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Speaker Ammons: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting your laptops, turning off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Padget."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we give you all that we are on this day. Please brush away our weariness so that we may be inspired in our work. Help us discover new ways to reveal your love to all that we meet. Keep our minds clear and focused on all we need to achieve. Lord, give us the wisdom to overcome difficulties and find solutions for everyone in the State of Illinois. I look to you and trust that you are with us on this day. Amen."

Speaker Ammons: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Crespo."

Crespo - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Ammons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Harris is recognized for... to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Madam Speaker, I know of no excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle today."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Harris. Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

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Welter: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that Representative Stephens and Caulkins are excused for the day."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Welter. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded who wish? Have all recorded who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being a 114 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 338; Motion to Concur, recommends be adopted for Senate Amendment #1 for House Bill 641. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 305. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 293. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 626, and Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 685. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 342, offered by Representative Kifowit. And House Resolution 343, offered by Representative Robinson."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to

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wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth, except when necessary for eating and drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk and prior to the start of Session. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone, as pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Attention, Members. We will be voting today on all Bills on Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second day, beginning on page 19 of the Calendar. There will be one vote on those Bills. It is anticipated that Members will vote 'yes'. If Members wish to be recorded as anything other than 'yes' on any of the particular Bills, Members may file a signed letter with the Clerk indicating those separate votes. The letter must be filed today by 5 p.m. Again, we will be voting today on all Bills on Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day, starting on page 19 of the Calendar. Members, the Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. If there's leave, we will take these Motions together in one Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard in committee. House Resolutions 21 and 275 in Human Services. House Resolution 281, in Labor & Commerce. House Resolution 254 in International Trade. House Resolution 266 in Consumer Protection. And Senate Bill 508 in Revenue & Finance. Senate Bill 815 in Higher Education. Senate Bill 642 in Executive."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker... I'm sorry. Thank you, Leader Harris. Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor in say 'aye'; all those

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opposed say 'nay'. The voting... oh, I'm sorry. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. The question is, there... 'Shall the posting requirements be waived?' Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 71 voting 'yes', 43 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', and the Motion passes. Members, we'll begin on Bills on Second. On page 9 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 2136. Representative Flowers, for Senate Bill 2136. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2136, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Flowers."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Flowers on the Amendment."

Flowers: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and Members of the committee. Floor Amendment #1 is an agreed committee... Amendment, and it provides that a person may file a 210 (sic-2-1401) petition at any time, if his or her final order... thank you, Madam Speaker. It states that House Amendment #1 provides a person may file a 2-1401 petition at any time, if his or her final order or judgement was entered based on a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and has potential federal immigration laws... consequences. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #1."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2136. All in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2158, Representative Buckner. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2158, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Buckner on Senate Bill 2158. Representative Buckner, you can hold for a second. We'll move it to Third, and then you can explain it on Third. Senate Bill 2158 moves to Third.. Third Reading. Senate Bill 2182. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2182, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2270. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2270, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ford."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Ford on Floor Amendment #1."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for the adoption of House Floor Amendment #1, and I can tell you what the Amendment does. The underlying Bill simply required that DPH to file rules for the certification of behavior health management units that the General Assembly approved back in 2010. This Amendment comes from the proponents of the Bill and just limits the number of certifications for the first three years

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to ensure a measure and effective rollout once the rules are followed and approved by JCAR. That's what the Amendment does, and it becomes the Bill."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Ford moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor vote 'aye'... say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, are there any other Amendments?"

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

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2338. That's Representative Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2338, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2339, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2339, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Cassidy on Floor Amendment #2."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 adds the Attorney General's Office to the list of folks who are able to access these records. I should note that there were some late arrivals asking about being added to the list. There will likely be a trailer Bill due to... one of them, for example, is the Hospital Association. And they aren't really sure how to quantify who they want to put on there. So, I

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anticipate coming back to this at a later date. But for now, we want to keep this moving. So, we've added the Attorney General to the list of parties that have access to the records. And I ask for it to be adopted."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Cassidy moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2339. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2340, Representative Cassidy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2340, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Cassidy."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Cassidy, Floor Amendment #2."

Cassidy: "Thank you. This is the same version of the Bill. 2339 relates to minor victims. 2340 relates to adult victims. The Amendment does the same thing, adding the Attorney General to the list."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Cassidy moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2340. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2370, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2370, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2384, Leader Gabel. Leader Gabel on 2384. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2460, Leader Ramirez. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2665, Representative Ortiz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2665, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. On page 5 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 153, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit for Senate Bill 153. Out of the record. Senate Bill 157, Leader Gordon-Booth. Out of the record. Senate Bill 214, Representative Mah. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 214, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Mah."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Mah, Floor Amendment #2."

Mah: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Floor Amendment adds an immediate effective date and moves... changes the sunset to 5 years instead of 10. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Mah moves adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 214. All those in favor say 'aye'; all 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. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 317, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 317, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 336, Representative Stuart. Out of the record. Senate Bill 338, Representative Zalewski. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 338, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 3 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Zalewski for Floor Amendment #3."

Zalewski: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to adopt the Floor Amendment #3. It represents agreement among the financial institutions, along with the Treasurer's Office and other stake holders. So, I wish for its adoption."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Zalewski moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 338. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 #4 is offered by Representative Zalewski."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Zalewski on Floor Amendment #4."

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Zalewski: "This is a technical Amendment that is purely designed to conform to what... with the design of the Bill. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Zalewski moves for Amendment #4 to Senate Bill 338. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 55... 581, Representative Halpin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 581, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #2... Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Halpin."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Halpin for Floor Amendment #3."

Halpin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment 3 removes changes to the lapse period pending... lapse period spending provisions that were in the original Bill. I'd ask for its adoption."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Halpin moves adoption of Floor Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 581. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any other Amendments?"

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

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 633, Representative Conroy. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 633, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 654, Representative Ortiz. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Representative Ortiz for Floor Amendment #1."

Ortiz: "Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. I present to you House Floor Amendment 1, which is a gut and replace Amendment. House Floor Amendment 1 maintains the underlying legislation but makes the following changes. Floor Amendment 1 provides daily time for supervised, unstructured, child-directed play for all students shall be provided in grades K-5, previously K-8. Requires play time to be at least 30 minutes, rather than 60 minutes, on any school day that is 5 clock hours or longer in length. Also provides that for any school day less than five clock hours, play time shall be at least one-tenth of a day of attendance. It also removes the requirement that, to the extent appropriate, students with disabilities shall participate in play with students who do not have a disability. Provides instead that play time must comply with a student's applicable individualized education program or federal Section 504 plan. The Amendment becomes the Bill. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Ortiz moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 654. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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."

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Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Representative Hurley is recognized. For what reason do you rise?"

Hurley: "Good afternoon, Madam Speaker. Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Ma'am."

Hurley: "Today Ms. Gloria Freels is on the floor. She's right there standing next to Representative West. She is retiring on May 31 with almost 23 years of service to the State of Illinois. She... she is a wonderful human being. She is kind. She is generous. She cooks me tuna when she hates the smell. And she is just a... she's just lovely, and she will be truly missed. She knows I like certificates. So, I actually made her one that she doesn't know about. And I'd like other Representatives who have the pleasure to have her as their LA to say a few words too. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Thank you, Representative Hurley. Recognizing Representative West. For what reason do you rise, Sir?"

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

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point."

West: "I've had the opportunity to know Gloria for just the two or three months that we've been down here. And even though I'm a second-termer, she has... she's been the best LA I've ever had. But... I was able to feel her honesty, her integrity, and her compassion for individuals as soon as I got here. And so, Gloria, I want to thank you for your years of service. I wish I could've had more years with you, but I totally understand. I had to ask you to bring a sandwich to get you up here. So, could you take it back to the fridge in my

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office, please? I'm not hungry just yet. Thank you for everything that you've done."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative D'Amico is recognized."

D'Amico: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Sir."

D'Amico: "I, too, want to congratulate Gloria on a long, great career here in the General Assembly. She's been with me and my... over in the Stratton Building there for, I think, 12 or 14 years. And, Gloria, it's just been great getting to know you, and you've been like family to me. And I wish you nothing but the best and a happy, healthy retirement. I'm going... I'm going to miss you. But I will say this, please make sure you take my phone calls because I'm sure I'm going to have a lot of questions when you leave here. So, thank you. Congratulations."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "I ask on personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Ma'am."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "As many of you know, I'm fairly new. And so, being here is nerve-racking for many of us, but for me especially because I feel like I have a lot to prove. But Gloria has been my LA for a very short period of time. And her words of encouragement, her motivation is something that I am going to miss dearly. And thank you very much for all the help and watching over me and printing out everything that I need to know and explaining everything in detail. So, I might just be like D'Amico and have to call you or send you a text message so that way you can explain things to me. And

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it is a great... I am very honored that you have been my LA for a very short period of time. And I will miss you, dearly. Congratulations."

Speaker Ammons: "Congratulations, Ms. Gloria. We wish you well. Going back to the order... on page 7 of the Calendar is Senate Bill 672, Representative Williams. Ann Williams. Out of the record. Senate Bill 685, Representative West. Representative West. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 685, a Bill for an Act concerning domestic violence. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative West."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative West on Floor Amendment #2."

West: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 clarifies the definition of confidential information by inserting in the profession of the board, statewide committee, or regional team to be included in these provisions. It also adds the Director of the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor, Director of the State's Appellate Defender, and the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, as the three ex officio members to the statewide committee. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative West moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 685. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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."

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Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 814, Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 814, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 817, Representative.. Leader Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 817, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Ammons: "Third Reading. Members, on page 11 of the Calendar is Senate Joint Resolution Committee Amendment #... Constitutional Amendment #11. Mr. Clerk, please read the Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #11.

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution in Article I by adding Section 25 as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

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(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been the Third Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment... Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #11."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Evans... Leader Evans is recognized for SJRCA11. Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to move this to Third Reading."

Speaker Ammons: "It's on Third. You can present the Bill."

Evans: "Again, thank you, Madam Speaker. I think the Clerk read the words, and I think it's crystal clear. This adds Section 25 to the Workers' Rights... to the Illinois Constitutional Bill of Rights, which makes it a fundamental right for

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employees to organize and collectively bargain for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. It's three great parts to this Constitution Amendment. The fundamental rights for all employees. The banning and the complete elimination of work... right-to-work policies for the State of Illinois and for our local governments. This House Joint... excuse me... Senate Joint Resolution, which moving forward... 11... preempts Home Rule authority. And it prohibits the passage of any future law that interferes, neglects, or diminishes such rights, including any law, ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment. It sets a bar that we will, in the State of Illinois, oppose right-to-work legislation. I request your support and available for questions."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Evans. For further discussion on SJRC11, Rep... Leader Batinick is recognized."

Batinick: "Republicans request an immediate caucus."

Speaker Ammons: "How long you need, Leader Batinick?"

Batinick: "An hour would be swell. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Let me check for you. Thank you. Members, Republicans have requested a caucus. We will return in one hour. We'll recess for one hour and return to the call of the Chair. Members, we are resuming our meeting. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee

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action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 376, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1290."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Returning to SJRCA11. Leader Evans to present SJRCA11."

Evans: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. What a great day in Illinois when the General Assembly can stand for workers' rights. I have the pleasure to present to you Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 11. And this great piece of legislation does the following. It does three things. Makes a fundamental right to all employees in Illinois. Prohibits the passage of any future right-to-work law in the private sector. And lastly, prohibits any local municipality Home Rule unit from passing any right-to-work laws. I think we've been past the period of time in which the rights of workers have been systematically diminished. Unfortunately, in places like Missouri, Montana, and across this country, these pitiful, ridiculous laws are continuing to be pushed throughout this country. But today, we have an opportunity in the State of Illinois to be a leader. We have leadership on the second floor. We have Leadership here in the General Assembly, in both chambers. The Senate has already spoken. Workers' rights will be prioritized in the State of Illinois. I ask my colleagues in this great House of Representatives, under the Leadership of our Speaker Welch, to send that same message to everyone across this country and across this state that workers' rights will be prioritized. And not just in this General Assembly, but we will bake it and we will make it permanent in the Constitution of the State of Illinois for

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our children for generations to come, that the rights of workers will be prioritized and will not be diminished. I'm available for questions."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Evans. Members, let me just remind you about the face mask rule. If you're on the House Floor, please keep your mask on that covers your nose and mouth. Also, that we will be moving to a five-minute debate timer. So, we want to make sure we hear from every Member, but it will be on a five-minute debate timer. Recognizing Leader Batinick for further discussion on this Amendment."

Batinick: "Thank you, Madame Speaker. Before we go to the Bill, can I excuse Representative Marty McLaughlin, please?"

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you."

Batinick: "And I'm going to go ahead and go straight to... straight to the Bill. And thank you, Madam Speaker, for the Unlimited Debate. And I got to tell you, I got pretty excited this week at the thought of a Constitutional Amendment. I know we've been talking about some on this side for quite a while. I thought well, hey, maybe we're finally going to get a Constitutional Amendment on term limits. I thought maybe a Constitutional Amendment to address the ethic issues we have where we could do a recall and allow citizens to recall corrupt elected officials. Maybe just even an ethics Bill. Maybe a Constitutional Amendment on property taxes that are driving people out of this state. And then I thought about it. I said you know what, it's been a clown show with this redistricting thing, maybe we're going to do a Constitutional Amendment on a fair map. But, no. Here we are today, somewhat codifying how we practice, but maybe open up the great unknown

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for courts to decide on what the actual effect of this Constitutional Amendment is. You know, IRS data, not ASC data, not census data, IRS data, in terms of filers and their... and their children, we've lost over a million people since the year 2000. Over 1 million people. They're moving out of this state because we don't have a fair map, because we have ridiculously high property taxes, because we fail to address our ethic issues in this state. Folks, we are debating the wrong Constitutional Amendment. We are trying to cover up our issues. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Grant is recognized."

Grant: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I will pass. I'm sorry."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. We will go to Representative Wilhour, please."

Wilhour: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And I'll... I'll just go to the Bill here. I'll put my working class... working person bona fides against... against anybody in here. I literally climbed off a pole barn into the General Assembly. I represent a working-class district. I support unions and nonunions. But let's recognize, unions don't create jobs. Specialist interest pandering may create campaign donations but it doesn't create jobs. And it perpetuates an environment that we have right now where too many working families don't have real opportunities for success and for upward mobility in this state. And I want to ask who's speaking for those people? Who's speaking for those people in my district? You know, these... the special interests that are... that are behind in pushing this Bill, they've controlled this General Assembly for decades. How are working people doing in those decades

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that they've had control here? You know, where were... where were these special interests over the last 30 years when the private sector economy in my region was being destroyed on the backs of workers and job creators. You want to help workers in this state, how about we display an ounce of fiscal sanity or government restraint that would allow us to put union workers to work, lower property taxes, properly fund education, and really prioritize the most vulnerable among us. You know, the things that all of us say that we care deeply about. We won't do that. The special interests that already run this place, they wouldn't like that because they may lose some power in that dynamic. If we set the special interests aside and really prioritized opportunity in quality of life for the people of Illinois, we could build an economic giant here in this state. We have everything that we need. And here's the deal guys. A... a strong economy with real long-term viability that has respect. Respect for the balance of power between labor and job creators is an environment that attracts investment. Right now that dynamic is way out of balance. This permanent power grab pushes that balance off the cliff forever. To think that job creators are going to look favorably on this type of environment shows a real lack of critical thought about what is and is not a smart investment. This legislation is unnecessary. It gives job creators more reasons to not invest in job creation in Illinois. And I'm going to let you in on maybe one of the best kept secrets in Springfield. Without investment, there is no economic opportunity. There's no new union jobs being created. Economic empowerment is impossible, especially in

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poor communities who have disproportionately shouldered the burdens of generations of poor public policy coming out of this General Assembly. Constitutionally codifying the economic interest, the political interest, the political agenda of a special interest group is totally inappropriate. But, unfortunately, it's also very Illinois. Now, I'll fight for the economic opportunities and economic empowerment of working folks all day long, but this isn't it. This is a special interest boondoggle. Stand up for workers in Illinois. Vote 'no' on this legislation."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Next I will move to Representative Yednock."

Yednock: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. One of the central priorities in Illinois' labor policies is protecting collective bargaining rights. When workers are free to collectively bargain... bargain collectively, it leads to safer work places, enhanced skill levels, and better economic conditions for all workers, whether or not they're in a union. One of the most diabolical ways to limit collective bargaining is through so-called right-to-work laws. States that limit collective bargaining see declines in wages, benefits, training, and safety standards, and it's a losing proposition for all workers. Workers already have a choice whether or not to join the union, and this Amendment protects that choice. And it protects government from interfering with the agreements between workers and employees... employers. So, I just ask that the whole Body here just think about what this is. It puts a floor where we're at right now. This is good for workers, it's good for your districts, and this is

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something that we don't need to fight about every successive election. You have the chance to stand with workers and to say this is the good thing to do. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Next will be Representative Weber."

Weber: "Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Bill. We've heard about what this could do to restrict government bodies. And I think what that does is it has opened up the door for many questions for me, and I received emails and stuff with peoples' concern. A lot of it in regards to public safety. Currently, we obviously have that police and fire cannot strike. As we know, this will be decided at some point by a judge. But does this open a door for police and fire to go on strike? I've heard many of my... people on the other side of the aisle talk about eliminating qualified immunity for our law enforcement. I don't support this. And maybe this Bill should pass because, in my opinion, it would block them from being able to do that. Just a question. Another one. Air traffic controllers. Currently, they can't strike. Would this open the door for that? I'd like to see the... commerce in Illinois come to a screeching halt when Chicago O'Hare shuts down. And we know this is going to be all decided at some point, in a court, by a judge, of which judges we don't know will be there. So, anyway, just like the Body to think about those questions for a minute. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Mazzochi."

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

Speaker Ammons: "Indicates that he will."

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Mazzochi: "Thank you. One question that I have in Section 25, subpart (a), it's at line 15. It talks about the employee shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing. Is that an individual right or a collective right?"

Evans: "It's a fundamental right."

Mazzochi: "Right. And is that then tied to an individual if it's construed as a fundamental right?"

Evans: "Well, it's a fundamental right. I think once you get into individuals, we clearly laid out employees because we want to focus on individuals who are employed. So, we focused on employees. Once you start getting into individual or persons, I mean, that is something that skews away from the intent of this Constitution Amendment."

Mazzochi: "Right. But I guess that's... that's part of the point in terms one of the reasons why I have some concerns about the language and how it's going to be construed. Because the term employees, obviously, is written in the plural. That would seem to indicate employees of a particular group. Yet to say, representatives of their own choosing, would imply that someone has a right to... themselves, individually, to decide who's going to represent them. So, I'm just trying... that's why I just want to have clarity on the record. Is this an... does an individual have the right to collectively bargain? Or when you're using the term employees, do you mean... do you intend that to mean a group of employees that has already formed?"

Evans: "And I appreciate your question. The Amendment refers to employees, as I mentioned before, and not workers or

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individuals. This was done with intention. As the Members of the House should be aware that the National Labor Relations Act has governed organizing and collective bargaining in the private sector, and as such preempts any direct state regulation of the subject. Therefore, as federal labor law stands today, the Amendment could not apply to the private sector. With that in mind, the drafters referred to employees and the context of collective bargaining and organizing with the understanding that it's... implicitly incorporates the well-recognized and accepted that understanding of an employee for the purpose of organizing under the IPLRA and the IELRA, as understood and constructed upon the passage of this Amendment."

Mazzochi: "All right. Well with... I appreciate that. Now, you do agree, of course, that there are employees who exist who are not covered by the National Labor Relations Act in the other federal statutes that you mentioned, true?"

Evans: "Yeah. I don't agree. What I mentioned was clear, that we're addressing was not covered under... under Federal Law."

Mazzochi: "Right. Well... so the National Labor Relations Board specifically says there are certain groups of employees that the law specifically does not cover. So, is it your intent to only have the term employees in this Amendment apply to people who are already covered under the NLRB? Or is it... NLRA. Or is it your intention that the word employees, in this Amendment, is going to cover individuals who are already... who are not covered by the NLRA?"

Evans: "Yeah, I think I can repeat it a few more times. It is my intention to cover employees, of course, with every piece of

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legislation we pass. And any legislative measure, there's always the scrutiny of the courts. But for the purpose and the intent of this measure, employees is a term that is appropriate and germane."

Mazzochi: "I'm sorry. You said employees is appropriated from what?"

Evans: "Employees is a term that is appropriate to cover the individuals that will be affected by this Constitutional Amendment."

Mazzochi: "Right. Well, so let's assume I... here in Illinois, we obviously have employers who have employees who are not subject to the NLRA. So, in that context, are the... are those employees covered by this Constitutional Amendment or are they not?"

Evans: "Nothing on the current law is changing. So, you can... we can create various scenarios, but nothing on the current law is changing."

Mazzochi: "Well, but this is attempting to change current law. It's attempting to change current law by adding a Constitutional Amendment that says employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively. So, it's expanding the scope of rights that employees would currently have under both State and Federal Law, correct?"

Evans: "It still doesn't interfere with the federal standards. So, the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act is still not affected. So, you're... you're going to ask me this question a million times, but we... we can't preempt Federal Law."

Mazzochi: "Well, here... the reason why I'm trying to get clarity is because your answers are actually inconsistent. Because if

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you can be an employee not covered by the Federal Law, but here in the State of Illinois, this seems... this Constitutional Amendment seems to be expanding the scope of rights that that employee would have. Similarly, if you're a group of employees, what... you know, you are... there are going to be situations where maybe your... your employer is not going to meet the threshold standards for activity in interstate commerce that wouldn't be needed to qualify under the NLRA. Yet, here, we're going to have to come up with some type of standard then for figuring out how are we going to deal with who actually qualifies as an employee."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative. I'm sorry, Representative Mazzochi. Your time has expired. You've been given an additional five minutes from your colleague."

Evans: "Yeah, I think you giving a long explanation, I got to stop you for one second. I don't see anywhere in here where there's an expansion of rights. Where do... where do you see expansion? I see protection of rights. What do you see in expansion of rights?"

Mazzochi: "Well, because right... because the term employees does not have any qualification to it. It doesn't say employees subject to Federal Law, employees..."

Evans: "But again, you... you have to... I want to go back. Again, you're discussing an expansion of rights, and I want you to point to me where do you see in expansion?"

Mazzochi: "It's an expansion because it's the term employees without any restriction as to number, as to volume of business, as to whether you're in the context of interstate commerce. But since you're plainly not going to answer that

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question, let's go to the phrase that starts on line 18 and goes to line 19. It says, 'No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively, et cetera.'

Do you have that text?"

Evans: "Yes."

Mazzochi: "All right. Now, diminishes is obviously a fairly meaningful word in the context of the Illinois Constitution. Because we also have a provision in Article 13, Section 5 that also seems very nice on its face that talks about enforceable contracts... enforceable contractual relationships, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired. And, of course, that diminished language that's in the pension clause Constitutional Amendment has wreaked all kinds of havoc on the ability of this Legislature to try to manage the State of Illinois in its budget. Would you agree with that?"

Evans: "Well, I would disagree on wreaking havoc."

Mazzochi: "Really? You think the state's finances and pension liabilities are looking rosy today, Sir?"

Evans: "Again, wreaking havoc, I really don't even know what that means."

Mazzochi: "Well, what it means is, when you're using the term diminishes, is that intended to have the same meaning as the pension clause? Or is it going to have a different meaning? And if so, what is it?"

Evans: "Again, many of your questions are basically an opinion of innuendos. I'm trying to focus on the legislation and what's being done. We're here to protect rights. You are discussing..."

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you didn't even answer my question. I asked you where did you see additional rights? It's discussed... it's just protecting rights. We have Federal Law that covers particular rights. And we are baking in the Constitution particular protections. I've already went through those protections. You can give me a million various scenarios that this is an expansion. You didn't answer my question. It is not an expansion. It is a protection."

Mazzochi: "Yeah. I..."

Evans: "If you don't like the protection, that's a decision that you must make. But you have to give me a question in which I can answer with some facts and data. You know, you're giving me all this innuendo and opinion. And again, we'll be here all day with that."

Mazzochi: "Well, I'll... I'll give you some..."

Evans: "Where's the facts and where are the specific questions?"

Mazzochi: "I will give you some facts. Are you aware that the State of Hawaii, when they tried to... which also has a pension clause that contains language... constitutional pension clause... I'm sorry... a Constitutional collective bargaining clause that is similar to this. When the State of Hawaii tried to actually make adjustments to a pay period, they actually got hauled into court by employees who said that that represented a diminishment, an interference with their collective bargaining rights. So, when it comes to how you want to apply this legislation here in the State of Illinois, is it your intent that the types of cases that have been decided in Hawaii and how Hawaii has interpreted this, to prevent the State Legislature from actually doing things relating to

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employees in terms of how they're paid and what their benefits are, is it your position that we're going to follow the Hawaii line of cases in thinking about this clause or should we have a different interpretation on what that clause means here in the State of Illinois?"

Evans: "Yeah. I think, again, ours is a little different from Hawaii. And I love how we like to pick and choose what we want to do from different states. But since you want to pick this one, I think there's three things that's specific to our Amendment that's not in Hawaii. We are precluding our states from invoking 14(b) right under the National Labors Relations Act. And we are preempting locals from doing the same for this, preventing locals from right-to-work laws. And lastly... so, it's... it is not the same from Hawaii."

Mazzochi: "Well, where... where in this particular language do you think that it's written out that we're... that we're somehow going to limit the scope of this to only the types of definitions that are giving at the federal level?"

Evans: "Yeah, again, we're not..."

Mazzochi: "It's just not here."

Evans: "Yeah, I really don't understand your question. I'm... at this point, I'm..."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative."

Mazzochi: "Sure. Well, let's continue on then. When it comes to one of the other issues, there's a discussion in here about... when it comes to the employee group, for purposes of legislative intent, does the employee group have to be assigned to one employer or can the employee group encompass multiple employers?"

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Evans: "Again, I think you're, again, trying to change law or you're trying to make this something that it's not. If... if I could, could we focus on the language within this Amendment? I think..."

Mazzochi: "I... right. I am focusing..."

Evans: "...this is not changing federal law. Many of them interpretations and scenarios that you're coming up with will be determined in court. Many of those questions that I can't answer. And you can come up with various scenarios, but many of those things will be determined in court."

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Mazzochi, your time has expired, again. We will take one more for Representative Mazzochi by Representative Severin giving you five minutes additionally."

Mazzochi: "All right. I will just go to the Bill at this point. The phrase... this is about 10 lines of text. It starts off 'employees'. The Sponsor has said he can't actually tell me how a court here in Illinois should understand the meaning of the term employees. Now, he's promised that we should be looking at a Federal Law, but there's a lot of different Federal Laws that relate to the definition of employment and employees. And this language isn't being clear that this is the particular meaning that we want to adopt. The reason why it's important to know how do you define the group of employees, since the Sponsor indicated that he wants to consider this to be more of a collective right and not an individual right, is when you have to then, if you're an employer, and you're going to have to deal with this language, what's the scope of your employee group? Is it going to be only employees who work for one employer? Is it going to be

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employees who work for multiple employers? The Sponsor can't answer. He wants it to go to court. That means that the language is problematic. It's not precise. We shouldn't be necessarily relying on the Illinois Supreme Court to figure out what our Constitutional Amendment means. We should be able to make it clear to the public, who's going to be asked to vote on this, what this actually means. Similarly, this Constitutional Amendment includes a diminishment clause. The diminishment clause and the pension clause is one of the huge reasons why the Illinois state finances are in a hopeless mess. This is a loaded word. It's a very concerning word. And be... precisely because of how vague it is... and unlike educational funding, where our Supreme Court has said it's an aspirational goal, if the Illinois Supreme Court were to say this has the same rock red solidity behind it as the pension clause, this Legislature is going to be in for a world of financial hurt. Similarly, cases that have been decided in, for example, Hawaii... because Illinois would only be the third state to bring out language drafted like this... in Hawaii, the State Legislator... Legislature's hands have been considerably tied by efforts to try to change pay periods, to try to change particular things that people... even the scope of bargaining rights. They've been enjoined from doing that because of the nature of language like this. And if this Legislature really wants to tie their hands like that, we should be really, really clear about it up front. But I think that this Legislature has loved to do all kinds of things to tell people, including employees, what they can or can't do, what they can or can't bargain over. And before you surrender those

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rights to a Constitutional Amendment, you should be really clear on the scope of what you're surrendering. Furthermore, there's nothing in here that actually explains what the remedy is going to be if you violate it. Now, as I read this, at most, you might be able to secure an injunction. But there's no guarantee what the Illinois Supreme Court is ultimately going to decide. And again, if we're going to put a... a provision like this on the ballot, people should know exactly what rights and exactly what remedies and exactly what cost they're asking for and are going to be asked to live under. Furthermore, when it comes to all of these issues relating to Federal Law and preemption, you're now... normally, at the federal level, managers who are employees don't have the right to collectively bargain. People who are CEOs don't have the right to collectively bargain. People who are in very sensitive positions don't have the right to collectively bargain. And yet, here, we're not doing the same sort of refined, nuance type of meaning of employees that you have in a federal statute. One of the reasons why you can do the kind of nuance at the federal level is because it's in statute. Once you enshrine this at the constitutional level, any Amendment, any change is going to be very difficult to reverse and overcome. This is an area where you... you can fully support individuals rights to collectively bargain. I have no problem if, in the private sector, employers and employees come to mutual agreements over collective bargaining. I don't think that should be banned. I think people have the right to freedom of association. But this particular Bill, the way in which it's drafted, just as the people who drafted the

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constitutional provision in the 1970s who thought it was a really nice idea to say contractual rights shall not be diminished or impaired, this, on its face, seems like a really nice idea. Collectively bargaining rights shall not be diminished or otherwise inferred with. But just as 50 years later, we're dealing with the negative fallout of an ill-thought-out constitutional provision. We should not try to do that again with this one. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Moving to Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today I stand in full support of Leader Evans' Bill. And I would like to share with the Members a life experience that my family had that has stuck with me ever since I was a child. My grandpa was one of the first members of the machinists union to unionize with the railroads with the Wabash back in the day. And he would tell me the story of how he would stand, and gramps was a rotund fellow, and he said that they stood hand in hand. And the company took rifles and stuck the rifles in gramps' and his buddies' bellies and told them, you will not unionize. And gramps and his fellow machinist said, 'Stand firm guys. Stay together. Stand firm.' But they did not kill them all, and that's how there was the first union in Decatur for machinists. Those aren't the kind of things that you forget easily. I see no way, in 2021, how anyone with any kind of conscious, whatsoever, could begin to vote against this Bill and propel us back to the way it was nearly a hundred years ago. Surely, surely we have moved farther than that, to sticking rifles in peoples' bellies just because they want to be part of a union and have the rights that they deserve for

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working very long, hard, dirty jobs. And I'll never forget that gramps stood there with three little children at home knowing what would happen to his children if he was killed. But he still knew it was the right thing, which isn't always the easy thing. Why anyone would ever consider voting against this is beyond me. I recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Davidsmeyer is recognized."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Due to a possible conflict of interest, I will be voting 'present'."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Representative Willis is recognized."

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

Speaker Ammons: "He indicates that he will."

Willis: "Representative, I just have some procedural questions to ask you about this. This is a Constitutional Amendment that, if it passes out this chamber, it does not necessarily become law immediately, correct?"

Evans: "Yes."

Willis: "So, it has to go on a ballot where we allow the residents of the State of Illinois to make their decision, correct?"

Evans: "Yes. The electors. Yes."

Willis: "And... and what is the... a vote outcome have to be on the ballot in order for this to take place? Is it a simple 50 plus 1, or is it more than that?"

Evans: "It is my understanding, of course, I'll get clarification, but I believe it is a majority. But that I can clarify with you."

Willis: "Okay. Thank you. I think it actually has to be a 60 percent, but we can clarify that. So, what we're doing today..."

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to the Bill. We are not saying that this is necessarily going to be the law of the land. What we're doing is what many of my colleagues... and I hear often times from both sides of the aisle, local control, local control, let people make those decisions. And that's what we're doing with this. We're bringing this forward to the people that we represent to say this is something that we want your opinion on, this is something we think is worthy of putting into our Constitution and we want your support to do it. That's what we're doing today. We are not saying this is necessarily going to be law of the... land, though, I personally do support it. But I do believe that this is what we're saying to our people that we represent. Each one of us represents over a hundred thousand people, and we're saying this is what we want to see go forward. We want your opinion. We want to make sure it goes through. I urge this to pass through this chamber. Let the citizens of the State of Illinois make their decision. And hopefully they'll make the decision that, yes, this should be added to the Constitution. But if they don't, that is their decision. And that is why I urge an 'aye' vote to let the citizens of the State of Illinois make the choice. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Moving to Representative Chesney."

Chesney: "Thank you. To the Bill. I am so proud to be the party of working class people. So proud. We argue for things like property tax relief. We argue for things like fee reductions. We also argue for opportunity 'cause we know that people, regardless of where you come from, we want people to have a shot in the State of Illinois. It's about a shot. But my colleague also talked about ethics. Because every dollar that

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they send to the state, at a minimum, doesn't matter where you come from, you're Democrat or Republican, every dollar we send to the state, we want people to be... feel comfortable that every dollar is being spent correctly. And we talk about ethics over and over and over again. As Democrats and Republicans, we continue to hammer this idea that we need to make all of our constituents a hundred percent comfortable that, when they send dollars to the State of Illinois, we're going to spend them properly and ethically. And every time we get jammed up in these nuance debates about ethics. Ladies and Gentlemen, the former Clerk of the House, Tim Mapes, was just indicted. Just indicted. And again, many of you will say nothing about the long-standing tradition of corruption in the State of Illinois. These are different than philosophical differences we have as Democrats and Republicans and urban Legislators or rural Legislators. We have a trust problem in this state. And that's why, when the Majority Party put forward the graduated income tax, it got soundly defeated, because there's a trust problem in this state. And we know there's a trust problem, not just by the graduated income tax. We know there's a trust problem because people no longer want to live here, which is why we're one of the few states that people are saying no to Illinois. But I do agree with my friend and colleague on the other side of the aisle, who I thought was the most intellectually honest and made a comment that was so telling, and he's the Representative from South Holland. He was fighting a Bill, and he was arguing hard, and he said, 'I'm asking you to stand for me. I'm asking you, the Majority Party, to stand against the union interest.' Because

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he believed in a Bill so hard he was asking you colleagues to once say no to the union. And then he made a comment that was so telling and so truthful... the only mistake I made is I didn't just say thank you. He said, 'Guys', looked at your side of the aisle, he said, 'I know your D2s...' those are campaign contributions. 'I know what your D2s look like, but I'm asking you to stand with me.' And when that... when that vote hit the board, very few of you stood with him because he was asking you to be intellectually honest to yourself. If you back out the political corruption as it relates to campaign donations, would you stand with him? And many of you said no. So, I just ask my colleagues to be intellectually honest of what the vote is today. This isn't about men and women in hats slamming hammers and building stuff. These are the people right outside this door, ready to send contribution checks to your campaign to get you re-elected. I'm asking my colleagues to vote 'no'. The corruption in this state is too great. The people keep getting indicted. And until we address the ethics reform, nobody's going to want to live in this damn state. And that's the biggest crisis of our state right now. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Final speaker is Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you, Madam Chair. So, I'll say a couple of facts really quick before I speak to the Bill. So, it is a proven fact that the annual incomes for Illinois workers are six percent higher when they have rights at work. It's also proven that Illinois' workers are five percent more likely to have health insurance coverage and three percent more likely to

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have employer-provided health and coverage insurance when they have rights at work. And it is also proven that we are three percent more likely, in Illinois as workers, to own our own homes. I am from the working class, and I do represent working class workers and my working class families in my district. I've knocked on my doors. I've talked to many of the ones that I've worked with in the past before I came to the Legislature. And so, for someone who has walked that trail and understands why it's important to have rights at work and what it means when they say right-to-work, it means no rights at work. I've knocked doors in different states because I do come from an organization that represents internationally across our country. So, I've been to those right-to-work states, and I've heard from workers how they don't have health insurance. How they can't speak up about the conditions that their working in. How they cannot come together and have conversations with their bosses and ask for increases for their labor. So, I urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill because the workers are what's important. The workers drive our economy. If it wasn't for the workers, then the job creators couldn't do business in the State of Illinois or across this country. So, we must not forget about the people who are actually doing the work. The hotel workers, hospitality, the cab drivers, the ones who are washing the windows, the ones who are serving your food at the table, the ones who are fixing the beds and feeding your loved ones in these nursing homes and hospitals, taking their blood pressures, checking in on them day and night. They're workers everywhere across the State of Illinois. And businesses, they come here in

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droves because there are many loopholes for them to come here and suck Illinois dry. So, I say this again, right-to-work means no right at work, no health coverage, no way to ask for higher wages to give you money to take care of your own families. And I urge an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "Leader Evans to close."

Evans: "First of all, I would like to thank all of the cosponsors, many more to come. And I'd like to thank the Leadership of the Democratic side of the aisle for making the decision. You know, Ladies and Gentlemen, the joy of this job is that a decision must be made. There's a button and there's options. And in a few minutes, we are going to see where people stand with regards to workers. See, we know where you stand when it comes to business interest. We've already seen it. We've got the Bills for that. But where do you stand when it comes to workers, workers in your community? Workers in Western Illinois, Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois? Where do you stand for the working man and woman? Talk about the unions and the representation all you want, where do you stand when you look that working mother in your community in the eye? And do you want her to have collective bargaining? Do you want her to have representation? Or do you want to follow many other states as they continue to, with a concerning effort, take away the rights of the working man and woman? You got to make a decision. And there's some different colors on this button. So, I... I know where my Democratic Caucus Members are going to stand. And we're not going to be distracted by the innuendos and the lies and the legal confusion on... on labor law. There's no labor law need. Just

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a few lines here, and a decision needed to be made. So, you can say 'no' to me and you can hit that button, and you got to go back to the working class men and women in your family. Stand for workers' rights. Vote 'yes'. Let's send it to the electors. And let's make sure that we cement in our Constitution, for generations to come, that workers will be respected and appreciated in the State of Illinois. I request your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader. Leader Evans moves for the adoption of SJRCA11. The voting is open. All voted who wish? All voted who wish? All voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 80 'yes' votes, 30 'no' votes, 3 'present', this Amendment has reached the Constitutional Majority and is hereby passed. Thank you, Members. Returning to the Supplemental Calendar #1, appears House Bill 900, offered by Representative West... Welch, presented by Leader Harris. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 900, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. This Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 900, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Ammons: "Leader Harris."

Harris: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is an appropriation shell Bill that could be become the state budget, is being sent to the Senate today. The Senate is sending us a vehicle also."

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Speaker Ammons: "The questions is... I'm sorry. Leader Batinick, excuse me."

Batinick: "Two quick things, Madame Speaker. Please excuse Representative Mark Luft for the rest of the day. Can I go to the Bill, please?"

Speaker Ammons: "Yes, Sir. Please proceed."

Batinick: "You know, maybe we should... instead of calling this a shell Bill, we should call it a shell game. Because this is where we hide the budget, and we send a vehicle over that nobody's seen so we can pass a budget in a day. So, my side, vote 'no' to the shell game. Thank you."

Speaker Ammons: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 900 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. There being 71 'yes' votes, 41 'no' votes, and 0 'present', this Bill has received the Constitutional Majority and is hereby declared passed. Motion to waive posting requirements. The Clerk is in receipt of a Motion in Writing to waive posting requirements. Leader Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "Madam Speaker, I move the posting requirements be waived so the following Bill can be heard in committee this week. Senate Bill 2662 in Immigration."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Leader Batinick, for what reason do you rise?"

Batinick: "Request a roll call on it, please."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you, Leader Batinick. Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. And the... the voting

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is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 71 votes in 'favor', 41 votes 'opposed', 0 'present', this Bill has received the... this Motion has received a Constitutional Amendment (sic-Majority) to pass and is hereby declared passed. Members, on page 19 of the Calendar appears on Consent-Third Reading-Second Day. As a reminder, we're preparing to vote on Bills appearing on the Consent Calendar. After the Clerk reads the Bills, we will take one vote on those Bills. If Members wish to be recorded as anything other than 'yes' on the Bills, Members can have those votes recorded separately by filing a signed letter with the Clerk today by 5 p.m. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bills."

Clerk Hollman: "Bills on the Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day. Third Reading of these Senate Bills. Senate Bill 47, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 61, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 63, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 100, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 105, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 106, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 110, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 119, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 258, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 294, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 332, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 335, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 346, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 363, a Bill for an Act

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concerning health. Senate Bill 471, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 481, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 493, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 500, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 567, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 579, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 593, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 622, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 673, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 677, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 692, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 695, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 701, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. Senate Bill 765, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 915, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 919, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 965, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 968, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1079, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1085, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1086, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1087, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1096, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1232, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1245, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Senate Bill 1247, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Senate Bill 1360, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 1533, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Senate Bill 1566, a Bill for an Act

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concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 1575, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1588, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1592, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1600, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1656, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1677, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1740, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1780, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1795, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 1840, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1854, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1908, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1974, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1977, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2110, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2176, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 2177, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Senate Bill 2204, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2245, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2249, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2250, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2323, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2395, a Bill for an Act concerning fish. Senate Bill 2424, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2454, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2459, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2530, a Bill for an Act concerning wireless service. Third Reading of these Senate Bills."

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Speaker Ammons: "Representative Demmer, for what reason do you rise? Thank you, Sir. Attention, Members. We're going to be voting on all Bills on the Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day beginning on page 19 of the Calendar. There will be one vote on those Bills. It's anticipated that Members will vote 'yes'. If Members wish to be recorded as anything other than 'yes' on any of the particular Bills, Members may file a signed letter with the Clerk indicating those separate votes. The letter must be filed today by 5 p.m. The question is, 'Shall House Bills on Consent Calendar-Third Reading-Second Day 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. There being 111 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present', this Bill has received a... the Consent Calendar has received a Constitutional Majority and is hereby declared passed. Leader Demmer is recognized."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ammons: "Please state your point, Sir."

Demmer: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it happened again today. Again today, an indictment was brought forward by a federal prosecutor against a person who was a familiar face under this dome and, in fact, was an officer of this House. Now, you'd think... in most states even a single indictment would shake a building to its core. It would call... it would have citizens call and demand for changes to be made. In Illinois, it's not just a single indictment. It's happened again and again and again and again. Lobbyists, officers, and employees, elected officials. The city, the county, the state

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level. This is more than just a few bad apples. This is a culture that's been created here. A culture that we're... we share responsibility for maintaining. We have the obligation to the people that we serve to protect the integrity of these institutions. We cannot write off repeated indictments for corrupt acts as just the wayward actions of a few bad apples. Ethics reform should be at the forefront of our discussions. Will we learn the lessons from the past? Will we take responsibility for the culture that exists in this Capitol? Will we be proactive to rebuild and re-earn the trust of the people we serve? Or will we wait, again, for the next indictment, for the next prosecution, for the next investigation, for the next shoe to drop? These indictments are an indictment of the culture that we've created and only we can change that. We must enact meaningful ethics reform. Meaningful ethics reform that people outside this building would have a right to be proud of. Not a few small changes around the edges to get a talking point or a bullet point line that says we passed ethics reform. We have to re-earn the trust of the people of Illinois. How many more indictments will it take?"

Speaker Ammons: "Representative Moylan."

Moylan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I intended to vote 'yes' on the Consent Calendar."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. The Clerk will record your 'yes' vote. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this evening. Meeting at 4:00 is the Redistricting Committee, both in Room 114 and in House Virtual Room 1. The Labor & Commerce

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Committee is meeting in Virtual Room 2. Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges is meeting in Virtual Room 3. At 4:30, International Trade & Commerce is meeting in Virtual Room 2, Consumer Protection in Virtual Room 3. At 5:00, Revenue & Finance is meeting in Virtual Room 2, Higher Education is meeting in Virtual Room 3."

Speaker Ammons: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 339, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 340, offered by Representative Mason. And House Resolution 341, offered by Representative Walsh."

Speaker Ammons: "Leader Harris moves the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, May 27, at 11 a.m. 11 a.m., Members, Thursday, May 27. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4094, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4095, offered by Representative Ortiz, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 46, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 58, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 101, a Bill for an Act concerning education.

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Senate Bill 153, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 157, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 166, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 170, a Bill for an Act concerning vegetable garden protection. Senate Bill 208, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 215, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 217, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 257, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 280, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 321, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Senate Bill 336, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 521, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Senate Bill 539, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 558, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 672, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 680, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 693, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 818, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 826, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 967, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 1138, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1410, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1534, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1667, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1689, a Bill for an Act concerning commemorative dates. Senate Bill 1697, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 1751, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1770, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1784, a Bill for

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an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1814, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1822, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1833, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1845, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1847, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. Senate Bill 1965, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1970, a Bill for an Act concerning mental health. Senate Bill 2017, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2065, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2066, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2088, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2093, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 2194, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2196, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 2226, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 2279, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2294, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2325, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2356, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2384, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2406, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2408, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2460, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2496, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2520, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2661, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be held on the order of Second Reading. Committee Reports. Representative Evans, Chairperson

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from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 281. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 270. Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 254. Representative Carroll, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 266. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 26, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 508; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 4 to Senate Bill 1814, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1822, Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 2279. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 508, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. This will be held on the order of Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."