balance between the public and the access to public records that we're all trying to find here. So I'm just trying to make sure that I understand it correctly. And then I was just going to ask you a question..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, do you need additional time?"

Wheeler: "Just one more question. So, yes, please."

Speaker Willis: "I'll let you do one more question without even putting the timer on, how's that? Go ahead."

Wheeler: "I'm grateful. Thank you, Madam Speaker. My question is that... and I know it's the statement made by the Governor just this afternoon about not really wanting... or not asking for this or needing this at the state level. Was there any consideration that we just would allow this to apply to local county government, rather than it being applying to the state? We've got so many things going on right now at the state level that people are so concerned about 'cause they don't know where to turn. If they have questions or have concerns, they want to use FOIA as a lever to try and find that information. Can we leave that in place the way it is now for State Government and then apply it... these very needed measures to local, county, and township government?"

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Burke: "So, State Government is still having those exact same challenges that we're talking about and we're hoping that those will ease. But what I want to stress is that there's... this is not allowing a FOIA request to be ignored. It's recognizing that we're in a extremely, hopefully, unique situation and we're trying to give all units of government some time to get those records, get them answered, or get the responses filed. There's... it's not giving anyone a holiday on replying or responding to the requests. It's merely giving them some time to get this done."

Wheeler: "Yeah, and I appreciate that. I'm just trying to find that balance again. So, again, thank you for the answer to my questions. Thank you, Madam Speaker for your indulgence."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "One moment before you start. I just want to let the... my counterparts on this side know there are not many people left that you can yield to. So, let's be concise on what you need. Representative Davidsmeyer, please begin."

Davidsmeyer: "Can we also get quick answers as well? So, I... first off, I want to say, with regards to the Illinois Collaborative Commission... the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, what date is the first report due from the Governor's Office?"

Burke: "July 1."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So it's due on July 1, it's not just due that month?"

Burke: "On July 1."

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Davidsmeyer: "Okay. Who convenes this commission? So who decides whether there's a meeting or not a meeting?"

Burke: "DCEO can, but also the Members of the commission, which are 14 Legislators. They can convene the meeting as well."

Davidsmeyer: "And who decides what these... what Legislators are appointed to this commission?"

Burke: "So there are four appointed by the Speaker, three appointed by the Minority Leader, and similarly in the Senate."

Davidsmeyer: "Is there any requirement for regional diversity since we have such a large, diverse state? Is there any requirement for that?"

Burke: "I think we'll leave that up to the discretion of the Minority Leader or the Speaker."

Davidsmeyer: "So the Minority Leader is the only one that has geographic diversity, is that..."

Burke: "No, I think he can assess which of his Members, and similar with the Speaker. I'm sure you'll be... by putting in requests, I know there are very many people on both sides of the aisle who are interested in partaking in this. So, I would imagine there will be some collaboration within the Legislative Leaders to make sure that there is a representation of folks from all across the state."

Davidsmeyer: "And I will say, there are a number of us who have been making recommendations all along. So, what... what makes the Governor listen to this commission? Is there any authority behind this commission? Or is it just a bunch of random recommendations and random meetings?"

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Burke: "Well hopefully it won't be random. Hopefully it will be thoughtful. And.."

Davidsmeyer: "They've been thoughtful up to this point. I just don't know what makes the Governor think about these."

Burke: "Well hopefully it'll be thoughtful and organized, and hopefully we'll be able to speak cohesively as a Legislature on... and offer input into what's going on in our own communities. And that's the whole point of.."

Davidsmeyer: "And I've... I've only got a minute left, so I'm going to go to the Bill. No disrespect, I just... I want to make sure to get my statements out. So Republicans have been asking for the General Assembly to convene for a month, right? We want to be part of running this state. So, we're not going to do anything by passing this Bill. We are not going to do anything. We are not going to be involved in running this state and making a direction for the State of Illinois until maybe July 1, and maybe after that because the department is the one who decides when we meet, right? This is frustrating 'cause I represent counties that have 0 cases right now. I have one county that has never had a case. Illinois is a diverse state and we want to protect everybody, but we are all going through something different right now. We are all affected differently. We want to be recognized for what is going on. This is killing businesses in my district. This is killing my friends' businesses. And you know what happens when businesses die? My constituents don't have jobs to go back to. So, when the unemployment runs out and when the extra 600 bucks runs out, they don't have jobs to go back to. I

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understand the health emergency, but the overall risk to the entire... the overall entire human risk is a problem that we have to look at. And by passing this we are waiting 'til the middle of summer to even get involved. This is a disgrace. This is ridiculous. We need to be involved a month ago, not two months from now."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative, your time is up. Before we go on to the next, Mr. Clerk, Rules Report, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 3 to Senate Bill 671."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative Stava-Murray, you are recognized."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I would like to add on this discussion of diversity that we're having about the DCEO commission. And I'd like us to remember that last year, as a Body, we voted that public corporations in the State of Illinois must have on their board at least one African American and least one woman. And I am disappointed to see that we don't have inclusions like that in this area. I think it's well known, if you don't have a seat at the table you're probably on the menu is a commonly used phrase. And I see in my community disproportionate impact on women and their jobs by having to provide additional child care, additional labor. And I think that it's really important that we have diverse voices, and a representative of the Latino Caucus.

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And I'm disappointed that I don't see that here now. The other thing that I wanted to speak on, in thinking about how diversity is, is that for the virtual meetings of the Body, I can absolutely understand wanting to make sure our colleagues who are COVID positive can take part in these exchanges, but I agree with Representative Butler on the importance of these in-person exchanges and the ability to walk up to one another and ask each other questions. And, quite frankly, in my house, my phone access, the AT&T service is very spotty. It drops in and out all the time. And my Internet has been very inconsistent during these past few months. And so has my child care, as well as other factors. And certainly when we have these Session days I'm able to plan and come down here, but in the environment of fall where we may... I may need to be homeschooling a kindergarten and find someone else, it's much harder for me to make an ask for support when I am physically present at home because I am expected to do so much more when I'm there. So, I would ask that we think about potentially pulling and adding some threshold for why people would be needing to be virtual. And certainly understand health concerns or a family member with a health concern or any of these factors. But I think that just having us all on Zoom, 181 people... like I've had Zoom parties. We've done Zoom preschool. It is hard with 20 people. And I'm deeply concerned that we will lose our ability to collaborate as a Body and that I won't be able to effectively represent my district if we're meeting in this way. Thank you."

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Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Morrison, you are recognized."

Morrison: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Morrison: "All right, thank you. Representative, again, we've had a few of our Members talk about the Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission. So, basically, you and I have been here for many years. We've seen task forces come and go. Effectively this is the same as a task force under a different name, wouldn't you agree?"

Burke: "No. And I think we've had some very successful commissions and task forces. And just naming a couple that we've had in recent years, the task force on school funding that produced the evidence-based formula, Sex Harassment Task Force. So, there are task force and commissions that did really good work."

Morrison: "Okay. Since I only have limited time I'm going to cut you off because the most recent example of a task force was this Property Tax Relief Task Force and it was an utter disaster. It totally failed. A lot of us who said that it was nothing more than an just a... window dressing for the real problems of the state. So, to the Bill, Madam Speaker. Look, I am very happy that we're here. I am grateful to Speaker Madigan. I am grateful to Senate President Harmon, for all of our staff, for all of my colleagues who've come down here to Springfield. It is important for us, as a General Assembly, to do our job. Once again, it's the General Assembly that makes the laws, or... that passes Bills. The Governor then has

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to sign them and then enforce what we pass. This is government by the people. I filed House Bill 5776. It's a companion Bill to Senator McConchie's Bill. Look, the Illinois Emergency Management Act gives the Governor 30 days during an emergency, which we pretty much all acknowledge that we were facing. It gives the Governor an opportunity to get a handle on things, make sure that the state is being run. But as new information comes in, as circumstances change, we have to be involved. And look, we're here. I'm grateful that we're here and we're meeting safely and we're getting the work done. But essentially, this Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission, it has no teeth. We've seen the Governor dismiss our suggestions as we have individually reached out to him and as a caucus. We've seen plenty of task forces and blue ribbon commissions. We could probably fill this room with all of the reports that have been issued on things like property taxes, and ethics, and redistricting, and pension reform. And those suggestions have just been shoveled off to the side. We have to be involved in these decisions. What we're going through right now and what we may go through again in the future is deeply affecting our businesses, our communities, our schools, our families, churches, non-for-profit organizations. And there has to be a more regional approach. We all know that Chicago dominates the State of Illinois in terms of where the representation is and not just the population, and that's why we have to have a much more regional approach. That's why the General Assembly has to be much more involved. Thank you."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Mazzochi."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I'm unwilling to support this Bill and essentially reward us for squandering two months when we should have actually been doing the legislative work that this state needs. I'm not in favor of this Bill because it's anti-transparency. I'm not willing to surrender the people's right to have access to their elected officials the way in which they should. I'm also not willing to surrender the time, the rapid time, that administrations need to do to respond to the people's request under FOIA. I've needed to FOIA this administration to try to get information that I needed to do my job as Legislator on time. My constituents have needed to FOIA this administration to make sure that they could get information that affected their lives. Some of them are still waiting. I'm still waiting for data from this administration that they've refused to turn over. And let's also keep in mind that if the FOIA provisions that you're urging in this Bill had been in place we never would have known that people's Social Security numbers were sitting exposed on the Internet by their government. I'd also like to point out that the Governor himself has issued a statement today saying he doesn't want these FOIA provisions in the legislation. So, why are you putting them in there if the Governor doesn't even want them there? This is not a Bill that's ready. It's not a Bill that's going to be good for people of Illinois wanting to do oversight over their government. I urge a 'no' vote."

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Speaker Willis: "Again, Members that have already spoken, please turn off your speak lights. Representative Caulkins."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Caulkins: "Representative Burke, a couple of questions if you don't mind. This remote meeting provision, is it only in effect during an emergency order?"

Burke: "Yes."

Caulkins: "So when the emergency order expires we are no longer able to meet remotely?"

Burke: "That's correct."

Caulkins: "Perfect. In response to another question that you were asked about a dropped call or someone not being able to participate in a vote or a discussion, are you aware of what happened in Piatt County last month when the county board met, some Members were not able to get on the meeting after the executive meeting, and a vote was taken?"

Burke: "I'm not familiar with that. But there.. there are ways to handle that, and I'm not going to..."

Caulkins: "Well, let me tell you... let me tell you what happened in Piatt County. The State's Attorney issued a misdemeanor to every member of the county board because they... because some members were not able to participate in a vote and a vote was taken. No one on that board knew the State's Attorney was in the meeting and some members were not able to get back on to that meeting, a vote was taken. After the fact, the State's Attorney has given every member of that county board a

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misdemeanor. Is there any provision in your Bill that would help that?"

Burke: "I... I don't... I can't speak to that."

Caulkins: "It's your Bill, Ma'am. Let me move on."

Burke: "There's nothing in the Bill that addresses that, but maybe you can look in the Open Meetings Act, the underlying statute, and see what's in there."

Caulkins: "And that's... I think that is the point. The... to address another issue, please. You have a provision that allows the Secretary of State to... is it to extend registration periods?"

Burke: "Yes, for vehicles and whatnot."

Caulkins: "So, are you then acknowledging that the current extensions that the Secretary of State has issued aren't legal? Because there's no statute that allows that?"

Burke: "No, absolutely not. This just codifies and gives them that... it gives them that right. I'm sorry, gives them that authority."

Caulkins: "But he's exercising that authority now."

Burke: "So, what the Secretary's doing currently is tied to the disaster proclamation. But what's happening is because these... because people... because the... I'm sorry, the registrations are being extended. There's going to be a huge backlog once things start opening up and the Secretary's going to need some time to process those. So this will continue that extension of registrations while the Secretary gets everything caught up."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, your time has expired. I'm sorry. Who is it that's doing? Representative Marron will yield time to you. Can you please continue?"

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Caulkins: "I'm going to take one of the last ones."

Speaker Willis: "Thanks."

Caulkins: "The... Representative Burke, you talked about the collaborative effort of some these commissions, and one of them you mentioned was the school funding. How long did it take that collaborative effort to come through with the school funding Bill?"

Burke: "It took quite a while. But the point is..."

Caulkins: "Right."

Burke: "...that many collaborations that we've had in this General Assembly have been very productive. Some..."

Caulkins: "And..."

Burke: "...not so much."

Caulkins: "And..."

Burke: "But many have produced very good legislation and policy."

Caulkins: "And I will, I guess, go to the... to that effort that took months and months, if not years. We've also, I think, seen a lot of other efforts that have led to nowhere. The... particularly lately. I've heard you use a lot of words, hopefully, intend. I don't know how you apply that to legislation. Is it... is there no way for this legislation to be pulled back and..."

Burke: "No."

Caulkins: "...taking a look at, individually, some of these Bills. I think, some of these... some of the parts of this Bill are good. But we have a lot of questions, and I think a lot of things that have not been answered. And it... it just doesn't seem like this is the right place, the right time, under these

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very short circumstances unless we're going to be here for a while. You know, perhaps it would be better for all of us if we took a step from this and tried to figure out a better way."

Burke: "Is that a question?"

Caulkins: "Yes, Ma'am."

Burke: "The answer is no."

Caulkins: "To the Bill, please. We have a lot of parts of this Bill that are I think quite worthy. Unfortunately, there are parts of this Bill that are unworkable. I think that they're going to lead to more problems. They don't address the issues that we're facing in this state today. And, for that reason, I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Flowers, you are recognized."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Flowers: "Representative, would you please be so kind as to take this Bill out of the record and remove the remote voting, and then we can debate the rest of the Bill, please?"

Burke: "I appreciate that, and I'd be interested to hear your thoughts on the remote voting, but I don't plan on doing that."

Flowers: "Okay. I figured as much. Let me just say this. Do you think our constituents should have a say in this since this is the people's House? It's one thing to talk about Zoom, but Zoom is not the people's Zoom. They didn't elect us for that."

Speaker Willis: "Excuse me, Madam Flowers, would you please put your mask up? I've been asked to have you do that. Thank you."

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Flowers: "My time is ticking, would you please answer?"

Burke: "I didn't..."

Flowers: "And please give me some more time on the clock. Yes, Ma'am."

Burke: "I'm sorry, Ma'am. I didn't hear the question."

Flowers: "I asked about... I said should our constituents have a say in this? Because this is the people's House. This is where their tax dollars pay for that Capitol, this Capitol Complex, not the people's Zoom."

Burke: "So, should your constituents have a say in whether or not we meet remotely in a pandemic?"

Flowers: "Absolutely."

Burke: "Or a..."

Flowers: "Absolutely."

Burke: "Well I think they have a say..."

Flowers: "Do you realize in 1918 when it was the worst in history, we was right out of World War I and then we had the influenza, and Congress still made it to Washington, D.C. to vote?"

Burke: "So I would say there is definitely a variety of opinion on... that we're hearing today, that we hear nationwide. First of all, in 1918 they really had very little ability to meet remotely."

Flowers: "That's not the point. They made it. That's the point. They were able..."

Burke: "Because..."

Flowers: "...to make it. And the ones..."

Burke: "They could."

Flowers: "Pardon me?"

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Burke: "I said, yes, they could, but they really didn't have a choice. And, as we're seeing from legislation... Legislatures across the country, many have implemented some facility for remote voting and they're using it very sparingly, which is what we would anticipate. We use it sparingly, if at all."

Flowers: "And... but that's not in your Bill. That's not what your Bill says."

Burke: "Well, it... the Bill in itself only allows it in an emergency."

Flowers: "And who deems the emergency?"

Burke: "Well the emergency is laid out by statute, either pestilence or an enemy attack."

Flowers: "And so..."

Speaker Willis: "I'm sorry, Representative. Your time has expired."

Flowers: "Excuse me."

Speaker Willis: "Your time has expired, Ma'am. If someone wants to yield you additional..."

Flowers: "Representative..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Meyers-Martin yields you additional time."

Flowers: "Thank you. And so... I'm sorry. What did you say, please?"

Burke: "So, the statute lays out the... it can only be done in an emergency, and that emergency is narrowly defined to pestilence, the presence of a pestilence or an emergency... I'm sorry... an enemy attack or the threat of an enemy attack. So very limited circumstances in which it could even be used."

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Flowers: "Well, according to Congress, we're always under a threat of enemy attack. Even our computer system is under a threat of enemy attack. So, what does that mean?"

Burke: "It's not willy nilly. It would require a joint proclamation of the Speaker and the President of the Senate."

Flowers: "And so, if one person is going to be here, that's going to be one person that... according to your Bill, there'd be one person in Springfield?"

Burke: "So, those are two different provisions. The one person at the public office applies to the change we made to the Open Meetings Act. This is separate. This is... so that provision is not within the remote vote... the remote meeting for the General Assembly."

Flowers: "Well let me just ask this question. Right now we have a couple of Members that's out ill, but I'm sure they would love to be able to be here to vote. Would you not want to include such a time as this for Members who are not able to make it? Should they not be able to vote in? Despite the fact that we're not under attack..."

Burke: "The..."

Flowers: "or it's not a pandemic."

Burke: "That's what we're trying to do. To allow participation remotely."

Flowers: "No, I'm talking about without it being under those circumstances that's in the Bill."

Burke: "So... right. So, you're suggesting that it be broadened to allow people who, for whatever reason, weren't able to..."

Flowers: "No..."

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Burke: "...physically attend Springfield?"

Flowers: "...I'm just saying it appears to me that you would've at least made it convenient for people, such as the ones that's not here today, for them to be able to vote in your Bill. I'm not for your Bill. And quite frankly, I would love to vote for the rest of the Bill, but I'm against the remote because you're not giving my constituents an opportunity to speak on this issue. And I know... once again, my community has been most affected by this pandemic. And so, therefore, I'm not willing to give up the authority for me to have a say, because it'd be just my luck that my video doesn't work or my Wi-Fi doesn't work or my Zoom doesn't work because of the influence or we're under attack."

Burke: "I think what we're trying to do is preserve the continuity of government so that if there were the threat of attack, or an actual attack, or a pestilence..."

Flowers: "Representative..."

Burke: "...that we would be able to carry on. If people..."

Flowers: "I don't think that's really being realistic if you think about it. I mean, if we were under enemy attack I'm sure we'd be sheltering. And I'm sure the first thing that they would be take out would be our forms of communication."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, your time is up. Thank you. Do we have anyone else? Representative Ammons yields her time."

Flowers: "Thank you. And so, what about that?"

Burke: "So..."

Flowers: "And why..."

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Burke: "So in your scenario we're under attack and we're not able to leave wherever we are?"

Flowers: "And..."

Burke: "So we would be able to remotely..."

Flowers: "Has your cable..."

Burke: "...try and..."

Flowers: "Has your cable ever gone out?"

Burke: "Yes."

Flowers: "Okay. Right now, does your cable stall and flicker and your phone calls drop?"

Burke: "I don't have cable, but my phone calls have dropped, yeah."

Flowers: "And so, my point to you is that that's not in the best interest... and I'm going to speak for my constituents, that's not in their best interest because they need someone there to articulate exactly what is going on and the needs of the community. And with that type of interference there's already... we have interference enough without adding more to it."

Burke: "So, I think that the goal is to make sure that there is participation by all Members, or as many Members as choose to attend, in these very limited emergency situation. I think what we're trying to do is provide an avenue so that if there were some sort of catastrophe that we would be able to do the people's business. We're not looking to..."

Flowers: "Representative..."

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Burke: "...we're not looking to use this as a substitute for physical presence in the Capitol, at the seat of government, in normal times. It's limited to this emergency situation."

Flowers: "But you are assuming that the emergency situation is going to work. But my question... my next question to you is what prevented us from coming down here before now?"

Burke: "I don't know, that certainly wasn't my decision."

Flowers: "And so, to that point, we really don't know because it... was it the Governor? Was it his Executive Order?"

Burke: "I... so the reason we weren't in Springfield prior to this, prior to this week, I don't know. But..."

Flowers: "And so, you are introducing a Bill to make these changes, and you don't know the reason why we wasn't here. But you are assuming it was because of the pandemic, but the pandemic is still going on and we're here."

Burke: "I'm... I'm not assuming anything. I'm just telling you that I personally do not know why we weren't here. You may know."

Flowers: "No, I don't know. This is... no. I have no idea. But again, I have to... do you think that we should have hearing? Do think this Bill is important enough that we should have hearings around the state and have all Members to chime in on it as opposed to your committee? I don't even know who was on your committee. I don't know what authority... I know the Speaker put a lot of people on different committees, but I know there's other standing committees that I know a lot of people would have wanted to be able to chime in, our constituents would have wanted to be able to chime in as they do with regular committees and regular hearings."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Flowers, your time is up. We'll let... at this point I want to wrap this up. We still have seven people wanting to talk."

Flowers: "Well that's just... I still have..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke will answer your question."

Burke: "Right, I... under this, again, very limited situation in which it's an emergency because there's some sort of pestilence or we're being attacked by an enemy or threatened by an enemy, and the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate jointly agree that it's in the best interest to have a remote... a remote meeting, that's when it will come into effect. And during that time the public will have the ability to weigh in in the manner that they do now, filing witness slips, being able to listen in and observe the goings on of the government."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative Burke. Representative Bryant, you are recognized for a question."

Bryant: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to speak to the Bill. And I would first say I'm a little jacked up right now about some of what I think that this Bill has. So, if my husband were here he would probably tell me to lighten up Francis as a... from a movie I used to watch or say pull back on your horses as we move through this. But, I'm just going to say this, I don't know about everyone in here, but there's a lot of authority that's going to be given to DCEO here. And my experience so far through this pandemic has been that, although there are wonderful people working at DCEO, they're making rules that are being held up to the... as high a standard

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as the laws that we put into place. And time, after time, after time when I've tried to talk to... whether it's the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor, the director of IDNR, or somebody at DCEO to talk about how unreasonable the rules are. For instance, 2 people in a boat. To try to talk to DCEO and say those rules are unreasonable when you can have 10 people standing on the bank. And someone pulls up in the boat and only 1 person can get on the boat but 10 people who have been standing there together barbequing. And they don't want to listen to those kind of rules. So, we're supposed to put together this group of people who are supposed to listen to us or advise us. Not acceptable. I am not prepared to give up the rights that were given to me by 109 thousand... 108 thousand people in my district who sent me here to be their voice. My daughter is a director of nursing at a nursing home. She has gone to work every day of this. Get... had her 4 children farmed out to either my husband or the other side... we kept our grandsons for 7 weeks because she's an essential employee. We are essential employees of this state who represent our people in our districts. Why would we want to give up that or cede that right to an... a government agency that is... that's hired and answers to the Governor? DCEO does not answer to us. We answer to the people of our districts. There's a lot of elements in this Bill that I don't agree with. But, first and foremost, it's having remote voting from home instead of being here together. Today, Representative Flowers and I were able to talk about an issue that bothered both of us and work through that. Today, I was able to walk out that door and

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talk to Ralph Revera from Right to Life and fix an issue that I... that we were mistaken on to help Representative Conroy because we're here doing that. I am not going to cede the responsibility that was given to me by my constituents to DCEO, and I'm not going to give up the fact that we are an essential part of this state and say that we're going to go from home while individuals from the Department of Corrections, individuals from mental health facilities, individuals at nursing homes are all going to work because we say they're essential employees. I won't do it."

Speaker Willis: "Thank... thank you, Representative. Representative Weber, you are recognized."

Weber: "To the Bill. I want to thank my colleagues, Representative Bryant, Representative Davidsmeyer, Representative Spain. I doubt if I could say it better. We have a very diverse state. We each have individually diverse districts. I just wanted to read off some of the questions that people in my district have asked. So we have... and I think Representative Spain hit on this, we have big box stores where they have nurseries, but yet the flower shops and nurseries down the street have been closed. We have people questioning how it is that a big box store can attract thousands of people and not be a super spreader, but that a checkout... a cashier at a checkout register can checkout hundreds of people a day, but one hair stylist can't have six customers. Representative Bryant touched on the boating issue, which for my district there is... I mean, if you've ever been up there there's a chain of lakes area. Many of our residents have boats. The families live on

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the water. When I called DCEO and asked them why can only two people be in a boat, it wasn't because of science. It was because it's easy for a police officer to count two people in a boat. But yet, we're not keeping two people in a car. That same family could sit in a boat on shore. Same family could be in their car together. And it costs... a constituent call me the other day and he said, if Springfield policymakers aren't willing to go to Springfield and actually do their job and let one man run the show, and I can't even get through to unemployment to get a paycheck, to get an unemployment check to put food on the family for my table, then why do they expect that they should be getting paid? Listen, we are the policymakers. It is our job, not one person's job. We got elected to represent our individual districts. Let's roll up our sleeves and actually start working for the people of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Ford, you are recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Ford: "Representative, I have a question as it relates to the Secretary of State. I had a very important constituent that would like for me to lobby for her. And the question was, is there anything in this Bill that will allow 16 year olds to get a driver's license through virtual learning?"

Burke: "One sec, let me check."

Ford: "It's not..."

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Burke: "You know what, La Shawn, that's not in the Bill. And I know the Secretary had issued some rules on that. I... I don't remember what they are. But it's not something that's covered in this Bill."

Ford: "I like your Bill, but that's one that I don't know if I could go home if I don't fight to get my 16-year-old daughter her driver's license."

Burke: "I was just going to wonder if there was someone in the household this pertained to."

Ford: "So... so could you pull the Bill..."

Burke: "I'm going to do a trailer Bill."

Ford: "...and call Secretary of State Jesse White and ask him if it's possible for us to do this? I think it's the simulator or something so that Tia Ford could somehow get these driver's license because she's been 16 since March 26."

Burke: "Ah, the poor kid."

Ford: "And she's really looking forward to driving."

Burke: "All right. I'll work on a trailer Bill and we'll see what we can do."

Ford: "I'll tell her I fought for her. Thank you so much."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Brady, you are recognized."

Brady: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, there's been a lot of positive comments about this and people representing their districts. Let me tell you what I believe my constituents want. They don't want a task force. They don't want conference calls. They don't want Zoom. What they want is to get their job back and their businesses open. And that... and the sooner we can do that safely for the people

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we all represent, the repair work begins for the State of Illinois. I'll be voting 'no'."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Sommer, you are recognized."

Sommer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. Why are we here? We're here because we, the Legislature, an equal branch of government, asked to participate in these important decisions. I'm frustrated just as the people I represent are frustrated. They feel that arbitrary rules have been made and they have no input. They have no confidence in the decision making process. This legislation may be seen as just a certification or codification of the Governor's actions. If my constituents, who've I've talked to by the hundreds and hundreds in the last few weeks, were to be here they would ask, why are you not voting on whether or not the Governor has the power to enact these... to take these actions once the 30-day emergency has expired? We should be voting on that. The Governor has proposed his reopen plan well after those 30 days. Aren't we here to take our vote on that also? We asked to be here. Let's make those simple decisions that open our economy, that bring life back to normal for the people we represent. I'll be voting 'no' on this legislation, but I look forward to casting a vote most enthusiastically on those other questions."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative Skillicorn, you are recognized."

Skillicorn: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will Leader Burke yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

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Skillicorn: "Thank you. Leader, how long have we been in lockdown?"

Burke: "I believe the Governor issued a stay-at-home order on March... mid-March. I forget the exact date."

Skillicorn: "Okay. I believe it went into effect March 20. And we are now 10 weeks into lockdown and we're still in a situation that the people of Illinois don't know what rules are valid and what rules are not. So let's... tell us a little bit about what we've talked about in this debate here that you want to add to a trailer Bill now."

Burke: "I was joshing with Representative Ford so his 16-year-old daughter could get her driver's license. That was..."

Skillicorn: "Okay."

Burke: "...in jest."

Skillicorn: "I have... actually, I have had people ask me about that also. Literally, a former Member of this chamber has approached me about their sixteen year old not being able to get a driver's license right now. And I would love to have something like that added. But, to the Bill. We have a situation where one man has ruled over this state. One rule... one man has dictated over this state. We've seen rules. We've seen unclear rules. We've seen a situation where one million Illinoisans are out of work. One man owns that disaster. One man has put us in this position. Governor Pritzker, there are hundreds of thousands of Illinoisans that want their damn unemployment. Fix the Web site now. You took five weeks to sign a no-bid contract on that Web site. It still doesn't work, it's exposing people's personal data to hackers, and

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we're sitting here debating a Bill giving you more authority. We're sitting here.. giving you more authority to do our jobs. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, for the past ten weeks this chamber has been nonessential, not the people of Illinois."

Speaker Willis: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Burke to close."

Burke: "Well that was fun. I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I thank you for the opportunity to talk to so many of you yet again."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2135 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Ding, ding. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Andrade, Bristow, Caulkins. Ramirez, Reick, Reitz, Robinson, Sosnowski. Have all voted who wish? The... Clerk, please take the record. Representative Burke, you are recognized."

Burke: "May I put this on Postponed Consideration?"

Speaker Willis: "Yes, you may. Thank you. Okay, we're going to continue on. Senate Bills on Third Reading. Senate Bill 1864. Representative Harris, I believe you have an Amendment. So I need to return this to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1864, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #4 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 5 and 6 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris on the Amendment."

Harris: "Our record shows that this has been adopted, #5."

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Speaker Willis: "Inquiry of the Clerk, please."

Harris: "I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk, we wish to..."

Speaker Willis: "If you..."

Harris: "...we wish to..."

Speaker Willis: "...adopted... #5."

Harris: "Pardon?"

Speaker Willis: "What do you... please proceed."

Harris: "So we wish to table Amendment #5."

Speaker Willis: "Tabling Amendment #5. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #6 is offered by Representative Harris."

Harris: "Floor Amendment 6 is the Amendment I would like to adopt, and I'm sorry for the confusion. If you recall, we discussed this Bill on an earlier day. It is the health care omnibus. And the function of Amendment #6 is to remove this section about telehealth from the Bill, which is being considered elsewhere. So the Bill would contain the remaining health care items."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris moves for adoption of Floor Amendment #6. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1864, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris is recognized on Senate Bill 1864."

Harris: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe we discussed this at an earlier time, and in interest in keeping our time short tonight, we have removed the telehealth provision from the legislation. The others remain the same. I would be happy to answer questions."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Bryant is recognized on the Bill."

Bryant: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Bryant: "I believe with that Amendment and the telehealth portion taken out that the pro-life organizations are okay with this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Demmer is recognized on the Bill."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. Just to add on to Representative Bryant's remarks, again, with the removal of the telehealth portion from this and the consideration of that in a separate vehicle, the life insurance.. health insurance council, they're neutral with the Amendment now. So we've removed their opposition there, too. And like Leader Harris said, we debated the rest of it at another time. I encourage folks to vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Seeing no further debate, Representative Harris to close."

Harris: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1864 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Ding, ding. Have all those who voted...

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have all those voted who wish? Have all those voted who wish? Have all those voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On an call of 112 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', this Bill is duly passed. Thank you. Senate Bill 671. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Status. I believe we need to move it back to Second Reading. Is that correct? Please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 671, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Conroy."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conroy on the Amendment."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. This Amendment is a technical fix. I'd like to thank Representative Wehrli who has the JCAR knowledge who was able to help us understand why we needed to make this change. So thank you very much. And we also talked to the Department of Insurance and they do not feel that emergency rulemaking is needed."

Speaker Willis: "Rep..."

Conroy: "Oh, Wheeler, not Wehrli."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Bryant, is this on the Amendment or would you like to debate it after we adopt it?"

Bryant: "Wait 'til Third. I'll wait."

Speaker Willis: "Pardon? Wait 'til Third?"

Bryant: "Yeah."

Speaker Willis: "Okay. Thank you. Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 671. All

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those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Conroy."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conroy on Floor Amendment 3, please."

Conroy: "Floor Amendment 3 is the one we just adopted."

Speaker Willis: "Just a second, we're going to double check on that. Okay. I've been clarified by the Clerk, we actually adopted 2, previously. This is adopting the fix, which is the Floor Amendment 3. So, we'll hold off for debate until after. Representative Conroy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 3... in the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Floor Amendment 3 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. Representative Conroy to present Senate Bill 671. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 671, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conroy on the Bill, please."

Conroy: "Thank you. I think we've explained the Bill pretty thoroughly, and I would like to apologize to Representative Wheeler for getting his name wrong. Sit down, Wehrli."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Bryant, you are recognized on the Bill."

Bryant: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

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Bryant: "So sometimes things around here get a little bit creepy, kind of like Steve Reick's hair until he's able to get a haircut. That being said, Representative, your work... in cumulative form on this Bill is much appreciated. Earlier I was mistaken in not understanding that there is no new language in this. This is language that's already there and just is extended to December 31. So, that being said, the organizations that had opposition to this no longer have opposition. And so, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Conroy: "Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Wheeler, you are being recognized."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Wheeler: "Representative Conroy, I want to say thank you on the behalf of me and Representative Wehrli for the kind words earlier. But I just want to make certain that everybody understands Representative Conroy addressed the concerns I had, which were emergency rulemaking authority rather than regular rulemaking. And the difference for all of us is that regular rulemaking includes the public. A public comment period occurs and then all 12 Members of JCAR and JCAR's staff get a chance to review the rule before it takes effect. This is what's going to happen now under this approach here. I think it's the better approach, better balanced approach. And I'm grateful for the fact that we got it fixed that before it moved on. So, thank you for your efforts."

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Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Jones, you are recognized."

Jones: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Has Representative Conroy mentioned that there are Members of not only different working groups that worked on this, but I would like to acknowledge all those Members because while we're down here talking about COVID-19, Members of this working group not only talk diligently and talk long hours to address issues affecting our constituents..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, I'm going to let you say the names under the one condition that that does not mean everybody gets to have time at the mic."

Jones: "I make that motion."

Speaker Willis: "Okay. Let's go on."

Jones: "So, first, let me just start off by thanking not only Leader Harris for his work and making sure that both sides and all sides came to agreement on this, but also thank Representative Conroy, Representative Delgado who's on the committee, cochair Representative Flowers, and we definitely are going to restrict Flowers' time to speaking if she gets up. Representative Gabel, Representative Greenwood, Rep... myself as cochair, Representative Flowers was a cochair, Representative Moeller was a cochair, Representative Turner, Representative Willis, Leader Willis, Representative Zalewski, Representative Bennett, Representative Spain, Representative LaPointe, Representative Kalish, Representative Lilly, Representative Mah, Representative Reick, and Representative Smith. Everyone on the working

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group, I think, should be acknowledged for the work bringing it to this point, and we still have work to go. And I just wanted to acknowledge that."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Mazzochi, you wish to be recognized?"

Mazzochi: "Yes. Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "Yes, she will."

Mazzochi: "Thank you. Representative Conroy, again, thank you for the work that you have done in connection with this Bill. One issue that you and I discussed had to do with the prescription of pharmaceutical products with black box warnings through telehealth medicine, where I think that there's some unique risks to patients in connection with that. Can you commit to working on a trailer Bill to try to fix that issue going forward?"

Conroy: "I commit to having a larger conversation with all the stakeholders at the table so we can come up with good policy around telehealth."

Mazzochi: "Right. And can we make sure that we're taking additional steps to protect patients who might be prescribed, through telehealth medicine, drugs with black box warnings and specific patient advisories that are required by the FDA due to the inherent risks with those drug products?"

Conroy: "I believe that would be in our best interest."

Mazzochi: "All right. Thank you very much. And with that, then I support this vote."

Speaker Willis: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Conroy to close."

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Conroy: "Thank you very much. I appreciate everyone who worked on this Bill, and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 671 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Ding. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a hundred... on a vote of 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present', this Bill is declared passed. Thank you. Representative Caulkins, you are recognized."

Caulkins: "Speaker, I couldn't get my computer to work on Senate Bill 2135 and I wish to record a 'no' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Duly noted. Thank you. Representative Ramirez, you're recognized."

Ramirez: "I would like that the record show that I was a 'yes' vote on House Bill 516."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. The record will indicate. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 5 to Senate Bill 264."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Sir. On the Order of Second Reading... hold on, please. Thank you. On the Order of Second Reading, Senate Bill 557. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 557, a Bill for an Act concerning health. The Bill has been read for a second time, previously."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Cassidy on the Amendment, please."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the House. Amendment 2 becomes the Bill. It is a limited time emergency accommodation for survivors of sex assault. What we have seen in one... in the largest rape crisis hotline group is a dramatic decrease in calls to the hotline, combined with a dramatic increase of patients presenting at an FQHC in my area seeking treatment for sexual assault related injuries. What this Bill would do is allow certain FQHCs, who meet the standards that we hold other providers to currently, to do the evidence collection necessary to prosecute these cases and give these victims options at a time when a visit to the emergency room might be too daunting. And give them that more community-based availability."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative McDermed, can you wait 'til we get to Third Reading to debate the Bill? Thank you. Representative Cassidy moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 557. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. Representative Cassidy on House Bill... I'm sorry, Senate Bill 557. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 557, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Cassidy is recognized on the Bill."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. As I described in the introduction of the Amendment, this Bill provides much needed options for survivors of sexual assault. And it is time limited, it is specific to this crisis that we're in, but it is equally critical that we ensure that these survivors have access to services. I look forward to your questions."

Speaker Willis: "Representative McDermed is recognized."

McDermed: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

McDermed: "Thank you. Representative Cassidy, during Executive Committee I had a few questions for you about this Bill to try to bring an understanding of the Bill to the Members over on my side. So I'd like to ask you some of those same questions again for their benefit. This Bill came to you from a Cook County State's Attorney?"

Cassidy: "Yes. This was an initiative of the Cook County State's Attorney's. They were working in consultation with an organization known as Resilience. Some of us who've been around for a minute know them as rape victim advocates. Howard Brown Health Center is the FQHC that has seen the dramatic increase in survivors appearing for treatment there."

McDermed: "And didn't it have significant input from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, in particular Ashley Wright who

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was a member of the Sexual Assault Tracking Kit Commission with me?"

Cassidy: "Absolutely. I have been in constant contact with the folks from the Attorney General's Office, the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. A wide array of folks have been involved here and have done a lot of heavy lifting to make sure that we do this in a way that maintains the standards that are so important while ensuring access for survivors."

McDermed: "So, we've got law enforcement, we have the Illinois Attorney General, and we have the victim advocates groups. How does the Illinois Hospital Association feel about federally qualified health centers getting into their business?"

Cassidy: "They are neutral on this, understanding the crisis that we're in."

McDermed: "Thank you, Representative. To the Bill. Members, this Bill has been vetted by all the concerned parties. I think that at this time and place this is the right thing to do to open up this kind of care to these federally qualified health centers, which up until now have not been permitted to do this. Right now we should do it. All the appropriate parties have weighed in. The changes to satisfy them have been made, and there are no opponents to the Bill at this time. I have joined as a Sponsor, and I would encourage everyone to vote 'yes'."

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Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Unes, you are recognized. You want to scoot over to another mic? That'd be fine. Is that Representative Davidsmeyer's mic?"

Unes: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Unes: "Representative Cassidy, I appreciate your work on this and have a question just for the purposes of legislative intent. As you know, a couple of years ago I had some landmark legislation that we worked on for a very long time that amended SASETA and for the first of its time included criteria for how to do a kit if in the event of a child. So it separated some... and defined some differences between a child and adult survivor. And I understand this legislation really takes that same language and puts it in on a temporary basis for... because of this pandemic."

Cassidy: "Yes."

Unes: "So, that the... so other services can be included and be able to do that work during this pandemic, but then sunsets, and nothing changes with that other legislation once this sunsets. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "That is correct. And thank you for giving us that foundation to build on and the hard work that you did to get there. So, I... I'm grateful for your work."

Unes: "And I... and I appreciate your work on this, and I encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Willis: "Seeing no further debate, Representative Cassidy to close."

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Cassidy: "Thank you for your questions and for your time. And thank you to the folks at the State's Attorney's Office, and the Attorney General's Office, and the advocate community for working together, putting the... their issues aside to acknowledge that these are extraordinary times requiring extraordinary effort to make sure that survivors get services. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 557 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is opened. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a call of 107 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'nay', this Bill has received a Constitutional Majority, and is thereby... therefore declared passed. Thank you. Representative Unes, will you turn off your speak mic? Thank you. Representative LaPointe is recognized."

LaPointe: "I would like the record to reflect that I meant to vote 'yes' on Senate Bill 557."

Speaker Willis: "Duly recorded. Thank you."

LaPointe: "Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Proceeding to the Order of Second Readings. I'm sorry. Third Reading. Senate Bill 264. Mr. Clerk, please return this Bill to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 264, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2,

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3, and 5 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris."

Harris: "Madam Speaker, I would like to withdraw Amendment #1."

Speaker Willis: "Floor Amendment #1 withdraw. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris, Floor Amendment #2."

Harris: "I'd also like to withdraw Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Willis: "Please withdraw. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris..."

Harris: "Madam Speaker..."

Speaker Willis: "...on Amendment 3."

Harris: "...I would like to withdraw Amendment #3."

Speaker Willis: "So withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5 is offered by Representative Harris."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris."

Harris: "I would like to adopt this Amendment and I would like to ask leave of the Body to waive posting requirements and then have the debate on Third Reading?"

Speaker Willis: "Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it."

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Posting requirements have been waived. Representative, on the Amendment 5, you said you wanted to discuss it on Third Reading?"

Harris: "Yes, please."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #5 to Senate Bill 264. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. Proceed to the Order of Third Reading on Senate Bill 264. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 264, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Harris on the Bill."

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 264, as amended, is the state budget for the State of Illinois for FY21, and also the supplemental appropriation for FY20 to complete out this year. And I don't have to say this 'cause everyone in this room and everyone who's listening knows, this is an incredibly difficult year for budget making in Illinois and every 1 of the other 49 states. Our state has been ravaged by a pandemic, just like our nation. People are struggling, families are struggling, our local governments are struggling, our schools are struggling. And, yes, we here at the state are struggling, too. And the budget that I'd like to present today... it is a series of tough choices. But the choice that I'd like to

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present today is to do all we can as a state to assist those who are struggling around our state. Our families, our communities, our schools, our cities and towns, our hospitals, our senior centers, day cares, child care. And to do no more harm. We could have taken a number of different approaches to this budget. We could have just looked at the numbers of our revenue coming in, and you've all seen those numbers from GOMB where they said we are looking at well over \$6 billion short fall of revenue for this fiscal year that we know of, but they also said that the next months are also unknowns. We don't know where this pandemic is going to go. We don't know how it's going to affect our communities or our businesses. We could see revenue start to slow... level off and slowly rise. We could come in November in just a couple months to what a lot of epidemiologists are predicting is a second wave combined with the very virulent flu that could come up with this situation that is worse than we are today. And we could see, after we have left here and possibly not be able to come back, a collapse of revenues greater of what we've seen so far. So we have to plan for all those contingencies. We have to plan that... what do we do if revenue stays level? What if it plunges? One of the options that we have before us was we could go in right now, and today I could have given you a budget that would cut 35 percent from every single thing that the state funds. We could've cut 35 percent from our colleges and universities. We would cut 35 percent from local schools, from mental health, from our ag programs, from local government distributive funds, from our cities and towns,

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from our senior programs, triggering thousands and thousands more closures, thousands of job losses... lost jobs. Deepening the economic hole making it harder for families and every community across the state when billions of dollars that the state does to support our citizens and our towns and our communities and our most vulnerable just disappears. And harming all those people is something I cannot do and I don't think we want to do. We can look back on other terrible crises that this state has endured and look at other choices that were made back then. In some General Assemblies, during the great recession, they gave to the Governor extraordinary powers to manage the budget. They gave the Governor lump sum authority. They gave the Governor reserve authority, to reserve as he saw fit, to cut the expenses of the state and managed them as he chose. And they also gave the Governor extraordinary rulemaking authority, emergency rulemaking authority that would allow him to change the rates for our hospitals and other providers, change the eligibility on his own signature for things like MAP grants, or child care, or Medicaid. Yeah, I don't know that we want to just lump sum a budget, I certainly don't, and send it off to the Governor and say we give you complete authority to manage this as you will. That was what... how this was dealt with in one situation. In other situations the Governor said we're going to take pension holidays, or we're going to issue pension obligation bonds. And the state did not meet its commitments financially to others and we're still suffering for some of those mistakes to this day, a decade later, as we've seen our credit rating

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sink and remain at a very low level. So, scorched earth scarcity model is not something I support. Abdicating our responsibility as a Legislature and just throwing it the executive department and saying, this is up to you, I do not support. I think we need to lay out a budget here that lines out our priorities, makes it clear that we support our elementary schools, our colleges, our universities, our human service systems, our Medicaid systems, that we're supporting our frontline workers, whether they be ambulances... ambulance drivers, police officers, first responders, fire people who are out there every day that we need to be sure that they have the resources to do their jobs. And we can pass Resolutions and we can say a lot of nice things, but we can also be sure they get paid and that they have a job come July 1. And that's what I'm proposing to do in this budget. But that doesn't come easily. As we know, there is a huge shortage... shortfall of revenue that we're facing. But we also know that the Federal Government has taken 1 step already that has been a benefit to states in a number of ways. And we know that there are discussions going on in Washington right now on other programs that could benefit states. The problem is, we don't know when or if those discussions will come to fruition. We don't know when or how much, if they do come to fruition, will come to Illinois. And we don't know when that happens if we would be physically able to return to Springfield to reappropriate monies if we decided to take no further action today. So my proposal is this. In the actions that Congress has already taken, they gave authority to the

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Federal Reserve Bank to give loan assistance to a vehicle called the Municipal Credit Facility that is available to states and towns and counties and governments across the United States. This is not like a... something special for Illinois or anything. This is available to all the governments, at all levels, across the United States of America. And would allow us to borrow, according to the fed's figures, up to \$9 billion. We would have the authority to borrow up to \$9 billion automatically under this program. We would pay at a rate at about 300 basis points above the overnight rate, which would be an extremely good rate in this marketplace. Probably coming in 2 points below what we might be able to get in the private market, if we could get folks to come out and buy our bonds in this market right now, and would allow us a up to 30-year repayment term, 30-year repayment term. We would probably go to 10 in our proposal. We're considering a term of about 10 years. But what we would us that facility for is as a essentially a line of credit against which we could borrow should the need arise if our revenues do not match our expenses under this budget proposal until the Federal Government makes its decision about either how much more money it might give to the 50 states under programs they're considering in Congress, or if, as some also suspect, they might loosen the restrictions on the \$4.9 billion that they've already sent to Illinois, but that is parked in an account at the Illinois Emergency Management Authority because it can only be spent for very limited purposes. So, a couple billion dollars of that money has not

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yet gone out because there's not a place for it to go. But the feds could also say we're going to loosen some of these restrictions and make it more available to the states. And if they do we want to be in a position to capture that and reduce any plan borrowing that we might do in future tranches. So my... this budget proposes that we use the Municipal Liquidity Facility, that we use it judiciously, that we use it in tranches, that we offset it with any future assistance from the Federal Government so that we can continue to operate our state at a level similar to the current FY20 budget. We also here will account, and you'll see some of this in the budget language, for the emergency money for... from the CARES Act that comes to Illinois to assist us in the COVID crisis. So in that pot of money 3.5 billion comes to the state for direct response to COVID, 1.7 goes to IEMA for their purposes, and 1.8 billion would come... be available to the state for our purposes. Which we would divide up with approximately half a billion dollars in support for cost to the health care industry, the long term care facilities, nursing homes, ICF/DDs, CILAs, also ambulances, also behavioral health. This is money that would be available from the Federal Government. It would not be general funds of the State of Illinois. Up to December 31 of this year, it would be available to anyone who fit into the description of these different health care providers in the state. They could apply for it if they could demonstrate that they had costs either in equipment or supplies, such as PPE, or if they had additional payroll expense or cost, such as hazard pay or call-in pay for their

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workers. Because, Ladies and Gentlemen, any of you who've talked to a nursing home, or a fire department, or a senior facility, or a mental health facility, or an ICF/DD in your district know that these folks are being hammered with these costs of response to the coronavirus epidemic. And there's really no place else for them to go for money. Our GRF funding is flat, private philanthropy is drying up. But we have an opportunity here with this COVID money to help not only our health care providers, but we can help small businesses with sustainability grants during this period. We can assist child care providers to continue until they can reopen and then give them some assistance when they do reopen if they need PPE and these other supplies. We can help families with mortgage and rental assistance who have, through no fault of their own, people all their lives gone to their work every day, paid their rent, paid their mortgage, done what they're supposed to do, and because their lives have been upended with this virus, we might able to help many, many families with not being evicted, not being foreclosed, and having a chance to get back on their feet. We can give additional money to our mental health and substance abuse providers across the State of Illinois because I... I don't know about you, but this... this crisis has taken a toll on us all. Physically, emotionally, spiritually, there are a lot of folks who need help out there across the State of Illinois and we have a chance to make that help available. And again, this would be paid for by the Federal Government, it would not be paid for out of our GRF, but we have to jump right now at this chance

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to assist. You also know that... that when the Congress passed out the money, the City of Chicago, because it was over a certain population size, and the 5 collar counties in Northern Illinois, because of their population size, got a set amount of money directly from the Federal Government. That leaves all the other counties without direct assistance. So we would divide up money from the state's share and disperse it also to counties across the state on a per capita basis so that they could use it to assist local communities in their areas. But along with... and we've heard this in different debates before today. As we spend this money, as we spend the CAREES money, and as we spend our own GRF money, people have asked where is the oversight? How does the General Assembly monitor and have input into decisions of the Executive Branch? Both on our regular budget making, something we probably always should do more of, is monitor how the Executive Branch is spending the appropriations we give them and make sure they're following our priorities. But also on this COVID money, to be sure it's also going out in the directions that... intended by the General Assembly. So, for this purpose, you'll find not in this Bill, but in the BIMP, the creation of a budget oversight commission that would be joint between the Republicans and Democrats in the House and the Senate that would oversee all budgetary actions by the Governor with quarterly in-person reviews. It would also require a monthly report to every Member of the General Assembly of budget management actions that the Governor has taken, along with reports on our revenues and expenses so that we can monitor

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on a regular basis the progress of the implementation of our budget, and then once every quarter have a chance to hear from the Governor and his representatives personally about the decisions they've made and answer what questions we as a Legislature might have. Understanding also that we need to do more for our cities and our municipalities, we're also proposing this back to in this budget to remove the proration on the Local Government Distributive Fund and return LGF to a 100 percent distribution. So, this would be statewide. But you'll find also in this budget, on page 103, Article 30, a statement of legislative intent. And this legislative intent makes it clear and it's direction from us to the administration also to be very aware of... and people have talked about this over and over, so I'm sure you've heard these words... but talking about how this pandemic has laid bare the disparities that have afflicted so many of our communities. Where people's underlying health conditions, where housing insecurity, where food insecurity, where being in a health care desert without access to adequate hospitals or primary care specialties, how this has devastated certain communities and caused disparate impact on them. So you'll also see in this Bill language that says we urge and require and intend that the Governor of Illinois, as he implements these programs, give special attention to the disparities that have appeared in our society, and that we need to be very intentional as we move forward through all the aspects of the budget to be sure that these disparities, where certain communities have been eviscerated by the COVID epidemic, get

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attention and relief and support. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, that is my summary of what we're proposing. And I hope we can pass this, because if we're going to balance this budget I would rather not do it on the backs of people who would lose their jobs if we were to cut money to our schools, cut money for our first responders. I don't want thousands of people more out of work. I think we need to balance this budget through a combination of working with the Federal Reserve and setting on ourselves on a path to a slow, sustainable return to fiscal normalcy, along with the rest of the country and every other state, and hope that this pandemic wanes so that next year we can begin a process of rebuilding and restoring and renewing our state. But being sure that on the way we protected our families, we've put more money into our local economies from billions of dollars of state spending, we've not caused layoffs of workers because we decided to balance our budget on the back of workers. We need to be sure that we're putting more support into our cities and towns because every one of them have their own budget problems, too. And the state, as the largest entity here and the largest government, can support our cities and towns in ways that nobody else can. And I think it's a opportunity for us to step up and do that. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, I really thank you for your attention and I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. I am going to tell you that we are going to have the timer going so it is best to keep your comments to questions specifically so that we

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can get as much answered as possible. Representative Demmer, you are recognized."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He will."

Demmer: "Thank you. Leader Harris, thank you for the description of the budget. I want to first start with just a few questions, some loose ends from our previous conversation in committee. The first question was, did you identify the reason for granting Lieutenant Governor's Office the ability to receive private funds?"

Harris: "That's a BIMP question, but since you asked I'll tell you the answer. I believe that they're expecting to receive a grant, I think it's a... in the area of violence prevention from a private entity, a foundation of some kind, and they don't have the authority to accept that kind of money right now."

Demmer: "I also have, I believe you're aware, I have a question of legislative intent to ask related to nursing homes. I don't want to forget that so I figured I'd present that now and we can get that out of the way. My question is, how will this nursing home allocation of the state's COVID relief funds be treated in relationship to the federal COVID relief funds?"

Harris: "These are two different streams of funds in recognition of both federal COVID response requirements and state COVID response requirements have... have contributed to the financial burden placed on nursing homes. They're federal and state funding sources with separate requirements. Expenditure of

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the funds shall be consistent with all federal and state requirements."

Demmer: "Thank you. And while we're on the topic of nursing homes, briefly I think it's also important that we note that there have been discussion about... as we're providing some COVID relief funding to nursing homes, there's also been a discussion of the opportunity to further rate reform, rate methodology reform and look at maximizing the nursing home assessment. And I look forward to those kind of conversations continuing throughout the summer, through a Medicaid work group or other related work group. Let me ask now as... a couple of more big picture budget questions. What is the estimated revenue to the state in Fiscal Year 2021?"

Harris: "My chart here shows on all revenues 42 billion 885 million."

Demmer: "And that includes borrowing at what level?"

Harris: "That would include borrowing from the MLF at 4.75... 4 billion 750 million."

Demmer: "Okay, \$4.75 billion. And the expend... and your projected expenditures?"

Harris: "Forty-two eight sixty-one."

Demmer: "With a final net of?"

Harris: "Oh jeez, they didn't do that."

Demmer: "They didn't do that. Okay..."

Harris: "I'm going to have to subtract that out."

Demmer: "That's okay. We can... we can do the math here. So, we are closing a \$4.75 billion budget deficit by borrowing from the... from the Federal Reserve. That's, I think, an important thing

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to keep in mind here. There... our projected revenues are only closing the... go ahead, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "Mr. Demmer, since you are the budgeteer from this side, we're going to have you on an unlimited time."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "You're welcome."

Demmer: "The budget deficit is really \$4.75 billion, which is closed by borrowing that money and putting a future obligation on upcoming fiscal year budgets to close that. One of the very important components, both of the Fiscal Year 2020 supplemental and the Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget is built around money that we have received or expect receive from the Federal Government through the CARES Act or whatever successive Acts might be. I want to call special attention to this because this is unlike other budget years. This is not a typically piece of our budget. And because of that, we had to make a choice as a Legislature about how to allocate these funds. Our analysis would show that in Fiscal Year 2021, \$3.67 billion of CARES money is allocated largely at the discretion of the Governor. Would you agree with that?"

Harris: "If you look through the lines of the budget... true, anything in the budget is spent at the discretion of the Governor. We found that out under the last Governor, that they can spend or not spend as they choose. But, yes, I didn't add up the figures your way, but we... if you look also through the budget, any time there's a discussion of spending in a different category it also outlines exactly the intent of the Legislature, whether it would be designating this money for

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nursing homes, long term care facilities, ICF/DDs, SMHRFs, et cetera as we discussed. So, if you look through the language you'll also see some directive language in there."

Demmer: "Some directive language. And we also have over three billion dollars in CARES related appropriations in Fiscal Year '20. So, to... in a combined fashion, we're over seven billion dollars in appropriation authority for federal funds that are almost unilaterally under the control of the Governor. The Governor in language in the BIMP, which I know we can talk about later, this is important to this chain of custody though, the dollars, the budget is... the money from the Federal Government is received, directed by the Governor into specific funds. Several of those funds he's given emergency rulemaking authority to create programs to carry out the appropriations that we have identified here. So, again, I'll say he's given emergency rulemaking authority. Now think back over the last month to where you might have heard the term emergency rulemaking before and whether that was in a positive context or a negative context. Even this week, whether it was in a positive context or a negative context. The ability for an administration to engage in emergency rulemaking and have control of more than seven billion dollars of state funds with only broad stroke, broad umbrellas of programs and allocations for those dollars, I think should give Members of this Body pause because one of the core, one of the fundamental powers of the Legislature is to appropriate funds. And instead of giving appropriated funds and establishing the statutory framework for those

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funds to be spent for more than seven billion dollars that'll come into this state, we are instead putting together a high level framework of how that money should be allocated and leaving every detail of implementation, every detail of how a formula should be crafted. Think of the time we spend in this Legislature crafting formulas for the allocate.. for the hospital assessment, for the K12 education funding formula, for revenue sharing and all kinds of programs for the Local Government Distributive Fund, for all kinds of programs where we have intense legislative debate and discussion over the allocation of funds. And we know how much it impacts our community. Yet, in this budget we're allocating seven billion dollars at the direction of the Governor to implement via emergency rule. Emergency rule that takes immediate effect and can only be overturned by a Supermajority Vote on the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules, which, by the way, doesn't meet every day. Which might have a long lag between the implementation of those rules and the ability for JCAR to review them. That's something that the Legislature should pay very, very close attention to, understanding just the level of authority that's being delegated to the Governor. I want to ask a little bit about some of the operating lines that are included in this budget. We know that across Illinois right now families and business are looking long and hard at every expense they have because of the changed financial picture that the pandemic has put us in. Last fall, Deputy Governor Hynes sent a letter to all agency directors and asked those agency directors to identify six and a half percent in

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operational cuts. Six and a half percent, as a step of responsible management and administration. When I look through this budget I don't see any of those cuts included. So my question for Representative Harris is, did the administration give you that list of cuts that would have totaled six and a half percent, even for us to begin to review?"

Harris: "Let me just step back to the other number of comments and questions. I just want to respond to them. You talked about this borrowing we're doing potentially being on a... a burden on future years' budgets. Which if we do end up borrowing some or all of that to the extent we do borrowing, yes, it will be a cost in future years. But, should the Federal Government, through either loosening up current CARES Act money or a new tranche for spending to assist Illinois and the other states, that would eliminate the need for additional borrowing. So, in that case, the cost would not go forward over a number of years. And here's the dilemma we have about emergency rulemaking, as you talked about it and the questions that surround it and the amount of authority it gives. The problem that we have here also, the countervailing thing to consider is this... the CARES Act money, the COVID relief money, if it is not spent by December 31 of this calendar year we lose the ability to use that money. So, a new budget would take effect the first day of July. That would give very little time. I've been a Member of JCAR with you and I certainly respect the process, but it's a long process. So, we were hoping to get this money into the hands of our

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localities and our hospitals and our constituents and other organizations. We would likely lose a substantial part of it 'cause there would not be enough time. So I just mention that as the reason we thought about the emergency rulemaking. To your question about the six and a half percent, I don't believe I got a copy of that from the Governor. But as you know, when you pass a budget, what we're doing in a sense is saying, Governor, here is the limit to which you can spend in each of these different departments or areas. We just say you may spend and your departments may spend up to X amount of dollars. Once they have that allocation, he is free to spend or not spend at whatever level he feels is best for the situation. So, if the Governor wishes to go in and then use that list to reduce six and a half percent, nothing in this budget, nothing we would vote on today would in any way prohibit or preclude him from going in there and doing it. It would not prohibit or preclude him from going in and cutting fifteen percent or twenty percent. The management of the budget, once it's approved by the General Assembly, is always the Governor's purview."

Demmer: "So the answer to that is of the.. at the direction of the Deputy Governor, agencies were to assemble a list of six and a half percent in reductions and spending. No such list was presented to the General Assembly and no such reductions have been included in this budget?"

Harris: "That would be correct."

Demmer: "Can I clarify on the intent of the K-12 education spending. That level is held flat from Fiscal Year 2020. Can

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you provide guidance on how that might impact individual school districts?"

Harris: "Yes, Sir. And that's a very good question. I hear that a lot from Members. So, if under the Evidence-Based Funding formula, if from year to year the annual \$350 million increase does not happen, if the amount is held flat from the prior year, the distribution to the tiers does not change. If you were to add more money, but not 350 million more. or if you were you to go below it would trigger a recalculation of the tiers. So, there's a mechanism in this budget that sets aside a fund to be held in reserve so that if we came close to a point where one of the revenue sources did not produce adequately, we could backfill those funds to prevent a triggering of the recalculation of the EBF."

Demmer: "Thank you for that explanation. I know that's important to many folks understanding what the impact is for their local school districts. I want to add, as we talk about the accountability and the oversight that we play for the appropriation of funds and then ensuring those are spent in appropriate ways, after we passed.. earlier yesterday we passed a new hospital assessment Bill that would bring several billion dollars back to the state to support hospitals all across the state, includes a number of provisions to help provide support for hospitals that provide a lot of the Medicaid services in our state. And I think that's a very important thing. It was a broad bipartisan agreement. I believe it passed unanimously in this chamber. A very positive step for our work this week. I do question, though, in this

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budget it appears that 9 hospitals, 9 of the probably 200 some hospitals in the state, are given just cash grants totaling \$20 million from IDPH. My question is, how are those hospitals chosen? What oversight do we have to see how those funds are being used? And what did a hospital do to get on a list like that?"

Harris: "So, these are hospitals that are the highest Medicaid... among the highest Medicaid percentage hospitals in the State of Illinois. We're talking about safety net hospitals here."

Demmer: "But these are... these are a subset of safety net hospitals."

Harris: "Yes."

Demmer: "And these are simply hospitals that are among the highest in the state. We didn't take the nine highest Medicaid hospitals in the state. We leapfrogged a few, skipped over some. They're given different allocations of money from hospital to hospital. Where'd that come from?"

Harris: "Those were requests that came from the Senate. And again, to address the disparate proportional... disproportional share and impact of the COVID epidemic. 'Cause if you look at those communities, you'll see communities that are being ravaged right now by the COVID epidemic. And as you look at the regular operation of some of those hospitals where they are virtually all Medicaid, this funding will help them get through this extraordinary crisis that is causing tremendous extra expense in order to serve their communities. And these hospitals in central Illinois..."

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Demmer: "Is the allocation based on their... the level of COVID, the presence of COVID in their community? Is it a sliding scale?"

Harris: "It's based on... it is based on being in areas that are disproportionately impacted by COVID, yes."

Demmer: "These... coincidentally, several of these hospitals have received these allocations in previous years when they didn't have COVID. It... was it just a coincident that basing it on COVID this year lead to a very, very strikingly similar list?"

Harris: "Well if you look at the legislative intent language I talked about of continuing to focus our interest and focus some resources on distressed communities, communities that often feel they've been left behind by policy makers. This is an attempt to be sure that we're doing what we can to address those needs and to reduce some of the health care disparities."

Demmer: "I understand that. And you know we've spent huge amount of time talking about the ways that we could use the Medicaid program. The Hospital Assessment Program gives special classes of funding, give additional support and financial resources to many of those hospitals, only to find that I guess there's a second avenue for select health care providers in the state to receive support, and that's through some kind of backroom budget deal, which will come as news to the other 191 hospitals in the State of Illinois. So, Madam Speaker, to the Bill. What we've heard today is a budget that is balanced only on a wing and a prayer. It relies on \$5 billion in borrowing or magical revenue that comes from the Federal

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Government with no strings attached. We've found a budget that ignored even the cuts that were proposed during normal operating times. Didn't incorporate any of the agency efficiencies, any of the management steps, or operational changes that could be made to reduce the burden on taxpayers. No... no suggestion that came from the Governor's Office came to this General Assembly nor was offered in this budget. We also see unprecedented levels of authority over Illinois taxpayer dollars being granted to one person, being ceded from the Legislature to the Governor through emergency rule, through appropriations that well exceed the amount of money that's been currently received. Provide emergency rulemaking authority over several funds. The CUREs program, the state CUREs program, the local CUREs program, the Business Interruption Grants, the grants to local tourism current.. and convention bureaus. These are hundreds of millions or billions of dollars that should be allocated and appropriated by this General Assembly with input from your community, with oversight from your committee, but instead could be spent in the blink of an eye with emergency rules that take immediate effect and can't be overturned without a Supermajority Vote at the next JCAR meeting. This is not how an appropriation process is supposed to work. What assurance do we have that as we delegate this dramatic authority to the Governor and give mixed signals about what are the criteria for allocating it.. is it on a per capita basis? Is it on a basis related to the incidence of COVID in your community? Is it on a basis that's relative to how long a certain type of business had

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been closed, or what kind of revenue impact they had, or how many employees they had to lay off, or what the local unemployment rate is, or what the health of the local government is, or the support system that's available in their community? Any and all of those criteria are now outside of the control of the Legislature, outside of the oversight of the House and the Senate. I remind you, again, we have not had... many of us in our offices have not had a productive relationship with the Governor's Office over many aspects of the stay-at-home order or the Restore Illinois plan. We're told we're heard, and not necessarily seeing the results of that. Do we really believe that allocating this unprecedented level of control to the Executive Branch is the only way or the best way that we can serve our constituents during this public health emergency? I suggest the opposite is the preferred path. That each of us, representing the constituents we do from broad and diverse parts of the state, come together in the people's House to have the messy debates that result in good public policy. Instead, we've taken an abbreviated Session, ceded that authority to the Governor, left unchecked, left unvoted upon many of the orders that have caused so much stress within our communities, left unanswered many of the questions that we seek answers to on behalf of our constituents every day. This budget does not take a step forward in accountability. It further gives a longer leash to an Executive Branch that has not earned it. Vote 'no'."

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Speaker Willis: "Members, I'm now going to go to a three-minute timer. And we will adhere to the three-minute timer. Representative Bryant, you are recognized."

Bryant: "Thank you, Madam Chair. And will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "Yes, he does."

Bryant: "Thank you. To be respectful of the time, I have just have a couple of things that I thought stood out with special note. First is I... because of where I live and maybe because of what some of my interests are, I find it interesting that there's a 1... there's \$1.5 million that was not allocated from GRF to law enforcement and IDNR. So, that's not included. That happens to be, I believe, the conservation police. So they are charged with catching poachers, maintaining order at the state parks and lakes, and keeping an eye on the environmental problems that are going on in those areas. And we have not funded them, looks like to me not at all. Also noticed, although I appreciate an additional \$40.1 million to IDOC, we know that there's been a tremendous number of releases, commutations, pardons, early releases to the tune of roughly 45 hundred individuals since March 1. But there's an increase in their budget, so I'm glad to see that. I had... actually was concerned that might be closures of some of the DOC facilities. I hope that this means that that money's going to be used for education, programs, and mental health treatments. And then lastly, I'd like to just take note of the fact that IDES... the mess that IDES is in and it... I'm not sure what they're going to do with the money that's been allocated to them, but I will be asking for an independent

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audit of the system that was set up for PUA. I would like to see that investigated. I would like to see Deloitte investigated it in fact, rather than having Deloitte assist in the investigation of their own program. And part of that being the \$9.5 billion no-bid contract that was given to them to set up the PUA system and the 12 billion plus that was given to them to man the phone banks. So nearly... just over \$22 million, and IDES is in the mess that it's... that it is in. So, I hope whatever dollars are appropriated to them, there's consideration for the investigations that we're going to be asking for of that particular agency. So, please take note of the fact that..."

Harris: "Representative, can I set your mind at ease on one of your items..."

Bryant: "Certainly, please."

Harris: "...which is the DNR police, which we all value. Their solution is in the BIMP Bill which will be coming from the... I'm sorry, just... I may have just misspoken. Just... let's proceed, and I'll get back to you."

Bryant: "Is it there? So, I know my time is up. So, all due respect to the Sponsor because I have a great amount of respect for him, there's not enough money there for IDES to be fixed right. They doing no-bid contracts with no one watching over it. And conservation police has got to be covered in some way, shape, or form. They have to be."

Harris: "And we'll get back to you with the exact answer on that."

Bryant: "Thank you very much."

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Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Brady, you are recognized. Here he comes, we're fine."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'm sorry for the delay there, but..."

Speaker Willis: "No problem."

Brady: "...we all have to do that from time to time. Representative, thank you for your presentation of the budget. I had a couple questions as it pertains primarily to higher education. One of the questions I have is that the calls that our working group in higher ed were having over the last couple weeks, we were talking about the potential of cuts, 20 percent, somewhere in that neck of the woods. And I see where all the state universities and community colleges overall look like it's held at level funding.. last year's funding, that's what I'm getting at.. except for a couple, at least in our draft and analysis and things. One of those it looks like there's a difference of \$1.4 million more for Chicago State University than any other university in our system. It also looks like there's an additional 511 thousand to University of Illinois versus flat level funding from last year. Can you explain that? It's... where that money is coming in from or how?"

Harris: "Okay, so on the money for Chicago State, staff is just explaining, this is not new money. It's in other state funds, and it is part of a gaming transfer that has existed for some time."

Brady: "But it's still in addition to flat funding for that university that..."

Harris: "Well, they've..."

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Brady: "...other universities aren't getting."

Harris: "Yeah, but they would've gotten it last year and the year before. So it's not like it's a new thing I... is what I'm trying to say."

Brady: "So it's 1.4 million they get every year?"

Harris: "I believe that was the explanation from staff, yes."

Brady: "Okay. So, it... it's an increase of 1.4 million compared to last year, I'm told. And you're saying that that's not right, that it's just as what they got this year..."

Harris: "Well, I..."

Brady: "...it was last year as well."

Harris: "...it is a formula, it's a transfer from the riverboat. They're going to look in... I'll get you an answer on that."

Brady: "Okay. And then the same would go to the University of Illinois that over 5... 500 thousand. And to the overall funding, just so I understand, the cuts that we weren't... we were once talking about, the potential level of those cuts, 20 percent or pick a number above that, we were talking about weeks ago, that all disappears because the federal money we're going to borrow. Is that correct?"

Harris: "I'm sorry, could you repeat..."

Brady: "Sure."

Harris: "Oh, okay. So you're talking about the cuts we had been talking about."

Brady: "Proposal of what we were talking about in the way of cuts, correct."

Harris: "It's our proposal to continue a flat funding rather than cutting our colleges and universities, yes."

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Brady: "So, the concern would be if those revenues don't come in, if the money we're borrowing from the feds, if they don't come through with that, where's higher education going to be?"

Harris: "The Federal Reserve, the Municipal Credit Facility, that's not a discretionary thing. That is something if you qualify and meet the terms on their term sheet you would... you would be able to borrow under those conditions. So, that's not a discretionary thing. If we apply I think we would get it."

Speaker Willis: "Your time is up, Sir."

Brady: "No, I'm going to wrap up very quickly."

Speaker Willis: "You're wrapping up? That's fine."

Brady: "Thank you very much, though. I'll just... if staff can... your staff can explain that..."

Harris: "Yeah, I'll..."

Brady: "...additional \$1.4 million that's new revenue, it looks like, when everybody else except U of I is held at flat level funding, and the U of I itself, why those two schools have new money and everybody else is at flat funding. And then my overall concern, obviously, is this budget, especially into higher education, it's predicated on borrowing funds that we hope, underline, score, hope comes through from the Federal Government."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Leader Brady."

Brady: "Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Ugaste, you are recognized."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

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Speaker Willis: "Proceed."

Ugaste: "We have before us a budget \$6 billion out of balance. It relies on borrowing and the hope of a bailout. To let everyone know, I didn't come to Springfield to vote against every budget, but as our Leader, Leader Durkin, has stated, when we're not allowed to participate and give real meaningful input into a Bill, especially a budget that respects our values, what do you expect from us? You're asking to increase taxes. We're doing nothing for small businesses here so they can keep their workers employed. Keep their workers employed and paying them a salary, allowing them to earn a living just as they want to. You know, I read a statement last night released by the Speaker. It talked about our compromises yesterday. We reached these compromises in a bipartisan fashion, as he stated, in our working group. We took care of first responders. We took care of frontline workers. We did all that. We did all that working between us. Then we had an election Bill. We heard it called a compromise. It was called the compromise on the floor. It was called a compromise by the Governor. But, folks, that was a compromise amongst yourselves. We weren't even consulted on it. You did throw in an Amendment on it, you heard what we said in debate. And then the Senate Amendment was thrown on, you said you'd put a lock on the box to make sure it's secure and allow the state board to promulgate rules. We don't know that there's time for them to promulgate rules, but they're do it. That's not compromise either. I asked for an Amendment. I was sincere about it. I asked to include the 2016 rolls so that 1.1

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million Illinoisans possibly aren't disenfranchised by that voting Bill, but that's not going to happen either. Today's May 23. We have 7 days of Session left actually. Special Session will be done, but check the calendar, we have 7 days of Session left. We have 7 days to craft a truly bipartisan budget. We have 7 days to create a truly bipartisan voting Bill. We've gone for 2-plus months without being in Springfield. I know you all know this, I've heard all of you say it time and again, and I know you know it. Our state has real issues before us, just as every state does right now, because of the pandemic and those that existed prior to our pandemic. I'm not unrealistic. I don't think that if we all sit down together we are going to reach a compromise and an agreement on every Bill on every issue. But the people of the State of Illinois sent us here to Springfield to at least try, and we're not even trying. A pandemic has hit this world. Our country and our state, in addition to being hit by the disease, has taken a real economic blow. Let's work together, together to help the people of the State of Illinois. There's still time, and we could even come back on a Special Session just as we are right now if we had to. We could enact property tax relief..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, your time is up. Representative Stephens will allow you to continue."

Ugaste: "We could... we could enact property tax relief to help our citizens and our businesses. We could create better efficiencies in government so that we don't have to worry about borrowing that much money, or how we might pay it back,

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or whether the Federal Government's going to give us a bailout. And again, as I've often talked about, we could create worker's compensation reforms. Reforms that protect our workers, make our state more appealing to businesses, save our taxpayers dollars, and allow our businesses to keep people employed. In short, Ladies and Gentlemen, we could work on a plan together to restore the State of Illinois. There is time to pull this budget and work together and agree to do what the people of Illinois expect us to do. We have more than shown you from our side of the aisle that we are willing to work with you and the Governor if given the opportunity and our values are respected. I'm telling you, today, we will work with you. We will work with you to help the residents of the state, the businesses of the state, and the people of the state. We may see things differently, but I still believe that when we come together, and we talk, and we listen to each other, and respect each other, we come up with the best ideas. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Mazzochi, you are recognized for three minutes."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. Republicans came here on Wednesday to stop a Governor from trying to criminalize mom and pop shops who dare to think for themselves about how and when they could open and keep their customers safe. Now it's Saturday night. You still haven't debated on this House Floor whether the Governor's first shutdown order was a good idea, too much, too little, just right. You still haven't debated whether the Governor's attempt to control

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this state through rulemaking was a good idea. What have you done? You've passed a ballot stuffing measure. You passed a law so a racetracks employees can unionize. But not a peep about whether whatever COVID plan the Governor has today is good, should change, or be the law. The Governor can't throw this state into disarray merely on his say so. Our Constitution doesn't say you have rights except in case of emergency or if the Governor waltzes cloaked in good intentions. Your refusal to give this Governor real oversight is what has now created a state budget that is billions in the hole because the private sector is not working on his order. Unemployment is skyrocketing. Rural counties without a single COVID case has been shut down for weeks. Suicide calls are up, drug overdoses are up, domestic violence, sexual assault. People can't access their doctors. Police, firemen, nurses, they're getting furloughed. They don't want to come here to beg you for budget favors. They just want to do their jobs. You've let a Governor rule this state by Executive Order and five phase PowerPoint plan. Has he followed the pandemic laws we actually have on the books? No. Has he respected the people's due process rights that they have under those laws? No. Did you know, on that side of the aisle, that the Governor's only allowed to do a shutdown order for 48 hours without consent or a court order? Do you care that he's rejected your laws that you wrote? Now, if you think we need to chuck the people's rights that we currently protect by law because of COVID-19, don't hide it, don't run from it. Put it on the table and debate it. The Republicans have a whole bunch

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of Bills on COVID-19 issues to move us forward, and to keep people safe, and to get the economy open. You haven't considered one of them. Where's your reopening plan? It's nowhere. I've got to hand it to your party, when it comes to power you excel at demanding rights. But when it comes to actually enacting on your responsibilities, you duck them time and time again. The people of Illinois deserve better, and they certainly deserve better than this budget. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Stava-Murray, you are recognized for three minutes."

Stava-Murray: "Yes. While I agree with many of the budget priorities that are included in this budget, I'm deeply concerned that we are still leaving some of those municipalities that are in the counties that received some of the CARES money, which cannot be used for their revenue shortfalls completely in the lurch. And the largest municipality that I represent is looking at potentially having to cut half of its first responders force because the position that we're leaving them in. And I cannot balance this budget on the backs of my first responders either. And so, I am unfortunately also very concerned that there's little... too many hopes and prayers when it comes to the actual balanced nature of this budget. And I just haven't seen the numbers that give me the confidence that this is going to fulfill our constitutional obligation, which I take very seriously, to have a balanced budget. And so, while I agree with many of the priorities and I'm grateful for increased

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funding for homelessness and the advocacy work that is done on so many fronts, I think that we needed a little bit more time here before I could support it. So, I will be a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Caulkins, you are recognized."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much. Leader Harris, I really appreciate your deep thought and your hard work. I wanted to just take a second and remind all of the Members of the General Services Committee, last year we went through a budget exercise that cut every agency except one. Had that budget been honored we would not be in the dire straits. We'd still be upside-down, but we wouldn't be where we are today had we taken the steps necessary last year to present an austere budget. Some of you may remember I spoke on the floor last year after the budget of... debate, or during it, and I predicted we'd be about \$2 billion upside-down. I was wrong. We're way deeper in debt than that. The... this budget is balanced on borrowing and paying back over 30 years money to run our day-to-day operations. Now I don't know how many of you put your name on the front of a check and run a company, but if you did that in your company where you couldn't meet your daily operating expenses without borrowing a tremendous amount of money and putting it on the books for 30 years, 30 years people. Who in this room is going to be here, except maybe the Speaker, for 30 more years? We are putting this burden on generations of people that will follow us here. And if you think we're having

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trouble today paying our bills, think about what's going to happen over the next 30 years as we try to pay this money back. We are currently over \$7 billion behind paying our 74 thousand vouchers that are sitting, waiting to be paid. None of that is addressed here. We have 74 thousand vouchers of people that have provided services to this state to the tune of over \$7 billion that we haven't even touched. And that number will continue to grow. The... the issue of giving the Governor this spending authority has been addressed, and I wanted... I guess if you listen to the Governor over the last several months threaten, threaten to withhold funds from communities that won't knuckle down, why do you think those communities are going to have any trust that this money will be spent in a fair and equitable way? It's very, very concerning. You want to talk about a budget, and you ask, how do you do this?"

Speaker Willis: "Sir, your time is up, but Representative Wilhour, you... will yield additional three minutes."

Caulkins: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Willis: "Go ahead."

Caulkins: "I... you balance a budget like we do in our house. You balance a budget like you do in your business. You know what your income is going to be. You know what your fixed costs are, what your overhead is. It's your mortgage, it's your car payment, it's your insurance payment, it's your utilities. You have... we haven't sat down, none of us that I know of, have sat down and addressed what are our priorities and how do we live within this budget. Yes, it's going to be painful,

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but do we really want to kick this can down the road for thirty years? And who's to say that when we come back in a year from now that we're not going to be in this same position because this economy isn't going to click. I mean, this Governor has said that we'll be locked down until there's a vaccine discovered. Five years, six years until we get 'til the end of this? I don't see it. We need to make the hard choices, that's what we're here for. We need to do the things that we have to do here, and this budget doesn't do that. It puts a thirty-year albatross around the taxpayers of this state. I wouldn't do it to my company. I wouldn't do it to my household. I mean, this is... this is totally irresponsible. Would you go out and buy a lottery ticket and go, well you know what? I'm going to win the lottery, so I'm going to go buy a new car with my winnings. And that's what this budget does. We can't do that. Let's do the right thing for the people of this state. Let's get back together. Let's work and find a way to do it. And I... I know that you can do it. We're willing to do it. You've got a lot of smart people on your side. Leader Harris, this isn't the right budget. This isn't the right time, and this isn't the right place. I ask you, please, give us an opportunity to fix this."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Spain for three minutes."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Spain: "Leader Harris, it's good to see you, and thank you for your tremendous work as always. I'd like to focus my questions on the CARES Act funding. And just to make sure that I broadly

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have the numbers correct, the CARES Act was a two trillion dollar program approved by Congress. One hundred fifty billion dollars of that amount is made available to states and local governments for assistance. For Illinois, our share of that amount roughly equated to about four point nine billion dollars. Do I have that correct?"

Harris: "We'd say 4.7 billion, but yes."

Spain: "And of that \$4.7 billion, 1.4 billion is granted by right based on population size to Chicago and the collar counties, correct?"

Harris: "Again, our figure's different, we'd say 1.2, but in general I think that's correct."

Spain: "So that leaves, on my figures, 3 and a half billion, or \$3.3 billion remaining. And, Leader Harris, I know that you have more duties than just about anyone in this room. I'm wondering if you... so you may have not, if you're familiar with a recommendation from Deputy Governor Dan Hynes, our former Comptroller, about funding that should be made available to local governments and the other 97 counties in our state."

Harris: "I've certainly heard from the Lieutenant Governor and many others with different theories of how that might go."

Spain: "So Deputy Governor Hynes pointed out that it is our expectations that the 5 counties that receive direct federal funding from CARES will allocate some of their dollars to municipalities within their counties. This has been confirmed by county chairmen that I'm aware of. And that leaves 97 counties and approximately 1200 cities outside the collars in

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limbo. The Governor's Office proposes that the state allocates the remaining portion of that local money not claimed by Chicago and the collar counties at a level of \$800 million. Is that the level that we're making available to units of local government outside of those 5 counties?"

Harris: "Well that was one proposal that came forth. There were others. We are using some of that allocation for things such as mortgage and rental assistance for folks, for mental health, substance abuse, and also to health care providers. In addition to the LGF restoration, then we're talking about distributing the balance, which would be about \$200 million, on a per capita basis to the other counties. With the expectation and the hope that they would distribute it to localities."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Spain, your... Spain, your time is up. You need additional time?"

Spain: "Yes please, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Parkhurst yields additional time to you."

Spain: "And just to clarify, because in your opening remarks you talked about both per capita allocations of some of this remaining CARES funding, but then also directed decision making based on communities or entities that had a disproportionate impact of coronavirus or historic disinvestment or those other things. So, just for the purposes of units of local government, what is the distribution methodology? Is it... is it a per capita basis or is it some other construction?"

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Harris: "It's our intent that it would be per capita."

Spain: "Thank you, Leader Harris. To the Bill. We all arrive here in Springfield and prepare for these moments each and every year to debate and deliberate over probably the most important thing that we do on an annual basis, which is the budget. And I think we're all asked to make the best decisions that we can on behalf of our districts. And so, for each and every year we look at the budget, and we try to understand what it means for our community. What does it mean for the district that we represent? And I think it's fair to say that it probably means something different to each and every one of us depending on what's going on back home. For me, the way this budget plays in Peoria will result in the closure of 3 fire stations and the elimination of 28 police officers from our city budget. We're looking at cuts of 14 percent of our entire work force. And it was our hope, our expectation... and I want to thank Deputy Governor Dan Hynes, and I want to thank Governor Pritzker. I don't always agree with the Governor, but when he's right we need to say that he's right. And it was the right thing to do to propose that we could deliver as much money from the federal sources as possible to assist our local communities who are faced with the difficult decision of making draconian cuts in public safety that will further devastate the lives of people that are already struggling. This budget takes us wildly in the wrong direction. And when Congress takes further action this summer to offer flexibility to CARES funding that has been in place, communities that are not part of the 5 collar counties will

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be left behind. We're making a huge mistake. One that will be absolutely devastating to some of the services that we all rely on most importantly in all of our communities. This budget is one that I cannot support. To me, this is a vote for cutting police officers and firefighters in my home community. And it's something that I find unacceptable. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Grant for three minutes."

Grant: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. To the Bill. Let's look at the Governor's track record. He does no-bid contracts for IDES, and it's still a mess. You want to give him more authority and allocating money with no oversight? Bad idea. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Grant, I hope everybody follows that example on the brevity of your remarks. Representative Hammond is recognized for three minutes."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Hammond: "Thank you. And, Greg, I do want to thank you for your work on the budget and so many other issues. I know that you work extremely hard and certainly do your best to work with both sides of the aisle. I do have some real concerns. We talked a little bit about higher education and the fact that higher education is 'flat with last year'. But that would be speaking in generalities because, as we know and Leader Brady brought up, certainly Illinois State University is not flat with last year. Chicago State University is not flat with last year. The University of Illinois is not flat with last year. And I would go so far as to say none of the universities

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are going to be flat with last year because nowhere in this budget was there any consideration for universities, our K-12 education, or any agency for the increase in the minimum wage that they are going to be on the hook for. And so, when Leader Demmer talked about the 9 hospitals that were chosen with no criteria that I'm aware of.. and as you know, we sat in those meetings week after week, day after day together. This was never discussed ever, was this discussed. Never came up in a conversation. And all of a sudden, here tonight, we have 9 hospitals that are getting \$9.8 million. And I say, why didn't that go to pay down the minimum wages? This year alone 15.7 in higher education. It's not flat funding. It is not right. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Bennett for three minutes."

Bennett: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Bennett: "Thank you. Leader Harris, I, too, want to add my thanks.

I appreciate your work and your thoughtfulness and the dialogue of this discussion today. And again, you've done a number of things in a number of areas that really help in a number of ways. But, if I may, to the Bill. We are here to do what is arguably perhaps our most important task each year in this General Assembly, and that is to pass a state budget. We have a great state, but we also have great, great needs. There are some other important things which we have neglected to do. We have not done anything to reform property taxes. We have not done anything on redistricting reform. We have not done anything on ethics reform. And we have not had the

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opportunity to cast a vote on the plan to reopen the state from the stay-at-home orders. None. And as the people elected Representatives that we are, these are all things that we should be doing in addition to passing a balanced budget, but we aren't even really doing that. This budget is far out of balance and relies on borrowing and hoping for billions from the Federal Government that may or may not come. And which, if it comes, may or may not be sufficient. It may not be sufficient for filling the gap in the budget. Along with that concern, we're giving this Governor emergency rulemaking power with seven billion dollars. That was just mentioned just a few minutes ago. Seven billion. We just heard that there are no reductions. None. No cuts in operations. And we talk about a crisis. These are difficult times and these difficult times also require... some of us who have perhaps faced the most difficult times since we've been elected, but these difficult times also require difficult decisions. Crossing our fingers and hoping for help from Uncle Sam isn't really the same as making a tough decision. I'd like to urge a 'no' vote, please."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Reick."

Reick: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Reick: "Representative Harris, I want to echo what everybody else has said and congratulate you for the hard work that you and the other budgeteers have put forth on this Bill. I do have a question regarding the children and family services line, please. I see that DCFS is going to get somewhere north of

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\$158 million of additional funding in this... in this budget. Can you give me a little bit more of a granular look at what that money is going to be spent on, please? You can speak in broad terms. You know, I'm not looking at that granular."

Harris: "Okay. We're trying to... we're trying to do a couple things here. We're trying to drive additional resources into the families that are serving some of these troubled youth in foster and group home situations. We're also trying to provide for additional staff for abuse investigators. You've seen the same news reports I have..."

Reick: "Sure."

Harris: "...of just terrible tragedies. So, we're trying to put in more frontline workers to do those investigations. And we are also expending some money on family preservation, to keep families together before a child has been forced to leave the home."

Reick: "Thank you. The reason I ask is the fact that in last fiscal year DCFS was given like \$81 million of additional funding. And that money has been spent, they're getting another 20 million in supplemental. But the one thing that they have fallen short on is accountability as to where that money actually went, and I'm just hoping that what we're going to see this year is a lot more accountability from the agency. Especially when this thing lifts, we're probably going to see a flood of abuse allegations that are going to have to be investigated. To the Bill. I think what we see here is a Bill... is a budget that, though I think that it's been worked on very assiduously, I think that the revenue component of it

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that relies so much upon budget... borrowing and so much hope that we get federal money is a little bit much to ask for. And, frankly speaking, we're spending more money next... in this next year than we have... than we spent last year. You don't do that in a situation and then expects to borrow the money to pay for spending increases. I would urge a 'no' vote simply because let's show some fiscal restraint before we start going someplace else for other people's money. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Moeller for three minutes."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Chairwoman... or Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He will."

Moeller: "Thank you. First, I wanted to start by thanking you, Leader Harris, all of our budget staff, all of the budget... budgeteers who worked very hard to put this budget together, especially right now during these unprecedented times. I just had a couple areas that I wanted to get some clarification. It's my understanding that in the human services budget we are increasing funding to our Community Care Program. Is that correct?"

Harris: "Yes, I believe that's correct."

Moeller: "Okay. And this money is going to be used to help seniors stay in their homes, live independently in the community in their homes."

Harris: "Yes, that's what the program does."

Moeller: "Okay. And where... we've all read and we've all seen, to our horror, that this pandemic has really hit our long term

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care facilities very hard. This pandemic has hit our elderly population very hard. And so, the need for these types of services in home has never been greater. Would you agree?"

Harris: "Oh, absolutely. I mean, it is better in any situation for seniors to live in the community and live at home rather than institutional settings. And goodness, now it's more important than ever, yes."

Moeller: "Right. And similarly, we're making.. where we can, we're making.. we're increasing funding to help the developmentally disabled and those individuals also stay in their homes and be taken care of so that they also stay safe during this pandemic, correct?"

Harris: "Yes, and we also, through some of the CARES Act money, are providing community-based providers and ICF/DDs and folks like that with funding for PPE and hazard pay for their workers so that they have some relief from all these added costs."

Moeller: "Right. And we wouldn't be able to do that if we weren't taking the steps that we're taking right now, which we all acknowledge, are extraordinary in this unprecedented time. The ability to borrow at very competitive rates from the Federal Government in order to sustain these communities, correct?"

Harris: "Yes."

Moeller: "Okay. Well, in closing, I again want to thank you. And I think we need to acknowledge that Illinois, like all other states, is experiencing a situation we've never experienced before. And there's no other way that we're going to be able

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to support the vulnerable populations that we are charged with supporting without taking the measurers that we're taking right now. And therefore I support what we're doing, I support the investments that we're making, and living up to the obligations that we have as a state to take care of our most vulnerable. So, thank you. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Gordon-Booth for three minutes. Representative, can you hold one moment, please? Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 7 to Senate Bill 2135."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Thank you for indulgence. Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Leader Harris, I want to thank you for the work that you've done on so many of the issues that are before us in this Special Session during this pandemic. But I want to go down... I want to go down memory lane for a moment, if I may be indulged. But six years ago today, to the date, we were in a chamber on the other side of town and we were convened and we were working on budgetary issues at that time in the way that we are now. And we left the chamber on a Friday evening six years ago. And my family, like many families, received a telephone call that no family ever wants to receive. And that was the call that my son had been shot. And many of you all may not know and may not be understand, but Memorial Day

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weekend has many meanings. For some it's about getting together with family for barbeques. For others it's about remembering men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for this country. For some Memorial Day weekend is about finding that time to go put flowers on the headstone of a loved one. But for many communities around this state, Memorial Day weekend is the kickoff of a very, very bloody summer. For so many communities. And that Memorial Day weekend, as I was nine months pregnant, heading to the hospital with my husband at 3:00 in the morning, only to find out after getting to the hospital that our twenty-two-year-old son had been murdered. I share this story because there are many families in this state that have experienced unimaginable loss and devastation. And so, for those who do not completely understand what that feels like, trust me, you don't want to. And the fact that in this budget we are making investments in youth employment. The fact that in this budget we are making investments in violence prevention that will hopefully save the lives of young men and young women just like DJ who had done nothing wrong. Nothing. Didn't sell drugs, wasn't gang banging, and even if they did they don't deserve to die. I share this story because it is important for us to know the work that we do and the impact that it has in communities. So when we think about these budget lines, many of you may see these lines and these numbers on these budgets and you look at it like a spreadsheet. But for many communities across this state those lines, those numbers, literally are life and death. Literally. And so, I want to

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thank you, Leader Harris, for working with many of us to make the significant investments that are needed in areas like violence prevention and so many of the other areas that we have invested in during this pandemic. So that same Peoria community that was spoken about earlier has seen nine people in the last seven days be shot. One of them that was killed was an eight-year-old boy. Eight. Eight. Let that sink in for a moment. I want us to remember why we come down here. And we come here to do the work of people who will never make it here. We do the work of people who may or may not even vote, but they count, and they matter, and their lives matter. The work here is significant, and it's hard, but it's worth it. I want to thank you, Leader Harris, for working with all of us to ensure that the investments that are important to our communities and to our families are being made. And with that said, I'd like for us, if this Body would be willing, to take a moment in the memory of Derrick Booth, Jr."

Speaker Willis: "The Body will take a moment silence, please. Thoughts and prayers to your family, Ma'am. Thank you very much for your speech. Representative Flowers, you are recognized."

Flowers: "Representative Harris, in regards to DCFS, you are about to give them another nice lump sum of money. But I don't understand what's... how it's going to make the situation better, and I need for you to elaborate on that for me. But I would like to know... I know you're giving monies to the intact families. I can understand that part. And what about the... what about the training for the workers? How is that

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going to help? Are they going to be given the tools necessary? Are they going to have the computers that would allow them to talk to the other state agencies while they're talking to the families that's intact that might need those services to prevent them from coming into the state as being wards of the state? Is there funding for that?"

Harris: "So, Representative, you asked a couple things, and I know the department is in the process of rolling out like handheld devices for their workers that can do those things. So, whether they've gotten thought the whole department or not with them, I'm not absolutely sure, but I know that they're in the work of doing that. And as... but to the global question, the bigger question you asked of how do we know that this money is going to be spent well. And we've had, since you and I've been here, we've seen numerous directors come and go from that department and troubles have continued. We know that now the department is under supervision of a court and the ACLU and other organizations such as ICOY are working with them. So hopefully with the... I hope, I really hope that this director can get it right and work with the stakeholders and work with the wards and work with the courts to finally make some lasting change that will take root and grow over there because we've just not seen that so far. And you can just hope and pray for the kids that this time there'll be some work and some progress."

Flowers: "Well, Representative Harris, you know the DCFS has been under court order for the last 30... 35 years. And, unfortunately, the court, it hasn't... the court order has not

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intimidate... intimidated them at all. That's number 1. And as far as the directors are concerned, I'm often at odd when people talk about those directors because, whoever the directors may be, there's rules and there's guidelines that's in place for the workers. They need to know that, and those are the things that need to be implemented in order to keep the families safe and to provide for those types of programs like intact... intact families. But my other concern..."

Speaker Willis: "Representative, do you need additional time?"

Flowers: "I would appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative West yields time to you."

Flowers: "Thank you. In regards to the senior citizens, like Representative Moeller stated, this pandemic has really exposed how inadequate we are as a state in regards to health care and how we are protecting our seniors. But years ago, the seniors were able to stay at home. And the reason why, for the most part, most of them needed ramps on their homes to get in and out. And for some reason, the state stopped funding those ramps. And so, I would like to know... I know that the ramps services is still there, but I would like for someone to check into the funding so we could start providing those ramps again so the seniors will be able to get in and out of their homes at will. We would build the ramps onto the homes for free as part of the services. That was before all these nursing homes became very popular. So, those are just some of the things that I wanted to discuss with you. And hopefully you can have an answer, especially about the ramps, but more importantly I remember it was under the Blagojevich

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administration is what I heard about the wrap around services and the computers. And you know how long ago that's been. It didn't happen then, and it hasn't happened since then. Hopefully it'll happen soon for the children's sake. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative DeLuca, did you have a question?"

DeLuca: "Thank you, Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Willis: "He will yield."

DeLuca: "Leader Harris, when a municipality applies to the county for COVID related expenses, is there any language in this Bill dictates how that process will take place?"

Harris: "That's a creature of Federal Law. So that's done by the Congress and whoever writes the regulations in Washington. If you're talking about the money that comes to the five counties and..."

DeLuca: "Yes, correct. I'm just trying to get an understanding for everyone. This issue keeps coming up. When a municipality applies to the county for these funds, for this reimbursement, who dictates that process?"

Harris: "That would be..."

DeLuca: "Is it the county themselves?"

Harris: "Well, here is a dispute that I think probably everyone in this room has heard. I think Members of Congress to whom I've spoken said it was their intent that the money should flow to the counties and then down to the municipalities, but the rules and regulations were not specifically worded that way. So there's not a... a total amount of clarity in the federal rules and I think here different people are

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interpreting it different ways. So, it... it's an issue, but it's not something that's under control of the General Assembly. That came out of Washington."

DeLuca: "Okay. Then I would suggest if it's something that we could look at... we don't want to get in a situation where it becomes political where the county board members might be making the determination of who's... who they're going to approve and they're not going to approve for this funding, whether it's a municipality they may not have a good relationship with or maybe it's a municipality that they do. And I would like to see that avoided. So, thank you very much."

Harris: "Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Davidsmeyer: "So, how does this budget, in numbers, compare to last year's budget?"

Harris: "In numbers?"

Davidsmeyer: "Yeah, just like across the board, where are we at? I mean, comparative numbers. Are we on even keel? Are we spending more? Are we spending less? What... what's the plan here?"

Harris: "All in with spending you'd be a little bit more, but we... another pressure we have that... you know if you're comparing apples to oranges, this last year we borrowed one point... in this fiscal year we're borrowing \$1.2 billion for the failure of revenue bonding. And that \$1.2 billion has to be included

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in next year's budget, which we're considering today. So that would be an additional \$1.2 billion just there alone."

Davidsmeyer: "Of borrowing, yeah."

Harris: "Yeah."

Davidsmeyer: "No, I understand that. So as far as spending outside of that, we're basically keeping a level spending from this year?"

Harris: "Pretty much, yeah."

Davidsmeyer: "Okay. So we're keeping level spending in a tough year. And very... granted I understand it's a very tough year because of what's going on in the economy. And I would argue we need to get the economy going sooner to help get this economy going and... and as soon as the economy gets going they pay more taxes and that helps fund programs for education, the elderly, whatever you want to... whatever you want to discuss. But we are talking about borrowing about almost \$5 billion for operations. And I understand we're talking about borrowing that from the Federal Government, but we are... we are on the verge of a decline in the economy. I mean, they've been talking about it for a while. What happens when the state sees that decline? If we can't cut funding during a pandemic, how are we going to be able to cut funding during a decline in the economy?"

Harris: "Now here you get to sort of an interesting question of what will happen in the future of our state's economy, and of course the tax collections.."

Davidsmeyer: "How about this, let me restate my question."

Harris: "Okay."

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Davidsmeyer: "Are we cutting anything?"

Harris: "We're trying to keep things level. Some things went up a little, some things have gone down a little bit, but the overall spending is essentially... we're holding that level."

Davidsmeyer: "So the effort to cut things during a pandemic is not there. The average person is trying to cut their budget to make it work, and the State of Illinois has put in zero effort to actually cut something so that we can survive."

Harris: "Well, no. Again, let me just say this. Compared to FY20, it's essentially level. If you look at the Governor's introduced budget we cut about 1.4 billion... (audio malfunction)."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you. I would say the Governor's introduced budget has never been the point of reference for our budget since I've been here. I've been here for eight years, almost eight years, and it has never been the point of reference for our budget. It was never the point of reference for the... during the last four years during Rauner. It wasn't during Quinn when I was here. It certainly isn't during... especially when a Governor introduced an imbalanced budget. A balanced... a budget that's out of balance. So, you're saying you've cut from the recommended budget, but we haven't cut anything. We haven't cut any programs. We haven't tried to... tried to reduce spending in the State of Illinois. Instead you're going to ask the State of Illinois to spend more money on people that are unwilling to be fiscally responsible with their money. I... I just... I don't understand. And I understand in a difficult situation, right? But we have done nothing to try to cut

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anything. And that is extremely frustrating. If you on your side are willing to vote for a budget that has not tried to cut anything, that has not tried to provide more efficiency, it's absolutely insane because eventually the economy that has been great over the last few years is going to decline. And when it declines Illinois is going to be in a horrible position, and the Federal Government is not going to be there for us to be borrow. And our borrowing position from the... from the bond entities are not going to be there. They're not going to be there for us to borrow. We have to start now to try to figure out what is a want and a need. You know, I appreciate the gravity of the situation today, but I feel like we are using COVID as a reason to continue to be irresponsible. And that is just ridiculous. I encourage a 'no' vote. Anybody who votes for this is voting for irresponsibility and a lack of reality in the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Okay. Just before we go to the final speech... speaker, Mr. Clerk, Rules Report, please."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 8 to Senate Bill 2135; and Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2682."

Speaker Willis: "Sorry, Representative. Representative Lilly.. or Leader Lilly, for three minutes."

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Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. I, too, stand to thank Leader Harris for sticking in there and getting this budget done. A man once said, in times of crisis the wise build bridges, while the novice and naive build barriers. And listening to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I'd just like to state and share what your 'no' means to me. Your 'no' means the funds to allocate to help the poor and disenfranchised during the COVID-19 is concerning. Your 'no' means your actions do not match the words that I've heard throughout this pandemic as we've represented ourselves here on the floor. Your 'no' means that the work of the staff that has put time in and listened to each one of us to put this budget forward to help the citizens of Illinois is sad. And, staff, I thank you. Your 'no' means that you have not listened to me or others and our concerns for the people we represent, whose lives have been lost. And I'm wondering if you respect us and who we represent at all. But let me tell you what our 'yes' mean, and my 'yes' means. My 'yes' means I support the things that you have shared, and I've heard you, and I understand our state needs to support every citizen here. And I am giving my 'yes' because I care for everyone in Illinois. The budget is a moral document that represents our concern for people. And I can stand here today and vote 'yes' for your services, where me as an African American black woman, I will never receive as much in this budget that you will receive, ever. But I am concerned for all citizens of Illinois, so I vote 'yes' for this budget. Because during a pandemic of COVID and a pandemic of violence in our state, it is time for the wise

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to build bridges and work with the novice to help you reduce the barriers to people. I thank you for this opportunity. And, Greg, thank you for your stick-to-itiveness to get this done. God bless us all."

Speaker Willis: "Final speaker, Representative Welch, please."

Welch: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Welch: "Leader, I have a question for you for legislative intent purposes. Will the Governor have emergency rulemaking authority to change reimbursement rates in general and in particular for nursing homes?"

Harris: "No."

Welch: "To the Bill, Madam Speaker. First of all, I want to begin by thanking Leader Harris and all the budgeteers for the hard work they put in on this legislation that is before us tonight. I want to thank the Executive Committee, the Democrats and Republicans who work tirelessly this last four days to vet all of this legislation, including this Bill. And many of the concerns that are being shared on this floor tonight were not shared when we vetted this Bill in Executive Session. But I want to thank them for expressing their concerns here tonight. When we left here on March 5, none of us, not one person in this room knew what would happen over the next two and a half months. None of us knew that in two and a half months we would be standing here tonight with nearly a hundred thousand American lives lost due to the novel coronavirus. None of us knew that thirty-nine million Americans would be out of work, twenty point five million

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just in the month of April. We came here to Special Session to address a crisis, the global health pandemic, and that's what this budget here does. We try our best to address issues that Illinoisans are going through right now. While many of you on the other side are going to vote 'no', I'm going to vote 'yes' to help your communities. I'm going to ask my colleagues to join and vote 'yes', not just for our communities, but for you communities, too, because this budget helps all Illinoisans who are suffering. We help people in health care, and you should vote 'yes' for the four hundred fifty-one million dollars that's going to long term care facilities all over this state. Three hundred seventy-six million dollars for business incentive grants for small businesses, those mom and pop shops all over this state. You should vote 'yes' for four hundred fifty-eight million dollars in mortgage and rental assistance that people stood here and fought for all week because people are suffering. You can stand and give political speeches all you want, but people are suffering and we're going to take the tough votes here tonight to help those people. We're going to take a vote and vote 'yes' to help downstate communities with over two hundred million dollars in grants. And we're going to help with municipal assistance. Not just in our communities, but in your communities, too, because it's the right thing to do. People are suffering all over this state, Madam Speaker. And I'm going to vote 'yes' on this budget Bill tonight. And I ask my colleagues to join me in voting 'yes' for all Illinoisans."

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Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Harris to close."

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And before I close I promised Representative Bryant I would say this on the microphone, that we did look into her issue regarding the conservation police and that item is within the IDNR budget. It is within their budget line. So, I just wanted to make that clear. And I want to thank everyone who talked today and everyone who shared their thoughts, their input, their suggestions, and their direction on how we should do budget making this year because there were a variety of different kind of ideas. And no matter which one of these we picked, it's going to be a very tough decision. Illinois and the rest of this nation are in a terrible, terrible position. Our people are suffering, families are suffering, businesses are suffering, our houses of worship are suffering, our governments are suffering. There's a storm, there's a giant storm blowing across our land and blowing across the State of Illinois. And I guess we had a choice in the face of that storm, we as a Legislature and as a state, do we stand up as a bulwark? Do we stand up as a shield to try to shelter people in our communities from the storm? Or do we say, no, we need to retreat and we need to fold in and we need to do less? That's not the path I choose. I hope, today, we can vote for this budget and we can be an opportunity to shield our people from the storm, to provide some comfort and to provide some care and to provide some support. We have the power within our hands to affect people's lives all across the State of Illinois. As we take

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this vote, I would appreciate very much your voting to stand up with me, to stand for our folks in every corner of the State of Illinois. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Leader Harris. The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 264 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is opened. Have all those voted who wish? Have all those voted who wish? Have all those voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the roll. On the call of 68 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'nay', 0 voting 'present', this Bill, having the Constitutional Majority, is declared passed. Members, on the Supplemental Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence for House Bill 2682, Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to waive the one-hour posting requirements so that Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 2682 Motion to Concur can be waived."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Zalewski has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements have been waived. Mr. Clerk. Representative Zalewski on the Bill."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 2682. This Bill is a booze-nibus, liquor-nibus, a variety of issues designed to reduce the burden on small bars and restaurants in Illinois by waiving some fees and extending some deadlines. Perhaps, most importantly, thanks to the hard work of Representatives LaPointe, Williams, Pizer, Butler, Murphy, and others who I am probably missing, and I apologize, and Senator

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Feigenholtz. It's going to produce an innovated approach for one year to allow bars and restaurants to do cocktails to go in safe packaged containers that allow for transmission outside of the facility. This is agreed with the distributive community. There's still some smaller retailers and entities like distillers and the brew pubs that aren't included, and we're going to continue to work on their issues. But for now, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Wehrli."

Wehrli: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Wehrli: "Representative, aviation fuel. What are we doing here?"

Zalewski: "You..."

Wehrli: "I love airplanes."

Zalewski: "Aviation fuel is a type of... have you not had an aviation gas?"

Wehrli: "Oh, okay. I'm sorry."

Zalewski: "I'm just kidding. I'm just kidding. We used it as a vehicle, Grant."

Wehrli: "Just having a little fun. The one year, the sunset, is that from... is that a date certain or is that from when it is enacted into law?"

Zalewski: "It's from the effective date of enactment of the law."

Wehrli: "From effective date. Will local liquor control boards have to take any action on their own or is this automatically becoming the law of the land? Can locals opt out of this if they so choose?"

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Zalewski: "It's automatically enacted, but then locals can opt out."

Wehrli: "Okay. And as far as the securement of packaging of these premixed cocktails, give me a little bit of background on that as well. What... what's required?"

Zalewski: "It's a... it's a commercialized standard of prepackaged in a rigid container with... it can't have foam in it. It has to be protected so that it can't be tampered with in transport to the house, to the home."

Wehrli: "Sort of similar to what we have if you purchase a bottle of wine in an establishment. You don't finish it, you can package it up and take it home. It has to be safe, secure, inaccessible to the driver, things like that. So there are safety precautions in place that will not allow a potential person to driving to have access to this, correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Wehrli: "Excellent. I appreciate this. I know... to the Bill. So many of our restaurants are really hurting right now because of this, and this is one small step that we can do to help them keep their businesses going. There's a lot of national data out there on the impact that coronavirus is having, and my local chamber of commerce did a survey just of our area, and about 40 percent of restaurants are on the verge of collapse. So, I'm grateful for this piece of legislation. It is one year. So if it works we can continue it. If it doesn't it sunsets. I urge an 'aye' vote on this. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Batinick."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Batinick: "Representative, I'll be real quick. And I'm sorry, I know we promised one speaker. I didn't know that my seatmate over here was going to speak. So be... my questions are a little bit more technical in nature. I wanted to give my caucus time to understand exactly what we're doing. So we're allowing local restaurants to package to go individual... like I could get a Jack and Coke to go with the one year sunset, right? That's essentially what you're doing. Or a margarita, or something like that for our restaurants that are hurting, correct?"

Zalewski: "Yeah, yes. With very rigid protocols in place so you don't enjoy that until you're at your home but, yes."

Batinick: "Correct. And the... the timeline, the technical part I'm curious about, the timeline is... this already passed the Senate, correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Batinick: "We could pass it now, correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Batinick: "Theoretically, it could go to the Governor, correct?"

Zalewski: "Correct."

Batinick: "It is 9:00 on a Saturday night, correct? He could sign it and we could be up and running?"

Zalewski: "I would not get your hopes up, Representative. But that's a plausible scenario in some universe, but maybe not this one."

Batinick: "Okay. I thank you for your time."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Skillicorn."

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Skillicorn: "Speaker, to the Bill. I'll be brief. As long as the packaging is safe, I'm hoping that this Body will extend this past the year. This seems to be a common sense idea. It could really help our restaurants, especially right now. But going forward, I hope that this is something that's embraced and hope it works out. So, I'm going to support this Bill. Representative Zalewski, if you could add me to it I would appreciate that. Vote 'yes'."

Speaker Willis: "Leader Davis."

Davis: "Madam Chair, does Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Davis: "First, I will say, I guess we should stick this provision in all the other Bills, maybe the Republicans would vote for it. Representative, so I hear Members talk about restaurants, but you made reference to bars and taverns, too, correct?"

Zalewski: "Bars... bars can do it, Will. Taverns can do it. We... license... retail licensees that manufacture on the premises. So brew pubs and the craft distillers cannot do it because the concern was it was blurring the lines of the three tiered system. So what we're going to do is we're going to pass this. And we're going to continue to work with the Liquor Control Commission to see if down the line we can come to some sort of accommodation, but for now we're just going to do statutorily what we've described."

Davis: "Okay. So is there a definition of a... of a tavern per se? And I'm not trying to make it too technical, but I have a small... I've been contacted by one of my business owners, a gentleman by the name of Mr. Bianchi who owns a tavern in

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East Hazel Crest. And of course he has yelled at me about being able to open. He wants to do business. He wants to serve his patrons. So, for a tavern, this is something that will help, could possibly help, a business like his, correct?"

Zalewski: "That's correct."

Davis: "Okay. I just wanted to make sure we're talking about small businesses like that as well. Just to be certain. And just because of, I think it was Representative Batinick, is a Jack and Coke with a one year sunset a new drink? I'm just trying to... trying to figure out if it's a new beverage. Do you know of one like that?"

Zalewski: "I don't know. It seem like it... aviation jet fuel Bill... drink. I don't know that either."

Davis: "Okay. Probably something that he created then. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Pappas."

Pappas: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Pappas: "Thank you. To the Bill. I would really like to thank everybody, the Sponsor, and everyone who's worked really hard to put this legislation together. It's going to bring a measure of much needed relief to our restaurants and bars, of which I have many in my district. I do admit I'm disappointed that we're not granting the same relief to the craft breweries and craft distillers under the brew pub and distilling pub licenses. I wish that we could treat all bars in the State of Illinois similarly. Recent... until recently, I had four craft breweries in my district. I'm sorry, I had five. I just... I

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found out that now I have four because one of our craft breweries, unfortunately, had to close recently due.. likely due to the impact of COVID-19 on their operations. And so, our craft breweries are suffering as well. And they do help a lot in my community. One of our craft breweries, Church Street Brewery in Itasca, has recently converted part of their operations to making hand sanitizer, which is in dire need in our district. And they are donating it to members of the community who stop in and also to nonprofits. So they're a great asset to our community and I wish that we were helping them. I understand that we can't do it in this Bill at this point, but I do hope that we continue to work and try to help them as well. And I hope that the Illinois Liquor Commission considers extending the delivery permission that they've given to the craft brewers for a year for the length of time of this Bill to help them deal with the post COVID reality as well. So, again, I want to thank everybody who worked on this Bill. I vote.. I urge everybody to vote 'yes'. I do wish we had done more, but we'll keep working on it. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Weber."

Weber: "Hello. Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I wanted to say thank you to the Sponsor for bringing this Bill forward. We have thousands of small businesses across the state that have been devastated by the current crisis, and this legislation may bring a little hope to many of them as we continue to work through this crisis. I appreciate this Bill because I know it will help many small businesses in my district. My district includes much of the Chain O'Lakes. We

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have a lot of lakes in our region. A hundred fifty bars and restaurants along the chain. Thousands of my constituents rely on these for jobs to be able to put food on their table. This Bill will directly help many of them, and as we know, we have a very diverse state. And this situation that we are each facing in our districts can be very different. While I appreciate the difficulty in dealing with the current crisis, I think this Bill is another perfect example of why we need a more targeted and localized approach to opening up our state. And I think it's very unfortunate that more of that has not happened during this Special Session. But, again, I want to say thank you for bringing this Bill forward. I think it's going to help a lot of business. And please add me on as a cosponsor. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative LaPointe."

LaPointe: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

LaPointe: "To the Bill. Many of us here have become familiar with this Bill and it's effectually known as cocktails to go, and we all feel good about... we're all thinking about what cocktail we're going to get when this becomes law. But we all know, at the end of the day, this is about economic recovery for an industry that's bleeding. When it comes to restaurants half of them aren't even open right now, and those that are open, they're doing about 80 percent of the business they were doing last year. So, this will allow people to maintain jobs and it's a lifeline to the bars and restaurants, our beloved bars and restaurants that really bring community and character to

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the neighborhoods in Chicago and to the towns all across the State of Illinois. When we first started to deal with COVID restrictions, the very first phone calls I got were from independent restaurants and bars in my district. And when I first heard about this concept of cocktails to go I first called those independent bars in my district and learned that cocktails offer a much higher margin than food and even beer. So, this is truly a lifeline. And I do want to echo what Representative Pappas and the Sponsor said. Given this Bill and given that this Bill is going to be... it's going to have a one year sunset, I do strongly urge the ILCC to uniformly extend its guidance that was issued on March 19 that temporarily allows for deliveries to extend that period for a year. It is really unfortunate that brew pubs were cut out, but we were able to reach a compromise in really short order. So I urge an 'aye' vote, and thank you to the Sponsor."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Zalewski to close."

Zalewski: "Thank you to Lindsey, this is in no small part to her effort and she... she worked incredibly hard on this and she deserves a lion share of the credit. Thank you to all that supported it. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur on House... to amend... Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 269... I'm sorry... 2682?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the roll. On the... 104 voting 'yes', 6 voting 'no', this, having

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the... Constitutional Majority, the concurrence has passed. To... just for clarity, the House does concur on Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2682."

Clerk Hollman: "The Rules Committee will meet immediately. The Rules Committee will meet immediately."

Speaker Willis: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 9 to Senate Bill 2135."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, could you please give me the status of Senate Bill 2135?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2135 is on the Order of Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Willis: "Mr. Clerk, could you please return that Bill to Second Reading, and read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2135, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 5 and 6 have been adopted. Floor Amendments 7, 8, and 9 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #7 is offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke on Senate Bill 2135."

Burke: "I'd like to withdraw Amendment 7."

Speaker Willis: "Amendment 7 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #8 is offered by Representative Burke."

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Burke: "I'd like to withdraw Amendment 8."

Speaker Willis: "Floor Amendment #8 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #9 is offered by Representative
Burke."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke."

Burke: "I'd like to move for the adoption of Floor Amendment 9.
This removes the... the provisions regarding the extension of
FOIA. It removes the provisions regarding remote voting. And
it... it adds the flexibility on the free days for the
Brookfield Zoo."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke moves for the adoption of
Floor Amendment #9. I'm sorry. Leader Butler, do you want to
discuss this now or on Third Reading?"

Butler: "Yes."

Speaker Willis: "Now?"

Butler: "Discuss now. Yes, discuss it now. So..."

Speaker Willis: "Go right ahead."

Butler: "I have a commitment that none of our people will speak.
I'll speak on the Amendment, we'll go to Third Reading. We
can vote on it then. So I'd like to discuss it..."

Speaker Willis: "I love that. Go right ahead, Sir."

Butler: "Yes, thank you very much. So, a couple questions of the
Sponsor on the Amendment, please."

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she'll yield."

Butler: "So, Representative Burke, Leader Burke, just to confirm,
we're taking out the FOIA language, we're taking out remote
legislating, then we're adding the... the days for museum days.
That's it, that's all this Amendment does, correct?"

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Burke: "That's it. At the Brookfield Zoo."

Butler: "Okay. To the Amendment. I... and Leader Durkin told me to be quick but I'll try to be quick 'cause I know we're trying to get out of here. To all the Members of the Majority Party, to all the Members of the Majority Party who voted 'no' or who did not vote 'yes' the first time around, it did not go unnoticed. It did not go unnoticed. And to my friend Mary Flowers, we are in a relationship business people and words matter. And I appreciate what Mary Flowers did for me. I told her it's probably because of Twizzlers, 'cause she's come to my desk more than once for Twizzlers over the years. You know, we've all... (audio malfunction)... me in their jobs. All of us, when you go to Jewel, or Whole Foods, or Binny's, or everywhere that you've gone over the last 2 months, those staff, which are now frontline staff, are serving us every day. We need to return the favor to them, to serve them, at our place of employment here. So I thank you from the bottom of my heart for protecting the integrity of this institution by not allowing remote legislating. You know, my family has been in this state for 200... over 200 years. Some of you have heard this before. My fourth great grandfather was a gentleman named Lewis Barker. He served in the very first General Assembly as the state Senator from Pope County. He had to travel from Pope County on horseback all the way to Kaskaskia to go meet at the Legislature. He had to travel from Pope County to Vandalia on horseback to go meet at the Legislature for the 2nd through 4th General Assemblies. They did it then. We can do it now. We can meet safely. I take this job, as all

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you do, as everyone does, I take this job personally and seriously. And I know all of you do as well. But for me, I also feel the weight of history serving in this position, and I'm sure a lot of you do as well. As I said, I have a family history that goes back... spans all 101 General Assemblies. I also have the great honor to serve in largely the same district that Abraham Lincoln served in. And I take that very seriously. And that is why I defend this institution. We come together in General Assembly to do our business. Words matter. Relationships matter. Discussions matter. Things get done 'cause we talk to each other person to person. So, again, to each of you who did not vote green the first time around, it did not go unnoticed. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Williams, you are recognized. You'll wait 'til Third Reading. Representative Burke moves to adopt Floor Amendment 9 to Senate Bill 2135. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Mr. Clerk, Third Reading. I'm sorry, the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Willis: "Third Reading. Representative Burke on Senate Bill 2135. Please read the Bill. We're done. We've done it. Representative Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Again, this is the underlying Bill that we had a lengthy discussion on before except that the provisions regarding the FOIA extension, remote voting... legislative remote voting are removed and we've added a

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provision for the Brookfield Zoo to give them the flexibility to use their free days just as we did with the other institutions. I ask for an 'aye' vote, and I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Williams, to the Bill. Yes, Ma'am."

Williams, A.: "Yes, thank you. To the Bill. I'd like to address the remote voting component that was removed from this Bill. It seems like some in this Body forget that we are in the midst of a global pandemic. It's not just here in Illinois. It's not just happening nationally. It's a global pandemic, the likes of which we have not seen in generations, and certainly not in modern times. Nobody expected it. Nobody thought we'd be legislating like we're in an episode of Contagion or Outbreak or whatever those movies are. Nobody was prepared for it. But before this Amendment was added, we were taking steps to prepare for something that we never expected to happen. None of us have any idea what the future holds. Maybe it'll disappear one day. I'm still waiting for that to happen as our leader of the free world promised. It hasn't yet, and I don't see that happening. We all hope that this goes away, this subsides, and that we don't face a second and worse wave. I'm an optimist. I hope that doesn't happen. I don't want that to happen. But by eliminating the possibility that we could vote remotely in the event that we absolutely cannot meet safely and effectively, we have failed to prepare ourselves in the event of something more, something unexpected happening. We've been given fair warning, we

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refuse to heed it. We've also, unfortunately, precluded ourselves from the opportunity to fully serve our communities to the best of our abilities by limiting our ability to meet and work remotely. I agree with my colleagues on the other side of the aisle and some on my side who think this is not an ideal way meet. Certainly this is not ideal. I wanted to go back to the way it was for the past however many years, but that's, unfortunately, not the reality. This has been an incredibly rude awakening for all of us, and it's a real shame that we refuse to prepare for the next unexpected event."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "She indicates she will."

Davidsmeyer: "First I want to reiterate my... my concern that I was not trying to interrupt you during the last debate. I just... I was on limited debate so I was trying to get my points out. So, I apologize that in advance. The reality here is that the concerns that I was talking about, the fact that the General Assembly is not going to be involved until July 1, is absolutely ridiculous. It's still contained within this Bill, and that abdicates my responsibility to my constituents and your responsibility to your constituents and everybody on this floor. We're not involved in the direction of the State of... the State of Illinois. We're not involved, right? We need to be a part of this. And I urge a 'no' vote because we need to be a part of the conversation."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Burke to close."

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Burke: "I appreciate all the back and forth and I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2135 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the roll. On the number of 66 voting 'yes', 44 voting 'nay', 3 (SIC 2) voting 'present', this Bill, having the Constitutional Majority, is declared passed. Members, we're going to start up in just a couple of minutes, but just for a point, if you are not eating or drinking will you please make sure your mask is in place. We're almost done, guys. Committee announcements, please."

Clerk Hollman: "The Rules Committee will meet immediately. The Rules Committee will meet immediately."

Speaker Willis: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 357."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. To Mr. Speaker for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could all take our seats. There are two Bills remaining to conclude this Session. The first Bill will be the BIMP Bill, and the second Bill will be the Capital Appropriations Bill. In an effort to move along as quickly as possible I

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have spoken with Mr. Durkin. On the BIMP Bill the Bill will be presented by Representative Harris and in opposition will be Mr. Durkin plus two other Republicans. On the Capital Appropriations Bill there will be one speaker, that's Mr. Hoffman who's the Sponsor of the Bill, and then we'll go to roll call. So, Madam Speaker, if we can go to the BIMP Bill."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Supplemental Calendar, House Bill 357. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr.. Representative Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "I move to concur with Amendment 2 to House Bill 357. Would you like me to give some remarks or hold?"

Speaker Willis: "Sure, why don't you give some remarks regarding it."

Harris: "So, thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 357 is the Budget Implementation Bill, or the BIMP, for the FY2021 budget. It includes a variety of provisions. I'll just highlight a couple of the key ones. We make numerous adjustments and accommodations for convention and tourism bureaus across the state as well as the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority and other hospitality related industries, which have been hit hard by the recession, to assist them in getting advances on some funds and moving funds along to help them stay solvent and functioning during this crisis. We create several special funds for the purpose of receiving CARES Act money and dispersing it according to the priorities of the budget we just passed. We've extended the Comptroller's interfund borrowing authority to June 30 of 2021 and funded the Executive Ethics Commission. We have

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expanded the Governor's usual transfer authority from two percent to eight percent between lines and we've extended the lapse period until October. In the case the county fairs cannot happen during the course of the year, then those funds would go to Ag education and extension. We've made adjustments to the Tax Refund Fund and we've authorized the settlement for the Ligas Consent Decrees. And we've made a change in payments for Medicaid to Cook County, which will allow payments to go out to hospitals in Cook County and other health care providers on a more expedited basis. In addition, there is an increase to FQHC rates to YHEP credits, and also to SMHRF rates. The BIMP is also the home of the Legislative Oversight Committee, which will oversee all executive spending on the budget and will also oversee spending... expenditure by the counties under the CARES Act. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Leader Harris. For our first speaker, Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Mazzochi: "Leader Harris, will this Budget Implementation Bill authorize legislative pay raises?"

Harris: "No."

Mazzochi: "Are they prohibited?"

Harris: "No."

Mazzochi: "How does that work?"

Harris: "There is no language in here, to my knowledge, about legislative pay raises."

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Mazzochi: "Right, so that means then that the automatic pay raise is going to go into effect because there is no language to get rid of the COLA increase for next year. Isn't that true?"

Harris: "What I just heard from the Senate is they've made an announcement that, a decision that they've reached with the Comptroller apparently, they believe no COLAs will be forthcoming."

Mazzochi: "I'm sorry, say that again."

Harris: "I said I was just listening to the Senate a little bit ago where apparently there's been a discussion between the Senate and the Comptroller that was announced that they believed there is actions that would prevent COLAs from..."

Mazzochi: "Right, and..."

Harris: "...coming forth."

Mazzochi: "...how is... how is there going to be action between the Senate and the Comptroller that's going to be legally binding on this chamber?"

Harris: "Actually, I do not know because I just heard this."

Mazzochi: "Right, so that's the point. So it's not actually in the BIMP in terms of statutory.. clear statutory language that Legislators in this chamber are not going to get pay raises next year. I just want to make sure that's clear, because if it's not in the BIMP it becomes automatic, whether or not there's a side deal with the Senate or not. Now, I just want to say that when it comes to the BIMP, this... this Bill is not really legislation. It's abdication. We've done a trio of Bills on budget, borrow, and now implementation. And what you've offered gives the Governor unfettered discretion over

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\$43 billion and a budget that we know is billions out of balance. In this version of the Bill you also eliminated his obligation to give Legislators notice when he's going to start moving money around, 15 percent or more. You gave him unfettered discretion to borrow even more, even if we aren't in an emergency, but any time the Governor decides that the hardworking people of Illinois haven't worked hard enough and he wants more money to spend. Sorry, that's toxic. Now, earlier tonight you said look at all the people and look at the programs that this budget is going to help and don't they deserve that? Yes, they do. The problem is this particular piece of legislation doesn't mandate that the Governor actually spend the money on those people. The Governor doesn't have to fund those programs if he doesn't want to 'cause you've given him that discretion. Maybe he'll only fund them if you give him your vote on some other thing that he wants some time in the future. It's a lot of leverage you're giving the Governor over your communities. And I'm surprised you're okay with that. This Bill also lets the Governor continue to keep using state agencies to pay his campaign workers and his vendors, including the guy who allegedly has kept his job because he covered up a rape in Champaign. You haven't prevented the Governor from continuing to fund those contracts. This Bill also lets the Governor keep directing COVID money towards his family business enterprises. You've done nothing to stop that. In fact, you've done nothing on ethics these last few months, certainly not a way that's binding. This budget also lets the politically privileged

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here within the state, their payroll, who got... the people who got... helped get the Governor get elected, they're getting raises. They're getting bonuses. They're getting their health care costs not just protected, but enhanced. And again, you're not preventing the automatic legislative pay raise from coming into effect. That's a pretty hard swallow in my district for people who have lost their jobs, their homes, and their health benefits, and who stand to lose even more. It's also impossible for me to vote for these Bills when the Governor has shown these last 2 months he will abuse the power that he has, he won't be respectful of our laws, and your party will not hold him accountable when he does those things. So, here we are with another budget Bill. You're kicking the can again, like you always do, and the rest of Illinois will suffer, once again, like they always do. This is self-interested, irresponsibility and I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Willis: "The second speaker from the Republican side will be Representative Brady."

Brady: "Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Willis: "He indicates he will."

Brady: "Representative Harris, first off a question regarding education funding. And it's come to my attention, or our attention, that if the funding formula that ISBE has talked about and had legislation that was in this BIMP Bill that's supposed to go in, it's my understanding that if any of the K-12 funding is withheld, potentially like there's been some discussion with the Governor, that without this piece of

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legislation in the BIMP Bill the funding formula will not work. Do you have any knowledge of that?"

Harris: "We're going to find you the location of that language, Representative."

Brady: "Okay. So, you're going to be looking that question up like the question I had for higher education?"

Harris: "Well, actually on that one... the same answer applies as applied before. That is a function of lottery, which has been in place for many years. In years where the lottery is successful... I'm sorry, casinos are successful, then the universities that have a draw on that program are more successful. In the year like we're having now they could be potentially less successful if revenues do not come in. But that's not a system that's new this year, it's been in place for many years."

Brady: "With the overall budget and the BIMP Bill being predicated on borrowing, a large amount of borrowing, would you say?"

Harris: "I'm sorry?"

Brady: "A large amount of borrowing in our budget is... that's what it's predicated on, is it not? In other words, that's what it's built upon, a large amount of borrowing from the Federal Government or whoever else."

Harris: "There will... there will be some borrowing, and it will be anticipation of federal assistance in other forms."

Brady: "Okay."

Harris: "And to answer your question, Representative, on the... that mechanism is in the operating budget, not the BIMP. So it is there."

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Brady: "Okay, thank you. To the Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen. Let me share a brief little story. Earlier today in a Springfield hospital a little baby boy was born by the name of Peter Patrick Besler. He was born to his mother, Eileen, and his father, Patrick, a former staffer of ours. And by the time Peter Patrick Besler gets to be in kindergarten, or grade school, or high school, or college, or beyond, he will inherit all the debt that we're doing here today and have done in the past. And it'll be the future generations of the Peter Patrick Beslers that end up trying to pay that debt and to work the way out of the mess that's been created over years. Not just the COVID virus. So, to Peter Patrick Besler and all those that are going to inherit the debt for many, many, many years to come, I say, I'm sorry. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Final speaker from the Republican side, Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you. To the Bill. For decades we've seen Illinois struggle, debt skyrocketing, pension liability at levels we will never be able to... never to be able to afford, taxes absurdly high with the Majority Party seeking to make them higher. And now, today, a global pandemic has taken too many lives, affected too many families, and has put one point two million Illinoisans out of work wondering what they will do next. One point two million people. Our friends, neighbors, family members, fellow Illinoisans. One point two million people who are desperate now, and would only get worse when the jobs that were here don't come back. I stand here today to tell those one point two million people, and all fellow residents,

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that the General Assembly has done today is the same old song and dance, the same movie you've watched twenty times before, and you know every line. Now, let's go back a little bit. Remember those campaign promises from the past? I remember them. I've seen them. Redistricting reform, fair maps. That's a real popular one. We need to reform the property tax system. Yes, the tax that strangles the middle tax. Reform the state pension systems. And, yes, even this year we're going to give it a... we're going to give Illinois citizens a nine billion dollar kiss because of our inability to meaningfully... make a meaningful attempt to reign in those costs. Here's another one, here's a real beauty. Remember a couple months ago we were talking about ethics, the way in which we conduct our business? It was just a few months ago where the names of Luis Arroyo and Martin Sandoval brought out so much angst, anger, and disdain from all of us for their corrupt practices through extortion, through bribery, and just as bad, the manipulation of the legislative process from the scandalous red light camera ban. What happened, Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly? We never came close to any of these, not one word has been spoken about those issues in these days down here. So, I guess the question I have is, what's the point of having your majority? Only thing I take from this is that I presume there is no intent, never was, any will on behalf of the Democrat majority to take up these reforms. Never mind the campaign promises have been made year in and year out on exactly every one of these issues. Nothing for our citizens, no glimmer of hope for us to do the right thing.

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But here we are today, Illinois is pushed to the cliff by all of the issues we have been talking about for years and by a virus that showed up in Illinois only back in January. The ruling party in this state has forgotten that we here to serve the people and not... but not make them bend to their will. While one point two million of our citizens who we serve are out of work... I'm just blown away by this. That the Democrats in the House and the Senate found a way to slip into this Bill a legislative pay raise because we have not proactively banned the COLA. I don't care what would happen in the Senate or what type of agreement was between the Comptroller and some people over there, that is a legal obligation on behalf of the Comptroller. So, congratulations. We're getting a pay raise. Sounds great. How's that sound to those restaurant owners and their employees who through a stroke of pen about two months ago lost their livelihoods. The audacity, the audacity for the Legislature to accept a pay raise at this time in this history of the state. It's insulting. It's insulting to those one point two million Illinoisans, those poor souls who are struggling just to try to find a way to keep their lights on, to feed their kids. We haven't done anything for them, but we sure as heck took care of ourselves. So, Ladies and Gentlemen, when we leave here tonight, it's obvious that the work that we should be doing is not over. The failures of this government will be on full display for the months and, sadly, decades to come. Let me just remind you that all of us here, we take oaths as Members of the Legislature, and we are reminded that we are a coequal branch

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of government. We talked about a lot of that lately. We have a system called checks and balances, and I would say that's the greatest system that we've inherited from the Framers. Checks and balances in government was developed to ensure that no one, no branch of government would become too powerful. Sadly, that is what we've done today and yesterday. We've not done our jobs. We have abdicated our responsibilities, and it's unfortunate. There was a comment made a little bit earlier about people are suffering. Yes, they are suffering right now, but I've got some news for you. The people in this state have been suffering for a long time, and it will continue, and they will continue to suffer after tonight. And, yes, even after, when the vaccination has been delivered, they will continue to suffer because the Legislature looks in the other direction on the most pressing, the most important issues that face us."

Speaker Willis: "Leader Harris to close."

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm very glad to hear that Peter Patrick Besler has come into the world. He's got fine parents. I'm glad to know them both and have worked with them. And I'm happy he's coming in right now where we have a General Assembly who's willing to pass a budget to fund the hospital, the doctors, the health care, and the nurses at that hospital where he was born. If we had gone to the scorched earth policy that some want, to cut 35 percent, 35 percent of our state budget to shut down hospitals, to defund our universities, to defund our school systems, that's a world you guys can have. That's not a world I want. I want the... the Peter Patrick

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Beslers to come into a world where he can get the health care he needs, where his family can thrive, where he can find a school to educate himself. You talked about 1.2 million people who are out of their jobs. And I'm glad we passed a budget here tonight that's not going to add tens of thousands of more jobless onto those rolls when our hospitals close, when the doctors are laid off, when the social service agencies have to fire their workers, when the state has to start laying off union workers in its prisons and in Secretary of State's Office, its DHS offices across the State of Illinois. You talked about the fact that peoples are struggling to keep their lights on, put food on the table for their kids, and we're doing nothing for them. I can point to literally hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars that are set aside in the budget we just passed tonight to save people from foreclosure in their homes. To save people from eviction when they can't pay their rent. To assist people with mental health services. To put PPE into our nursing homes. To go into to the ICF/DDs and give enough hazard pay that their workers can show up. We've spent a great deal of time and effort and money protecting the citizens of this state. This may not be the world's best budget, but at least we have a budget. And to be lectured by some people who for 2 years let another Governor run this state with 0 budget and running up a \$17 billion backlog of bills is an interesting experience. Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur on Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 357?' This is final action.

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All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? I'm sorry. Yes, I'll hold off. Representative Brady, you are having technical difficulties? Your vote's been recorded. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 62 voting 'yes', 47 voting 'nay', 1 voting 'present', this Bill, having the Constitutional... I'm sorry... the House does concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 357. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Committee Reports, Mr. Clerk. I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The Rules Committee will meet immediately. The Rules Committee will meet immediately."

Speaker Willis: "Mr. Clerk, Rules Report, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 23, 2020: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 64."

Speaker Willis: "From Supplemental Calendar #3, the House rules to concur with House Bill 64. Representative Hoffman, you're recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I will ask that we concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 64. This is the capital program and what it does is reappropriates past capital and it appropriates the capital that is consistent with our Capital Bill that we

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passed last year. This passed unanimously out of the Senate. And I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Willis: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur to Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 64?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; all those opposed signify by voting 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On this question, there are 74... I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk, please take the roll. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no', 5 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 64. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair will recognize Leader Harris."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker... or Madam Speaker. You know, when we all came down here to come to Session I think we all had a little bit of trepidation and anxiety and nervousness about what we were going to find when we came here and what was going to happen when we got here. But I think when we came, we were surprised to find a welcoming environment, beautifully put together, very functional, warm hospitality from everyone who was involved in this project, with our health concerns taken care of, with our safety concerns taken care of. And we've gone through all of this... and this didn't happen just overnight. This is a pretty miraculous undertaking to have been done in 10 days. So there are a lot of people who came here and worked to make our jobs easy and to make us feel safe. And I just wanted to take a moment to thank very deeply on behalf of each of us, Republican and

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Democrat, our State Police, our Capitol Police, our Springfield Police, the employees of the Bank of Springfield.. Bank of Springfield Center, our audio operators, our video operators, all of our caterers, our House Doorkeepers, the Clerk of the House and his staff, LIS and their staff, and the House Democrat and Republican staffs. So thank you, thank you all. And, Ladies and Gentlemen, there's just one more thing before we move on, while we're standing I'd like to do. And that is, we know... while we're here safe and protected, there's nearly a hundred thousand other Americans, we may cross that this week, I think, today, 97 thousand of our fellow Americans have lost their lives. Young people, old people, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, grandparents, people going about their daily lives who found themselves stricken with a horrible, deadly disease. And I'd like to take a moment of silence to honor all those who died in Illinois, and all those who died across the United States, and remember that our service here is on behalf of them."

Speaker Willis: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you. I have an announcement. Members, the calendar for Veto Session will be emailed to you later this evening. To all Members, you'll be getting that. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Adjournment Resolution. House Joint Resolution #1 for the First Special Session.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Saturday, May 23, 2020, the

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House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 17, 2020, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, November 17, 2020, or until the call of the President."

Speaker Willis: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed... Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution has been adopted. Mr. Clerk... Special Session is now adjourned."