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

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we lift up the leaders of our state and all those that you have set up in places of authority to rule and govern. We pray that they would rule our land and many institutions with wisdom and integrity. We pray that each one will carry out their various responsibilities with honesty for the benefit of the state. Clothe each one of them with righteousness and justice. And we pray that all selfish ambitions will be laid aside and that your plans and purposes are fulfilled for the well-being of all citizens. May your ways be known in our state. May your name be lifted up in these corridors of power. Guide us into the ways of peace, justice, and truth. These things we pray, Amen."

Speaker Smith: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Coffey."

Coffey - 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 Smith: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Ortiz is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side."

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Ortiz: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Will Davis and Jones are excused today."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All Republicans are present and ready to do the business of the people."

Speaker Smith: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 116 Members present, we have a quorum. Representative... Representative Egofske, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Egofske: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Egofske: "I rise today to bring to you awareness and support to, believe it or not, an issue that we all support. And it was brought to us for the first time in this chamber by no other than Chicago's newly elected mayor, Mayor Brandon Johnson. In fact, we stood to our feet and rallied together when Mayor Johnson mentioned his support for this issue. In fact, this issue would be supported by all of our residents, neighbors, and constituents if they fully understood it. This issue was discussed in our City (sic-Cities) & Villages Committee. We had a standing-room-only crowd of mayors from across this state, from Rockford to Bloomington, to Harvey, to Bolingbrook. Every one of them stood up with 100 percent support of this issue. Unfortunately, this issue will probably not be discussed on this floor, but I encourage you to fully understand it because it's very important to our local communities. It is known by four letters, LGDF. Our Local Distributed... Local Government Distributed Fund. This

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funding was created over 50 years ago, where 10 cents or 10 percent of every state tax dollar is returned back to our local government. Unfortunately, when the recession hit over 10 years ago, we had an emergency funding situation that required us to reduce this 40-year rate from 10 percent to 6 percent, which resulted in local communities and government losing funding of nearly \$1 billion a year. Today, over 10 years later, despite claim budget surpluses, we continue to shortchange our local communities and we owe it to them by restoring this share of revenue distributed back to our local hometowns from 6 percent to 10 percent. So, as mayor of Lemont, a suburb of Chicago Western 'Burbs, I understand the importance of these additional funds and I see them at work firsthand every year. So, when we go back home next week after this Session, nothing would be better than for us to be able to tell our residents that we have reestablished funding and safety in our local communities by 66 percent. We have reestablished funding in our streets, sidewalks, and infrastructure by 66 percent. We have reestablished funding in transportation and public health by 66 percent. So, please, as a fellow Representative and a local mayor, any responsible state budget should include reestablishing this funding back to 10 percent. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Ness, for what reason do you wish to be recognized?"

Ness: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please proceed."

Ness: "I have two things to say today. The first is, I would like to take a moment to wish our very own Tory Horton, on staff,

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happy birthday. So, happy birthday, Tory. I'd also like to make an announcement. Tomorrow, at 10 a.m., up in the conference room 402, COWL will be having a reception to introduce everybody to the new board and to thank our outgoing board. So, I hope you all could make it. Tomorrow, 10 a.m., 402. See you there."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Miller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Miller: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to continue voicing my enthusiastic support of our Illinois Invest in Kids Scholarship fund. As many of our colleagues have said, this issue isn't about politics. It's not about Democrats and Republicans. It's not about left or right. It's not about liberal or conservative. But it's about the children, specifically underprivileged children and the children needing additional academic support. These scholarships can benefit students who are academically gifted, but it also benefits nearly 1 thousand students who have unique academic needs and learning disabilities. This program is incredibly diverse, with 60 percent of the scholarship recipients being nonwhite. This program is need-based. Two-thirds of the scholarship recipients have an average household family... household income at a moderately above federal poverty level. Seventy percent of the scholarship recipients meet federal guidelines to be eligible for free or the reduced lunch program. These people who donate to this scholarship fund are enthusiastic about supporting the education of

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underprivileged children. This General Assembly should be equally enthusiastic in extending and supporting the Invest in Kids Scholarship fund. I know several of my colleagues, Representative Wilhour, Representative Grant, Representative Niemerg are carrying a letter of support, and we'd be happy to have you sign on to it. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Mussman, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mussman: "A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Smith: "Please proceed."

Mussman: "So, I would like to introduce everyone to the Page that I have here today. I am cosponsoring him with my colleague from across the aisle, Marty McLaughlin. We have known Brett Corrigan for a long time. Brett first paged for me when he was in about the fourth grade, and I think I was actually taller than he was. So, he is back again for a return visit. And I would love to have a warm Springfield welcome, please."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Costa Howard, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Costa Howard: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Please proceed."

Costa Howard: "I would like to introduce my intern here in my district office, Usman Qazi. He is a student at the University of Illinois and is a rising senior there. He's also one of my constituents who has had the benefit of attending some amazing schools in my district, both private and public. And I say that because we're all talking about a lot different things about education. But I can tell you that this young man is outstanding and what he has learned about working in our

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office and about government continues to help him drive to be a excellent individual. And who knows, maybe he'll take my job someday. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mason: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Please proceed."

Mason: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, he is trying to be quiet about it, but it is Representative Hanson's birthday today. So, please join me in wishing him a very happy birthday."

Speaker Smith: "Happy birthday, Representative Hanson. Representative Swanson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Swanson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please proceed."

Swanson: "Thank you. I would, once again, like to extend an invitation to anyone, everyone, whoever would like to attend our Thursday morning prayer at 7:30 in Room 200-3N in the Stratton Building. Usually there are snacks with coffee and the prayer is put together and the bible service is put together by Curt Fleck and Karla. Once again, it's 7:30 Thursday mornings. We're counting on this to be our last Thursday, we never know, but we'd still invite everyone to attend and participate in the half-hour-long prayer bible session. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted

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are the Motions to Concur with... with Senate Amendment(s) 1, 2, and 4 to House Bill 1268, for Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 222, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2719, Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3522, and Senate Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 3702. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2123 and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2231. Representative Yednock, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 16, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 3 to House Bill 925. Representative Robinson, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & Information Technology reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3563. Representative LaPointe, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3819. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken May 17, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 850; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to Senate Bill 1675 and Floor Amendment(s) 1 to Senate Bill 1988. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties &

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Townships reports the following committee action taken May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 3 to House Bill 475. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 2219 and the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 3133. Representative Croke, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions and Licensing reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 3233. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on the Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 89, Senate Bill 689, Senate Bill 1289, Senate Bill 1699, Senate Bill 2123, Senate Bill 2324, Senate Bill 2412, and Senate Bill 2417. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following committee action taken on May 17, 2023: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1291. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action May 17, 2023: recommends be adopted is the Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment(s) 1 and 2 to House Bill 2245. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 294, offered by Representative Ford; and House Resolution 296, offered by Representative Ford, are referred to the Rules Committee."

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Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Representative Collins is recognized on House Resolution 266. Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 266 is to recognize National Foster Care Awareness Month to highlight the needs of children living in foster care and the contributions that foster care parents make to society by opening their homes to children in need; and

WHEREAS, There are almost 21,000 children living in foster care in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Children in foster care come from different backgrounds, with many of them accompanied by brothers and sisters; they need the comfort, support, and security that only a family can provide; and

WHEREAS, Foster parents are the frontline caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their parents, and they provide physical care, emotional support, and education advocacy; and

WHEREAS, An increased emphasis on prevention and reunification services is necessary to reduce the number of children that are forced to remain in the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, Children who age out of foster care often lack the security or support necessary to secure affordable housing, obtain health insurance, pursue higher education, and acquire adequate employment; and

WHEREAS, Illinois is strongly committed to ensuring that children grow up healthy and safe in supportive homes and families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we

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recognize the month of May 2023 as National Foster Care Awareness Month; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Foster Care Alumni of America as a symbol of our respect and esteem. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Representative Collins. Representative Guerrero-Cuellar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Thank you, Chair. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Guerrero-Cuellar: "Members, I would ask if you could help me give a warm welcome and a recognition to... I have two constituents here from my district. I've known them for a very long time, since high school. And one of them went to serve our country and served two years in Iraq. Sergeant, 1st Marine Division, Marcello A. Valle. If you can give him a warm welcome, and his wife, Rebecca."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Spain, for what reason... Leader Spain, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Spain: "Thank you, Sergeant Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Smith: "Please state your point."

Spain: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have a special guest on the floor that I am so proud of and would like to recognize. Branden Magdaleno has been an intern in my office since 2019. It actually wasn't his first time serving as a legislative intern because, as coming from his hometown of Chicago, he had previously served as an intern in Representative Art Turner's office. He has been a student for the last several

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years at Bradley University. He's actually served as the president of the state... of the Bradley Senate. He has been an incredible leader in the Peoria community, in my office, working so hard for so many years. And just this past weekend, he graduated with his bachelor's degree in political science. Branden, it's been so amazing to have you as an intern in my office. I've loved our opportunity working together. And on behalf of the Illinois House, where you've served in both sides of the aisle for many years being of great service to the State of Illinois, we want to welcome you to Springfield, congratulate you on your graduation, and send you all the best wishes for your future. Thank you very much."

Speaker Smith: "We will now proceed to the Order of House... Senate Bills on Third Reading. On page 3 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 58, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, please return this Bill to Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 58, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1, 2, and 3 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to adopt the Amendment and then debate the Bill on Third."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves to adopt Floor Amendment #1. 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?"

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Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 58 is a significant step forward in our efforts here in the General Assembly to reduce the amount of single-use plastics that we are putting into our environment. And importantly, this Bill gives our state agencies an opportunity to lead on this issue."

Speaker Smith: "Representative, we're still on Amendment 2."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yes, this is... I'm talking about Floor Amendment 2, which... to Senate Bill 58, which includes a phasing out of single-use polystyrene foam in state agencies."

Speaker Smith: "Representative... Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. 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 #3, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz for Floor Amendment #3."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah, so Floor Amendment 3, I believe, is the Amendment that just removes language with respect to a study that we understand. Includes data that is not available. So, we're going to continue with that study on an informal basis through the Governor's Office, but it just removes language per the request of IDES."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. 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 Smith: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 58, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, as I was saying on... on the underlying Bill, the importance of it is really to reduce the amount of single-use plastics that we have in our environment, which is both good for our environment as well as public health. And this Bill is fundamentally about giving our state agencies the opportunity to lead on this issue by phasing out the use of single-use polystyrene foam in our state agencies. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "She indicated she will. You may proceed."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Does this compostable food.. foodware mandate apply to schools and universities?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, by schools, they.. this.. I'm going to refer to the language, but.. I mean, it would apply to universities, state universities, public ones, yes."

Windhorst: "And do you envision in the future coming back and looking to add other units of government into this

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requirement, such as local school districts, local units of government?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "That Bill is not under consideration at this time. I think, you know, we've had some robust conversation about my goal to reduce the use of single-use plastics overall. And I presented a Bill to this Body that would have phased out the use of polystyrene foam by the restaurant industry. We believe that this is an important step forward to do so, at least with our state agencies, who can take a leadership role in reducing the amount of the environmental impact on polystyrene foam."

Windhorst: "Is the General Assembly included in this requirement?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I believe that any state agency that procures through CMS would be. So, yes."

Windhorst: "There was a fiscal note on the Bill. And particularly from CMS, it related to the DOC and veterans' homes. I believe an estimated cost increase of 30 to 50 percent depending on the item for those agencies. Does that sound correct to you?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Leader, I... and I think I may have had an opportunity to take a deeper dive on that issue than is, you know, necessarily reflected in that note. And so, you know, with your indulgence, I'd like to give some background information on... on cost that I think will lend some context for those numbers."

Windhorst: "Okay."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I, you know, I think, you know, one, it's important to note that, you know, there is a wide variety of product out there available on the market. And this Bill does not dictate what particular product an agency would choose."

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So, there is going to be a range in price depending on what an agency decides to choose with respect to an alternative. But I think it's important to note that... that in an analysis by the State of New York within the past year, it cited a less than penny difference between polystyrene and their sustainable alternatives. So, we're talking about a cost difference that is less than a penny. So, by saying that something is double, you're still talking about a cost difference that, for a unit, would be less than a cent. We're talking about a very low marginal cost for a product that will have a significant benefit not only to our environment, but to our health."

Windhorst: "Have any additional cost been budgeted for?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Not that I'm aware of, but CMS is neutral on the Bill with the inclusion of a technical Amendment that we made to address just, you know, at their request with respect to ensuring that there weren't any unintended consequences."

Windhorst: "Can you tell me where these compostable foodware are manufactured?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I don't have that information as far as compostable manufacturers in the State of Illinois. But one of the things that we have committed to doing, Leader, is working with the Governor's Office to take a look at how we can encourage manufacturers in the State of Illinois to be leaders in this space."

Windhorst: "Your Amendment #3 eliminated the jobs impact study. Is that accurate?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, that was a request of IDES. Apparently, the way that that language was written would have required them

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to rely on data that is apparently not available in the way that it was under Amendment 3. So, it's not that we don't want to do a jobs study. The Governor's Office is committed to doing that study but more on an informal basis. It was an issue with the language from IDES. So, it was removed at their request."

Windhorst: "Was there any consideration to putting the proper language in the Amendment and having the study done formally rather than informally?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I... I think in light of where we are in terms of time, the preference was to ensure that we got the Bill across the finish line and... and with the commitment that we would continue to look at those... those numbers with the Governor's Office."

Windhorst: "Is... there, I'm sure you're aware, will be a jobs impact on the state. At least 25 percent of polystyrene in North America is manufactured in Illinois. Polystyrene foodware is also manufactured at a number of manufacturing facilities throughout the state. So, there will be an impact. Do you acknowledge that, on jobs?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "What I would say is that there is nothing in this Bill that would prevent a polystyrene manufacturer from, you know, producing product that is not sold to a state agency in the State of Illinois. We think this is a, you know, a good step forward and gives our manufacturers time to adapt to offering more environmentally-friendly products."

Windhorst: "So, do you recall, last year there was a Bill, Senate Bill 1915 in the prior General Assembly. It provided for a

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five percent cost preference for compostable material for the state. Do you recall that?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I'm sorry, I don't recall."

Windhorst: "Okay. Well, I... I guess the question is, why don't we see what occurs with that Bill? That was just effective in January 1. Why don't we let that... that effort take effect, give it its full ability to show whether it's useful or not before we make further changes?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "We believe that this is an important step forward and shows leadership by our state agencies in reducing the use of polystyrene foam."

Windhorst: "But there are other ways that this can... this goal can be accomplished. We attempted one of them last year. Why don't we see if that can achieve the goal that's desired in a more effective way than... than this?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Leader, I appreciate that, you know, you may be opposed to this particular Bill. What I would say is that I have been very explicit in my desire to reduce the amount of single-use polystyrene foam. Supported a larger Bill. I think this is an important step forward, and I would ask that the Body support this effort today."

Windhorst: "Was there any consideration given to a report on how much the material cost would be over other material and whether or not the material is ready available and, again, where are those materials... or would be manufactured?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "What I can say is that, based on other states, the cost of the transition are de minimis."

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Windhorst: "Do we still have an issue about the availability of the items and where these items are being manufactured that needs to be considered?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, we had a very robust debate on this, both on this particular Bill and in the context of the Bill that I passed that would have phased out the use of polystyrene foam in the restaurant industry. And we heard testimony about the availability of biodegradable, compostable, and nonpolystyrene foam containers. So, I would just say that while I don't have a... a pricing or supply chart in front of me, I am confident that there is product available that would meet the needs of state agencies to comply."

Windhorst: "Thank you. To the Bill. There is some real concerns about this Bill. And for Members on our side, I would encourage a 'no' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Halbbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. There was a few 'no' votes in the Senate, several that did not vote on this Bill. We're concerned about where language like this will ultimately lead, that it may just be too far and too overreaching. You know, we're certain that this will impact jobs and manufacturing in this state. We believe it's going to add costs, and we believe it will limit our choice. I urge a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Meier is recognized."

Meier: "Will Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Smith: "She indicated she will."

Meier: "At our state fairs, are we going to be allowed to use these or not? Is it up to the vendors? Is it Department of

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Ag? Who's going to make the ruling on all these different businesses that come set up at our state fairs and bring in revenue to the State of Illinois?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yeah, so it's my understanding that because the state fair is, you know, state land, it's a state event, that it... it would apply to the state fair."

Meier: "Okay. They are private vendors. So, this Bill affecting state agencies is going to affect private vendors in the State of Illinois, right?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "It means that they would have to find something other than polystyrene foam."

Meier: "Okay. So, extra costs. When you say that, as I've got my Polar Pop cup right here, it's only adding a penny to the cost, these aren't much more than a penny or two a piece. So, you're adding 50 percent cost to it. And if you've watched me, maybe I should put a number on it, but I use the same cup all week and refill it with iced tea out of my refrigerator here. I'm recycling it. So, it is a recyclable product."

Gong-Gershowitz: "I'm sorry, what's the question?"

Meier: "You're saying it's only a penny cost. Well, that penny cost is maybe only a penny or two for the whole cup. So, you are greatly increasing the price. When you say just a penny, it's not much. But when you're only paying a penny or two for that cup anyhow, that is a very large jump in cost. So, the... the penny... if you can't tell me what exactly a cup cost, you can't tell me if that penny's 2 percent, 10 percent, 50 percent, or 100 percent increase."

Gong-Gershowitz: "What I can say is that the real cost difference between foam and compostable products are measured in

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individual cents and are reduced even more when buying in bulk."

Meier: "These are very reasonable to buy. That's why they are used. You are raising the cost of it. What about the companies that were encouraged to come to Illinois to help save and keep our landfills from being filled? Those companies came here to recycle products like this, set up business here at the encouragement of the state, encourage of the... all the people who want to save the environment, and they did that. What kind of... what kind of funds are we going to have for these companies that took their private funds, not state dollars, build these factories in Illinois? How are we going to reward them now that we're taking this away from them? Because they came here to do the right thing to protect the environment."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Is that a question?"

Meier: "That's a question. They made that commitment to come here to help protect the environment, to keep this from going in our landfills, and set up business in Illinois. So, we're taking away their business now. So, how are we going to take care of these companies?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "What business are you talking about? Are you talking polystyrene recycling businesses?"

Meier: "We have poly recycling Styrofoam businesses in Illinois."

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, this impacts the single-use polystyrene foam used by state agencies. Sadly, there's... there is likely to be a considerable amount of polystyrene still in our environment, less than one percent of which today is recycled. Sounds to me like there's about 99 percent of polystyrene

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foam still out there environment that is waiting to be recycled."

Meier: "Is that 99 percent in Illinois, or is that across the country?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "I don't have those numbers in front of me. I know it's a lot."

Meier: "Okay. We have the factories here that were encouraged to come here and do this. And now you're turning your back on them. Just remember that, State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "This is an opportunity for us to take a significant step forward to protect public health, our water, our resources for the next generation to come. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 58 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 71 voting in 'favor', 43 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 4 of the Calendar, under Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1402, offered by Representative LaPointe. Out of the record. On page 4 of the Calendar, on Third Reading, we have Senate Bill 1543, offered by Representative Rita. Out of the record. On page 2 of the Calendar, we have House Bills on Second Reading. House Bill 301, Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 301, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Stuart."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Stuart."

Stuart: "Thank you. Floor Amendment #1 becomes the Bill. Can we adopt the Amendment and then discuss it on Third?"

Speaker Smith: "Representative Stuart moves adoption of Floor Amendment #1. 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?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 301, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 301... let me give a little bit of a very brief history. Starting in about 2017, there were a group of very concerned Representatives and Senators from both sides of the aisle about struggles that our universities were having across the state, and specifically, with attracting and retaining and recruiting students from right here in Illinois. And many of them were leaving for other states. They're going to Alabama. They're going to Iowa. They're going to Missouri and Tennessee because they're getting offers of these tremendous merit scholarships and they are drawing... drawing them away from our... our state. So, in... we had a higher ed working group that was formed to

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tackle lots of these issues. And we came up with a program called AIM HIGH, which has been a really successful merit-based scholarship program that all of our institutions have reported that has really helped in recruiting and being successful in keeping those students here. So, that was a pilot program that's due to expire. And what House Bill 301 will do is make it permanent. I'd like to briefly thank original architects of the program. We have a few of us still here in the chamber. Myself, Representative Burke, Representative Hammond, and Speaker Welch were all part of that collective group. And I just wanted to take a second to thank Representatives Chung, Ortiz, Swanson, Friess, and Rosenthal for joining in on the group this year and the work you put in it all year long to get to where we are. And we would be nowhere without our staff. So, thank you to Jason and Zac for attending all those meetings and helping us get this to the finish line. I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Smith: "She... she indicates she will."

Hammond: "Representative Stuart, I want to thank you for bringing this to the Body's attention and this effort in making this program permanent. I know that we didn't... it wasn't easy getting there, but we got there, and it has proven itself to be an incredible program and a great help to our Illinois students. So, again, I want to thank you. And I just wish it wasn't subject to appropriation and that that appropriation could be permanent. But thank you for your effort."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Ammons."

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Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor of this Bill yield for a couple of questions?"

Speaker Smith: "She indicated she will."

Ammons: "Thank you. Representative, the program itself, as it was originally designed, we made some changes to AIM HIGH to readdress issues at institutions that could not make the full match. Does this change that procedure in any way, shape, or form?"

Stuart: "It does. We had lots of discussions, and I understood the change to that matching requirement. And we... we looked at Pell eligible students to kind of create two tiers of that. We had lots of meetings with those schools to try to dig down and understand how we could help match more to get more dollars to support students to, you know, support... to fund their education. So, all of those institutions had lots of input, lots of meetings. We connected with ISAC. Some institutions were missing and understanding of exactly what... what counts in those matching dollars. So, they were able to work with ISAC and understand how they could increase the reporting of matching dollars. And so, we did bump up... it had changed to a 20 percent match in, I guess that was '21, and it... it's going up to a 35 percent match. And again, that number came from those institutions that that's a level they could attain. And then the other institutions that were at a 60 percent match, they have also been raised to a 70 percent match."

Ammons: "So, let me clarify that institutions who've come to the Higher Education-Appropriations Committee just recently concerned about being able to meet their obligations under

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their new union contracts, they are suggesting... and you're saying here that they agree to pay... and they can meet the 35 percent? That's Chicago State, Governors State, Northeastern Illinois University, and Western, who couldn't make the match initially, which is why we went from the original plan to 20 percent. And you're saying that they agree that they can actually meet 35 percent match?"

Stuart: "Yeah. And I... I want to clarify. We've spoken with all those institutions. Western has reported that they've been matching at... at the one-to-one, the 100 percent match, during the use of this program anyway. So, like I said, we had multiple meetings with all of those institutions and connected with ISAC, who did a great job of making sure they understood. But they have been... they have created a lot of wraparound service type programs and many of those things are applicable to AIM HIGH as matching dollars. And so, that's how they were able to say they can get to that 35 percent."

Ammons: "And if the institution is not able to get to the 35 percent, what happens to the dollars from that institution?"

Stuart: "So, another thing to point out is that... the implementation of that raise to 35 percent is delayed out a whole... a whole 'nother year so they have time to reach that. Obviously, everything we do here we can always come back and take another look at. And I've been working very hard with those institutions. What we're trying to do is get as many dollars to students as we can. And obviously, if we need to have continued meetings with those institutions, those will continue to happen. And if we need to adjust the percent, we can adjust the percent."

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Ammons: "And let me ask where the provision came from that would allow part-time students to receive AIM HIGH funds?"

Stuart: "So, the provision for part-time is only in the very final semester. It's at the discretion of the institutions. So, it's, you know, on a case-by-case basis. And it came from the institutions. We had Northeastern, and I believe it was Western, but I may be... I may be mistaken which institution. It was Governors State, thank you, that brought it to our attention. Sometimes at the very end of a program a student may only need, let's say, 9 hours instead of 12 credit hours. So, oftentimes, a... a student who, you know, does not need to work jobs just to be able to afford to be going to school, they'll take a... a fluff course, or a fun course. My son took a course in palates and dance during his senior year because he kind of had credits to play with. But some students don't have that time. And so, if they only need nine credits because they've been diligent students, they were able to get dual credit and other things to get them ahead and to get them ahead of track, then if the institution wants to allow them to... to continue their AIM HIGH to finish their last semester but not have to be that full 12-credit hour student, they have that discretion."

Ammons: "And then the last question I have, AIM HIGH was developed during the budget impasse process as a program that was to keep the best and brightest in the State of Illinois, is the language that was used. This provision creates a process by which we will continually fund people who actually have access to resources."

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Stuart: "Well, again, we're trying to keep the best and brightest in our... in our state. And I... I agree there are people that have resources, but there are people that do not have the resources to go to college and pay out of pocket. There are many families, they are not MAP eligible, they are not Pell eligible, but they cannot afford to pay out of pocket. And they are top-performing students, and they are the exact kind of students that we want to keep here in our state. There are people that have teachers as parents. They earn a decent living, but by far not enough, and they certainly can't pay for college out of pocket. We want to keep those students here. So, the eligibility does allow for middle-class families to be able to get... and again, these are merit scholarship dollars, not need-based dollars. And it's what other states are offering and drawing our students away."

Ammons: "And so, finally, the Pell portion... what is the Pell requirement in this new piece that you all doing here with the AIM HIGH?"

Stuart: "The... the Pell requirement, that's the... the threshold, and that was what was instituted in 2021. And institutions agreed with staying with that number. So, an institution that is at least 49 percent Pell eligible has that lower matching requirement. And institutions with less than 49 percent Pell eligible have the higher matching requirement."

Ammons: "Thank you for answering those questions. I'll just say for the record, Mr. Speaker, the concern that I have after reading this... the concern is not just that we are keeping the best and brightest, but as we transfer dollars from low-income's communities who can't go to school, and don't have

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enough to cover the actual cost of school because we cannot keep a lid on the increase of the tuition costs and all the other associated fees and fines to go to school, then we are making permanent a program for folks that actually have resources. And I understand what the Representative said, that middle-class families still can't afford because it's becoming out of reach for all students, but the reality is that this program is designed for people who actually have resources. And other students who cannot afford to go to school are being subject to this. And the second concern that I want on the record is that those institutions who came to Higher Ed-Approp just two weeks ago suggesting that they had significant need in order for them to meet their obligations as the institutions, those four that I mentioned earlier are suggesting now that they could actually make a 35 percent match on AIM HIGH seems to be a little counterproductive and counterintuitive. And I cannot see how you can't make this obligation but you can make meet this one. This is a concern that really needs to be looked into. And, Katie, I certainly hope that as this passes over that we'll go back and look at this because we're actually... actually building into a system, almost like we're doing with some of the K-12 stuff, a benefits for communities who have a lot more resources than communities who don't. And that's my concern. I want that to be on the record. And I'll reach out to those institutions to make sure that what they do can actually match and utilize this program. Otherwise, we're actually doing something counterproductive to low-income people and certainly to people of color. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "She indicated she will."

Keicher: "Representative, thank you for bringing this. I want to circle back on a conversation I think you and I had about one of the amazing developments that occurred with the AIM HIGH grant. Have you heard of the Huskie Pledge, now called the AIM HIGH Huskie Pledge, by any chance?"

Stuart: "Yeah. And I wanted to point out, one of the things that we are changing in this is all of our institutions, like I said, have been doing this. Some of them were calling it the AIM HIGH Huskie Pledge or the AIM HIGH Panther Promise, or whatever they used, and some were not. And it was hard to understand what... who exactly AIM HIGH was benefiting and how much it was being used. So, in this Bill, all the institutions will have to use the language AIM HIGH in the name of their program so that we can really tout it as we want our students to stay in Illinois, and we believe you can aim high."

Keicher: "And I think that's absolutely a fantastic marker to put on there. So, what Northern Illinois University has been able to do, and I hope everybody in this chamber is aware of this, is they, for generations, have carved out an... a section of our student body, serving many minority black and brown students, many first-generation college graduates. And now, with the AIM HIGH Huskie Pledge, anyone with sufficient grades to meet with a household income of under \$75 thousand can go to NIU with covered expenses. That is an amazing accomplishment. That's what we heard our Governor talking about from the dais during his budget. We have given the

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opportunity, through the assistance that AIM HIGH has offered, for the ability for those in need, who are most desperately in need to get through their college experience, we've given them the chance to do that. So, I applaud you. I thank you. And I urge a hardy 'yes'."

Speaker Smith: "The Chair recognizes Representative Stuart to close."

Stuart: "Thank you, and thank you for the thoughtful questions. I've had conversations for years about how the cost of higher ed are skyrocketing and we should do what we can to reel those costs in. Higher ed is becoming unobtainable for families of lots of income levels. I really appreciate what our institutions have been trying to do. There were... we had some impasse years and some years before that where we were chronically underfunding higher ed, and we've dug a big hole, and I think there was some reference made to some of our institutions really struggling to come back. And I will work with those institutions and do what we can to get the resources there. I'm a huge supporter of higher ed. This program is going to keep our best and brightest students from Illinois staying right here in Illinois, then becoming the doctors, and the teachers, and the chemists, and the architects, and everyone else that's going to continue to just build our great state. I would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 301 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all oppose... 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 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting

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'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills on Second Reading, Senate Bill 285, Representative Moeller. Out of the record. On page 9, House Bill 2520, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Moving the Bill back to Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Amendment."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2520, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Harper."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of the Amendment. It simply removes the \$200 thousand permit fee, and I can debate it further on Third."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Harper moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All 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."

Speaker Smith: "Third Reading. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 2520. Illinois has some of the dirtiest air in the country. A recent article in *The Guardian* revealed the 10 worst places to live in the U.S. for air pollution. It ranked the South and West Sides of Chicago as third in air pollution and the Metro East as seventh in air pollution. Illinois takes up two spots on the nationwide list of the dirtiest air in the country, but what are we doing about it? The health disparities of our vulnerable communities is greatly due to

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environmental pollution and exposure to harmful pollutants, like ozone, PM2.5, and lead. This exposure is associated with a range of health issues, including respiratory problems, cardiovascular diseases, asthma, cancer, and early death. On the Southeast Side of Chicago, the soot in the air is so bad that if you let a meringue pie sit outside for six hours, it would have black particles covering the top. And yet, a major air polluter, General Iron, wanted to relocate there from wealthy Lincoln Park. In McKinley Park, an asphalt plant received a permit to move into a residential area near schools, a park, and low-income housing with no public participation. And the odors from the plant are making neighbors feel sick from the fumes. And Little Village, a community that had a coal plant. The demolition of that plant released a dust cloud during the pandemic that could be seen for miles. And in the Metro East, the last incinerator in the state has left residents with numerous health concerns. These communities experienced the worst impact are known as environmental justice communities, and these communities are more likely to be in low-income communities and communities of color. House Bill 2520 would designate environmental justice communities using the Illinois Solar for All environmental justice map. In those communities, applicants for the two types of permits that allow the most air pollution to be emitted would need to hold hearings for public participation involving local people and perform a cumulative impact analysis to determine the increased air pollution from these sites would make the air dangerous to breathe, in which case the permit would be denied. This Bill would also allow

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the IEPA to look at path compliant and criminal activity of companies applying for large air permits and give local people the ability to review permits at the Illinois Pollution Control Board. This Environmental Justice Act is a step in breaking down systemic practices that have put communities of color at a disadvantage for decades. By increasing community participation and transparency in the industrial permitting process, the Act ensures that government agencies take an honest look at the existing pollution in the community before allowing anymore industry to pile on. This will bring much needed equity to a process that has too long put vulnerable communities at risk. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "She indicated she will. You may proceed."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, in the Amendment you have removed the... the Bill has removed the \$200 thousand fee. Is that correct?"

Harper: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Is there an intent to readd that fee in the Senate?"

Harper: "Yes. As this Bill is fully negotiated in the Senate, IEPA and others will figure out the scope of the program and they can better set that permit fee based on their... based on what they believe."

Windhorst: "So, we'll be voting on a Bill that doesn't have a fee today and we expect that fee to be added in the Senate. Is that accurate?"

Harper: "That is accurate."

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Windhorst: "Do we know the parameters of the fee, the dollar figures that are being discussed? At least a ballpark figure for the fee?"

Harper: "No, we do not."

Windhorst: "Will it be less than 200 thousand?"

Harper: "I could not tell you right now."

Windhorst: "Well..."

Harper: "The increased cost will basically.. the permit fee will be the cost, right? And again, that is being negotiated in the Senate. The original cost came from the IEPA themselves. But again, they need to determine the full scope of the program. And therefore, they will be setting that price, setting that fee at a later date."

Windhorst: "If you could, what are the requirements that are placed on companies seeking a permit? Meaning, what do they need to show in order to be able to obtain the permit?"

Harper: "What was the question?"

Windhorst: "What are companies.. what do companies need to demonstrate in order to receive a permit?"

Harper: "So, right now, this Bill only applies to the Clean Air permit.. the Clean Air Act Permit Program or federal enforceable state operating permits. These are air pollution permit programs that will allow a facility to emit the most air pollution. So, it only applies to these two programs."

Windhorst: "So, these are requirements are already in law. We're just putting additional requirements with this Bill. Is that correct?"

Harper: "What was the question?"

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Windhorst: "Requirements under the Clean Air Act and the other Act you mentioned are already the law. We're putting additional requirements through this Bill?"

Harper: "Yes. The additional requirements is simply requiring public participation in the permitting process, holding meetings with the communities that will be affected."

Windhorst: "And how is environmental justice community defined?"

Harper: "Sure. So, we are using the Illinois Solar for All definition that was passed in the FEJA Act back during the Rauner administration."

Windhorst: "And it also includes, under that definition, our three communities which were in the Cannabis Control Act repeal or change?"

Harper: "Yes, it sure does. Yes."

Windhorst: "To the Bill."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Windhorst: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this... we had a Bill... this Bill that we voted on when it had a \$200 thousand fee, it failed to receive the requisite number of votes. Now, we're told by the Sponsor that there will be a fee. We just don't know how much the fee will be, and the Senate will decide the fee. Well, to me, that means this Bill's not ready to move and we need to make sure we have the Bill in its final form before we're voting on it. So, I would strongly urge a 'no' vote. If this vote were to receive the requisite number of votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst has requested a verification. Representative Harper to close."

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Harper: "People should have a say in whether or not industrial polluters are able to obtain permits to operate in their communities. We cannot continue to consolidate polluting industries in low-income and communities of color. Everyone has a right to breathe no matter their zip code. Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2520 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 57 voting 'yes', 48 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, have not received the Constitutional Majority, is... is declared failed. Page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills on Second Reading. Senate Bill 1235, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1235, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the Amendment of Floor Amendment #2. Floor Amendment #2 removes the opposition to this Bill. It simply put in a 20 percent cap to make it at par with the full-time employees as well."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. 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. But a fiscal note and a state mandates note have been requested and have not been filed."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit has moved to rule the notes... oh, Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the notes are inapplicable."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. All in favor vote... Representative Marron... Leader Marron."

Marron: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would like to request a recorded vote on the Motion and I would like to speak to the Motion."

Speaker Smith: "Please proceed."

Marron: "Thank you. I notice that we've been doing this a lot lately. We've been voting to rule notes inapplicable. Ladies and Gentlemen, the rules exist for a reason. The note process exists for a reason. They add transparency to the process. They allow us to have the needed information to make the right decision. They allow the public to know the information on what we're voting on. A short while ago, we actually went through that process. There was a Bill that had a note filed on it that had important information that the Sponsor actually used to make a good argument for the Bill that passed. This process is in place for a reason. Now, I know a lot of you on the other side of the aisle. I have a great deal of respect for a lot of you on the other side of the aisle. And while sometimes I may disagree with you on certain issues, I believe that you are promoting these Bills because you believe that these are ideas that are what's best for the State of Illinois. So, why would we not honor this process? Why would

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we not get all the information that we need to make these decisions? Do you not see that by going through that process it strengthens your ideas? When you're able to take that information about how an idea... how much an idea is going to cost or how it affects a state mandate, when you're able to use that information, it strengthens your ideas. Consequently, when you just dismiss this process, it delegitimizes your arguments. It delegitimizes your ideas. Ladies and Gentlemen, these rules exist for a reason. If the rules are outdated, if they need fixed, then we need to fix them. We need to replace them. We need to do away with them. But when we just disregard this process, we tarnish the process. You delegitimize your own ideas, and we lose public trust. We are better than that. You are better than that. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. 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 72 voting in 'favor', 40 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Nothing further, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit. Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1235, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to point out first to the previous speaker, when we talk about the votes... the Motions being inapplicable, they certainly are. Because if the previous speaker would've read the notes that were repeated under House Floor Amendment 1, they would realize that the original Senate Bill Motions that we were moving to be inapplicable did not apply at that time. So, I just want to urge the speakers when they're talking about why or insulting somebody's integrity with regard to these fiscal notes, I have in my hand the fiscal note for House Amendment #1, which is the fiscal impact. However, the fiscal impact for the underlying Bill was not finished because I have a fiscal impact for House Amendment #1. So, I would urge those on the other side of the aisle to please do your homework before ranting about why a Motion might be inapplicable legitimately. So, thank you for that, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to make that point. To the Bill I would like to present today, House (sic-Senate) Bill 1235. And as with many Bills in our chamber, it starts with a story. It starts with a person. And I do feel that we need to talk about the person of which this underlying Bill came from. And I realize that most of the time I go straight to the Bill, but this is so important. So, this is a story of an individual named Cheryl Thayer, and her name is going to be in the record because Cheryl Thayer worked for many years advocating for changes to the SURS calculation of service credit for adjuncts. And for those of you that might not know, an adjunct is a part-time professor, similar to like a substitute teacher in TRS. They fill in for classes that full-time professors cannot teach or do not teach. She

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not only lived with this problem, but also recently passed away before she could enjoy her retirement under a proper and fair calculation for her service to community colleges. She taught for many years at Oakton Community College, but also, like many adjunct faculty, at other colleges as well. Like her adjunct colleagues, she not only worked from the first day of class to the last day of class, but also for days and weeks before the beginning of classes preparing for the classes and for days after, grading exams, papers, and submitting her grades. As a teacher, she had the same responsibilities as her full-time colleagues at those institutions. But unlike them, she and others often did not properly receive her month's SURS service credit for her work because those classes began in the middle of the calendar month and ended in the middle of another month. Add to this that many college classes are now not taught on a traditional 16-week semester, but rather in an 8-week or a 4-week semester. Same class, same material, same credit for students, but reduced service credit for adjunct faculty. This injustice was Cheryl's passion for many years, especially after she found out at the end, when she wanted to retire. When she wanted to retire, when she wanted to have time with her family, when she wanted to enjoy what many people enjoy in retirement, she found out at that time that she could not realistically retire seven years ago because of the current unfair and unrealistic calculation of service credit. Members of the General Assembly, we have before you a Bill that is brought to our attention by individuals like Cheryl Thayer, who... through a process that's been defended by

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SURS, that in committee SURS testified that members working are not aware of this adjustment until towards the end when they wish to attire... retire. This does not impact the pension calculation because, as in what I have right in my hand called a fiscal impact statement from SURS, the systems actuary does not recognize the actuarial liabilities associated with part-time employees. They just assume all employees are full-time. Therefore, this Bill, this Bill on behalf of Cheryl Thayer, allows adjunct professors to retire with dignity, to retire with the benefits they believe they're being promised the whole time they are working, and really, truly treats people with respect in our adjunct facilities and in our community colleges. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. That anecdotal story is touching, but the fact is, is that we're dealing with somebody who had the ability to find out what their pension was going to be long before they decided they wanted to retire. I'm looking at a fiscal note. I'm looking at a fiscal note from the... from COGFA. And while the Sponsor of the Bill is correct in saying that the actuary for the pension plan treats everybody as full-time so, therefore, it's not going to add to the liability under, you know, the accrued liability of the... of the thing. I'd like to read something that's from this fiscal note. 'The system's actuary does not recognize the actuarial liabilities associated with part-time and assumes all employees are full-time.' Okay, that's fine. So, for the purposes of their actuarial calculation, for the purposes of determining whether or not the funding is adequate

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to not reduce the amount of fund... or reduce the funding ratio. One thing that wasn't mentioned by the Sponsor of the Bill is the following statement, which is in the fiscal note. 'SURS, State University Retirement System, claims more assets will be necessary to pay estimated benefits, due to the new accrual schedule and the elimination of the part-time adjustment.' This is, in fact, an increase. 'The amount by which payouts will increase as a result of these changes has not been provided by the State University Retirement System.' Here's what's happening. Under the current law, you have to work 15 days to be considered eligible for that month's credit. What this Bill does is says if you can... if you work any time at all and contribute any amount of money to the plan that, for purposes of calculating your pension, makes you eligible for that full month of accrual. You haven't paid in but one day maybe, but you're eligible for the entire month. Hence, the... the statement by COGFA that more assets will be necessary in order to pay out those benefits. This is an increase in cost. So, I ask you, even though the notes have been ruled inapplicable because of some statement that, you know, we're being... I don't know what it is that we were being accused of here. But the fiscal note that was issued states right very plainly that more assets are going to be needed in order to pay these benefits. So, even though the rules have been ruled inapplicable, here's a fiscal note that says just the opposite, just the opposite. It's going to take more money to pay these benefits. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Wilhour is recognized."

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

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Speaker Smith: "Indicates she will."

Wilhour: "Representative, part of the reason that... that you're running this Bill is basically in essence the person receiving the pension was seeing something on her reporting that wasn't... that wasn't actually accurate at... at the end of the day. Basically, the reporting that she was seeing that the system was putting out was saying that she was going to get more than what she ended up with, more than what she had earned under the... under statute currently. Is that... that correct?"

Kifowit: "That is correct. It's a 50 percent reduction... adjustment that is made from SURS. And as was this debate thoroughly debated in committee, and I... I certainly do appreciate the remarks of Minority Spokesperson, the... the testimony in committee does reflect that. That their system does not account for... their system does not account for part-time employees until, until they are on the verge of retirement and then they get a part-time adjustment, which takes that amount and cuts it in half. And it was in committee that we realized that TRS does not have this adjustment. It's for a small percentage of the whole SURS system. So, it only applies to a small percentage of individuals that are members of SURS. And in addition to that, anybody who knows anybody in the teaching profession knows that when you are educating individuals it is not one day. It is not one day. It is several days at home grading papers, several weekends, time preparing. So, to just say that somebody could work one day is really disingenuous to the hard work, the hard work that our adjunct professors put in day in and day out at our community colleges. And they deserve to be compensated. They

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deserve to be recognized. And they deserve respect for all the time that they do and that is why I'm presenting this Bill."

Wilhour: "Thank you. I appreciate that. And I... I agree that the reporting is an issue. Why don't we just fix the reporting issue?"

Kifowit: "They testified in committee that their system was unable to do that. So, this puts it on par with TRS. TRS does not have this type of reduction at the end of the retirement year."

Wilhour: "But you... your emotional plea on this Bill is we need this because... because basically this... this person has been... has been wronged. She's not receiving what... what the reporting was saying. But, you know, to the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Wilhour: "This is... this is typical in the way that we do things in Springfield. There's a... there's a problem. There's a really easy fix that's actually not going to cost us any money. But instead of fixing it, we're just making the problem worse. Instead of fixing the problem on the... on the reporting, this legitimate problem, we're just going to increase benefits because another system does it irresponsibly. That's why our pension system is a disaster in this state. That's why our property taxes are astronomically high in this state because we steadfastly refuse to do the tough things in this state. And we just little by little continue to make things worse. So, I would strongly encourage, if you care about your property taxes and things of that nature, then vote 'no' on this legislation. Thank you."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Stuart is recognized."

Stuart: "Thank you. I would just like to speak to the Bill."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Stuart: "I want to thank the Sponsor, first of all, for bringing this Bill forward. And I know that you and I have talked about this issue before. I just want... the amount of disrespect for educators that I hear from the other side of the aisle continuously, continuously is disheartening. They talk about we care about our teachers, they protect our kids, aren't they great when they jump in front of bullets in the classroom to protect kids. But then they don't really want to support the things that they do as teachers. So, to complain, as someone did, that they work for one day and then they get the full month benefit shows me that you don't understand the work of an adjunct. If the semester starts on, let's say, August 25, that adjunct is working and planning and prepping probably starting in June. And all we're asking is to respect the fact that probably starting by August 1 they've been prepping that class. And guess what else happens to adjuncts all the time? They prep for a class starting in June, and they work in July, and they take that summer time away from time with their families, when their kids are home from school and they could be spending quality time with them. They work on it and they're ready to go. And then just prior to the semester, that class gets yanked out from under them. And then they get paid nothing for all that work they have put in. You continuously, continuously disrespect the work that teachers do at all levels, pre-k all the way through, the work they do outside of the classroom to make sure that they

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are providing the best possible education they can for their students, whatever age they are. I urge everyone to support this Bill to show respect for educators across the board. Thank you very much, Representative Kifowit, for bringing this forward."

Speaker Smith: "Leader McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "To the Bill. You know, I was going to be a 'yes' on this vote until the previous speaker. And I just got to say, if... if you all care so much about teachers and law enforcement and retirees, then put up a Bill to repeal Tier 2. Put your money where your mouth is."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit to close."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the previous speaker, we are working to fix that situation as well. And what was mentioned, this is not a benefit enhancement. Amendment #2, the 20 percent that eliminated the opposition to SURS is a cap, the same cap that is in full-timers. So, it is... eliminates pension spiking. As was mentioned, I realize that there have been some claims from SURS. At the end of the day, they are neutral on this Bill. And I ask for your support. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1235 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 85 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Jay C. Hoffman is recognized."

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Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move to suspend, for Senate Bill 1068, House Rule 41(b)... (b)'s requirement that a Bill authorizing or directing the conveyance of real estate by the state may not be voted upon in committee or upon Second Reading unless the certified appraisal of the value of the interest has been filed. This is in response to a request from Representative Jacobs in order to allow this to be heard in committee and move forward, and we would support that Motion."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman moves to suspend for Senate Bill 1068 House Rule 41(b)'s requirement that a Bill authorizing or directing the conveyance of real estate by the state may not be voted upon in committee or upon Second Reading unless a certified appraisal of the value of the interest has been filed. All in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the requirements are waived. On page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 684. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 684, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is regarding the makeup of the board of the Central Illinois Regional Airport Authority. It indicates that, in addition to two members being from... appointed by the mayor of Bloomington, two members by the mayor of Normal, that the McLean County Board shall appoint

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two individuals from an area with population of less than 5 thousand people and another individual from an area that is not located in Bloomington or Normal."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman moves the adoption of Floor Amendment 3. All in... all 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. But several notes have been requested and have not been filed."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "I ask these notes be ruled inapplicable."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman moves that all notes be ruled inapplicable. Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Motion. Here we go again. Talk about deceptive practices. This is a very, very important note. The people of McLean County deserve to know what the fiscal implication is if we pass this Bill and it goes... becomes law. I ask you, please, vote 'no'. We need to know. The people of McLean County deserve to know what the fiscal impact of this Bill is. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. 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 71 'yeses', 40 'noes', 0 voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Leader Hoffman... I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Nothing further."

Speaker Smith: "Third Reading. Leader Hoffman."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 684, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill would create the Central Illinois Regional Airport Authority, which would include all of the territory within the corporate limits of McLean County. Any existing airport authority within McLean County would be dissolved. The assets and liabilities of dissolved authority would be assumed by the new Central Illinois Regional Airport Authority. On Amendment #3, I attempted to address some of the issues that were brought up in committee regarding the makeup of the board and ensuring that all parts of McLean County have representation. By doing that, I believe that the board is reflective of the entire community, including Bloomington-Normal and all of the area of McLean County outside of Bloomington-Normal. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "Indicates he will."

Caulkins: "Representative, I guess we'll start with the obvious. What part of McLean County do you represent?"

Hoffman: "I don't represent McLean County, but I went to Illinois State University. And as a proud Red Bird, I care about this airport."

Caulkins: "Oh, that's great. Thank you. We wish you would've stayed. You'd be sitting on this side of the aisle. The... there are five Members in this Body that represent McLean County."

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None of them are on the... the board as Sponsors of this Bill.
Can you tell me why?"

Hoffman: "I'll sign the slip if you want to be on."

Caulkins: "No, but can you tell me why none of us are on it?"

Hoffman: "I can't tell you why."

Caulkins: "Because we don't support this. The people of McLean County... and all of us know this, all five of us. We understand. They don't approve of this process. You know, we hear all the time from... from folks on your side of the aisle you don't support us when we come to the floor with a Bill to get a elected board of education in Chicago, or that we want to do something for our community or our township, or a city, and you ask us to support that. And for the most part, I think we try to or we do. I know I try to look very favorably on that... on that legislation. And yet, here we are, Members of this House from McLean County, and what we've asked... and really, all we've asked is to give the people of McLean County an opportunity to weigh in on this. Let them have a referendum. Let them do what they feel is the right way to address this issue. So... I mean, do you disagree with that, Sir?"

Hoffman: "I believe that ensuring the stability of this airport in a manner that was done similarly in Peoria County, Crawford County, DuPage County, and others is vitally important. I think this would do that."

Caulkins: "Is there a pressing need, have we heard of a pressing need to get this done before the people of McLean County can weigh in on it?"

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Hoffman: "I simply believe this is the way it's been done in the past and that's why I'm supporting this."

Caulkins: "Has the McLean County Board weighed in on this formally?"

Hoffman: "I don't know."

Caulkins: "Well, I... I can answer that. And the answer is no, they haven't. There's been one resolution filed with the Executive Committee of the McLean County Board in opposition to this. That resolution was tabled until next month. The McLean County Board has no support, no... there is no formal support for this on McLean County Board."

Hoffman: "I... I would simply say that Amendment #3, we attempted to address issues and gave the McLean County Board Chairman three appointments, all from outside the Bloomington-Normal area."

Caulkins: "Representative, why did you reject Amendment #2 that gave the McLean County Board all of the appointments to this airport authority?"

Hoffman: "Because I believe since the current airport authority is simply Bloomington and Normal, I believe that having the mayors of Bloomington give two appointments, the mayor of Normal have two appointments will ensure that all parts of the county are... are on the board, have members on the board, and they will be reflective of the entire county."

Caulkins: "Is there any other agency that has a mayoral appointment? Any other countywide agency, animal control, the health department, EMS, 9-1-1? Do the mayors of Bloomington or Normal have a... have an appointment to any of those countywide agencies?"

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Hoffman: "I don't know about that specifically, but there are several other authorities where mayors throughout the state have appointments to their local authorities."

Caulkins: "Well, I can answer the question, Representative, and the answer is no. Now, the mayors currently have an appointment because it's the Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority. And the airport authority wants this to be a McLean County Airport Authority. And that's why, as a compromise, we offered... although we think this process is flawed, but we offered a compromise. Let the county board appoint all seven members. And you rejected that. Why?"

Hoffman: "Because I believe that we want to make sure that the authority is reflective of the entire county. So, the mayor of Urbana... or mayor of Normal would have two, the mayor of Bloomington would have two, and then the outer county would be appointed by the chairman of the county board."

Caulkins: "But Amendment 2 said that two of the representatives would come from Bloomington, two of the representatives would come from Normal. That's what Amendment 2 was. It's just that the appointments would be made with the advice and consent of the county board. Because this airport authority is now going to be a countywide nongovernmental organization. Just like the health department. Just like animal control. Just like E911. It's going to be a whole county, and the county board is going to have now no supervision, no interest. I mean, they get two... three of the seven appointments. And yet, this is a countywide effort. I... it baffles me. And I would hope that you would consider that. And I would hope that Members on your side would consider the fact that the people that

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actually represent McLean County disapprove of this process. Would you... there is no... and I think we've established, and I know that the... the airport authorities would agree, that there's no rush. There's no rush to do this. Would you be willing to hold this until we come back into Veto Session and let the people of McLean County weigh in on what they want?"

Hoffman: "We're going to call this today."

Caulkins: "To the Bill."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Caulkins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an issue that greatly affects everyone in McLean County. This is a property tax increase on every small community, every farm in McLean County. And yet, none of these people have had any input into how this process is going down. All they've asked, all they've asked is that they be given an opportunity to have a referendum, to have a say in how they want this airport authority put together. Out of respect for the people of McLean County, I would ask you, please, please vote 'no' on this Bill. Let us, let us, the people that represent McLean County, work this out and come back to you with their solution, not a solution that's being run through this House by somebody that lives 150 miles away. Please help us. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Hauter is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "Indicates he will."

Hauter: "Leader, I'm... I'm just really confused. And I've heard from a lot of my constituents in McLean County, which I

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represent, that are opposing this Bill. Have you heard from any of my constituents that I represent opposing this Bill?"

Hoffman: "There were individuals who were supporting and opposing the Bill that were in committee."

Hauter: "You know, I was a... a board... county board member in Tazewell County and I was a voter. And when property taxes came up, citizens got the chance to vote on it and... and/or the... the actual county board had the chance to vote on it. Why are we taking it... that pathway out of the hands of the voters or the county board and bringing it to the state level? Is this the new technique that we're going to use to raise property taxes?"

Hoffman: "Well, it... this has been done on a variety of occasions, including Peoria County, Crawford County, DuPage County, and others, in order to stabilize the airport funding and stabilize the airport authority. Incidentally, the head of the regional airport authority indicated that the levy would not increase, that would remain the same, and made that commitment in committee. Therefore, some people would... they would be spreading the property tax base for the airport. And the current property taxpayers who are... who are footing the entire burden of the airport while it is really a regional asset, they would probably see a decrease in their property taxes."

Hauter: "Well, that's all well and good, but why not give them a chance to do that? I know it's not increasing it, but it's widening the base and it's hitting my farmers in my... in my communities very hard. Do you know the... the average property tax increase that it will now be on McLean County farmers?"

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Hoffman: "I do not. It depends on the... I guess it depends on the size of the farm, right? We still... we still would apply..."

Hauter: "Exactly, but now they have a new..."

Hoffman: "I'm sorry, go ahead. I didn't mean to interrupt you. Go ahead."

Hauter: "Go ahead."

Hoffman: "We still would be applying the farm... farmland assessment. That doesn't change any of that. So, that... that lower assessment for farmland which I have always supported would still be maintained."

Hauter: "But the Farm Bureau is opposed to this?"

Hoffman: "I think they are, yes."

Hauter: "Okay. Yeah, they... yes, they are. To the Bill."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Hauter: "You know, I came here to represent people in my district. And... and if they can't represent themselves in a referendum, if they can't represent themselves by their elected officials on a county board, if they can't represent themselves through me, and we have five Representatives that are from McLean County that their voice is not being heard. They have a Representative from hundreds of miles away who is bringing this in, in a venue-shopping technique that I oppose. It's a loss of local control, and it's an insult to the Representatives in the district. It's an insult to the voters and the county board. Vote 'no' on this Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Manley is recognized. Leader Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I... I do appreciate the comments of the individuals... or the Representatives that

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recently spoke. I can just tell you that in the past when we have done these types of things, the airports have flourished. They've become stronger, and they become more stable. So, that's why this path was taken. I did... I did take to heart some of the comments that were made in committee by the individuals who do represent that area in that we tried to make the board reflective of the population of McLean County. And so, that was the Amendment that allowed for and ensured that there would be rural representation on this board. I've been told, and I wish I would've known this earlier, that 12 out of the 20 county board members who are on McLean County Board currently support this endeavor. So, I would ask for an 'aye' vote. I understand and I appreciate the comments of the previous speakers, but I think this is good for the stability and economic growth of the area."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 684 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 73 voting 'yes', 40 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills on Second Reading, Senate Bill 285. Mr. Clerk. Representative Moeller."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 285, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Moeller. I'm sorry. Third Reading.
Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 285, a Bill for an Act concerning
criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Now, Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 285 makes changes
to the Controlled Substances Act and... and changes the way the
state's prescription drug monitoring program works to ensure
that pharmacists, hospitals, and other prescribers are able
to track opioid prescriptions and help prevent opioid
prescription shopping. It's important that the system works
well and we know that... because we know prescribers are able
to easily and readily check the system. This Bill helps
encourage that usage. We currently have a system in place,
but right now there's only one system that is available to...
to pharmacists and doctors. This Bill would prohibit the
Department of Human Services from requiring pharmacies and
other providers from using a particular entity or system for
access and integration into the Prescription Monitoring
Program. It also spells out requirements for system
integration with the PMP. This Bill was negotiated, and the
Department of Human Services is neutral. I know of no
opposition and happy to ask... or answer any questions. Thank
you."

Speaker Smith: "No further questions, Representative Moeller to
close."

Moeller: "Thank you. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 285 pass?'
All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's

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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 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Didech, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Didech: "Mr. Speaker, please let the record reflect that on House Bill 2520 I intended to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Smith: "The record will so reflect. On page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 764. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 764, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Smith: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 764, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 764 creates the Vision Care Plan Regulation Act. The legislation is intended to create greater transparency and flexibility for those who are providing vision care in the community. The legislation was heavily negotiated in the Senate. It's my understanding there is no opposition. I'm happy to answer any questions, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Jacobs is recognized."

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Jacobs: "Thank you, Speaker. I just wanted... as an optometrist, I just wanted to echo that this is not opposed by anybody. It's a very good Bill. It helps the individual businesses that are running in optometric practices. I suggest also a 'yes'... very highly recommend a 'yes' vote. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "No further discussion, Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been in the House of Representatives for nine years. This is the first time I've had a Bill that has been chief-coed by Representative DeLuca. So, that for that very reason, I would encourage an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 764 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 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 6 of the Calendar, Senate Bills on Second Reading, SB1352. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1352, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Smith: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1352, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. Today, I present to you SB1352. It clarifies the process of a resigning... of resigning pro-license professional educator position prior to the school year. Educators need to submit their resignation 30 days prior to the student being there. And that during the school year that this board must approve this resignation. We've worked on an Amendment to get... to kind of satisfy some of the opposition. And I ask for a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you mentioned the Amendment removed the opposition of the Principals Association, I believe the Association of School Boards. Is that correct?"

Carroll: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "What is the reason for this change being brought?"

Carroll: "There was just some... some of the language in there wasn't... wasn't as clear. So, this cleared up some of the language to make sure that it was more clear how the process went. So, they asked for this clarification. So, the Bill came over from the Senate. We agreed to the... to the Amendment when it came over here. We did that to... to get them to go to neutral."

Windhorst: "And the... a part of this is designed to give teachers notice when there may be some hold on their license by the state superintendent. Is that accurate?"

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Carroll: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "No further discussion, Representative Carroll to close."

Carroll: "I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1352 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 99 voting 'yes', 13 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1446, Mr. West. Going once. Mr. West. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1555, Representative Avelar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1611, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1611, a Bill for an Act concerning government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Smith: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1611, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1611 creates the Firefighter Training Leave of Absence Act. It allows state employees the opportunity to obtain Basic Operations Firefighter certifications. Throughout most of our state, voluntary firefighters play an indispensable role protecting property and saving lives. However, we have a severe shortage

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of volunteer firefighters in Illinois. The purpose of this Bill is to help address the shortage. The Bill is an initiative of the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. Thank you for your consideration. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Ugaste is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "Indicates he will."

Ugaste: "Thank you. Representative, we filed a fiscal impact note and do you... did you have a chance to review that note?"

Didech: "I did. Yes, Sir."

Ugaste: "And can you tell the floor what it said?"

Didech: "Yeah. So, they... it indicated two potential costs to the state. I'll start with the second one first 'cause it's a little easier, related to the potential software changes that would need to be made. We don't think that that's going to be probably any fiscal impact 'cause this Bill is modeled directly after the regulations that apply to members of the National Guard and military reserve that go on leave. So, that second part we don't think will be applicable at all. The first... sorry, go ahead."

Ugaste: "So, the... the training they're receiving, is that to prepare them for other line... another line of work?"

Didech: "Not another line of work. This is for volunteer firefighters. So, they..."

Ugaste: "So, it's only for volunteer firefighters?"

Didech: "Right. So, they don't get paid for... for their service as a volunteer firefighter."

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Ugaste: "Are we creating a fund to allow them.. or to allow other members of the public to participate in this or is this only available to state employees?"

Didech: "This Bill only applies to state employees."

Ugaste: "And as far as anyone participating in this, is it true that they could only be in service for the state for one day before we have to provide this leave?"

Didech: "No. No one is eligible for this unless they've been in service for six months. Additionally, they have to be a fully-rostered member of a fire department at a municipality or fire protection district. So, there's several limitations in the Bill over who is eligible to participate in this."

Ugaste: "Okay. I'm going to wait and see if there's any other debate on this. Hearing what you have to say, I'm going to determine how I'll vote. I've always.. very supportive of the fire services and people looking to become part of the fire service. I'm concerned about the fiscal impact to the state, what it will have.. I mean, these people, their jobs still have to be covered, and we'll.. we'll see what happens. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. If an individual who's a state employee is also be compensated by the.. the fire district or in some other way, how.. what impact does that have on their other pay or the state pay?"

Didech: "If they are compensated in the course of their.. their fire training that they are on leave, then their pay from the

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state will be reduced by that amount. So, nobody will be able to double-dip as a result of this legislation."

Windhorst: "And during prior questioning, you mentioned that this is just for volunteers, rather than those who are employed by a fire district or by a municipality."

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And it... where is that specified in the statute?"

Didech: "I... I will... give me one moment. Right, if you're a full-time employee of the State of Illinois, you couldn't also be a full-time employee of a fire district or a fire protection... or a fire... or a municipal fire department. Additionally, we put into this Bill rulemaking authority for CMS, and I... I suspect that that may be one of the issues that gets clarified through the rulemaking authority."

Windhorst: "And this is being done to address issues with hiring, training, and retention of fire fighters. Is that the purpose behind the Bill?"

Didech: "Illinois, like every other state in the country, has a severe shortage of volunteer firefighters. And volunteer firefighters are a critical component to protecting life and property and about 80 percent of the land mass of our state. So, we want to do what we can to make sure that our fire departments have the man power and resources they need to keep people safe."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Cabello is recognized."

Cabello: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a great Bill. And if anybody would understand how much a volunteer fireman actually made, this

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is something that will help immensely. Many of the volunteer fire folks are getting paid maybe \$12 per call. Twelve dollars per call that they show up to, to help save us. We have a major problem with filling many of these volunteer departments. And, Representative Didech, I would love to be a chief-co on this Bill and I would highly recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Weaver is recognized."

Weaver: "To the Bill. I've got so many wonderful volunteer fire departments in my district. I just want to thank you for forth. These men and women do it out of the kindness of their heart to serve their community. And this is, I think, just a small thing to show them how much we appreciate what we're doing. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "Thank you, everybody, for your consideration of this important Bill. Like Representative Cabello, Representative Weaver said, I think this will be a small but important step to increase the resources that our volunteer fire departments have. I thank you for your consideration, and I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1611 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 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 7,

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Senate Bills on Second Reading. Representative Kifowit,
Senate Bill 1629. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1629, a Bill for an Act concerning
public employee benefits. The Bill was read for a second time
previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is
offered by Representative Kifowit."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of Floor
Amendment #1. Floor Amendment #1 is just a technical change."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit moves the adoption of Floor
Amendment #1. All in favor say 'aye'; 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. But notes have been requested
and not yet filed."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request the notes to be
inapplicable. They don't really apply to this Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit has moved to rule the notes
inapplicable. 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 69 'yeses', 39 'noes', 0
voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable.
Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1629, a Bill for an Act concerning
public employee benefits. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House, we saw the companion Bill yesterday in Senate Bill 1630. This is, again, a parity Bill for Local 2. We talked about it at length yesterday. It is to have parity with the downstate fire in terms of average salary calculations is what this Bill pertains to."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Reick is recognized."

Reick: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm going to go straight to the Bill because we spoke about... yesterday a lot about what these two Bills, which are companion Bills, are going to be about. Basically, what we're trying to do is bring Chicago fire into conformity and in compliance with... or in conformity with downstate police and fire. A little history, I think, is important here because back when we first did the consolidation of the funds that became the Bill that... where we put all the funds together under police and fire downstate, it was requested of the Chicago Fire Department to oppose that. And they agreed, for whatever reasons they agreed to, with the promise that there would be discussion down the road about consolidation, which never happened. And we have a new mayoral administration and wondering whether that's going to happen under this one. But the fact is, is that we need to start addressing the issues of Tier 2. This Bill does that for one discreet union, albeit one that is very, very visible, both to the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois and both in terms of its impact by itself and its impact upon fire... fire districts statewide. I voted for this Bill in committee for the same reason I voted for 1630 in the

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committee yesterday and discussed yesterday because we need to start talking about Tier 2. We're not talking about Tier 2. We need to. Every... we're starting to get the idea, people are starting to find out that, oh, we got a problem here. The *Chicago Tribune* yesterday railed in its editorial page that, oh, my God, this is going to cost the City of Chicago \$3 billion. This is going to cost us \$3 billion to bring us into compliance. Well, where the hell was this Chicago editorial page 12, 13 years ago when Tier 2 was passed and we knew that this was going to happen? All of the sudden chickens have come home to roost and we're sitting here now looking at the City of Chicago complaining about a \$3 billion cost for something it could've done 12 years ago. The chickens are coming home to roost. Tier 2 is going to cost us a lot of money. Yeah, I... this is going to be a Christmas tree over here again just like 1630 was yesterday. There are going to be people on my side of the aisle who are going to vote against this. I'm going to vote for it, not because I like the Bill, not because there's been any kind of fiscal impact determined here... yeah, there's... there are people saying we should have fiscal impact notes. I filed... we filed notes on this, and they've just been ruled inapplicable. What kind of business are we running here when we are not willing to talk about the pension... the fiscal cost of something that's going to cost this much, it's inapplicable? The pension note is meant to determine how much of an impact this is going to have on the funding ratio of that pension. That was ruled inapplicable. Good God, people, this is what we're here to talk about. What are we going to with our pensions when... when

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Tier 2 goes completely out of control and your local tax bills go up? Because Tier 2 employees are suing because they don't have the kind of income from pensions that they should be guaranteed, I want you to remember this debate. I want you to remember how you voted on this. You know, when I first started practicing law, I did a lot of work... work with the IRS, and I was talking to IRS agents many times. And... and this story applies here. People generally go into government service not because of... you know, when people go into government service, they generally go in knowing that the pay rates aren't going to be that great. But they go in knowing that they've got a reasonable amount of job security and that they're going to have a good retirement. Well, here in the State of Illinois, we know that our public employees are paid quite well because we're constantly giving them pay increases and they probably have deserved it and they probably earn it. And they've got job security because it's almost impossible to fire anybody these days, even no matter how incompetent they are in their job. But when we look at the pension system in this state, not just from the standpoint of people who are going to be collecting benefits, but those of us who have to pay for them, I think it's important for us to know, in a fiscal note, what that's going to cost. How much are we going to pay for this... for this increase in benefits? Yes, I'm voting for this increase in benefits because I want people to know where I stand. I want to fix this mess. And by voting 'no', I'm not giving you any opportunity to say anything to me but, oh, Reick stood up and said something, but he really didn't mean it. I mean it. I voted 'yes' on this Bill. I don't care what

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anybody else decides to vote. This is my stand on saying this pension system needs to be fixed and it needs to be fixed now."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Caulkins is recognized."

Caulkins: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Smith: "She... she indicated she will."

Caulkins: "Representative, does this Bill only affect firefighters in the City of Chicago?"

Kifowit: "Correct. This affects Local 2 firefighters."

Caulkins: "Would you like my support for this Bill? I don't live in Chicago."

Kifowit: "I would like all Members to support this Bill."

Caulkins: "So, we just... so, you want my support for something in Chicago, but you won't support what we want in McLean County?"

Kifowit: "I think each individual Bill has to stand on its own merits. You can vote whichever way you wish. Of course, support for Bills are... are always important and appreciated. This is a Bill for parity for the firefighters to match the downstate firefighters, and it pertains to Local 2."

Caulkins: "I'm willing to vote for your Bill. I think the people of Chicago deserve this. I think the taxpayers of Chicago deserve to know what it's going to cost, though. That's a concern. But the firefighters... I support firefighters all over. This isn't going to affect me. It's not going to affect my property taxes. So, you know, in the spirit of cooperation, something that you don't want to extend to us, I will extend to you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Kifowit to close."

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Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate an 'aye' vote on this Bill. Again, presented in committee was actuarial analysis with regard to this Bill. The pension note was filed that Members can read on their computers. The other fiscal notes were deemed inapplicable. But this, again, is a parity Bill. It's a companion Bill, the one that we voted for last.. yesterday. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1629 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 98 'yeses', 15 'noes', 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1710, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1710, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Huynh."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I present House Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1710. This Amendment addresses concerns from the Cook County Forest Preserves and the Illinois Association of Park Districts and brings them to.. to move their opposition to 'aye'. I urge a 'yes' vote on this Amendment."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Huynh moves adoption of Floor Amendment 3. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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. But notes have been requested and not yet filed."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "I move the notes be inadmissible."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Huynh has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 69 'yesses', 40 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments or Motions."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1710, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1710 will require entities that have jurisdiction over paved bike trails that are intended for use by cyclists and pedestrians to put up temporary signage alerting trail users if there are hazardous conditions that may be dangerous out on the trail. This Bill passed the Senate overwhelmingly. I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Marron is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

Marron: "Thank you, Representative. I... I know you've worked on this Bill. It's a better version of the first Bill you

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presented. And so, it's improved. There is still some opposition on the Bill. Am I correct?"

Huynh: "There is one, yes."

Marron: "And that's... that's the Municipal League? Can you address their concerns with the Bill, please?"

Huynh: "Yeah. So, their concerns were unwarranted, and they did not negotiate in good faith during... during that process."

Marron: "Well, that's, I think, your opinion. I was trying to more get at what... what their concerns were with the Bill. I would suggest, through conversations that I had with them, that they believe it's an unfunded mandate, which I think I... I would agree with that. I think that's the issue. I understand what you're trying to do here. The idea's got some validity. But, once again, we are telling a unit of local government what they have to do without offering a funding mechanism. I will also remind the Body that this is at a time when... because of the fact that in budget discussions we're short of revenue, part of the... the idea to rectify our revenue shortage is to decrease the personal property replacement tax allotment that's to local government. So, at a time when we're talking about decreasing their share, they're making their piece of the pie smaller, we are asking them to do this and requiring them through an unfunded mandate. So, for that reason, I would encourage a 'no' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Fritts is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "The Sponsor indicates he will yield."

Fritts: "Thank you. Representative, we had a lot of great committee discussion on this Bill. So, let's try it again

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here. What is the nature of which you're bringing forward the Bill, your reasoning?"

Huynh: "Yes. There was a... this is an initiative of the Sponsor in the Senate where there was a fatal accident where a cyclist was on a bike trail crossing a busy street and was... and was killed."

Fritts: "Okay."

Huynh: "So, the... so, the intent is to actually provide advanced warning of cyclists and pedestrians of an upcoming crossing so they can exercise due caution."

Fritts: "Okay. And how many bicyclists have died in the past year in the State of Illinois?"

Huynh: "There are 2,689 injuries in the State of Illinois."

Fritts: "What was that?"

Huynh: "Two thousand six hundred and eighty-nine injuries and two hundred and eight deaths in the State of Illinois. Two hundred and eight."

Fritts: "Two hundred and eight deaths. Okay. How many of those had... were on park trails?"

Huynh: "That information is on a case-by-case. According to that, we... it's 208 deaths right now."

Fritts: "Happened on bike trails specifically?"

Huynh: "There are other variables at play, but that would be one... considered one of the variables is bike trails."

Fritts: "Okay. So, and how many on a bike trail versus a... one of those lanes in the City of Chicago that run right along standing traffic?"

Huynh: "In terms of that number, there have been numerous accidents all across the State of Illinois and in Chicago."

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Fritts: "Okay. So, those bike deaths, could any of those happen in other places and just be put on as a death?"

Huynh: "So, this is addressing the bike trails and also the... the highway crossings as well. So, it's... it's both, bike trails and highway crossings, if you read the Bill."

Fritts: "I have read the Bill. Thank you. Okay. How many accident hotspots do we have as far as bicycle deaths go? Do we have particular spots where there's lots of deaths that occur that need to be addressed?"

Huynh: "We have seen different sections in the City of Chicago and in parts of the state where there has been an influx of deaths."

Fritts: "Okay. And how many of those spots are there?"

Huynh: "There are several spots."

Fritts: "Okay. I want to read right out of your Amendment here where it says, 'If the authority having maintenance jurisdiction over publicly owned bike trails has knowledge of an emergency or safety hazard that creates a dangerous condition on a publicly owned bike trail... or paved bicycle trail, the authority shall take reasonable steps to erect temporary signage alerting pedestrians or cyclists of that dangerous condition.' Who determines what that dangerous condition is?"

Huynh: "Yeah, this is done by the parks recs. It's also done by the forest preserves as well. And also done by the Department of Transportation, depending on who has the jurisdiction in... in that."

Fritts: "And who determines what those reasonable steps are?"

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Huynh: "This is, again, given to the Department of Transportation, the parks district, and the forest preserves in terms what they deem to be reasonable."

Fritts: "Okay. Do you believe that this is ambiguous legislation that could potentially impose more litigation?"

Huynh: "No. That was actually addressed when we negotiated with the parks district, and the forest preserves, and the Illinois Department of Transportation."

Fritts: "Okay. Do we have an estimated cost on what it's going to cost park districts to implement?"

Huynh: "The fiscal note... if you read the fiscal note, it's IDOT, Illinois Department of Transportation predicts a maximum of \$50 thousand. And because the parks district and the forest preserves do not post this Bill, the cost will be... will not... won't be prohibitive."

Fritts: "What's that?"

Huynh: "The costs won't be prohibitive."

Fritts: "It won't be prohibitive? Interesting."

Huynh: "According to the park districts and the forest preserves."

Fritts: "Interesting. Okay. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Fritts: "This is a cost to underfunded parks. There's no clear... there's no clear connection to deaths in this particular case. You know, in this last year, my family personally was struck with a pretty significant tragedy. A week before the Primary Election, we pulled up to an intersection, an intersection that's known to be dangerous. My uncle, who was driving, looked to the left, he looked to the right, he pulled out, and because there's a curve in that particular road, we were

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struck. I was ejected. Another uncle was ejected from the vehicle, and he actually passed away. I heard from the local units of government, and they said that this particular intersection is a danger, that many accidents happen there. And so, I went to IDOT and I said what can we do to get this remedied? And they said to me that there are not enough deaths... not enough deaths at this intersection to justify any action. If that's the metric that we're going to use in this chamber and in this state, fine. Fine. More power to you. But to impose a mandate on park districts that's going to fiscally impact them with no clear connection or not enough deaths, as we like to say, is wrong. This Bill in particular is a direct unfunded mandate. A big part of your property tax Bill is park districts. In fact, I'm not from your district but my sister is, and it's 4.7 percent of her tax Bill. This... this Bill will be a direct property tax increase. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Smith: "Representative... Representative Egofske is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

Egofske: "So, I agree. I personally think, you know, signage and for safety, I think we all agree with that. But one question. For the local governments, again, how will this be funded and what will you do to support this funding?"

Huynh: "So, local governments can engage in a program where they can seek funding."

Egofske: "Can you elaborate on that?"

Huynh: "Yeah. There is a program called the Transportation Enrichment Program."

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Egofske: "And where is that funding coming from?"

Huynh: "It's currently housed in the Department of Transportation."

Egofske: "And what's the total amount of that funding, please?"

Huynh: "A hundred and twenty-five million dollars."

Egofske: "I'm sorry."

Huynh: "A hundred and twenty-five million dollars."

Egofske: "A hundred and twenty-five million dollars. All right. Again, putting the pressure on the local governments without the funding is not something I support. Again, I support what you're trying to do and I appreciate it, but again, another unfunded mandate is... is, you know, just too much for local governments. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Guzzardi is recognized."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Representative... Mr. Chair. Will the Sponsor yield for a couple of brief questions?"

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

Guzzardi: "Representative Huynh, thank you for presenting this measure. Do you know if we require signage of our local communities and other sort of dangerous settings? Is it ever the case that we require, for instance, parks or local jurisdictions to create signage making people aware of potentially dangerous conditions in their community?"

Huynh: "Yes."

Guzzardi: "We... we do that pretty often to my knowledge. Maybe I'll just speak to the Bill. The previous sponsor spoke of a terrible accident that happened in his community and of a response from a state agency that is absolutely unacceptable. And I want to say, I'll speak for myself and I think for

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everyone in this chamber when we say, you suffered a terrible loss, I'm deeply sorry, and that was not an acceptable response. We have a responsibility as government to protect our citizens. And keeping our roadways safe for drivers, for cyclists, and for pedestrians is an incredibly important part of that responsibility. I represent a community where multiple children have been struck and killed on IDOT maintained roads in my district that are treated like highways because they happen to be maintained by the department. And they don't have adequate pedestrian and cyclist safety for our kids. So, I think signage to protect people from harm is... seems like an innocuous measure and one that we should not be debating on this floor. It should be very straightforward to us. But keeping drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists safe in our communities, it should be a no-brainer. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Hammond... Leader Hammond is recognized."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is not funded through the state. This is funded through property taxes. So, make no mistake, a 'yes' vote for this Bill is a vote to increase your constituents' property taxes."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Huynh to close."

Huynh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The discussion that we had, particularly on that side of the aisle, has not been correct. There is currently 120... \$125 million within the Department of Transportation. It's called the Transportation Enhancement Program, which was actually in the actual fund already. This

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is not an increase on property taxes. Regardless of what they're doing on that side, fearmongering, that is not true. So, let's get this right. There's \$125 million in ITEP. It's eligible for biking and walking paths, trails, streets for beautification. We have the money already. There is no increase in property taxes. The other thing that we want to talk about is this is going to allow for local governments and regional planning commissions to engage in this program. They're asking local governments to engage in the program, to ask for money from IDOT. If you want money for biking trails, if you want money for beautification projects, you can get the money from IDOT right now. There is no property tax increase. And yes, I agree with you Representative Fritts, you know, I'm very, very sorry for your loss. You know, I really am. And this is a way for us to save lives, right? We can save lives. And when we talked to IDOT, this is a way for us to move forward with this, with saving lives. Saving lives, right? And.. and if you want to quantify how much deaths we need to see in the State of Illinois to save lives, that's a huge problem. One death is too many. So, let's not talk about increasing deaths in the State of Illinois or the number that you need in order to save a life. This is not an unfunded mandate. This is not an unfunded mandate. This is not an increase in property taxes. This is a way for us to save lives and for the lives of those who died in my district because of these... because of these tragedies. Lily Shambrook, Rafi Cardenas, Peter Paquette, this Bill is for you. Please vote 'yes'."

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Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1710 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 73 'yesses', 42 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1754, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1754, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Slaughter."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter on Floor Amendment #2."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment 2 puts forth some important clarifications that bring the Bill into agreement with stakeholders. I'll debate the Bill on Third Reading. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. 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 Smith: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1754, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1754 is an initiative that supports our efforts regarding law

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enforcement recruitment. This Bill began as an initiative of the City of Aurora as a response to statewide officer shortages. Prior to this Bill, over the last couple of years, the City of Aurora had been increasing its outreach to out-of-state colleges and universities in hopes to increase sworn personnel. And their efforts are really the impetus for Senate Bill 1754. As this Bill gained more steam in this Session, our statewide law enforcement partners and stakeholders became more involved in crafting this initiative, in particular the Illinois Law Enforcement and Training and Standards Board and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association were at the table negotiating this Bill. Senate Bill 1754 requires ILETSB to create a waiver process for out-of-state law enforcement officers who want to work here in Illinois. It provides ILETSB critical rulemaking authority to design this important waiver process. Mr. Speaker, we had slowed this just a bit... slowed this down just a bit to ensure that the Bill was agreed amongst law enforcement stakeholders. Ultimately, we wanted to ensure that we would be putting forth an effective and comprehensive reciprocity process that compiled... that complied, I'm sorry, with our certification and training policies. I want to commend the Sheriffs' Association on this effort. They understood the objective but also understood that we needed to make some important clarifications. This is an agreed Bill. I appreciate the efforts of the City of Aurora for bringing it forward. Let's boost our law enforcement recruitment efforts. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative Slaughter, this is designed to address the recruitment and retention problem we're having with law enforcement officers in Illinois?"

Slaughter: "That's correct, Leader."

Windhorst: "And it allows out-of-state law enforcement officers or correctional officers to come to Illinois and have a waiver of some of the certification requirements?"

Slaughter: "That's correct. And even though this was, like, something that we all wanted to do, it was important that we got it right in terms of understanding what these certifications requirements are, what our training requirements are and, then again, that they complied with what we had here in the State of Illinois. But, yes, Leader."

Windhorst: "And it looks like there are essentially three things that come along with the waiver that an individual has to comply with, who has a prior experience, a training or course work on the laws of our state, a firearms training, and the passage of an equivalency certification examination. Is that right?"

Slaughter: "That's correct, Leader."

Windhorst: "All right. And this is supported by the sheriffs and the Chiefs of Police, correct?"

Slaughter: "That's correct, Leader."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter to close."

Slaughter: "Let's boost our law enforcement recruitment efforts. I urge a 'yes' vote."

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Speaker Smith: "Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1754 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's 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 114 'yesses', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 8 of the Calendar, Senate Bills on Second Reading, Senate Bill 1818. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1818, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois State flag. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. Notes have been requested and have not yet been filed."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Buckner."

Buckner: "I would like to rule the notes inapplicable."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Buckner has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 72 'yesses', 40 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Any further business, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Smith: "Leader Buckner. Sorry, Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1818, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois State flag. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Leader Kambium Buckner."

Buckner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. SB1818 creates the Illinois Flag Commission for the purpose of developing a new state

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flag... well, new state flag designs and making recommendations to us, the General Assembly, concerning whether the current state flag ought to be replaced with a redesigned state flag. The commission will convene by no later than September 1 of 2023 and report its recommendations to the General Assembly by no later than December 3 of 2024. I ask for any questions."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Leader, why do you feel we need a new state flag?"

Buckner: "I don't necessarily feel that, but this commission will let us know whether we need one or not. This is... this is not prescriptive. This... permissive based on what this commission comes up with."

Windhorst: "Will the commission also explore the potential cost of replacing every state flag in the state?"

Buckner: "That would be a part of what comes from this report. Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "Do we have any idea what that might cost?"

Buckner: "I'm not positive."

Windhorst: "Is there any cost associated with the commission itself?"

Buckner: "Not with the commission itself. No, Sir."

Windhorst: "They're not paid or there's no..."

Buckner: "No, Sir."

Windhorst: "...no fees involved?"

Buckner: "No, Sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Smith: "No further questions, Leader Buckner to close."

Buckner: "I urge a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1818, the year this great state was incorporated, pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 72 'yesses', 40 'noes', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1872, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1872, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1872, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Vella."

Vella: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have a teacher shortage in Illinois. We need to keep our teachers here. We take longer than 31 other states for our teachers to get to tenure. What this Bill does is simply to shorten the time by one year for our teachers to get to tenure. Once a teacher reaches tenure, they are much more likely to stay in Illinois. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "He indicates he will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, our analysis shows that there is currently a... an evaluation of the current Illinois educator evaluation system. I believe that process is estimated to cost \$2 million. Are you aware of that evaluation?"

Vella: "I was made aware of that. Yes."

Windhorst: "You were?"

Vella: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Why don't we wait until that evaluation is completed before running this Bill?"

Vella: "So, I tried to run it last year and... and this was still going on, but here's what I'll tell you. There was a report came out in February of this year. Of 690 of our biggest school districts, 73 percent, they had a teacher shortage problem. Ninety-three percent said the shortage is worse this year than last year. Ninety-five percent received fewer applicants than last year. We were down 2100 teachers. I... I don't think we can wait any longer. We need to keep our teachers here. That's why I want to run it now."

Windhorst: "And do you believe teachers aren't entering the profession because of the additional year that requires to receive tenure?"

Vella: "No, no, no. The teachers... people are becoming teachers because, I think, they have a calling. What this does is keep them here earlier. If we wait... so, 31 other states surrounding us have quicker tenure. This just puts us in line with them so we don't lose them to those states. We need to keep teachers here."

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Windhorst: "There's also an argument I've heard that I want... would like you to address. And that, that four-year period of time actually gives a teacher a chance to prove himself or herself. And if we cut that short a year, that may actually result in more teachers losing their position, not have that additional year to blossom in the... in the classroom."

Vella: "I have heard that argument also. Again, with the amount of teachers we're down, the idea that a teacher who has reached proficient three times, which means they know what they're doing three years in a row, the idea that a principal would let that person go is, I think, is not... is not a reality-based statement, considering the shortages we have. So, I don't think that's a... I have heard that argument. I just don't think it's... it's going to bear fruit."

Windhorst: "And we have some opponents to the Bill, the Principals Association, the Association of School Administrators, the Association of School Boards. Have they expressed to you their opposition?"

Vella: "They have, and I've spoken with them many times. I just... I guess I just disagree. I just don't think that there's... I have not heard a good... any good ideas from them on how to keep our teachers here that's better than this. So, I have listened to them. I've talked to them as much as I could, but I think this is the best idea yet."

Windhorst: "And what did you... how did you say this change corresponds with other states?"

Vella: "It puts us in line with 31 other states in the union."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Vella: "That four years we were higher than thirty-one other states."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Scherer is recognized."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Smith: "To the Bill."

Scherer: "It's already been said today, and I really didn't feel the need to say it again, 'cause Representative Stuart earlier today did a fine job defending teachers against so many people who come here and claim they're pro-education and then they vote 'no', 'no', 'no', 'no' every time a Bill comes up to help teachers. How do you even sleep at night doing that? How do you do that? Is that considered conscience? Is that considered an untruthful person? Is it considered an uneducated person, a person that just doesn't know what they're talking about? How you can stand there day after day and say you support teachers and still vote 'no' every time. I've stood here for 11 years and watched it, and I am going to be a prophet. And I could bet, Representative Vella, how the votes will go. I can make a bet, and I will guarantee you I will win. You just keep making it harder for teachers every year. And then you get that puppy dog face and say, oh, we don't have any teachers. In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania it said, front page of the paper last week, is it too late? Is it too late to get teachers by paying them what they deserve? Is it too late? What's it going to take? My school district is 71 classrooms short of teachers this year. Chicago over a thousand. What are you doing to fix that? Oh, I'll tell you what some people do. They vote 'no' every time. That's what they do. Oh, we don't really care if they get tenure. If the

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businesses don't want them to have tenure, don't give them tenure. Oh, we don't care if they get a pension. We don't care if they get paid. We don't care if their 30-minute, duty-free lunch really means taking care of a kid with a cut knee calling a parent and dealing with someone who broke their arm at recess. So, they don't even get to eat lunch, but we don't really care. Oh, but we say we do. I just don't see the laws changing. Some of us on this side of the aisle that are teachers, we just shake our heads and then we go home at night and cry. And we say why can't we make a difference? What is it going to take to get through to some people who say they care but really don't? Say you care but really don't care if you make a difference to the teacher shortage or not. Well, we'll just watch the board and we'll find out what happens, won't we? And I have to say, with Teacher Appreciation Week being in May, from the bottom of my heart, I do appreciate every teacher who gets up every morning giving it their all and going home exhausted, physically and emotionally. Thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. And I know I speak for every 'yes' that goes on that board today. Thank you from the bottom of our heart. If there's anything else we can do to change it and make it better, we will give it our all to try to make it happen. And I just pray that I am wrong today. And I pray that today is the day that Representative Vella's Bill passes unanimously. I encourage a strong 'aye' vote and a note home to the teachers in your district of how much you appreciate them. 'Cause what's going to happen tomorrow if you wake up and they all quit? There's something to think about. Thank you."

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Speaker Smith: "Representative Vella to close."

Vella: "Thank you. This has been three years in the making. We are losing teachers at an alarming rate. This will keep teachers here. It's an IEA initiative. They've talked to their members. Their members say this will keep teachers here. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1872 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 85 voting 'yes', 28 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. All right. Very good job, Representative Vella. You have a standing ovation over here. Senate Bill... I am hungry. So, let's make this quick, please. Senate Bill 2175, Representative Slaughter. Mr. Clerk, please read the..."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2175, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. Notes have been requested and yet... not yet been filed."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Yeah, we're doing this again. I move that the notes be ruled inapplicable."

Speaker Smith: "Yeah, you're very familiar with that line. Representative Slaughter has moved to rule the notes inapplicable. All in favor vote 'aye'; 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

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record. On this question, there are 74 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And the notes are deemed inapplicable. Anything further, Mr. Clerk?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2175, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 2175 is a Bill to help our re-entry population get back on their feet. All of us are aware that this population is continually facing a myriad of challenges as these returning individuals are simulated integrate back into our communities. Amongst many of the challenges are the financial burdens of paying outstanding fines, taxes, and costs associated and arising from criminal proceedings. Senate Bill 2175 does not call for the elimination of these financial obligations, but it does provide an important six-month grace period for these individuals to... to pay these financial obligations. With that, I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, there... I think the intent behind this Bill is good. I'm worried about a couple unintended consequences. I just wanted to bring that out in our discussion. Hopefully, we can get that clarified. So, I believe when a person's released from the Department of Corrections they should be given six months before their...

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have to pay whatever they owe in their case to get them back on their feet, working, and have the income available to pay fines and costs that may exist. The problem is this uses the term penal institution and that... I believe in the code and almost every place is defined to include county jail, which would mean people on probation, conditional discharge who were in jail and released would also be subject... or would have that 180-day period. Which would mean that that could either lengthen probationary terms or create problems for the county court system. Let me just ask you this. Is it your intent that the penal institution here referred to just the Department of Corrections, or are you wanting to also include county jails?"

Slaughter: "Leader, it's a very good question, something that we discussed. And for legislative intent, for the purposes of Senate Bill 2175, we're just talking about individuals that are coming... being released from the Department of Corrections. As you stated, as it relates to the county jail system, this gets a lot more trickier and this... this Bill does not pertain to the county jail penal system."

Windhorst: "And with regard to restitution, how is that impacted by this Bill?"

Slaughter: "I don't think that it's impacted by it at all."

Windhorst: "It does not appear that it's included in that 180 days."

Slaughter: "Yes. It's... it's not included."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Smith: "Representative Slaughter to close."

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Slaughter: "Let's help our re-entry population. I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2175 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. 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 109 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 9 of the Calendar, Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2390. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2390, a Bill for an Act concerning education. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2390, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Smith: "Mr. West."

West: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. SB2390, among other changes, would allow candidates in alternative teacher preparation programs to pursue full licensure after a one-year residency. This is an initiative of the Illinois School Board of Education to combat the teacher shortage. Candidates will still meet all the same standards. Candidates will receive one year of intensive mentoring and support after their one-year residency. And if the district or the prep program decide if the candidate's not ready, they'll decide to put them into a second year of residency. Alternative programs are more

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affordable and widen the pipeline for career changers and those with a bachelor's degree in another field. This Bill does not remove student teaching. Student teaching has never been part of the alternative teacher preparation program, which has existed since 1998. So, why are we asking for it to go to one year? Returning it to one... a one-year program will make more of these in-demand programs possible, which will allow additional licensing options for educators outside of the Chicagoland area. Alternative programs started in Illinois in '98 initially as a one-year residency. Increasing the residency to two years in 2012 drastically decreased the number of programs, particularly downstate, is what we will call unintended consequences. School districts overwhelmingly want more alternative licensure programs according to the 2020 Advance Illinois survey of hiring managers. Lastly, I will share with the group, this Bill passed unanimously out of the Senate. IFT, IEA are neutral. School management is united in support. And Advanced Illinois, Start Early, and the Latino Policy Forum support this as well. I am aware of no organizational opposition. Happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Smith: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Smith: "Indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. There is a portion of this Bill dealing with background checks. Is that correct?"

West: "Yes, that's correct."

Windhorst: "And what... what does that provision do that's different than current law?"

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West: "The biggest change is that it clarifies that nonpublic schools must also check the Statewide Murderer and Violent Offender Database for employment."

Windhorst: "So, essentially, for nonpublic schools, every five years they have to do these background checks, not just public schools. Do I have that correct?"

West: "Correct. Yes."

Windhorst: "There is a provision regarding school districts waiving nonresident tuition for children of school district employees without having to seek a waiver. If I understand correctly, every year, I believe, we are, as Members of the General Assembly, are contacted about waivers and requested to give input on waivers that are sought for school districts for children of school district employees. That would eliminate that practice, if I'm understanding correctly."

West: "Bear with me, Leader."

Windhorst: "You're okay."

West: "Yes, that... yes, that is in the provision on page 20."

Windhorst: "So, that will be up, then, to the school districts to decide for themselves, rather than seeking our input on those waivers?"

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "All right."

West: "It says a school district may adopt."

Windhorst: "And this Bill is designed to deal with, as I believe you mentioned, deal with the teacher shortage in our schools?"

West: "Correct, through the alternative program that we currently have."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

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Speaker Smith: "Mr. West to close."

West: "Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Smith: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2390 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 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Ortiz in the Chair."

Speaker Ortiz: "Representative Avelar, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want the record to reflect that I intended to vote 'yes' on HB2520."

Speaker Ortiz: "The record shall reflect. Representative Jiménez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Jiménez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ortiz: "Please proceed."

Jiménez: "Thank you. I just wanted to welcome Dr. Rasmeet Miller, a family physician constituent, who is a resident physician at Presence Saints Mary and Elizabeth Medical Center, a safety net hospital in my community. Dr. Miller's here as a part of a first-ever advocacy program for family physician residents who are finishing their professional education. In the last year, the national accrediting body for the medical education recognize the importance of physicians being educated and how health care policy is enacted and, as a result, added advocacy to the core competencies for training resident physicians. I'd like to thank Dr. Miller and welcome him. Thank you."

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Speaker Ortiz: "Welcome to Springfield. Proceed to the Order of Senate Bills on Second Reading. Senate Bill 1555, Representative Avelar. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1555, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. This Bill was read a second time previously. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 1555, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Ortiz: "Representative Avelar is recognized."

Avelar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. SB1555, what this Bill will do is it will create the Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Act as well as the Statewide Recycling Needs Assessment Advisory Council. This assessment will look at the current recycling and material management practices in the state, including evaluation of collections, access to service, capacity, costs, gaps, and needs associated with diverting packaging and paper products from disposal. It would also provide needed information on current conditions and support the identification of future needs to manage packaging and paper products in a sustainable, environmentally-protective, and cost-effective manner. I am open to any questions that my colleagues may have."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Ortiz: "She indicates that she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. So, this... I noticed it had some opposition in the Senate. It passed through committee unanimously. What are the changes that were made from the Senate till now?"

Avelar: "Yes. The major change to this is the original Bill as it was, SB1555, created an extended fiduciary responsibility program in the entire State of Illinois. All of this has been heavily negotiated. And what we're doing now with this Bill is doing a needs assessment first."

Windhorst: "So, the needs assessment would come first before we take action on whatever that assessment provides?"

Avelar: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Is there any cost associated with this?"

Avelar: "Not to my knowledge."

Windhorst: "And I believe there was some concern, maybe, and this may have been in the Senate version with the take-back program that may occur. Was that part of the Senate version?"

Avelar: "That was part of the Senate version."

Windhorst: "And that's probably what drew the opposition there?"

Avelar: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "Representative Avelar to close."

Avelar: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Ortiz: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1555 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, take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Ortiz: "Please state your inquiry."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, we've seemed to have had a lot of down time over the past couple of days. And as caucus chair for the Republican Caucus, my inquiry is, will we have the opportunity to see a draft budget, as there's only two days left to our Session? 'Cause we haven't seen anything yet. We've each been contacted by many constituents from many different angles of the state seeking out their priorities, and to date, we haven't seen a draft of the budget. So, I'd be curious on the opportunity when it will be available to review that, please."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader, we are working diligently on the budget and we are just continuing the work."

Keicher: "And can you give a projection on the time frame in which we can expect to see something?"

Ortiz: "No, we do not."

Keicher: "Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "Representative Davidsmeyer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Ortiz: "Please state your inquiry."

Davidsmeyer: "Should we reach out to the Senate Democrats to see where they're at on... on a budget? To see if they're further along? We've checked with the Senate Republicans. They're not sure."

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Speaker Ortiz: "Representative, you... you may check with your... with your State Senator."

Davidsmeyer: "I've done that. Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "Representative Hauter, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hauter: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ortiz: "Please proceed."

Hauter: "Well, I just... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to welcome, from my district and from Morton, Illinois, which is the Pumpkin Capital of the World, my chief of staff, Anne Fisher, who's right up there. Stand up, please. And my district aid, Alia Grimm, who came down today. Thank you for all you do for me. And now I'm in trouble. Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Weaver, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weaver: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Ortiz: "Please proceed."

Weaver: "Earlier this Session, we passed House Resolution 231 to honor the Bradley Braves tremendous season they had, winning the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship. Myself and all the Peoria area Reps signed on to this to congratulate them. Throughout my 30 long years of life, I've seen some great Bradley teams, I've seen some rough Bradley teams, but I've never, ever seen a Bradley team win the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship. So, I want to congratulate Coach Wardle and the entire 2022-2023 Bradley Braves class for just a fantastic season. A lot of games they were undersized, they were outmanned, but they earned a reputation around the Missouri Valley Conference as

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really being the bullies of the conference. People that played above their size and really... really fought for victory. So, I just wanted to say huge congratulation to the 2022-2023 Bradley Braves for a tremendous season. Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader Manley is recognized."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You look awfully nice up there."

Speaker Ortiz: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Will you please let the record show that Representative Guerrero-Cuellar is excused for the rest of the day?"

Speaker Ortiz: "The record shall reflect. Leader Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, if you would please let the record reflect that Representative Caulkins is excused for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Ortiz: "The record shall reflect. Under the Order of Concurrences appears House Bill 780. Representative Manley is recognized on the Motion."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 780. It does a few word changes. It changes 'require'... it changes it to 'shall require' instead of 'shall allow' Senior Services of Will County to establish and administer the pilot program. It also provides language that the Senior Services of Will County shall designate a staff member to service as the intake coordinator and a few other things. I'll take any questions."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Ortiz: "Indicates she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. This was the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Pilot Program. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Yes. I couldn't think of another p to put in the title."

Windhorst: "Right. This is subject to appropriation with the Amendment as well. Is that correct?"

Manley: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "The pilot program?"

Manley: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "All right. And it was unanimous in the Senate?"

Manley: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Manley: "Please vote 'yes'."

Speaker Ortiz: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment... Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 780?' And 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 record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yay', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 780. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Under Concurrence appears House Bill 925. Representative Kifowit is recognized on the Motion."

Kifowit: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 3."

Speaker Ortiz: "May you please give us a brief explanation?"

Kifowit: "Very good. Senate... Senate Floor Amendment #3 makes a technical change to Section 15 of House Bill 925. And then,

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Senate Floor Amendment #1 makes a technical change to one of the qualifications for a state charter status. So, it doesn't... neither of these substantially change the Bill."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Ortiz: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appears that this passed unanimously in the Senate with the Amendment. And when it came back and went through committee here, the Amendment was also a unanimous vote. Is that correct?"

Kifowit: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "So, when we had, I believe, some significant opposition to the original Bill, that opposition has been removed, at least on our side."

Kifowit: "Thank you."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "The question is, 'Shall House concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 3 to House Bill 925?' 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 record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 3 to House Bill 925. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 10 of the Calendar, under Concurrence, appears House Bill 1378. Representative Yang Rohr is recognized on the Motion."

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Yang Rohr: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Floor Amendment #1. Senate Bill Floor Amendment #1 makes just a few simple changes. First, it makes a change to the name of the program. It's now the iGROW Technical Scholarship Program. It makes changes to the qualifying majors that ISAC may consider and makes definition for qualifying jobs that are related to those qualifying... qualifying majors. And then it also provides that ISAC will prioritize the applications of applicants that have previously received the scholarship. This passed unanimously through the Senate and also through committee in the House. Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Ortiz: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This, as you noted, passed unanimously in the Senate. Was unanimous in the House prior to that. And when the Amendment came through committee, it was also a unanimous vote. Is that correct?"

Yang Rohr: "Those are all correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1378?' 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 record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1378. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Under Concurrence appears House Bill 1565. Representative Stuart is recognized on the Motion."

Stuart: "I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 on House Bill 1565. It just clarifies the co-pay or cost-sharing allowed for the vaginal estrogen coverage."

Speaker Ortiz: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

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

Speaker Ortiz: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, hello. This passed out of the Senate unanimously and passed out of committee when it came back here unanimously. Is that correct?"

Stuart: "Yes, Sir. Thank you."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Ortiz: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1565?' 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 record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yay', 0 voting 'nay', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1565. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Manley in the Chair."

Speaker Manley: "Moving on to House Bill... on the Order of Concurrence, House Bill 1633, offered by Representative West."

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West: "Oh, thank you, Madam Speaker. Senate Amendment #1 to my concurrence adds members of the disability committee to... community to the State Education Equity Committee. I ask for its concurrence."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Motion. For Members on our side, this had a 75 to 32 to 1 vote. Initially, the Amendment coming over from the Senate makes an addition to the task force. So, you may want to review your vote from the last time it was in the House. Thanks."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative DeLuca."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

DeLuca: "Thank you. Representative, we had a full debate on this when it was in the House before. I'm just curious, with the Amendment in the Senate, did they incorporate Italian studies in this Bill?"

West: "No, Sir, they did not."

DeLuca: "Okay. Is there anything that mandates that the Columbus statues in Chicago go back up in this Bill?"

West: "Not in this Bill."

DeLuca: "Not in this one? Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative West to close."

West: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1633?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please

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take the record. On this question, there are 81 voting in 'favor', 31 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1633. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 1767, offered by Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1767. The Amendment simply clarifies that, as it pertains to a state university law enforcement, the Illinois residency requirement for application and examination will be waived. Happy to take questions."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1767?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; 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 114 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1767. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2039, Representative Moeller."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 2039."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "What substantive change do these Amendments make to the House Bill when it passed?"

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Moeller: "Sure. Thank you, Leader. There are... there are a few substantive changes that were made in the Senate to address the concerns primarily of the Department of Public Health. One of the changes are... is extending the amount of time that the department would have in transmitting requested information from the department to county health departments. Notably, from the original 90 days to 120 days. And another significant change is the master document user agreement that departments... that health departments would complete with state departments to ensure and create a process for receiving that information."

Windhorst: "And this Bill passed out of the Senate 37 to 18. Is that correct?"

Moeller: "That... that sounds about right."

Windhorst: "To the Motion. Just for Members on our side..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Windhorst: "Sorry, thank you. The vote was 81 to 27, and the Senate vote was 37 to 18. So, I would suggest reviewing your vote from the previous... our previous vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Schmidt."

Schmidt: "Yes, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Schmidt: "Does this Bill have any language related to the transfer of personal data? Say with your name and address attached to your personal health records?"

Moeller: "This... this Bill, both in the original form and as amended coming back from the Senate, makes no changes to how personal information is transmitted from the Department of Public Health or the various state agencies, the Department

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of Human Services, the Department of Health Care and Family Services, to local health departments. That... currently and for, you know, many, many years, that information has been available and shared under strict regulations and guidelines to maintain privacy and integrity of that information. This Bill does nothing to change that or change those regulations."

Schmidt: "But it does allow the transfer of the personal data?"

Moeller: "This Bill expedites the transfer of information from the Department of Public Health, the Department of Human Services, and Health Care and Family Services to local health departments to help them make good and appropriate decisions and policies that address health concerns in their counties. It is not related to the type of information that's shared. It's related to the time in which the departments are sharing that information."

Schmidt: "Okay. I would recommend a 'no' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Hauter."

Hauter: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Hauter: "So, I'm going to ask you again, is this data that's already collected?"

Moeller: "Yes. This is data that is already collected."

Hauter: "Why would you need personal information in a public health setting?"

Moeller: "To be able to address outbreaks that might occur within a county, whether it's a communicable disease or... or a chronic disease, like a cancer cluster, or, you know, maternal health, you know, measures, infant mortality measures so that health

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departments can make effective policy decisions to help create healthier counties."

Hauter: "And was this brought to you by local health departments or brought to you by the Illinois Department of Public Health?"

Moeller: "This... this Bill is several years in the making and was brought by local health departments who, again, related to your previous question, already received this type of information from state agencies. But oftentimes that information is very outdated or, you know, there's a... a unacceptable lag in the information which makes it less useful. And so, the... the county health departments had asked that... that we address that. The Amendment that's coming back from the Senate is an Amendment that was made with requests and with the input of the Department of Public Health."

Hauter: "To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Hauter: "This is a good Bill in so far as you need public health data, you need personal information to do contact tracing. It's just a fundamental part of public health. So, on my side, I know there's great hesitancy about public health data and how it's disseminated, but we need this because this is a Bill on local control. And the local health departments need the information on contagious diseases quicker. It was brought to the Illinois Department of Public Health by local health departments. This is a good Bill. I strongly support it. I strongly support a 'yes' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Ladisch Douglass."

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Ladisch Douglass: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Ladisch Douglass: "I agree with Representative Hauter. I worked in 2021 under a grant through the Federal Government to the State of Illinois for COVID response. And the local health departments needed that personal data so that we could provide services to people in need during the pandemic. I worked as a CHW through 2021, and it was extremely helpful so that we could make sure we could get people what they needed in that time. I'd be happy to speak to anyone or answer questions about that, but I agree with Representative Harper... Hauter, excuse me, and encourage everyone to vote 'yes' on this Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Hauter."

Hauter: "I'm going to use it since my name was used. But, once again, I'm just going to say one more thing. Again, this is data that's already collected. Nothing new is being collected. So, I think that the hesitancy that we have on this side with health care data and public health data is answered repeatedly in this Bill. It's been before our committee multiple times. We've been reassured. I strongly urge, again, a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Moeller to close."

Moeller: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to thank Representative Hauter for his leadership and his counsel during the process of bringing this Bill forward. As a... as a doctor and someone who works in the health industry, I appreciate him lending his expertise and I know that his perspective has been somewhat controversial on his side of the aisle. I also want

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to say... I want to lift up Representative Conroy, who was a colleague here in the Illinois House and who is now the Chairwoman of the DuPage County Board. She originally Sponsored this Bill last year. And because of flagrant and very deliberate misinformation that was spread about this legislation, she was subjected to hate mail, death threats, and... and just really egregious attacks, all in the name of trying to improve public health in our state. So, I want to recognize her leadership on this issue. I want to, again, thank those on the other side of the aisle who are able to see beyond the rhetoric surrounding this legislation and hope that we... that we can have an 'aye' vote unanimously. So, thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 2039?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; 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 88 voting in 'favor', 25 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Under Concurrences is House Bill 1571, offered by Representative Cassidy."

Cassidy: "Sorry, my system was behind. Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. I move to concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1571. These Amendments address, first of all, the promise that we made at the end of Third Reading deadline on our end to remove the word 'bylaw' or 'bylaws', and a couple of other small changes that removed the

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opposition of the Cemetery Association. And I ask for your support."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, it appears that the Catholic Conference, Catholic Cemeteries of Chicago, and the Cemetery and Funeral Home Association were opposed originally because of the making bylaws public..."

Cassidy: "Right."

Windhorst: "...and reference to the Vital Records Act. Both of those have been removed. Is that correct?"

Cassidy: "Yes. That is correct."

Windhorst: "And that removes their opposition to this Bill?"

Cassidy: "To my understanding, it does. Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. And it passed the Senate with those Amendments 51 to 2?"

Cassidy: "Yes."

Windhorst: "So, our vote on our side is not necessarily indicative of the... previously is not indicative of the current... current Bill."

Cassidy: "Exactly. Because the vote here was when we... when we hadn't worked through all of their opposition that we now have."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Cassidy: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Ugaste. Representative Cassidy to close."

Cassidy: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1571?' This is final action. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. 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 109 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'present', and 0 voting 'opposed'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Wait. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 1571. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2068, Rep... offered by Leader Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 2068."

Speaker Manley: "Can you tell us a little bit about the Amendment?"

Mah: "Yes. It includes some technical... sorry. Yes, just some technical language updates."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This Bill, when it came through the House, had a 74 to 39 vote. And then the Senate was a 49 to 5 vote it appears. It looks like the Amendment does two things. Removes qualified... purchase of a qualified parking from the pre-tax benefit as well as makes for a publicly available searchable map of addresses within that mile radius. Is that correct?"

Mah: "Correct. Yes."

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Windhorst: "And it appears from our analysis that the Illinois Chamber of Commerce remains opposed to the Bill. Do you... are you aware of that?"

Mah: "I... I agree. Yeah. As far as I know, yes."

Windhorst: "So, for Members on our side, you may to take a look at your vote initially on House Bill 2068. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mah to close."

Mah: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2068?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 77 voting in 'favor', 36 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having... and the House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2068. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2086, Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Members of the House, I bring back House Bill 2086 on Concurrence regarding Senate Amendment 1. These were technical changes on behalf of conversations between IDPH and IML by replacing the word county to local back with county and then inserting that municipalities may regulate. HB2086 passed the Senate 54 to 0. Thank you, and I ask for your support."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

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Windhorst: "Representative, I believe you covered this, but I want to make sure our side heard. The Amendment provides that the health departments are now allowed to regulate but they are not permitted to prohibit the use of the container, the personal container. Is that accurate?"

Stava-Murray: "They may regulate."

Windhorst: "But they're not allowed to prohibit?"

Stava-Murray: "It's my understanding that they may regulate, but... but, no, they may not prohibit."

Windhorst: "And it passed unanimously in the Senate, as you said. Came back to the House in a committee vote, and that was a partisan vote in committee. Is... is that correct?"

Stava-Murray: "Yep."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you. To the Motion. On our side, the vote was 70 to 37. You may want to look at your vote before voting now. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Stava-Murray to close."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2086?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 75 voting in 'favor', 38 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2086. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Moving on to page 11. House Bills under Concurrences, House Bill 2123, Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

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Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2123, which amends the Nonconsensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images Act to cover digitally manipulated sexual images only. And I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this Amendment is a pretty significant change to the underlying Bill. Is that correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yes. I mean, what it does is provides a civil remedy for deepfake pornography, which is a different approach than the underlying Bill which established a civil cause of action for digital forgeries that was more broad. This amends an existing statute, more commonly known as the revenge porn statute, to add digital forgeries as a civil cause of action."

Windhorst: "And ACLU is opposed. Is that correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "They were opposed to the underlying revenge porn statute, but I think it's a good Bill."

Windhorst: "And with regard to tech... TechNet, they are opposed as well?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "So, it's my understanding that the nature of their objection really was with respect to the change to language referring to Section 230 in the underlying statute. However, I think it's important to note for the record that consistency with Federal Law is implied, absent language to the contrary. Section 230 is a floor, not a ceiling. And so, statutory language to that effect is unnecessary."

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Windhorst: "And with the Amendment, this Bill passed unanimously out of the Senate. Is that correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "It did. Yes."

Windhorst: "The vote in committee was partisan when it came back to the House. Is that correct?"

Gong-Gershowitz: "It was. But again, I think that was just a... because some of your Members wanted an opportunity just to understand the nature of the change to the existing statute. I... it's my understand that some of those questions have been resolved. As I said, the Bill did come out of the Senate unanimously. And importantly, this is about providing a... a civil remedy for victims of deepfake porn, which is becoming an increasingly insidious form of gender violence and one in which our laws have been inadequate to provide a remedy."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, greatly appreciate your working on us on this. For folks on my side of the aisle, pay attention for a moment. This did come out on a partisan leave yesterday. It was only so we could check on constitutionality of some of the changes made. We weren't certain as we first saw the Bill when it came through yesterday afternoon. We are now comfortable it's constitutional, and it's a good Bill. I support it."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the House. This Bill is fundamentally about providing a remedy for gender-based violence. The law has been slow to respond to rapidly evolving technology creating new avenues for abuse,

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leaving victims with common law remedies ill-suited to address the magnitude of the harm. Deepfake pornography is an extreme form of intimate image abuse that robs women of our right to privacy and control over our own image. It's time to give victims a fighting chance at ending the abusive use of this technology. We need to do more to ensure that our laws keep pace with technology, but this is a start. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2023 (sic-2123)?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 113 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2123. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2174, Representative Didech. Representative Didech."

Didech: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm moving to concur on Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2174. This legislation amends the Homeowners' Energy Policy Statement Act. It is the product of now almost a year of negotiation between the Illinois Solar Energy Association and the Community Association Institute. When we voted on this Bill previously, there was still one provision in the Bill that the stakeholders had not reached an agreement on. I'm very pleased to report that after the Bill passed the House, conversations continued, and we now have produced a piece of legislation that has no formal

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opposition. Thank you for your consideration. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, the Amendment provides a homeowners' association 10 days to cure any violation. Is that accurate?"

Didech: "Yeah. So... so, the underlying Bill added a provision whereby if an HOA refused to adopt the energy policy statement or refused to process an application then the homeowner could immediately proceed to install the solar energy system. The Amendment adds a 10-day notice in cure provision, which satisfied the representative from the CAI who we were working on with this Bill."

Windhorst: "And that removed the opposition, as you stated. Is that correct?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "And it... this Bill passed unanimously in the Senate?"

Didech: "Correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Didech to close."

Didech: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2174?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 100 voting in 'favor', 14 voting

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'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2174. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2214, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I wish to concur with the Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2214. It simply removes the reimbursement portion from the Bill and makes this Bill simply tracking the SNAP card skimming that's happening throughout the state. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, with the Amendment, the Senate passed it... the Bill unanimously. Is that correct?"

Harper: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And this came through committee unanimously after that?"

Harper: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Harper to close."

Harper: "I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2214?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 114 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2214. This Bill, having

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received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2220, Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I concur Senate Amendment for House Bill 2220. It just makes some clarifying changes to put safeguards in place in cases of severe weather, in cases of long-term residents. And the Amendment also makes... moves that... also moves the effective date out by 60 days to allow time for hotels to ensure proper signage. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This Bill passed unanimously in the House when we first saw it. Is that correct?"

Collins: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And the Amendment essentially does a couple things. It provides a severe weather warning provision that says an individual cannot be removed from the... the premises during that time?"

Collins: "Yes."

Windhorst: "And then it also states that these provisions cannot be used to essentially get around a lease or to avoid a lease. Is that correct?"

Collins: "Yes. You're correct."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Collins: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Collins to close."

Collins: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2220?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 108 voting in 'favor', 3 voting 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2220. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2231, Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2231. The Amendment makes the clause providing the common carrier exemption in subsection 25(e) for rideshare companies inoperable as of January 1, 2024. And it also extends the Internet... I mean, sorry, the TNC repeal date for the Act by five years to September 1 of 2028. Happy to answer questions."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Motion. I would just have the Members on our side look at your vote from the original House vote. This also passed the Senate on a partisan vote. And I would encourage you to vote the same way you did previously."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz to close."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Yep. This simply levels the playing field. Treats common carriers like Uber and Lyft just like taxis and every other common carriers. And ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2231?' This is final action.

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All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 74 voting in 'favor', 38 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2231. And this Bill, receiving a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12, House Bill 2443, Representative Chung."

Chung: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2443."

Speaker Manley: "Can you tell us a little bit about that?"

Chung: "Yes, I would love to. What it does is that it provides that insurance or managed care plans must offer for an additional premium optional coverage or reimbursement for hearing instruments and related services for all individuals when a hearing care professional prescribes a hearing instrument to augment communication."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Keicher."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Keicher: "Okay. Thank you. We spoke about this briefly yesterday. And just to... to kind of talk about this in a... in a general term, there's still a mandate within the policies that once every three years hearing aids need to be supplied. However, you can buy that down to once every two years for an extra premium. That's what we're allowing, correct?"

Chung: "Correct."

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Keicher: "Okay. So, there's still an unfunded mandate within the body of the policy, you can just purchase additional coverage beyond that, correct?"

Chung: "It gives that additional coverage, yes."

Keicher: "Okay. So, we're extending additional mandates on health insurance, correct?"

Chung: "I mean, I guess if you're... but that's kind of... we've already voted maybe on eight different Bills this Session about insurance..."

Keicher: "Just speaking to this one, Representative. We're..."

Chung: "Correct."

Keicher: "...we're adding a mandate to health insurance with this Bill, correct?"

Chung: "That's how insurance works, yes."

Keicher: "That's not how insurance works. I appreciate that. I'd encourage you to vote 'no'. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Weaver."

Weaver: "Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Weaver: "Representative Chung, how long do hearing aids typically last?"

Chung: "From what I've heard, it can last from anywhere to two to five years from what I've kind of spoken with different people."

Weaver: "So, the research that I found claimed that they last approximately from three years to seven years. So, why would somebody choose the option to buy down to two years?"

Chung: "You know, I don't know. Maybe it's possible that they would like something maybe a little more like of a, you know,

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advanced sort of model of what they... of different things. Maybe somehow it doesn't work. You know, these sorts of... at least we were providing that option to the user."

Weaver: "So, when we... when you decided to add the Amendment for two-year purchase, what reason did they give of why that was necessary?"

Chung: "From what I understand, speaking with different sort of what is it, the audiologists... that's a hard word to say. The audiologists, that they believe that sort of having this sort of optional coverage maybe it gives a little bit more flexibility. It makes it..."

Weaver: "But if they last for three years to seven years, I'm sort of unclear why they would want a two-year choice."

Chung: "Again, I guess it's just... from speaking to them, it just gives it a little bit more option... like options and flexibilities to the user."

Weaver: "To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Weaver: "To the Motion. I... you know, we added in this option for... for two years. And to me, I think it's the distraction from the point. This is a mandate on insurance providers. If their hearing aids last from three years to seven years, a two-year option, to... to me, is besides the point. The fact is that we're putting mandates onto... onto businesses. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Chung to close."

Chung: "I urge an 'aye' vote. And many other insurance companies... insurance people are neutral on this Bill. What we're doing is just providing a better quality life for Illinoisans throughout our state. So, thank you very much."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2443?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 86 voting in 'favor', 27 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2443. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 2776, Representative Huynh."

Huynh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to adopt Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2776. And the... the Amendment itself is to make sure that there is proper reporting for lead service pipeline replacements. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, with this Amendment, it passed the Senate unanimously. Is that correct?"

Huynh: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "And it previously... it passed the House unanimously, and it recently passed House committees unanimously. Is that accurate?"

Huynh: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Huynh to close."

Huynh: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2776?' This is final action.

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All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 114 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2776. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3129, Representative Canty."

Canty: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3129. These Amendments were negotiated among proponents and opponents and bring the Chicagoland Chamber, IRMA, and IMA to neutral. Senate Amendment #1 is a gut and replace which maintains the original intent of the Bill with some modifications. The Amendment changes the effective date to January 1, 2025, changes the definition of pay scale and benefits to wage or salary, wage or salary range, and a general description of benefits and other compensation. It specifies the type of job posting to address industry concerns about generalized help wanted or we are hiring posters and establishes a new penalty structure where employers are offered an opportunity to cure any violations that are found. Senate Amendment 2 provides criteria for the Department of Labor to use during an investigation of a complaint of a violation to determine whether a job posting is active or inactive. It also requires that a webpage containing a general benefits description must be located in a public location on an employer's website, and makes a technical change to the section regarding filing of

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complaints to change 'underpayment' to 'relevant violation'.
I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Motion."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Windhorst: "For Members on our side, this Bill was a 60 to 37
vote originally. It went through the Senate 35 to 19. It was
partisan coming back through committees. So, you may want to
review your... your vote from last time. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Ugaste."

Ugaste: "Are we arguing the Bill at this point?"

Speaker Manley: "The Motion?"

Ugaste: "The Motion, sorry."

Speaker Manley: "Yes."

Ugaste: "Yeah. Thank you. Sorry. I apologize. Long day."

Speaker Manley: "You're good."

Ugaste: "The... to the Motion."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Ugaste: "I appreciate the work the Sponsor did on this to... to
make improvements to it, which did pull off some of the
opposition. I will say, though, that still this Bill has
problems. And a large part of the problem is, if you think
about just the Bill itself as it... it's written, it places our
small businesses in Illinois at a great disadvantage. While
the threshold is now 15 employees, that's not a very large
business. And when competing, especially in Northeast
Illinois against multi-national companies for the same
employees, having to post what you're paying to everyone out
there for the same employee is going to be very difficult for

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most small businesses in general because most small businesses cannot pay what a large business does. So, think about what you're doing to our small businesses and those who are trying to get off the ground when we pass legislation such as this. We're told that it's about transparency and about helping people advance. Again, I... happy to support transparency in many things, but this isn't transparent on both sides of the equation. It's only on one side of the equation. It's going to benefit whoever's interviewing. It's not going to help the company at all. And in that regard, we discuss on this floor oftentimes the need for opportunity, the need for more jobs, more... more work in certain areas of our state, especially... and I keep hearing about the south and southwest... South and West Sides of Chicago, and I agree. And while this Bill in and of itself isn't that great of a marker that's going to put everyone on the spot and say business don't come here, when businesses look at what we're doing in Illinois, and this will be one factor of many, and they're deciding whether to locate here, whether to expand here, this isn't doing well for us. It's not that we don't get any businesses. It's not that no one expands here. But we have been lagging the rest of the country for quite some time now. And if you're truly interested in improving opportunities in people's lives in economically deprived areas, we're going to stop passing legislation such as this. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Moeller."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

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Moeller: "Thank you. Representative Canty, can you give just a general overview of what prompted you to introduce this legislation?"

Canty: "Thank you so much for the question. I was approached by an HR director of a multi-national organization that is in my district who was seeking this out. And in my work with you and with other proponents of this Bill, we came to some language that we thought would be helpful for our small businesses. I represent the northeast part of Cook County, the northwest part of Cook County, the northeast part of the state. Some of my chambers of commerce, they define small business as those with 5 employees or maybe even up to 10. So, 15 became a compromised position that we could work through. And we worked pretty diligently with opponents of the Bill to make sure that we were trying take into account everyone's feedback."

Moeller: "Thank you. And can... and it's my understanding that a number of the opponents who had originally filed in opposition to this legislation are now neutral. Is that correct?"

Canty: "They are... that is correct. They are neutral. The Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, IRMA, and IMA, we have had several conversations. I very much appreciated their efforts in good faith working on this Bill."

Moeller: "Thank you. And then finally, Representative, how many other states have enacted or are in the process of enacting similar types of requirements for... for business and organizations?"

Canty: "There are several states. I believe... California, Colorado, I think Washington State, and New York City all do this. And

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we've been paying attention to the lessons that they have learned. Sometimes, it's best not to be first so that you can learn from what your... what your fellow states have done."

Moeller: "Right. All right. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Moeller: "I want to thank... to the Motion. I want to thank Representative Canty for bringing this Bill forward this year, especially recognizing that this is her first Session and this is a significant piece of legislation to bring forward. So, first, I want to congratulate you and thank you for taking on such a significant issue. Secondly, I... I wanted... every year, we... we pass a Resolution in this House recognizing March as Equal Pay Month. And we... and we talk about how we are still seeing a lag and an inequality between the pay scales of men and women in this country and in the State of Illinois. And it's great to... it's great to sign onto a Resolution. It's great to say, yes, we need to do something about the inequities that continue to plague our state, that continue to keep half of our workforce, you know, at a disadvantage in supporting their families, living independently, you know, securing a safe and comfortable retirement for themselves. It's one thing to acknowledge that. It's another thing to actually take action and vote for policies that will finally narrow and eliminate that gap. And this Bill is one of those Bills giving women... giving all workers the ability to negotiate effectively for themselves. The information that they need going into a job offer, going into a job... a wage negotiation is one of those systemic things that we can do to actually make progress in ending pay

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inequity in this state. So, if you say that you care about equality and equity, then put your money where your mouth is. If you're going to vote for the Equal Pay Act Resolution, which is going to come up here fairly soon, then vote for things that actually accomplish equal pay. I strongly urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Elik."

Elik: "The Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Elik: "Rep. Canty, does your Amendment do... address whether or not the... any nonprofits are... are included in this? Does... does this apply to nonprofits?"

Canty: "It... it would."

Elik: "It will. Was there any discussion about removing that application to nonprofits?"

Canty: "Not that I'm aware of."

Elik: "Okay. To the Bill. Or to the Motion, please."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Elik: "I... I want to explain why I'm still opposed to this with this opposition. Being in a position of having to hire people, especially in the health care field, what tends to happen is that an entity that puts their... their pay rate online or out in a newspaper of something like that, the shop across town goes 50 cent higher and... and it becomes this bidding war between, especially health care entities, such as hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities. There tends to be this bidding war. We'll go 50 cents higher. They're... they're trying to outdo each other because they're competing with such a small group, you know, a small number of... of applicants

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for these jobs. I also feel that putting the pay rate online does not give enough service to the benefits that are involved and people only look at an hourly rate. They only look at the dollars, you know, a salary. And so, I... I really think this is forcing companies to do something... and 15 is not a small... or is not a large employer by any means. That is most definitely a small business. By... by no definition that I... that I know of does... is 15 any sort of a large company. And so, we're putting those businesses at a disadvantage when they're trying to get some people to pay attention to their ad on a... on a website or in a newspaper. So, I really, really strongly feel that this is not going to help our small businesses. We are encouraging a bidding war on... on, you know, companies located near each other. And I think this is going to really cause a lot of job hopping and... and kind of... kind of issues with... with hiring with people and there's going to be this bidding war. So, I strongly urge a 'no' vote on this. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Evans."

Evans: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. I rise in support of this Motion and really want to thank the Sponsor for making this good Bill really great and working with the business community and saying how can we make this better. I think there were a lot of issues raised from the other side of the aisle that I see as opportunities, you know. If we have a bidding war for good employees, that's a good thing. You know, if we have demand for jobs in Illinois, that's a good thing. And we can use our appropriation and budget process to educate more people so

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that we can fill those positions. So, all of the... the things that were mentioned as potential concerns, let's see those as opportunities. Transparency is what it is, you know. But I know individuals and I've talked to small businesses, and it's not always about the dollar. But folks want to know what they're signing up for, and I think it strengthens the relationship between the worker and the business community. That's what this Bill is, a relationship bonding legislation. And you know, we're going to pass a lot of things in that budget and these Bills that nobody will ever feel. But I was talking to Representative Canty, the average person is going to feel this. They're going to go on a job interview and they're going to know what they're signing up for. And if they like X company, that 50 cent, that extra dollar won't matter. But get the money out of the way and let's get to the service. We have hardworking folks who don't just work for money, but they work for the company that they're passionate about or they work for, you know, the services being provided. So, I believe in the Illinois worker. I believe in the business community. I believe in transparency. Please support this Bill. Again, thank you, Representative Canty, for making this good Bill great. So, thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Davidsmeyer."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Davidsmeyer: "So, I just want to point out that this Bill really shows a lack of understanding. I think we're basing this off of a large international company, and the majority of employers in the State of Illinois and throughout the nation

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are small businesses. And small businesses are not just 15 and under, they... you know, the average diner probably has at least 15 employees. I want to make sure to hit on what Representative Elik said earlier. In the health care industry, they are fighting for employees. So, everything that we do here continues to push the cost of health care up, right? We can... they need to shove more people into Medicaid. We continue to increase the cost of doing business. We continue to increase the cost of supplies, whatever... whatever it may be. That has an impact on every day citizens, a negative impact. We need to do everything we can to put an end to... to this. And I don't think this encourages equal pay. It just puts an additional requirement on businesses. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Stava-Murray."

Stava-Murray: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Motion."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Stava-Murray: "I want to thank Representative Canty for bringing this Motion forward. This is an incredibly important Bill. And when we talk about closing the wage gap, it was estimated recently that, without making changes like these, it could take up to 136 years for us to close the wage gap. And that is simply unacceptable. And to anyone who thinks that's acceptable on the other side, shame on you. And if you don't think it's acceptable, you should be voting 'yes' on this Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Canty to close."

Canty: "Thank you so much for all of the conversation today. I urge an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3129?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting's 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 75 voting in 'favor', 39 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3129. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 12, House Bill 2471, Representative West."

West: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur Senate Committee Amendment #1 to House Bill 2471, which is a page and line Amendment where all of the original meaning of the engrossed Bill remains the same. It's simply moving where we put the language subject to appropriation. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, you, I think, hit on what I wanted to ask. This... this Amendment simply makes it subject to appropriation, the underlying program. Is that correct?"

West: "Correct. Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "Do we know what the appropriate appropriation would be to make the programs?"

West: "We had a subject matter hearing on that on... a couple days ago. We are hoping for close to \$14 million."

Windhorst: "And do you believe that'll be in this year's budget or do you know yet?"

West: "I do not know yet."

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Windhorst: "And this is the... under the School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act. Is that right? These..."

West: "Correct."

Windhorst: "...the Healthy School Meals for All Program?"

West: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

West: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative West to close."

West: "I ask for a favorable roll call. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2471?' This is final action. Those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 88 voting in 'favor', 24 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2471. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Chair recognizes Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. I would just like to take this opportunity and if all of our colleagues would join me in welcoming back Representative Tom Demmer to the chamber."

Speaker Manley: "My favorite. Welcome back, Tom. Calm down. Moving on to House Bill 3236, Representative Carroll."

Carroll: "Hi. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I'm sorry I'm not your favorite, but, you know, as long as Leader Demmer's here, I guess he will take that role. This is just a simple... this Bill is amended simply just to say that... it just creates provisions applied to loans in the retail installment

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transactions entered into after the effective date of the amendatory Act. That's a change that came over from the Senate. Again, I know of no opposition. And I ask for a favorable roll call. Thank you very much."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. This makes it prospective to future contracts. Is that..."

Carroll: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "...or it prohibits future contracts?"

Carroll: "Yes, Sir."

Windhorst: "And I believe we had... for our side, we had 10 'no' votes originally. If you want to check your vote out on the website before you vote, it was 93 to 10 originally in the House. Thank you."

Carroll: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Carroll to close."

Carroll: "I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3236?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. Voting's 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 100 voting in 'favor', 11 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3236. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3314, Representative Guzzardi."

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Guzzardi: "Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. House Bill 3314 pertains to attorney's fees being rendered in consumer cases. The Senate chose to add a few additional definitions in the Bill. There's some technical changes here. These were worked out with some of the stakeholder associations that were involved in this legislation. The Amendment brings all those entities to support. And I ask for the Motion's approval."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, with the Amendment, it was unanimous in the Senate?"

Guzzardi: "That's correct, Representative... Leader."

Windhorst: "Came back through committee in the House with that Amendment. It was unanimous in committee?"

Guzzardi: "Unanimously. Yes, it did, Leader. Thank you."

Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "I urge the Amendment's... the Motion's approval."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3314?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 114 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', and 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Amendment 1 to House Bill 3314. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3351, Lawrence Walsh, Jr."

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Walsh: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment 1 for House Bill 3351. The Amendment retains the underlying language from the Bill that we passed and clarifies language establishing prevailing wage requirements to mirror the language that is in the Adjustable Block Program. And that the prevailing wage must apply on all Solar for All projects that receive renewable energy credits, with the exception of residential buildings and projects under 100 kilowatts on houses of worship, and changes it to an immediate effective date. Happy to answer any questions. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, thank you for clarifying what the Amendment does. Even with the Amendment, there was, I believe, a 43 to 10 vote in a... in the Senate. Is that correct?"

Walsh: "That's what it looks like."

Windhorst: "And it came back to the House in committee and there was a 20 to 4 vote. Is that correct? You received some Republican 'yes' votes..."

Walsh: "Yes."

Windhorst: "...and there was... there was some Republican 'no' votes?"

Walsh: "Yep."

Windhorst: "So, originally, this Bill was 86 to 26 in the House. I'd encourage our Members to take a look at their vote and vote accordingly."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Walsh to close."

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

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3351?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 86 voting in 'favor', 27 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3351. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3400, Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3400 is an initiative requiring additional reporting of data that's being collected by the Department of Labor as it pertains to public works projects. There are a variety of additional measures that are required in this Bill. As amended from the Senate, it simply requires that the report that's currently being issued annually be instead issued quarterly and that it breakout the data with a little bit more specificities. It will not require contractors to report any more data than they're currently reporting. It just requires the Department of Labor to report that data more regularly and with more specificity. I urge the Motion's approval."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Motion."

Speaker Manley: "To the Motion."

Windhorst: "To... to Members on our side, this was an 84 to 19 vote originally in the House. It passed the Senate 40 to 13. So,

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I anticipate we'll have some 'yes' and 'no' votes on our side.
Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Guzzardi to close."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to take brief moment.
This is an initiative of Leader Davis. So, I want to take a
moment to wish him our best for a speedy recovery. We know
he's doing well, and we're all looking out for him. We hold
him in our prayers. And I know that if Leader Davis were
presenting this Bill, he would want me to say that it's really
important that we encourage diversity in the trades and in
our state public works projects. And this Bill is an important
step to ensure that happens. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "That was a good imitation. The question is,
'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill
3400?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye';
opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 is
91 voting in 'favor', 22 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The
House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3400.
This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is
hereby declared passed. House Bill 3498, Representative
Chung."

Chung: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move to concur with Senate
Amendment 1 to House Bill 3498."

Speaker Manley: "Can you tell us about the Amendment?"

Chung: "Yes, gladly. What Senate Amendment... Senate Amendment #1
was an agreed upon Amendment. It allows the ISAC and Golden
Apple to prorate the debt of those recipients who fulfill

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their teaching obligations outside the original starting window. And it also limits the timetable for proration no longer than five years."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, this passed unanimously in the Senate with the Amendment and passed... coming back to the House in committee it was unanimous?"

Chung: "Yes, correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Chung: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Chung to close."

Chung: "I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3498?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's 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's 114 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3498. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3570, Representative Faver Dias."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I motion to concur Senate Amendment 1 and Senate Amendment 2. Amendment 2 becomes the Bill. This Amendment ensures that the personal identifying information of teachers in the report produced by ISBE are

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protected. The Motion has no opposition and passed out of the Senate unanimously. I ask for its adoption."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. The original Bill when it came through, the original version, was a 79 to 28 vote here in the House. And that Bill contained a peer mentor provision?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, correct."

Windhorst: "What... what was that exactly?"

Faver Dias: "So, it... it expands a mentoring program from tenured... it's currently for tenured teachers to also include nontenured teachers. On that discussion in the floor, we talked about the flexibility that districts have in implementing that program. So, it's no additional cost to the state. Some... it's all a part of the bargaining process, how those mentor teachers are paid, if that's what you're referring to."

Windhorst: "Yes. And that is removed with the Amendment or no longer in the Bill?"

Faver Dias: "No. It's part of the Bill as well."

Windhorst: "The peer mentor is still in the Bill?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "All right. And the... you mentioned the Senate vote was 53 to 0?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "This Bill came back to the House committee and was a 6 to 2 vote. Does that sound correct?"

Faver Dias: "I believe so, yes."

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Windhorst: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Faver Dias to close."

Faver Dias: "I urge an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3570. This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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's 90 voting in 'favor', 23 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 3570. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3699, Representative Lilly. Do not run. You're fine. You're worth the wait."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would like to concur with Senate Bill Amendment #1, which basically adds a pilot project to a family policy here in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. The Amendment also provides a sunset date for the pilot program? Is that correct?"

Lilly: "It does."

Windhorst: "And it passed unanimously out of the Senate and on... in committee when it came back to the House. Is that correct?"

Lilly: "It does. It's a Bill that really supports the need for employment for families who are struggling with child support. And we, here in the State of Illinois, is looking to support those families to ensure they have resources to

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support their families. We are excited about this Bill. It's agreed Bill, and it's a collaboration between three different departments and the Illinois General Assembly."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "I ask for your 'aye' vote because I know each and every one of us here in the General Assembly is concerned about the families throughout the State of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3699?' This is final action. All those in favor vote 'aye'; 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 114 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3699. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3702, Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I really like the way you Chair. I would move to concur with the Senate's work, and that is on House Bill 3702. They made a good Bill better."

Speaker Manley: "Could you..."

Ford: "Of course."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you."

Ford: "And so, the Amendment that they've done, they actually gut and replace the language that I had. And I'm okay with that. But it retained the underlying language and does the following. It removed the Illinois Office of Equity from overseeing the returning resident's performance evaluation.

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Instead, it requires that the data from the performance evaluation be shared with the Office of Equity. That's what they did. I concur."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "He indicates that he will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, as part of that Amendment, it also added the years where reporting would occur, if I'm reading this correct. Instead of just the third and fifth year, it would also be the first, seventh, and tenth. Am I seeing that correct?"

Ford: "Let me make sure that you're right. With the oversight... and, you know, is that something that I could make sure and get back to you on? My Bill analysis doesn't reflect it... that."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Looks like what I'm seeing is... is this is just additional reporting that's being made so we can have a further idea if those metrics are being met this past..."

Ford: "Yeah, you're pretty much accurate. I just didn't want to just say yes. But..."

Windhorst: "I appreciate that."

Ford: "...yes."

Windhorst: "Passed the Senate unanimously. Is that correct?"

Ford: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader McCombie."

McCombie: "Will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Manley: "He indicates he will."

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McCombie: "Thank you. Representative, my assistant, Amanda, in the office was wondering if this had anything to do with CEJA."

Ford: "CEJA?"

McCombie: "The Bill, the CEJA Bill?"

Ford: "No. No. No."

McCombie: "No? Thank you."

Ford: "Well, I mean, let me just say, to a certain degree we want to make sure that people are able to use that program in the Department of Corrections. So, yes."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Ford to close."

Ford: "Thank you very much for those clarities for House Bill 3702. As we concur, please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3702?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; 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 110 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3704 (sic-3702). The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Let me correct the record. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 3702. The Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3707, Representative Meyers-Martin."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you, Madam Chair and Members of the House. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3707. This Amendment simply clarifies that the disposition of

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administrative citations to a safety relocater, rather than just complaints be posted on the Illinois Commerce Commission website. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Amendment. This Amendment is a technical Amendment. I would... it was unanimous in the House previously, unanimous in the Senate. I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Meyers-Martin to close."

Meyers-Martin: "Thank you. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3707?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And 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 140... 114 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 'present'. The House does concur with Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3707. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. I'd like to recognize Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to recognize Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month and to celebrate the life and achievements of Justice Laura C. Liu, whose contributions to the law in Illinois are immense, despite her tragically short tenure as judge. Liu was born in 1966 to a Vietnamese mother and Chinese father. And despite starting school speaking almost no English, she finished as valedictorian of her high school. She went on to earn a BA from Youngstown State University and a JD from the University

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of Cincinnati College of Law. Liu followed this with a decade's long legal career practicing in Chicago. In 2010, she was appointed to the Illinois Circuit Court for Cook County. In 2012, Liu won her election to the 8th Judicial Subcircuit of Cook County and became the first Asian American justice to serve on Illinois' Appellate Court. Tragically, just two years later, Liu lost a protracted battle with cancer. In that time, Liu authored more than 150 judicial opinions that have continued to shape legal theory in Illinois for years. Her colleague, Justice Joy Cunningham, said of her, 'Liu recognized her role as judge and was really an honor... she recognized that her role as judge was truly an honor and took that to heart. And she, in some cases, agonized over the issues in her opinions because she recognized that these were things that were affecting people's lives. It is this commitment to helping people that made Laura Liu such a special person.' In 2021, I had the distinct honor and privilege of receiving the Justice Laura C. Liu Lifetime Achievement Award. When I accepted the award, I expressed a sentiment that has only become more relevant in recent months. Asian American representation in government leadership is growing fast. And that is possible because of Justice Liu's trailblazing efforts. Laura Liu made this world a better place and that deserves to be recognized and celebrated, especially during the month of May. As we recognize Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, let us honor her life, her leadership, and her legacy. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Hernandez."

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Hernandez, L.: "Yes, Madam Chair. House Dems will caucus immediately after... afterwards."

Speaker Manley: "The House Democrats will caucus immediately in Room 114 after adjournment. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 295, offered by Representative Jed Davis. And House Resolution 297, offered by Representative Windhorst."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Ortiz moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 Ortiz moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, May 18, at the hour of 11:30 a.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 4096, offered by Representative Weber, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4097, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of this House Bills. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 89, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 689, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 850, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1289, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1291, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1699, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2123, a Bill for an Act

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concerning government. Senate Bill 2324, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2412, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2417, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. They'll be held on the Order of Second Reading. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #15, offered by Representative Fritts.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE 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 add Section 13.5 to Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV

THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 13.5. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY FOR NON-ECONOMIC DAMAGES

(a) In this Section, "economic damages" means compensatory damages for any pecuniary loss or damage. The term does not include any loss or damage for past, present, and future physical pain and suffering, mental anguish and suffering, loss of consortium, loss of companionship and society, disfigurement, or physical impairment.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the General Assembly may determine by statute the limit of liability for all damages and losses other than economic damages of a provider of medical or health care with respect to treatment, lack of treatment, or other claimed departure

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from an accepted standard of medical or health care or safety that is or is claimed to be a cause of or that contributes or is claimed to contribute to the disease, injury, or death of a person. This subsection (b) applies without regard to whether the claim or cause of action arises under or is derived from common law, a statute, or other law, including any claim or cause of action based or sounding in tort, contract, or any other theory or any combination of theories of liability. The claim or cause of action includes a medical or health care liability claim as defined by the General Assembly.

(c) This Section applies to any law enacted by the General Assembly on or after the effective date of this amendment to the Constitution.

(d) A legislative exercise of authority under subsection (b) of this Section requires a majority vote of all the members elected to each house and must include language citing this Section.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #15. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."