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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery to turn off their laptop computers, their cell phones and their pages. And we ask the guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Father Michael Garanzini, the President of Loyola University in Chicago. Father Garanzini is the guest of Speaker Madigan."

Father Garanzini: "Let's bow our heads. Almighty God, the men and women of this House serve our citizens with good policy and sound management of the goods and services needed for a healthy, civic community. Our citizens are blessed by their generosity of spirit, their intellect and hard work, their wisdom and their goodwill. Make them instruments of harmony and help them shape a better society through the laws and appropriations under their stewardship. We ask Your blessing too, on our citizens of this state, the young and the old, men and women of every color and creed, the well off and the poor, the healthy and the infirm, those who are in their productive years and those whose time has not yet come, our young people and for those who are again dependant. Right judgement, dear Lord, is the fruit of right council. Open our ears to the truth. Right relationships are the fruit of a just distribution of resources. Make us courageous and generous, especially with and for the poor. Inner peace is the fruit of

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knowledge of Your will. Keep our hearts filled with the silent prayer, Your will not our own. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Slone."

Slone - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Steve Davis and Morrow are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that the Republicans are all present today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 116 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. The Chair recognizes Representative Slone for the purpose of an announcement."

Slone: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to recognize the Richwoods Social Survey Class and Ms. Reed, their teacher and my son, Sydney Berkman, who are here with us observing in the chamber today. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce to the Illinois

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House... I have two groups from Heyworth, Illinois in McLean County. I would like to introduce if they would stand over... up there, Ida Hays and Chelsea Walls, they're young students, a junior and a sophomore at Heyworth High School and they came to talk to me about volunteerism. So, I appreciate our time. Let's give them a big Illinois welcome."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's a busy day in my district this morning. I'd also like to introduce, I've got some teachers from Mt. Zion in the Decatur area that came to talk about school funding. So, just give them a big welcome. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Gordon."

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

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Gordon: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have with me a very special group today. It is a Cub Scout Pack from Minooka, Illinois, Pack 464. They are a state award winning Cub Scout Pack for their efforts in recycling with the environment. Please stand up everyone. Not only, they received the Director's Green Youth Award from the Illinois EPA. It was presented by the director as well as the Governor. They've also received the Illinois Recycles For Our Future patches from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. They help with recycling printer cartridges and cell phones which we all know helps in several, several wonderful projects in our... in our

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districts. I would ask to give them a warm welcome to Springfield and thank them for their efforts."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative May."

May: "Point of personal privilege..."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

May: "...please, Mr. Speaker. Today is the birthday of former State Representative Dan Pierce and I'd like those of you on the floor who remember him and love him and revere him to wish him a happy birthday. I don't know that he's in the gallery, but I know he's listening in. He served 20 years with distinction in the House and has been the Mayor of Highland Park for two terms. And I think he's staying young by running for sanitary district again. Happy birthday, Dan."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 4594, House Bill 5298. Agreed List #1, including the following measures, House Bill 5217 through House Bill 5297, House Bill 5299 through House Bill 5319, House Bill 5321 through House Bill 5339, House Bill 5341 through House Bill 5344, House Bill 5346 through House Bill 5414, House Bill 5416 through House Bill 5444, House Bill 5446 through House Bill 5532, House Bill 5534 through House Bill 5557, House Bill 5559 through House Bill 5561, House Bill 5563 through House

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Bill 5612, House Bill 5614 through House Bill 5731, House Bill 5733, House Bill 5736 through House Bill 5745, House Bill 5749 through House Bill 5822, House Bill 5824 through House Bill 5874, House Bill 5877, House Bill 6967 and House Bill 7169 through House Bill 7176. House Bill 7171 through House Bill 7181. Agreed Bill List #2 which includes the following measures, House Bill 5938 through House Bill 6145, House Bill 6147 through House Bill 6163, House Bill 6165 through House Bill 6228, House Bill 6230 through House Bill 6440, House Bill 6496 through House Bill 6499, House Bill 6541 through House Bill 6544, House Bill 6588 through House Bill 6589, House Bill 7054 through House Bill 7056; 'do pass as amended Short Debate', House Bill 4108, House Bill 5340, House Bill 5345, House Bill 5415, House Bill 5445, House Bill 5734, House Bill 5735 and House Bill 6229; 'recommends be adopted', Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4055. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 5823. Representative Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 1269; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 3962 and House Bill 4877. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from

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the Committee on Appropriations-Public Safety, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on Wednesday, March 31 (sic-30), 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Agreed List #1, House Bill 6467, House Bill 6480, House Bill 6481, House Bill 6482, House Bill 6484, House Bill 6485, House Bill 6486, House Bill 6487, House Bill 6488, House Bill 6489, House Bill 6490, House Bill 6502, House Bill 6508, House Bill 6510, House Bill 6514, House Bill 6519, House Bill 6531, House Bill 6537, House Bill 6540, House Bill 7084, House Bill 7085, House Bill 7086, House Bill 7087, House Bill 7088, House Bill 7089, House Bill 7090, House Bill 7091, House Bill 7092, House Bill 7093, House Bill 7094, House Bill 7095, House Bill 7096, House Bill 7097, House Bill 7098, House Bill 7100, House Bill 7102, House Bill 7101, House Bill 7103, House Bill 7104, House Bill 7105 and House Bill 7106."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hannig in the Chair. On the Order of Third Readings, on page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Bost on House Bill 4959. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4959, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4959 simply provides that if a cause has occurred by a company where there has been a hazardous material spill, the agencies that did the emergency response will receive

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payment for costs incurred for that emergency response, for the clean up and all those other things within 60 days after the bill has been received. And I'll be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 4959. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Excuse me, Representative Moffitt, do you have a dis... a question?"

Moffitt: "Well, just to... to..."

Speaker Hannig: "Or a comment?"

Moffitt: "...let the Body know, Mr. Speaker, if I... To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Proceed. To the Bill."

Moffitt: "This was another part of the package that the fire service approved unanimously and then the... the officers of the fire caucus set up as one to be presented. So, it was unanimous approval of the fire service and Representative Bost agreed to carry it. We appreciate that."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Moffitt. And now the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Kelly. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Chapa LaVia on House Bill 4372. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4372, a Bill for an Act concerning military service. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The Bill is... House Bill 4372 that we're discussing, it includes Illinois Military Reserve members under the Service Men's Employment Tenure Act. Currently, only active members of the military are afforded this protection under this Act. The Service Men's Employment Tenure Act offers protection to serve... service men and women who are active duty that includes a return to their job without loss of status, seniority or wages with appropriate increases, a stay of prosecution for failing to meet court obligations while the member was on active duty, a full ru... refund of tuition paid to any Illinois public university or college due to a call to active duty. Statutes currently state, the military members are only covered when they are called to active duty by the Governor. House Bill 4372 will make a change to include coverage for military members who are called to federal active duty by the President of the United States or active duty in Illinois by the Governor. Those affected by this legislation will include all of our service men and service women in the Illinois National Guard, which I was in, and also in the Illinois Air National Guard. The President of the United States and top military personnel have grown more and more reliant on calling on reservists' units to active duty to face conflicts. Our reserve units are not just being called

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into active duty on a more... they're being called more and more on a frequent basis. But, when they are deployed to active duty they are away for longer and longer periods of time than ever before. Approximately 11 thousand Illinois reservists are on active duty today. This is an important piece of legislation to protect those individuals which protect us. I request an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Kelly. Representative Kelly, do you wish to speak on this?"

Kelly: "No, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to be recorded as a 'yes' on 4959. Sorry."

Speaker Hannig: "The record will so reflect your intention. Is there any discussion on House Bill 4372? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Mitchell, would you like to vote? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Churchill on House Bill 4019. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4019, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department on Aging. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4019 is a Bill that subject to

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appropriation would require the Department on Aging to establish and administrate a program to provide financial assistance to older Illinois residents who are primary caregivers of family members with developmental disabilities. This Bill is almost exactly the same as House Bill 1087 from the last Legislative Session which we voted on unanimously. The Bill this year includes the subject to appropriation language that was not in it last year. The Bill went to the Senate, was passed, came back, it was amendatorily vetoed by the Governor and we in the House here, 114 of us voted to override the Governor's Amendatory Veto and then the Bill got lost in the Senate. So, other than that little language about subject to appropriation, it's exactly the same Bill we've already voted on last year."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Hoffman. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 4234 for Representative Flider."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4234, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flider."

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Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4234 would enable those companies who had manufacturer's purchase credits on those books as of the period in which they were repealed on September 30, 2003 to utilize them for a two-year period which would extend from that period beginning 2003 and would allow them to be utilized through... excuse me, September 30, 2005. These are credits that many manufacturers had on their books when the Legislature passed the law last year to repeal them. And would like an opportunity for those companies who had them to be able to utilize them. And I would appreciate the Body's support. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Bill Mitchell is recognized."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Mitchell, B.: "Representative Flider, I appreciate your... this Bill. I think this'll help out the area that... that we represent in Macon County, which has a... a large number of manufacturers. If I could, how much... when you reinstate this how much would this, 'cost the State of Illinois?'"

Flider: "According to the fiscal note that was filed the..."

Mitchell, B.: "I'm sorry, I can't hear, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Can we have a little order in the chamber, please? Little order, please? Represen..."

Flider: "According to the fiscal note that was filed in terms of the tax credit it could cost... it could result in

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negative fiscal impact of 20 to \$25 million in fiscal year 2005. I would suggest, however, that that amount would be significantly minimized if businesses were indeed spending money because in order to achieve the \$20 million that we're discussing in revenue loss a business would have to spend \$320 million. In order to achieve the \$25 million in revenue loss that's being discussed, a business would have to spend \$400 million. That's money that would ripple through the economy and that would be utilized to maintain jobs. It would be utilized to spend dollars and it would create new tax opportunities for state and local government."

Mitchell, B.: "So, you said, Representative, it's 20, 25 million, is that what you said was the answer?"

Flider: "I'm... what I suggested to you is that's what the... what I stated to you is that that is what the Department of Revenue stated."

Mitchell, B.: "Right."

Flider: "And what I'm suggesting to you is that I believe that that amount would be significantly minimized if businesses, in fact, spent \$320 million to \$400 million which would be the amount they'd spend, which would be the amount that would be used to determine the 20 to \$25 million impact."

Mitchell, B.: "Well, I... I... and I absolutely agree with you. I said... what's happened... what's happened in the last year, year and a half is with these tax increases on employers who've lost jobs. And so this is the kind of legislation that, hopefully, if the Governor signs it, will create jobs

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for our area in central Illinois which is... had been adversely affected by some of these policies. Representative... and I've known you and I consider you a friend and I know that this Bill is sponsored in good faith, I've known you for 15 years. Have you talked to the... to the Governor about this and will he sign this legislation?"

Flider: "My understanding is at this time is that the Governor's Office has some concerns about the legislation. Whether he will sign it, I do not know."

Mitchell, B.: "Have you talked to Senator Jones about this legislation?"

Flider: "No, I have not."

Mitchell, B.: "So, do you... what is your... the likelihood of passage in the State Senate and the Governor signing this legislation?"

Flider: "I have no idea. I cannot predict that."

Mitchell, B.: "So... why I ask, Representative, and if I can go to the Bill. I was in a little town right outside, really in the shadow of the Capitol, Buffalo, Illinois, last week and I had the Mayor of Illiopolis. And he was talking to me... and he was talking... he said, 'What about the fee increases, the NPDES?' I said, 'Well... he says, 'I know that's passed the Illinois House, what's that going to mean to the Village of Illiopolis?' And I said, 'Well, I don't know. I don't think it's been heard in the Senate and I don't know where the Governor is, but I doubt the Governor's for that.' The Illinois House has passed a

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repeal of the rolling stock, we passed the repeal of the... the... the sewage fees, now we're passing this. All good legislation that this side of the aisle believes in. All legislation that we think will create jobs. But what the people in my district and I'm sure the 101st district, they asked is the bottom line, will this become law? Will the Governor sign this? Will the Governor give a break to the taxpayers of Illinois and create jobs? Will the Governor sign this?"

Flider: "You know, if I were the Governor I'd be able to answer that question. However, what I would suggest to you is that if this Bill passes the House and then it passes the Senate, you contact the Governor and encourage him to sign it."

Mitchell, B.: "Oh, I have... and... and I will. But for the people I represent in central Illinois, that they get their hopes up, they get their hopes up where we're repealing rolling stock, manufacturer tax credit, all these others, sewage fees. I think when we've passed it and we're serious about it. I'm serious about creating jobs in Illinois as I know you are, Representative Flider. But, will this... is this just for show or are we gonna do something for the people of Illinois?"

Flider: "Well, ya know, I wouldn't have introduced it if I didn't think that would be the case."

Mitchell, B.: "Very good. I... I appreciate... appreciate this. Do you believe that the fee increases, the tax increases that we passed in the General Assembly, my side of the

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aisle didn't vote for it, was that a bad thing? Did that cost Illinois jobs?"

Flider: "Well, Representative, I think that you are trying to have a debate on some other issues that are..."

Mitchell, B.: "No, I'm having a debate on..."

Flider: "...different..."

Mitchell, B.: "...the manufacturer's tax credit. Did it cost jobs in Illinois? Did it cost jobs in Macon County?"

Flider: "Maybe you can tell me."

Mitchell, B.: "Well, I know that our..."

Flider: "Maybe you know the answer."

Mitchell, B.: "...I know our employment's up, but I wanted to know from the Sponsor of the Bill, did this cost jobs for the people of the State of Illinois?"

Flider: "I'd be happy to tell you how this Bill came to be Repre... came to be introduced. This Bill was... came to be introduced by somebody who approached me about their concern about losing manufacturer's purchase credits on their balance sheet."

Mitchell, B.: "Great. What I... so this job... if it passes the House, will it pass the Senate and will the Governor sign this legislation?"

Flider: "Again, I can't answer that question."

Mitchell, B.: "Okay. Thank you. I... Representative Flider, I appreciate your work on this. This is a good Bill. I know you're concerned about jobs in central Illinois. I thank you and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Flider: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "To the previous questioner, I can answer the question. No, the Governor's not gonna sign this Bill. This is gonna cost the state, I believe this one will cost 25 million. We did one yesterday that's gonna cost the state 350 million over 10 years. So, now I guess we'll balance the budget by keep giving givebacks to businesses. So, I ask on this side of the aisle to vote with fiscal restraint. Let's do this at the end of the budgetary Session... or the end of Session when we do the budget, the way we're supposed to instead of passing Bills and putting out press releases."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "I just wanted the Speaker to know this is really starting to hurt."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Stephens. Representative Flider to close."

Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would encourage an 'aye' vote on this Bill. I do understand that there is a fiscal impact that has been stated, but I also believe that when businesses have an incentive to spend dollars in production-related equipment and facilities that could relate to job growth and when they have these assets on their books and were in some cases poised to do that, but perhaps were not able to do so because of the planning cycle of their business. They were perhaps not prepared to deal with the loss of the credits. So, this Bill simply would give them an opportunity to have a little bit larger,

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little bit longer planning horizon for credits that they had earned in good faith. And I would appreciate the support of the Body. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4234 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 87 voting 'yes', 22 voting 'no' and 6 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 4612. Representative Coulson."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4612, a Bill for an Act concerning health improvement. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Coulson."

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4612 creates the State Health Improvement Plan Act and requires the state health improvement plan. We had a similar Bill last year that passed the House unanimously. And I would appreciate your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Eddy, for what reason do you rise?"

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Eddy: "Mr. Speaker, on the previous Bill, 4234, I inadvertently pushed the wrong button. I wish to be recorded as a 'yes' rather than a 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. And the record will reflect your intentions. Representative Washington, for what reason do you rise?"

Washington: "Mr. Speaker, I rise to table House Bill 5105."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, could you just come up here and give this to the... my assistant here and we'll keep a list of Bills you wish to table? We'll get to that later. Now, on the Order of Third Reading, House Bill 3981. Representative Fritchey. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3981, a Bill for an Act concerning liability. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. House Bill 3981 tries to take on at least a portion of the issue of frivolous lawsuits by precluding lawsuits based on obesity-related health claims against restaurants. Our restaurants, especially the independents in this state, have enough to deal with in tough economic times and with soaring costs in a lot of different fronts, without having to take on the additional cost of unnecessary lawsuits. We have tailored this piece of legislation to be limited simply to restaurants. There is no opposition that I am aware of. The tri... I've worked with the trial lawyers, they are neutral on this Bill. The Bill came out of

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committee unanimously. Would be happy to answer any questions. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 3981. And on that question, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Parke: "It's my understanding that with Amendment 1 the Illinois... the IMA is opposed to your legislation. Do you know that to be true?"

Fritchey: "I was not aware of that. I find it odd that they would be. The manufacturers were originally in the Bill which would have put them in a better place than they are today. But, by taking them back out of the Bill the landscape does not change for them from the way that it's been for decades in this state. So, I don't why they're... they may be disappointed, but I don't know why they'd be opposed."

Parke: "What is... what is their objection with Amendment 1 that you might be aware of?"

Fritchey: "The... Amendment 1 limited the scope of the Bill which had originally precluded lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors and sellers of food. And we've narrowed this down simply to protect the restaurant industry in Illinois. So, the manufacturers would no longer be shielded from liability, but they aren't shielded from that liability today."

Parke: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Fritchey: "Thank you."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of this legislation. I think this nation has got to get away from this new culture where people always try to play the victim and blame others for their problems. Litigation against the food industry is not going to make a single individual any skinnier. It will only make the trial lawyers' bank accounts fatter. This debate is all about personal responsibility. And I commend the Sponsor for sponsoring it. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Fritchey to close."

Fritchey: "Thank you. As the previous speaker said, this, I think recognizes that not every problem necessitates a defendant in a lawsuit. However, to clarify one of her comments, though. I would actually like to commend the trial lawyers for working with me to come up with a agreeable piece of legislation which removed their opposition. I think that they recognize that not every piece of legislation reform initiative is necessarily a bad idea. This to the contrary is a very good idea. And I request your support. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Okay. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 6679 for Representative Mitchell."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6679, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 6679 is... right now, is a shell Bill. What we intend to do... it's a product of the House Republican Task Force on Economic Development for the rural areas that Representative Cross created about a year ago. It's really the capstone of our legislative agenda in terms for job growth here in Illinois. What we've done is that... they indicated the Speaker would like to work with us as well as the Governor's Office, so we shelled the language, took all the language out. And we've indicated... the Governor's Office has indicated that they would like to work with us on this legislation. I commit that it'll only have in terms of job creation language in it. I look forward to working with Governor Blagojevich's Office to see what their ideas are. And I urge an 'aye' vote. Illinois needs this."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Last call. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 94 voting 'yes' and 21 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 5058? Representative Mendoza."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 50..."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Mr. Clerk, let's take that Bill out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Would you read House Bill 5884? Representative Nekritz."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5884, a Bill for an Act concerning stormwater management."

Speaker Hannig: "Out of the rec..."

Clerk Mahoney: "Third..."

Speaker Hannig: "...out of the record, Mr. Clerk, at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Washington, do you have an interest in calling House Bill 5105? I'm sorry, that's the one you indicated you wanted to table. My... my apologies. Representative... Representative Mulligan on House Bill 6920. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6920, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 6920 amends the Department of Public Co... Health and Duties Law and provides that the Department of Public Health shall establish a registry of all active and retired health care professionals to be assessed... accessed in the event of a bioterrorism or other public health emergency."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 6920. Is there any discussion? Then the question is,

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'Shall this Bill... Excuse me. Representative Joseph Lyons on this question.'

Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Lyons, J.: "Representative, on our analysis it shows that the Department of Public Health is a... is an opponent to this Bill. Is there a fiscal impact on this? Has that been cleared... the hurdle or what's the status of that?"

Mulligan: "Representative Lyons, we requested a fiscal note and they have not given us one. We requested that they give us a cost on it. We felt that the Department of Professional Regulation would already have this list and that DPA or DPH was over worrying about what the cost would be because we should have a registry of those professionals already."

Lyons, J.: "So, you didn't get any response on the fiscal note from them?"

Mulligan: "No, I haven't had a response from them on cost."

Lyons, J.: "How about the Department of Professional Regulation? They don't... they don't stand in support of this Bill either? They said they have no..."

Mulligan: "They haven't said anything one way or the other about it."

Lyons, J.: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Scully, Myers, please record yourselves."

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Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lou Jones on House Bill 4179. Would you like us to call that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4179, a Bill for an Act concerning banking. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Lou Jones."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4179 is the... is gonna be the banking development Bill that I carried last year that the Governor did Amendatory Veto on. I'm doing it over again this year and it's a shell and I would like permission to pass out the shell to the Senate because the Treasurer's Office along with our tech review staff are working on the language for the Bill. But right now, it is a shell Bill. But, that was... will be on it is that banking development Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 4179. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... the Clerk take the record. On this question, there are 64 voting 'yes', 50 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4718 for Representative Myers?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill... House Bill 4718, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Myers."

Myers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 4718 amends the County Jail Act to provide that the Medicaid Program shall reimburse medical costs over \$5 hundred which now is \$25 hundred for those individuals that are eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid Program. I... as it stands now the county jails in the State of Illinois do often occur inmates that are on Medicaid or Medicaid eligible and they do have to stand the first \$25 hundred. Medicaid can get reimbursed by the Federal Government 50 percent of those costs. So, I think there's no reason why we shouldn't at least drop that level down to \$5 hundred."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 4718. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor... Excuse me. Representative Franks, on this..."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Franks: "Sorry, Mr. Myers. I'm trying to figure out exactly what this Bill does. I'm reading the analysis. And... are we reducing the threshold for the cost of medical assistance to be paid by public aid from \$25 hundred to \$5 hundred for someone who's incarcerated?"

Myers: "That is correct. If they were out on the street, if they weren't incarcerated in the jail, Medicaid would be

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paying their medical expenses anyway. But apparently, when they do get incarcerated into a county jail, then Medicaid says, 'Okay, county you cover the first \$25 hundred cost of this, now.' And we're just dropping that threshold back down to \$5 hundred."

Franks: "When you talk about the threshold, dropping it back down to \$5 hundred, what... where is that threshold now?"

Myers: "25 hundred."

Franks: "Now, why is there even a threshold that if... if these folks were out on the street and Medicaid would pay for it anyway, why is there a threshold? That's... I'm trying to figure this out."

Myers: "That's a very good question, Representative Franks. And we knew that public aid probably was going to oppose this Bill anyway. So, we just left... at least left a... a minimal threshold in there. And after talking to the county Sheriffs' Association and talking to my own personal county sheriff and county jailers, they were satisfied with the \$5 hundred and willing to accept that."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you for explaining the Bill. I was just confused when I was reading it. So, I appreciate you..."

Myers: "Thank you."

Franks: "...taking the time."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative McGuire. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On

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this question, there are 92 voting 'yes', 20 voting 'no' and 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 5058."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5058, a Bill for an Act concerning seniors. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5058 creates the Comprehensive Older Adults Services and Care Planning Committee whose long-term goal is that... the development, availability and accessibility of a comprehensive, affordable and sustainable long-term care system in Illinois. It's envisioned that the redesign will encompass all aspects of delivery of services and care to older adults, whether these services and care are provided in the home, community or a residential facility. The planning committee will be comprised of directors of the Department of Aging, the Departments of Public Aid and the Department of Public Health, one representative from public aid, Public Health, Veterans Affairs, Human Services, Insurance, Commerce & Economic Affairs, Aging, the state ombudsman and the Housing Finance Authority all of whom will be nonvoting members. One member representing providers funded by the Federal Older Americans Act, one member representing providers from... funded by the Community Care Program, one member from provid... representing providers funded by Title 13 of the Social Security Act... Title 18, I'm sorry. One

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member representing nursing homes, one member representing assisted living and shared housing facilities, one member representing supportive living facilities, one member representing community-based residential facilities and one member with special ex... expertise in gerontology research or health law and two Illinois seniors. The committee shall meet at least quarterly and must report to the General Assembly on January 1 of each year regarding the committee's progress and recommendation. This is one of the COWL initiatives and I would be happy to answer any questions. Would just ask for your favorable consideration today. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 5058. And on that question, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Floor Amendment 2, I just wanna make sure Floor Amendment 2 is on that Bill, it becomes the Bill?"

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, could you give us the status of Floor Amendment 2? Has that been adopted to the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment 2 has been adopted to House Bill 5058."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Parke: "Floor Amendment 2 becomes the Bill, is that right, Representative?"

Mendoza: "That's correct, Representative."

Parke: "And is this... do you have any idea if there's a fiscal impact to the state General Revenue Fund?"

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Mendoza: "Not on this Bill. There is no fiscal impact on this Bill, Representative. The departments as well, in case you were wondering, are neutral on it and we have a lot of support from the senior industry."

Parke: "All right. Who's... who... under whose auspice will this adult service and care planning committee function?"

Mendoza: "The Department of Aging is the lead agency on this."

Parke: "Okay. And when will we receive a report on this?"

Mendoza: "Once a year, I believe it's January 1 of each year."

Parke: "What was the date..."

Mendoza: "And that will give us... January 1 of each year the committee will report to us on their progress and any recommendations they may have."

Parke: "And every Member receives a copy?"

Mendoza: "Absolutely."

Parke: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Mendoza: "Thank you."

Parke: "Seems like a good Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Lang: "Representative, I completely support your Bill, but I... I have a question. I noticed on my analysis that the Department on Aging has no position on this Bill. Is that correct?"

Mendoza: "That is correct."

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Lang: "They're not for it, they're not against it? They had nothing to say about this very comprehensive Bill dealing with senior citizens in the State of Illinois?"

Mendoza: "Well, they were working with us very closely. We've gone through different, I guess, versions of the Bill and at this point... they originally had... had some concerns, but we worked all those out. And they're continuing to work with us as it moves out of this esteemed Body and goes over to the Senate."

Lang: "So, they worked with you..."

Mendoza: "Yes."

Lang: "...but they have no position on the Bill?"

Mendoza: "I know, explain that one to me, but..."

Lang: "Well, I... I... you know. I'm for your Bill, I just find that to be baffling, but we'll leave cynics to discuss that."

Mendoza: "Hopefully, by the end of this they'll be like our number one proponent."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4558?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4558, a Bill for an Act concerning to public health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill establishes the Suicide Prevention Education and Treatment Act. It creates the Suicide Prevention Strategic Planning Committee and sets forth requirements for its membership and operation. It requires the committee to create the Illinois Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan and requires the Department of Public Health to establish, when funds are appropriated, five pilot programs concerning suicide prevention. I would be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 4558. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Froehlich. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 115 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4566?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4566, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lou Jones, do you wish..."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. House Bill 4566 is the juvenile expungement Bill that I had last year... in the Session last year that got bogged down because of some difficulty as to how to do the expungement. Over

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the summer, I met with both... people from both sides of the aisles and I want to take this opportunity to thank both sides of the aisles who came to the hearings and we worked out some of the problems we had along with Dorothy Brown's office, the clerk, Carla Bender's office, Dick Devine's office. And now, as I speak, we have no opponents to the Bill. And the curr... number one, let me make this perfectly clear, we're not expanding any offenses. Everything stays just like they are. There was some concern about how to do the expungement, one of'em was information. And we resolved this... we resolved the information, how to get the information out to the younger person to let'em know that they're... that they had a right for expungement and how to do it. The... this Bill allows them to waive the... they can... the fees for expungement can be waived for... indigent juveniles now can get their records expunged like anyone else that can pay for the fee or for the petition of the lawyer. I guess the main thing it does is allows them to go forward without an attor... without an attorney. It also says that at the time of whatever sentences the judge gives the juvenile, he will tell them after he has... they have completed everything that they... that they are reprimanded to do, then they are able to have their records expunged. And I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 4566. And on that question, Representative Parke is recognized."

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

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Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Parke: "Just a clarification, Representative. Does this Bill actually ex... allow the expungement of records or does it tell potential, interested parties that... how to expunge records?"

Jones: "It does not require expunging, it allows them to petition for expungement."

Parke: "I'm sorry, say that again. I didn't hear that answer."

Jones: "It does not require expungement, it allows them to petition for expungement."

Parke: "And it tells'em how to do that?"

Jones: "Yes, it does."

Parke: "Okay. How come it's costing the State Police \$900 thousand?"

Jones: "I don't have the slightest idea."

Parke: "Well, it says that... according to our records, it says the Illinois State Police said that it... that's what... to expunge the amount requested will run 900... 'cause they'll have to set up a special clerks..."

Jones: "I think... they're not opposed to the Bill. And Representative, I think that was the original Bill before I put the Amendment on."

Parke: "This is the... this is a current fiscal impact that they've given us. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Parke. Representative Howard."

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

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

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Howard: "The Sponsor of this Bill has worked long and hard to try to... to bring about some equity. There are those young people whose families were able to make certain that their records were expunged early on because they had the... the wherewithal... the financial wherewithal to hire an attorney or to do whatever was necessary to make sure that they could get those records taken care of. And those young people could get on with their lives. This Bill is gonna make it possible for individuals whose families don't have that financial wherewithal to get their records cleared. I really commend the Sponsor for all the hard work. I'm certainly appreciative of all of the entities that came together to make sure that this was going to be possible. I certainly hope that all persons in this House will give it a 'green' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Parke, you had spoken in debate, for what reason do you rise?"

Parke: "For a clarification. We were... under Amendment #2 there is not the \$900 thousand impact and the Sponsor was correct on that. I just wanted the Body to know that there is a minimal financial impact if this legislation passes."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Parke..."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "...for that clarification. Further discussion? Representative Lindner."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

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Lindner: "Representative, originally, the county clerks were against this and you have worked with them, is that correct?"

Jones: "Yes, I have."

Lindner: "And they have no opposition now?"

Jones: "To my knowledge, right now as we speak, there is no opposition to the Bill."

Lindner: "And I want to commend the Sponsor also for this Bill. She has brought this for several years, she also held a hearing in her district, the county clerks attended this as did Representative Bellock, Representative Eileen Lyons and I. And we found out more about this problem. She has really worked hard and addressed everybody's concerns. And I would urge an 'aye' vote on this issue."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to support this fine Bill and to commend the Sponsor. We've had expungement Bills around here before, but this is a real mine field. Representative Jones should really be thanked for working this Bill through, staff should be thanked for making this happen. And this should receive every 'green' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Thank you... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in strong support of this legislation. As Minority Spokesman of the Juvenile Justice Committee I want to assure Members how hard this Sponsor has worked on this Bill. She has worked with the circuit clerks, she has worked with the State Police, she has worked with everybody involved in

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this issue. And want to assure Members that this is a good Bill and I would urge their support."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Giles."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I simply want to echo some of the same sentiments. My colleague, I think she has done an excellent job working on this piece of legislation. As an African American who has to... who represent a district in which we deal with many of these issues where a young individuals who have made mistakes early on in life, these various convictions were not serious, that they should have a second opportunity to... to be employed in this state and in this country. So, I would like to commend the Sponsor and... and as Chairman of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus this is an issue that affect all of the African-American community and of course, other minority communities as well. So, once again, I think this is long time coming. I'm... I'm glad to see that this legislation has taken the proper steps. But, nevertheless, it also grew long wings to... to fly out of this chamber and of course, onto the... eventually pass out of the Senate and on the Governor's desk. So, once again, I commend the Sponsor and all Members who have worked on this piece of legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Millner."

Millner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in support of this Bill. Initially, when this Bill was in place, there were a number of concerns that we had. The Sponsor did a

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good job, brought us together. We heard about the different costs of the Bill. Frankly, the cost would only be \$60 per indigent person. It's a minimal cost statewide of less than \$10,000 a year. There's no known opposition on this Bill. I support it, I think it's a great Bill and I want to thank the Sponsor for... for introducing it."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Mr. Speaker, since we have no opposition, I move the previous question."

Speaker Hannig: "Why don't we just... there are no other people asking to speak, so why don't we just go to the Roll Call on this Bill. So, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4566 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting 'yes', 14 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Poe, would you like us to call House Bill 4287? Mr. Clerk, would you read that Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4287, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Poe."

Poe: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill we passed in previous years. It's a little different, we amended the 48-hour mandatory sentence after a domestic violence conviction. That is gone out of the

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Bill. We had some opposition in committee from the Sheriffs' Association was concerned about that and also the domestic violence shelters were concerned that there ought to be a little bit more discretion maybe on the first offense 'cause it can be all different degrees of how bad the domestic violence is. So, the... as the Bill stands now, after the second conviction there would be 72 hours minimum sentence and all the rest of the laws that pertain to this kind of violence would stay in place. This would just be that there would be at least a minimum 72 hours after the second conviction and we consider it to be a cooling off period. So, I'd ask for a 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 4287. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On... Take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Gordon, for what reason do you rise?"

Gordon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of pers... point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Gordon: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, there's a very special group of my... my constituents here today. They are very, very easy to see as they are wearing bright

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yellow T-shirts asking us to 'Save Our Schools'. They are obviously interested in education and this group includes not only the teachers and the educators, but also their superintendent is here, there are several students that are here, there are school board members that are here, there are concerned parents and there are concerned citizens. Specifically, I would like to address the youngest member of their group, his name is Taylor, he's in the fifth grade and it is his 11th birthday. And when I went to visit his class he told me that as part of this birthday present his parents were going to allow him to come here today. And I commend him for thinking of it as a gift to come down and watch the process in motion. And I ask you to welcome... ask you to welcome them all to Springfield."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Pritchard, for what reason do you rise?"

Pritchard: "Rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I, too, would like to represent some constituents who have come down today. There's a group of youth advisory members from all the high schools in the 70th district, juniors and seniors who have been studying government and have been giving me advice on operations in the House and also studying how government is at work. So, I'd like to recognize them, if they'd wave their hands. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4059?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4059, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill would require health insurance companies to disclose what they pay out in claims over a past year. Health care costs in this state are out of control, we can't wait any longer to come up with solutions to this mounting problem. This legislation is a great way to lower costs of health care for providers, employers and employees. It will require medical insurance companies to disclose the amount of money spent on claims, payouts over the past year. And by doing that it will allow businesses to shop around for lower rates. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 4059. And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Parke: "Thank you. Representative, what is the... what is the requirements under this legislation for insurance companies? What are they supposed to do?"

Jakobsson: "They're supposed to disclose what they've paid out over the last year to the person buying that insurance... to the employer... the employer who's providing the insurance for the employees. And it's summary health information only. This... if you look at Amendment #3, you'll notice

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that we're definitely taking into consideration the HIPAA and it's summary information only."

Parke: "Well, isn't that proprietary information that they're required to share and therefore, competition will be able to see this?"

Jakobsson: "No."

Parke: "No?"

Jakobsson: "This is defined by Federal Law. The provisions are permitted now..."

Parke: "What..."

Jakobsson: "...they're authorized under the Federal Law, but these provisions would be mandatory then under the State Law."

Parke: "Well, it's my understanding that this makes insurance companies who have to... in Illinois, have to disclose certain information that could be considered proprietary and it puts them at a... ultimately could put'em at a competitive disadvantage. This Bill wasn't even put through the insurance committee, it was put through Health Care which would not worry about that. Now, how... is there a requirement that the insurance company notify individual health... people that are covered under the health insurance plan?"

Jakobsson: "No. It's summary... it's summary health information only. It does not identify the individuals, it does not identify the illness."

Parke: "Okay. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, I just want you to know that the Illinois Life Insurance Association, the

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Illinois Insurance Association, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, CIGNA and the Illinois Association of Health Care Plans are all in opposition to this legislation."

Jakobsson: "I'm not really sure if that's the case with the Amendment, but I believe that this Bill is good, it will make our insurance more competitive."

Parke: "Well, which one of those... which one of those associations are off?"

Jakobsson: "Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Illinois is in... is neutral on this. I was approached by an individual who told me that."

Parke: "So, they're neutral?"

Jakobsson: "Yes."

Parke: "So, you still have the other four in opposition?"

Jakobsson: "This is already permitted under Federal Law and some are complying. I mean, I've talked to people who sell insurance and they say, 'But, this is already done.' It's done by some insurance companies, but not by all. This Bill would then mandate that all insurance companies disclose that information."

Parke: "Thank you. I am... to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am in opposition..."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Parke: "...to this legislation. It's not done in a lot of other states. It is something that is authorized, but does not say that it has to be done. I don't think this is a good idea."

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Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Representative Jakobsson to close."

Jakobsson: "Thank you. Once again..."

Speaker Hannig: "Excuse me, Representative Jakobsson, Representative Black is a little slow on his light so let's give him an opportunity in fairness. So, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I apologize, I... I thought my light was on and I... it... for once it wasn't. So, I apologize. Representative, just a couple of questions if you would. As I was reading through this Bill and there've been several Amendments. Can you allay my fears that if an employer or the person in control of the group has access to loss data, claims data, et cetera, what... what is my safeguard as an employee or a member of that group that my personal health information may not... may be then used against me in subsequent negotiations for health insurance coverage by my employer?"

Jakobsson: "It's... remember it's summary health information only and the Amendment makes it very clear that an individual cannot be identified nor the illness... nor the illness. And the information has to be held in confidence, that's also part of this Amendment."

Black: "All right."

Jakobsson: "And I would like to add that I have been working with Senator Winkel on this, he's gonna be working in the Senate."

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Black: "Representative, is... does any other state allow this kind of inquiry or search through loss data?"

Jakobsson: "This is modeled after a law in Texas."

Black: "That's a very good state. I... I'm surprised you would model something after the state of our... our President."

Jakobsson: "Well, that's why I wanted to be sure to tell you... it's modeled after one in the State of Texas."

Black: "This... I... I have followed in our area since we are adjoining Representatives. There's been a lot of media coverage about this and it seems to focus on just one health care provider in the East Central Illinois area. So, I'm going to assume that... that Christie Clinic was the firm that brought this to you. Would that be a fair assumption?"

Jakobsson: "Sure, that's a fair assumption."

Black: "All right. And then is there... are there any... I don't know how to say this... cross pressures within the administration of Christie Clinic and the potential insurer that... that wasn't brought out in committee? That somebody that may work..."

Jakobsson: "No."

Black: "...for the clinic may also hold a position as a compensated officer of an insurer?"

Jakobsson: "I'm not aware of any conflicts..."

Black: "Okay."

Jakobsson: "...there was nothing brought out in committee."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much, Representative. And Mr. Speaker, thank you for your kindness. Ladies and

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Gentlemen of the House, to the Bill. I think the Sponsor has as she indicated worked very hard on this Bill and I think it's been amended to address many of the concerns I had. But, let me just say for the record, I... I don't intend to vote for this Bill for one simple reason. I... I unfortunately, have had a long 40-year history of medical and surgical problems. I am uninsurable on the open market, I have to be in a group or I would have to turn toward the Comprehensive Health Insurance Program. And maybe I'm wrong and maybe I'm getting paranoid in my old age, but I just don't like the idea that somebody at Central Management Services could get into my medical records and see what drives some of the costs and somehow manipulate and again, I'm not saying this would happen, I'm just at the age and after some health problems and surgeries and what have you, I just am not comfortable with giving someone access to my loss record. It... it's not a stretch to say if you can get into my claims record or what I have cost an insurer, I don't think it's that much of a stretch to say you're gonna get into some of my medical records, which I think and regardless of... of what some people are now saying at the federal level, the privacy of my medical records is inviolate. I cannot ever see a scenario where I would support the United States Attorney General in his quest to get into medical records on the late-term abortion. I absolutely oppose that. And I will vote against this for the simple reason that allowing somebody to get into my health insurance records, no matter

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how narrowly drawn, makes me very nervous. And if you've ever had a medical procedure and you've ever had a long-term illness it should make you very nervous as well. Somebody fooling around in your health records, I see nothing good that can come out of that for someone like me or someone that's in a group. I commend the Sponsor. I know she's worked very hard on the Bill, her heart's in the right place. But, I don't want her heart or anybody else's heart being able to peer into my health insurance records, my health claims or my health loss. For that reason, I intend to vote 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Repre... Representative Jakobsson to close."

Jakobsson: "Thank you. I will repeat and maybe I'll repeat it more than once. This does not allow anyone to get into your medical records. The provisions are mandatory... are already authorized under the Federal Law, we have the HIPAA that we must follow. This will not disclose personal information about anyone's medical records. What this will do is allow the small employer to be able to shop around, get competitive prices so that they can provide health insurance for their employees. And I think by doing this not only will people who are already covered have the potential of having lower cost insurance, but more people will be able to be covered for health insurance. I think this is a really important Bill. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 48 voting 'yes' and 64 voting 'no'. Representative Jakobsson, would you like postponed?"

Jakobsson: "Yes, please, postponed for consider... reconsideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, this goes on the Order of Postponed Consideration. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 6902 for Representative Rose?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6902, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Bill 6902 makes several changes to the state's existing juvenile pimping statute. And I wish I was here today proactively, unfortunately, we are here reactively. We had a situation in Champaign County where the state's current juvenile pimping statute was insufficient to charge a case. And I can only speak in hypothetical terms, but essentially, under the current statute the money or the consideration that exchanges hands would have to be received by the parent or excuse me, under the current statute it would have to be received by 'the prostitute'. Unfortunately, what happened in Champaign County is that that was received by a parent or guardian and therefore, we could not be charged. I would urge this Body to vote 'aye' on this. This is a commonsense measure and I'd ask for favorable consideration."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 6902. And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Well, maybe our anal... will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Molaro: "Our analysis may be off here. What... can you explain to me, Representative Rose, what... you said there was a problem up in your county and something to do with that parents or guardian... 'cause I don't read this from our analysis. So, what is... what is the law now? And if we pass this Bill what will the law become?"

Rose: "Sure. Thank you, Representative Molaro. Essentially, what... the hypothetical is that if a parent or guardian were to put a... unfortunately, a child or their child or a child in their custody into a prostitution situation and the money or the consideration that exchanged hands did not go to the child, we cannot charge it under current statute. What my Bill does is essentially allow that whoever is going to be receiving the consideration for prostituting the child is the person who would be guilty of juvenile pimping. I think that the original statute was done with the best intentions. Although, it does not cover that situation I just described."

Molaro: "Okay. One... one last question. What's this part in the Bill that talks about the elimination of... of the affirmative defense of knowledge of being the age of the child?"

Rose: "Rep..."

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Molaro: "In other words..."

Rose: "...Representative, very easy. The Amendment... House Amendment #3 we addressed yesterday added the original affirmative acts back into this Bill."

Molaro: "Okay."

Rose: "It was inadvertently taken out and I want to thank Representative Delgado for pointing that out and we did fix that in the Amendment yesterday."

Molaro: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Millner."

Millner: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Millner: "What's the definition of 'consideration'?"

Rose: "Thank you, Representative Millner. For legislative intent purposes we've chosen the word 'consideration' because it is defined in Black's Legal Dictionary and we're using that term to mean, the inducement to a contract, to cause motive, price or impelling influence which induces a contracting party to enter into a contract. The reason the material calls it a contract, some right, increase profit or benefit accruing to one party or some forbearance, detriment of loss or responsibility given, suffered or taken by the other. I would note, Representative Millner, that for purposes of this statute we also are including what is considered illegal consideration. An act which if done or promises... or a promise which if enforced would be prejudicial to the public interest or contrary to law. And

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we... by this we do mean that say, for example, if the child was traded for drugs, that would be covered. So, we're including both legal and illegal consideration in the definition of this Bill. Thank you for your question, Representative."

Millner: "Thank you for providing that legislative intent."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Delgado: "Thank you. Representative Rose, with these Amendments and your intention... I think on your first Amendment deleting the language created a strict liability for it at that point. Is that correct?"

Rose: "Yes. It did for because it... it had inadvertently removed the affirmative offense for juvenile pimping which is over the age of 16. House Amendment #3 at your request, Representative Delgado, fixes that, puts the affirmative offense back in. However, I'll be quick to note, since you used the term 'strict liability', it's under the age of 16 for aggravated pimping, it would still be strict liability."

Delgado: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Delgado: "Once again, I want to commend Representative Rose in taking a Bill that many of the Members of the Criminal Law Committee, which I chair, had some concerns and Representative Collins who had to go to a short meeting

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also wants to point out that all the concerns were laid down. I think this is a wonderful way to bring a consensus Bill addressing especially juveniles. When we talk about victims, they're all victims. So, we want to thank you for working with us on that. I'm just a little surprised that your chairman's name didn't show up on the sponsorship level, but we can take care of that. Good Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Winters. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Miller, are you prepared on House Bill 4522? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill? And Representative Monique Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, M.: "Mr. Speaker, I wish to have been recorded 'yes' on 4718."

Speaker Hannig: "The record will reflect your intentions. And Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4522?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4522, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Miller."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. There was some discussion on this last week in regards to House Bill 4522. I think I need to just kind of

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make a statement first and then maybe we can address some of the concerns that were issued. Last year the General Assembly legislated significant change in the method of identifying students in poverty, changing from 10-year census count to an annual count based enrollment in the Department of Human Services, that was House Bill 430. This change insured that students in poverty are more accurately identified, that the resources go to districts that have these low com... low-income students. A major change in identifying students in poverty have resulted in a \$30 million over a \$30 million increase in the poverty grant. However, the legislation also included change that negatively impacted the poverty grant. Last year... prior to last year, if there was a shortfall to general state aid appropriation then that would have to be prorated the entire amount of general state aid. This... the... thus the General Assembly in subsequent Sessions would deliberate and add a supplemental appropriation usually in a Veto Session. Last year, legislation that passed that changed this method of proration, if there was a shortfall in the GSA appropriation... if there was a shortfall in the GSA appropriation the legislation passed required that poverty grant funding alone to be prorated to pay for the shortfall for the general state aid. This is a departure from previous administrations. Last year there was a \$7.6 million shortfall. Because of this new methodology that was determined from prorating the poverty grant that it created a shortfall. This legislation deals strictly with

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that. Now, when this Bill was brought up before there was some discussion in regards to a hold harmless and certain districts losing money. The information that had approached... that was passed out primarily on the other side of the aisle was actually an extrapolation of information, but wasn't true information coming from the State Board of Education, even though those are State Board of Education numbers. And I've got a statement that basically says it. Regardless of that, a couple days ago... yesterday, new information did come out in regards to it. I've talked to... regards to DHS count and what the difference would be and who would be hurt and who wouldn't. I know there's been some discussion from my downstate colleagues in regards to a hold harmless clause that would help those communities. I, too, have a district that would lose money under... in... under this new equation. And in fact, my district is in Ford Heights which is one of the poorest communities in Cook County, if not the State of Illinois, that would lose money. So I, too, am concerned about a hold harmless... hold harmless clause. I've talked to the Senate Sponsor... potential Senate Sponsors in regards to that and including to Representative Mitchell who wished to work on this issue in the Senate. And so I would ask for a favorable vote with the understanding that we'd work with this and continue on the Senate legislation. The point I'd like to make is that these are two separate issues and I think that's very important for the General Assembly to know. That when we talk about the poverty grant... dealing with

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this deals with the now versus the other deals with the current... with the future. If this legislation is not passed, there still would be a hold harmless issue. Any Member of the General Assembly wishes to just solely address the hold harmless, I would be in support of that legislation and put my name as a cosponsor. I would ask for a favorable vote and be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 4522. And on that question, the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Eddy: "Representative, do you have an idea as to the total cost of funding the increase in the poverty grant distribution? Just the increase by changing from the census count to the DHS count?"

Miller: "Yeah, the numbers from the... that I was... received... the increase alone would be \$41 million, over 41."

Eddy: "Pardon me, I didn't hear that?"

Miller: "Over 41 million."

Eddy: "41?"

Miller: "Yes."

Eddy: "And if I remember correctly, in addition to the \$41 million cost to go to the... go to that count, the total amount that districts who are going to have a decrease because of the changeover is about 17 million?"

Miller: "It's more accurate, 16.5."

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Eddy: "16.5. So, the total cost... the total cost of this changeover at this rate is about 57 or \$58 million?"

Miller: "Well, I think that's a dis... I think that's a disservice. If you're talking about the legislation, all this legislation really deals with is the way it's prorated. According to the numbers that you're saying, the communities that... the districts that will lose money would be that 17.5. If there's a hold harmless provision attached to it, that is the 16.5 that you're referring to. So, it's kinda... what you're saying is... is a little incorrect because there are two... it's really two separate issues."

Eddy: "Okay. So, it costs \$41 million to fund the ramp up, the increase to the... to the DHS count and it costs additional money to hold the others harmless. So, in... at least, if the others aren't held harmless, this takes \$41 million to fund in next year's budget, to fund the changeover? As a separate issue... if ya wanna separate'em out, it costs \$41 million to change over to the DHS count?"

Miller: "Yeah, the cost would be 41 million."

Eddy: "Okay. The Governor has..."

Miller: "With a net..."

Eddy: "...indicated that there will be approximately \$400 million... new dollars for education. So, this would have to come out of that \$400 million?"

Miller: "Well, this Bill, Representative Eddy, has no fiscal impact."

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Eddy: "It... it has to be funded, though, and it's new money that would be required to fund the \$41 million. So, wouldn't it have an impact on the priority of that 400 million or that 400 million being at least this much dedicated toward the poverty grant?"

Miller: "Well, I think... I think that's up to the final appropriations. I mean, I think if anything, like I said, one of my districts is targeted to lose money according to this. I, of all people, would not wish Ford Heights to lose a dime in any type of state aid or fund... funding formula. The difference is that at the end of the day, okay, that whatever is decided, whether it would be the difference... the difference within the hold harmless was 60 percent. If it was fully funded, it would be the 16.5 million. So, it just dep... depends on what the final appropriation's gonna be."

Eddy: "But, the bottom line is it has to come from somewhere. \$41 million has to come from somewhere to fund the count. Whether it comes from the 400 million, whether it comes from a separate appropriation, it has to come from somewhere."

Miller: "Well, I can sit here and we can discuss educational funding, but I'm trying to deal with the Bill that I've filed in the... in the House here, which has nothing to do with the phase-in."

Eddy: "So..."

Miller: "It has a way to do the..."

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Eddy: "...the other provision to this Bill is that the general state aid... general state aid the school districts get would also be prorated and not just the poverty?"

Miller: "Yes."

Eddy: "So, it is possible that school districts will lose general state aid that they otherwise would get because it would be prorated to cover the poverty grant funding?"

Miller: "That... that is possible, yes."

Eddy: "So..."

Miller: "Yeah, that's why... you're absolutely right. That's why... you know, the goal is obviously to fully fund and to make sure that no school loses money."

Eddy: "Schools..."

Miller: "I think... I think that's what you're trying to get at."

Eddy: "Yeah, exactly."

Miller: "And I thi..."

Eddy: "And school districts then... some school districts could lose poverty grant funding on the switch over if it's not funded with a hold harmless and because we are... are going to prorate general state aid under this Bill, those same school districts could also lose general state aid unless there's a funding source that's dedicated... dedicated to making sure those losses don't occur, such as a hold harmless."

Miller: "Yeah, well, the... you keep bringing up the hold harmless. But, in prior years before this... to answer the question, the answer is 'yes'. In prior years before this, the General... General Assembly would a... would approve a

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supplemental appropriations if they were short in the general state aid. Essentially, what this is coming from is the poverty grant. And so, we're... this legislation is saying that we don't wish to prorate the poverty grant because it does affect it. The phase-out program that you referred to is a different matter."

Eddy: "Right. There are districts that are... are losing now because of the proration, but they're losing to the switch-over. What they... what they would be getting in the switch-over they're losing because of the proration. And that's what you're trying to correct and I understand that."

Miller: "Yeah, they're losing... they're losing because of the phase-in portion, not... not because of the proration."

Eddy: "And I want to make it clear, I... I support the concept of funding and the changeover to that count because it is more accurate. The problem I have with it is the potential for the loss of revenue to the districts as we prorate general state aid to... at the same rate we're doin' poverty, we are actually taking a chance that there will be funding on this. Do you plan to... to add an Amendment to this that would take care of that or... or make it subject to an appropriation such as that?"

Miller: "I'm sorry, repeat the last part of your statement."

Eddy: "Are... are... are you planning an Amendment that would make the... the funding of this subject to a separate appropriations that would hold districts harmless before this moves?"

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Miller: "Well, I think the intention last year was that no school district will lose money. There... as... as we... as the legislation passed last year there was a phase-down program. I understand there are communities... districts that would lose money significantly. As I said, mine... one of my school districts being one of 'em. It is in every intent that I have is to make sure that those school districts don't lose money... don't lose money. However, once again, I said any Member of this General Assembly that wishes to add on their own legislation through a shell Bill or whatever dealing with a hold harmless clause, I'd be more than happy to put my name as a... as a line Sponsor on it. And so, once again, we're talking about two separate issues. I share the same concern as you and would reach out to the other side of the aisle to those Members who are sensitive to this to say, let's work together to try to make sure that any school districts, regardless of the location, doesn't lose any funding."

Eddy: "Representative, thank you very much. I appreciate the answers to the questions. To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Eddy: "I... I... I sincerely appreciate the intent of this legislation, it... it does two things. It changes the way we count for poverty count and it does it in a manner that is... That Bill, excuse me, has already passed. That... that we now will count poverty students in a more accurate and timely manner. And I support that concept. I cannot, though, support legislation that has the potential,

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especially in school districts that count on the poverty money they're receiving, to one, receive less of that money or two, have their general state aid prorated because instead of just prorating the increase in the poverty amount the districts would have gotten, we are now going to incr... or... or excuse me, we are going to prorate the state aid the school districts get as well. I just think that you need to really be careful on this. School districts in some cases will lose money and in representative districts some schools will gain and some schools will lose. And I... I would just watch this very carefully and check your districts before voting positive on this. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill. This is a Bill that's a long time coming. The Gentleman has worked very hard and long on it. And he's put a Bill together that's very complicated, but has a very long list of proponents. Some of whom don't even get along with each other all that well most of the time. And so, for him to be able to put this Bill together was monumental and because of that and because no one knows how difficult the funding is for schools in... in impoverished areas better than Representative Miller who comes from one of those areas, represents many of those areas, I think the Gentleman deserves our support. And I would recommend your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Jerry Mitchell."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Mitchell, J.: "David, again, I... I commend you for the work that you've done on this, there's no question about it. That... that sooner or later as we move ahead and try to solve the problems of funding with schools in the State of Illinois, this is an important piece. And certainly, funding the poverty level at 100 percent which is what should have been done anyway, we've got to stop prorating everything and we've gotta see how much you actually cost and then we've gotta go after the money. However, without a hold harmless or a partial hold harmless, there are many districts that are going to get hurt. My only question for you is, you can't separate the two issues, they are not two separate issues. One works with the other. We cannot get the foundation level up to the level that we need in order to this not to have a... a... a situation where over 300 districts lose money. Would you be willing to allow us to help and to work with the Senate Sponsor of this Bill to work on an Amendment that... that should be compatible with this... should not hurt it being passed? But, then allow those districts that need a hold harmless and I'm not saying 100 percent hold harmless, we have to slowly but surely get rid of the hold harmless. But, going from 100 percent to 66.5 percent is going to be very, very traumatic to many, many districts, not just downstate, but suburban districts and downstate. So, if... if you are amenable... amenable to your

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Senate colleague working with us to get an Amendment that would take care of this problem, I think you'll find that there's strong support for your Bill. But, without that there's... there's many concerns on both sides of the aisle as they look at the printouts."

Speaker Hannig: "Was that a question, Representative?"

Mitchell, J.: "Well, David and I think it is."

Speaker Hannig: "Yeah, so, Representative Miller, would you like to answer the question?"

Miller: "As we've had discussions, Representative Mitchell, on this, I have said that I would work with the Senate Sponsor in regards to a possible hold harmless. The last thing, I mean... the last thing I would want to see is the poorest of poor school districts in the poorest community get hurt. And I understand the impli... the implications of it as the numbers just pan out. I think what... part of the... part of the issue I have with... is the fact that I still think and we can debate this at another forum, is that it's still, I mean, when you talk about educational funding we can also bring up property tax, we can bring up, you know, general state... poverty grant, we can bring up special ed, we can bring up categoricals. There's a whole mixture of this. And so, to sit here to say that... that this relates to this is... is... I think is... is a little disservice. But regardless of that, I did say I would work with the Senate Sponsor to add a hold harmless or to work with them to see at what level that would ultimately be. At the end of the day, I believe whatever appropriations working with the Governor's

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Office and the... the... and the Legislative Leaders and clearly our... our... our... our House Appropriation chair to make sure that those districts don't get hurt in the long run."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Representative. To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Mitchell, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a difficult situation, but... but with the Sponsor's agreement that he will allow us to work on a hold harmless, I think this is needed legislation. Some of you may have concerns. But certainly there's enough concern across the state as you look at the printouts that I'm sure that we will get something worked out in the Senate for this Bill. The Sponsor's intent is not to harm any school district. The Sponsor's intent is to try to move us toward the full realization of the change in the poverty grant. In order to get that done, then we need this type of legislation so that we... we don't partially do what we expect it to do. What he's requesting has nothing to do with the problem, although I disagree with him that they're not related, they are related. But from his side, what he's doing is what would benefit us all if we had put the foundation level at the proper amount. No one would have been hurt. Now, I've talked to superintendents, Roger Eddy's talked to superintendents, they agree as well that if we had had that foundation level at... at 5,600 rather than where it's at, we would have been okay. So, now what we need to do is to work on a hold harmless that lets school districts down

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gently. And I don't know how else to say that. If we go to 90 percent rather 100 percent hold harmless, they're going to recoup some of that money they may have lost. They won't get it all and they understand that. But what they're saying is don't make it such a loss that it's going to put us, not on the financial watch list or warning list, but actually in bankruptcy. Nobody wants to see that happen. If we can get this worked out in the Senate then I think the intent of the legislation is good. I intend to... to vote on this with the promise from the Representative that he will work with me, with others that have a concern about school funding to make sure that no district winds up in desperate straits. We've already got problems out there and we all know that. But we've got to work toward a solution and I think this Bill helps do that. I appreciate the Sponsor's agreement to take the Bill out of the record so that we got the new numbers, so that we looked at the printouts. If you haven't seen them yet, we're more than happy to share 'em, those that have 'em. I think Representative Miller's got a copy, I have a copy, Representative Eddy has a copy, all God's children got a copy. What we... what we must do is to not let this Bill go to the Senate and ignore it. What we must do as a House, knowing that the problem's identified, is to make sure that we come up with a solution that's going to benefit those districts that are at this time losing money. Then we have to work to get that foundation level at the proper level that it is. And I know that takes money, takes willpower,

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but I think we've got the resolve to do that. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the time. Representative Miller, I support your legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Miller to close."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to commend those who had response to this legislation. I know that all of our hearts are in the right place. But it truly exemplifies the problem with educational funding here in the State of Illinois. That it's not a black problem from Ford Heights, that it's not a white problem downstate, it's not a Republican problem or a Democratic problem, it's a statewide problem that we have here. And it... until the General Assembly gets the political will to do the right thing towards educational funding, this legislation along with the other legislatat... pieces of legislation that we passed will always be a Band-Aid approach. Until the General Assembly takes the willingness and the effort to make sure that every child in the State of Illinois is properly funded and make sure that they have and deserve a quality education, we're gonna be dealing with these kind of band-aid approach. I would like to thank everybody for their consideration and urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4522 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes', 17 voting 'no'.

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And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dunkin, for what reason do you rise?"

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I'd like to take this opportunity for a point of personal privilege?"

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your point."

Dunkin: "I'd like to recognize Perspectives Charter School over to my right up in the upper gallery here. Like to give them a round of applause. And welcome to your State Capitol."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. And Representative Myers, for what reason do you rise?"

Myers: "Rise on a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Myers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today in the gallery we have students and faculty members from Western Illinois University who are here as part of a class requirement. They are members of a class called 'Inside State Government' within the honors college at Western Illinois University. They sat through several presentations this morning. Today they are... or this afternoon they're up here observing the general Session here. And I would like the Body to help me recognize and welcome the students from Western Illinois University, if they would stand, please."

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Sullivan on House Bill 4990. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4990, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4990 provides that in hearings the Property Tax Appeal Board shall not be limited to the evidence presented to the board of review of the county. Provides that a party participating in the hearing before the Property Tax Appeal Board is entitled to introduce evidence that is otherwise proper and admissible without regard to whether the evidence has been previously introduced. Basically, what this means is if you are a taxpayer and you file for an appeal before the board of review and you lose, you have the right to file with the Property Tax Appeal Board. In the past, you were able to introduce new evidence to support your case. There was an appellate court ruling called the Bosch case that has ruled that we were gonna make that more like the appellate review and so new evidence would not be admissible. Only thing that this does is allow you to bring new evidence before the Property Tax Appeal Board. I'd be willing to take any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 4990. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. Excus... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On

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this question, there are 115 voting 'no'... excuse me, 115 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Younge, would you like us to read House Bill 4116? Mr. Clerk, would you read the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4116, a Bill for an Act in relation to homeless persons. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Younge."

Younge: "Thank you. This Bill... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill, House Bill 4116, establishes a Bill of Rights for the homeless. Amendment #1 is the Department of Human Rights' Amendment and with the adoption of that Amendment it supports the Bill. The Amendment would require the Department of Human Rights to enforce the rights of the homeless and... and then Amendment #2 includes the right to vote, regardless of what the election laws say. The Bill of Rights includes the right to live... for the homeless includes the right to live in any community in this state in which they can afford to live in. The right to choose the type of living arrangements, the right to employment and training programs, the right to access to emergency medical facilities, the right to manage their own finances, except in a case where the person voluntarily signs a written agreement saying that these finances are to be handled by somebody else or except in the case where the person has been adjudicated to be incompetent, the right not to be coerced because of not taking any medication. In

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case of a group living arrangement, the... a homeless person has the right to know what the checks are and sign them. And a homeless person has the right to vote and it shouldn't be denied because of... there's no permanent residence, the right to visita... visitation of family members and the right to receive public services. I think it's important to set a standard of conduct for homeless people. Right now, there are between 16 and 30 thousand homeless. And many of them find themselves subject to arrest merely because they are homeless. In addition, the depart... added to the Department of Human Rights, the statute, is the prohibition against unlawful discrimination based on housing status. You can't discriminate just because a person is homeless. I move for the passage of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 4116. And on that question, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will yield."

Parke: "Representative, last year you passed House Bill 2608 which 31 Members voted 'against' and 8 voted 'present'. How is this different than the Bill you passed because our analysis shows this is not much different than the one you passed last year? How... why are you putting in a new one?"

Younge: "This Bill is agreed to by the Department of Human Rights. Was that... was that House Bill signed into law?"

Parke: "Yes, it was."

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Younge: "Well, I... I don't have the provisions of it before me and so I'm not able to comment about that at this time. It's important that there be a Bill that the Department of Human Services agrees to. It has agreed to this one and it would enforce the rights of... of the homeless. And so we're taking up this Bill."

Parke: "Thank you. I... I made a mistake, I said that it had been signed into law, it had not, it stayed in the Senate Rules. But you said the Illinois Department of Human Rights was in favor of this, but our note says it's still opposed. Is that your understanding?"

Younge: "The Department of Human Rights wrote Amendment #1 and with the adoption... and the Amendment has been adopted, this Amendment the department supports the Bill. And the Amendment basis... basically places the responsibility on the Department of Human Rights to enforce the civil rights of... of the homeless."

Parke: "So, you're saying... well, all right, the Department of Human Rights is not opposed any longer, is that your understanding?"

Younge: "No."

Parke: "They're not?"

Younge: "They're not opposed to the Bill, no."

Parke: "Okay. The Illinois Manufacturers are still opposed because of some of the language in here and regarding employment. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

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Parke: "I am... this is very similar to the Sponsor's legislation last year where 39 Members did not vote for this. The... I just don't think that... I think there's lots of problems with the the legislation. And I think it opens the door for people who may say they're homeless, but might by voting from one location where they're domiciled and actually going to some kind of a shelter saying they're not registered somewhere else and they're homeless and they want to register them to vote again. I think this opens the door for a lot of voter fraud and I sympathize what the... what the Sponsor's trying to do. But I think that the downside of this is greater than the upside. And I would ask the Members to take a good, hard look at this. I am opposed to this and would ask the Body to vote against this legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I'm from Lake."

Speaker Hannig: "Excuse me, Representative..."

Washington: "That's all right."

Speaker Hannig: "...the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Washington."

Washington: "That's okay, thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "I didn't have my glasses on."

Washington: "That's all right, no... Sir, no problem. Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she will."

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Washington: "As a past director of a homeless shelter, referred as the Staben Center in my town of Waukegan, I want to commend... I want to commend my colleague, Ms. Younge, for wanting to do for the least of these. Because the homeless definitely need a Bill of Right, no doubt in my mind about it. I've dealt with those issues and I disagree with my colleague over to the right. I think that it's more of an upside than a downside. And if I'm right... if history serves me right, most of the voters fraud that I've ever seen or read about had nothing to do with homeless people whatsoever. So, I think that's... that's not in and of itself totally an accurate portrayal of what could happen if those of us here would recognize that homeless individuals have to have a mailing address in order to be eligible to register to vote. I think you ought to be commended, Ms. Younge, for including a class... a subclass that probably will always be a societal problem. But I want to raise a question. You did say that they would have to have a mailing address, did I understand that correctly?"

Younge: "Yes. The way some jurisdiction handled it is that if there is a previous registration then a provisional voting can take place, based on the fact that the person lived at an address at a particular time. And if they check that out to see... if the voting authorities check out that there is a previous registration, they will permit them to vote."

Washington: "So, that's a safeguard to insure the integrity of the process?"

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Younge: "That's correct."

Washington: "To the Bill, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Washington: "I would hopefully urge my colleagues are listening not only with their physical ears, but with their heart because many time we run across people who seem wonderless in the street who have been disconnected for whatever the many reasons are to society. And as I stated being a director of a homeless shelter, not only in the shelter were people who fell on hard times, but I had lawyers and doctors under my care who were professionals that you never would profile as someone that would be homeless. So, I urge my colleagues to support this particular legislation. And I thank Representative Younge for bringing us an opportunity to do so."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Black: "Representative, in the Bill if you look on page 1, under Section 10, Bill of Rights, on line 24, number 2, it says, 'A person shall have the right to choose a type of living arrangement in accordance with local regulations without harassment or interference from any other citizen or from any public or private entity.' What... what right are you giving people that they don't already have if they're in abidance... if they abide by local regulations?"

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Younge: "Well, that... that... that's the point. There... there are local regulations, but they're being violated. Homeless people are not given the right to the types of living arrangements that they're entitled to, that's the whole point."

Black: "What... what are they entitled to? What... what am I entitled to?"

Younge: "You're entitled to... homeless people are entitled to the rental of premises that they can afford, regardless of the fact that they may be homeless. If they can afford the facility then they have a right to it. The fact that they are homeless should not bar them... should bar them from unlawful discrimination because housing status is... is added as another unlawful discrimination reason."

Black: "Representative, the language in the Bill says nothing about that. It simply says, 'the right to choose a type of living arrangement in accordance with local regulations without harassment.' So, if they are living in a house or apartment, manufactured home, mobile home, in accordance with all local regulations, then what rights don't they have that I have?"

Younge: "Well, what is happening is that people are being... homeless people are being denied the opportunity to rent places because they are homeless. And this is a Bill of Right to prevent that, to say that we want fair and open treatment of people and they shouldn't be discriminated against just because they're homeless."

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Black: "Well, for example, if I read this literally, if I can afford an apartment, whether I'm homeless or not, I assume that I have access to the apartment, correct?"

Younge: "People who are homeless are being discriminated against... when they get money or have money for an apartment they're being discriminated against and they can't get them. And that's the whole purpose of... of this Bill. To protect their rights."

Black: "Well, Representative, that... I... I... I'm not sure what that really means in the actual world. Let me... let me just try one more. On line 28, number 3, 'The right to employment and training opportunities in accordance with his or her interests and abilities.' Now, how... how can this or any document guarantee someone the right to employment?"

Younge: "Well, the thing is we spend a great deal of time and effort in setting up programs for training and employment to help people. This is a declaration of our intent that a person will not be denied those rights to participate in those programs merely because they are homeless. And that needs to be put in writing and it needs to be for the way we let the whole world know that that is our feeling. Because people who are homeless are being jailed, they're being arrested, they're being denied the programs. And in this Bill's intention is to state positively what the rights of these people are. They're being mistreated because they're hated. And... and we need to have a standard of conduct that prevents this kind of inhuman treatment of

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the homeless. About 40 percent of the homeless are mentally ill."

Black: "Representative..."

Younge: "And they need to be..."

Black: "...Representative, excuse me, just a second. I'm not talking about homeless. Number three says and I quote, 'The right to employment.' I am not aware that anybody in this country has a right to employment. If that's the case, I know an awful lot of people in this country would... would like to say that is a right. It is not a right. How do you intend to make it a 'right to employment'?"

Younge: "The section starts by saying, 'that no person's rights, privileges and... or access to public services shall be denied merely because they're homeless.' And..."

Black: "In Section 3, line 28, how do you define the right to employment?"

Younge: "You define it by believing that a person should not be denied a job just because he's homeless. But we're defining the fact that we want homeless people in training programs. We want them to have jobs because they are homeless 'cause they don't have any money. And so, we want to protect them in reference to their rights to employment and..."

Black: "Representative, the hundreds of workers..."

Younge: "...training."

Black: "...that were laid off when the Fannie Mae Candy Company closed in Chicago, a beloved institution. My father gave my mother Fannie Mae Candy for Valentine's for as long as I

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could remember. Now, Fannie Mae Candy Company went bankrupt, I believe it was 880 more people lost their job. Now, if... if you extrapolate this, I assume that those people would have a right to employment. But how does that work? I mean in the real world, how can you say to anybody, you have a right to employment?"

Younge: "In the real world if one of those persons became homeless... what this does, it says that you shall not deny work to that person merely because they're home... homeless. The point is to... to state in writing a... a standard of conduct as to how we want homeless people treated. A lot... extraordinary amounts and resources of this state go for our programs. There's a whole class of people out there that are walking around that have no place to stay. And we should want to be satisfied that we have set a standard of conduct by the people who implement these laws. And that is the whole purpose of this Bill of Rights for the homeless. And we should not draw up and not give them that right."

Black: "All right. Representative, thank you very much. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "To the Bill."

Black: "I have worked with this Representative for many years, I have been to committee meetings in her district and she has been to committee meetings in mine. No one works any harder than she does and no one has a bigger heart than Representative Younge. But Ladies and Gentlemen, sometimes

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in this process you have to look beyond what's on the board, excuse me, and you have to look beyond what the title of a Bill may be. This Bill is entitled 'A Bill of Rights for the homeless'. Doesn't have anything to do with intent, doesn't have anything to do with what you want to happen, it establishes a Bill of Rights. And then laws must follow to implement that Bill of Rights. I would simply say, in all due respect to the Sponsor and those who intend to vote for this Bill, in the more than 230 years that this country has been in... organized as a representative democracy we have only passed to our Constitution of the United States of America one Bill of Rights. Just one. And it has been a constant struggle over the 230 plus years that we live up to those enumerated Bill of Rights in the Constitution. Many laws have been passed over the decades trying to make sure that those 10 Amendments to the Constitution that we know as the Bill of Rights are enforced. Now, we are going to create a separate Bill of Rights under the State of Illinois law that will be very difficult to enforce, very difficult to pass subsequent laws to bring this about and with all of the people that you know and I know that are unemployed today, if you vote for this and pass it into law you could... you will be telling a homeless person that you have a right to employment and that right may supercede the ability of someone who was laid off from a plant closure. That right may supercede that person's ability or opportunity to find employment due to a bankruptcy or a plant closure. No

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matter how well intended this is, you are creating not an intent, not a Resolution, but you are passing a Bill of Rights for the homeless people. It may be a good idea, it may have been a better idea to put it into a Resolution or a sense of the Body. But, you are creating a body of law that establishes an inalienable Bill of Rights for people who are homeless. The enforcement, the time, energy, effort and resources necessary to implement a Bill of Rights would be enormous, probably overwhelming to the social service and government agencies in the State of Illinois even if we weren't in a budget crises. I would say this should be in a Resolution form or a sense of the Body form, but I can't in good conscience after having taught American History for a number of years in the public schools, I'm very familiar with the Bill of Rights. And when you establish and set out a Bill of Rights in State Law then that must be followed. And the resources that will be necessary to implement a Bill of Rights for the homeless will be immense. And if you vote for this, I assume you will be willing to put your vote on whatever may be necessary to support and implement and pay for these services because one vote without the other is shallow and hypocritical. I cannot in good conscience vote for this Bill because I know I am not willing and the state has not the resources to adopt and implement a Bill of Rights for the homeless. A Resolution I would Cosponsor, a sense of the Body, I would Cosponsor. But there has been one Bill of Rights to the Constitution in our illustrious history, I

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don't think Illinois needs to be the very first state to enumerate a Bill of Rights for the homeless. Where would it end? A Bill of Rights for the middle class? A Bill of Rights for those who have been laid off? A Bill of Rights for those who are disabled? A Bill of Rights... we have a Bill of Rights in this country and we should be focusing our energies, our efforts and our money and our resources to see to it that that brilliant document that our forefathers gave us is fully implemented and made available to everyone in this country. This Bill I do not believe does that, in fact, it flies in conflict. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Bill. I heard the previous speaker who I have great respect for. But as a historian and as a teacher of history in invoking our Constitution, he talked about a Bill of Rights, but he didn't talk about the underlying Constitution where we talk about the inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And that's what this Bill is about. Because, but for the grace of God go all of us. And I'm telling you we have a lot of homeless people and people don't want to talk about it. Homeless don't vote, they're not a strong constituency, they don't give you any money to your elections. But, every one of us have an obligation to those people because how we are judged as a society is how we treat those who are the weakest. And what this Representative is trying to

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do is both morally right and something that should have been done a long time ago. So, don't get confused when you hear about a Bill of Rights when we already have the Constitution that's saying that we should be doing these type of things. I tell you in my county, McHenry County, which is a affluent county, we have a PAD... many PAD shelters. My... our farm is used for one of those shelters on Friday nights. And oftentimes we feed 45 people on Friday nights, many of them children with no homes. We all should be able to have a job and that is a right in this country. We should have the ability to be able to try to get a job. You're not guaranteeing anybody a job, you're just guaranteeing them the chance to try. And that's what this does. This should have 118 votes."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Graham."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Having coming... having come from a social services background dealing with homeless women and men with children and managing a budget for housing, I think the... the intent... to the Bill. To the... I think the intent of what the Sponsor is after is not to guarantee the homeless person a right to... to a job just by saying, he's homeless and he deserves a right to be employed. This is about when a person walks into an office building and may be qualified to do a job of sweeping the floors, but the employer asks the question, 'Where do you live?'. And based on what that individual says the employer may take in his mind and say, 'He doesn't have a place of residence, is he reliable, can

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he get to work on time?' He puts all these other factions... he draws these conclusions and determines whether or not this man can get to work on time versus looking at the individual's qualifications. Remember back in the day when women had babies and their babies... they started asking, 'Well, how... do you have a family? Do you have kids?' So, they stopped employing women or slowing down the fact because they were afraid that women were not gonna be able to report to work because they had babies. The babies are gonna get sick, they're gonna to miss work, they're gonna miss this, they're gonna to miss that. This is what the intent of this legislation is. She's not saying, give them a job just because they're homeless. She's saying that this homeless person when they walk into the door they're already discounted because they can't put on the resume like we can, I live 300 North Pine, Chicago, Illinois, 60644 on the second floor. He can't say that. He might have to say he live in Mother Theresa's shelter. And based on that the employer says, 'Oh, he doesn't have any stability, we can't employee him.' When that homeless person is in fact seeking stability. So, when we say that based on the fact that he's just homeless, don't employee him, we're taking away an opportunity for him to be self-sufficient. This Bill is just asking people not to look at the fact that they don't have a place to stay. Look at their qualifications. Are they qualified to sweep the floor? Are they qualified to wash dishes? That's what this Bill is all about. It's just not forcing people out

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of employment. I understand. This is two separate dea... issues. The people who were laid off, that's a diff... that's a different set of circumstances. They were laid off because a plant closed, not because they were unqualified. They can go out and get another job and not be faced with the same challenges that a homeless person is faced with because they have a home. They have an address that they can put on a piece of paper that will make them instantly acceptable. And then their qualifications will come into play second. But, this... a homeless person... where he lives will be the first thing that they look at versus his qualifications. I urge everybody to take a set... to take a look in their hearts and vote 'aye' on this piece of legislation. It has no intentions of putting them in front of anybody else, it's simply saying if they're qualified to do the job don't let the employer do the analyzation of whether or not he can take this job because he's looking at the fact of whether he's... he's stable or not. I urge this comm... this Body to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd move the previous question."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved the previous question. The question is, 'Shall the main question be put?' All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The main question is put. Representative Younge to close."

Younge: "The Department of Human Rights has estimated that the financial or fiscal effect of this would be minimal. And

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I... this is just a good thing to do. It's morally right and it... we know that there are bad attitudes against the homeless. We have a duty to state that this is the level of conduct that we expect in reference to the programs that we provide. And I ask for your support in this matter."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for passage of House Bill 4116. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Representative Wait, would you like to record yourself? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 60 voting 'yes', 55 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 6954?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6954, a Bill for an Act concerning school students. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Wait."

Wait: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 6954 is the Safe To Learn Bill. Basically, there's supposed to be... the new Federal Law is supposed to come out with money for education and to make sure we can get the kids to school safely. So, this would be to tie in when and if we get the new federal money and the new T-Bill. I'd be happy to answer any questions. There's no opposition to this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 6954. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed

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'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no' and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 4227 for Representative Watson."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4227, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4227 basically encourages the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to keep a website which will encourage the purchase of Illinois-made products. This... this Bill does give DCEO the flexibility to use any existing websites they have and then to grow the program as... as revenues and sources become available. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for passage of House Bill 4227. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Daniels. Okay. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional

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Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 4229."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4229, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4229 is simply a cleanup regarding the continuing ed requirements for pro... profusionists in the state. This is brought to me by the association in conjunction with the Department of Professional Regulation. And I would ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 5157. Representative Watson."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5157, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a Bill that... it's gonna be shelled or it's a shell Bill that I've worked with Representative Currie to

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put the checkoffs... all checkoffs. Once we get a handle on how many there are we will come back together and put these... put all the checkoffs on... on one Bill. So, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then the question... the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Molaro: "Do we have assurances from the Sponsor that it... this shell Bill will only be used for the checkoffs for veterans' homes?"

Watson: "Absolutely."

Molaro: "Thank you."

Watson: "You're welcome."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Dugan. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 100 voting 'yes', 16 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 5025? Representative Brady."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5025, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. Three... Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady."

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Brady: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 5025 is a Bill that has been shelled and we're asking to be able to move to the Senate so we can continue working on negotiations with the Illinois funeral directors and cemeterians. The Bill would, hopefully, set up a uniformed standards and regulations. But, the Bill will be... is shelled and will be moved out and worked on in the Senate. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Representative, I was served in... I was on... in committee the day that that... that this Bill came... came forward and it was my recollection that this... that you had hoped to reach an agreement and you would only move the Bill forward if it's an agreed Bill. If... if it comes back from the Senate, could we... would the same deal hold that it would be an agreed Bill by the time we got it back here?"

Brady: "My... to date, Representative, I've had at least one meeting with all parties concerned, we are continuing on... on the language end of things and it would come back from the Senate it would be a Amendment that we can all agree to and live with. So, we're just trying to get it... we shelled it for that purpose to get it to the Senate. And certainly will continue as I indicated in committee to try and find a common ground for both parties involved."

Nekritz: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed

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'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Slone, would you like to be recorded? Okay. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 89 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no' and 3 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of House Bill 4635?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4635 is on the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. We want re... we want it to rem... Okay, so, Mr. Clerk, would you return this Bill to the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor? We're now gonna do a series of Second Reading Bills. So, if you could help the Chair by indicating if want us to move forward that could... that can help us move along. On page 7 of the Calendar is House Bill 5875. Representative Berrios, would you like us to move that Bill? Second to Third, Representative Berrios? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5875 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Black, would you like us to move House Bill 4055? From Second to Third?"

Black: "Thank you very much... Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Floor Amendment #2 was suggested by..."

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Speaker Hannig: "Excuse me, Representative... Representative, we need to read the Bill first."

Black: "Oh..."

Speaker Hannig: "I'm sorry."

Black: "...of course, my..."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4055, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #2... No Committee Amendments. Amendment #2, offered by Representative Black, was approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. And now, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #2 was suggested by the House Democrat technical review staff and I... it makes imminent good sense. All it says that if there is a conservation district should this Bill become law that applies for a special use permit to serve alcohol, that permit must be issued by the unit of government in which the property exists. If it's in the county, it will be issued by the county. If it's in the city, it will be issued by the city. That's all Amendment #2 does and I would welcome any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "All in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz on House Bill 6577, can we... Okay. So, there... Representative Feigenholtz, I apologize, there's still note requests on this Bill. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4958 for Representative Bost?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4958, a Bill for an Act concerning fire protection. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Mr. Clerk, we just recently moved House Bill 5875 to Third Reading. The Sponsor requests that we return that to the Order of Second Reading. Representative Cross on House Bill 3975. Okay. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3975, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Sacia on House Bill 6583. 6583. Are we ready? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6583, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative... Representative Giles, are you ready on House Bill 5041? Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 5890?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5890, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulations. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Giles, did you want us to move House Bill 5041 from Second to Third? From Second to Third? Okay. Out of the record. Representative Graham on House Bill 6769. No. Out of the record. Representative Hamos on House Bill 4099 from Second to Third? I'm sorry, Representative Hamos, is that a Bill you wanted to move? Okay. Out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Rep... Representative Joyce on House Bill 4017, is that a Bill you'd like to move from Second to Third? Not at this time. Out of the record. Representative McCarthy on House Bill 5018. Is that a Bill you'd like to move from Second to Third, Representative? Would you... Oh, excuse me, Representative. Okay. Out of the record. Representative McGuire on House Bill 4837, would you like to move that from Second to Third? Out of the record. Representative Mendoza... Representative Reitz on House Bill 4883. Out of the record. Representative Rita. Okay. How about Representative Ryg? Representative Ryg on House Bill 4622? No. Out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Slone... Representative Slone on House Bill 4850. Would you like us to move that from Second to Third? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4850, a Bill for an Act concerning sewage disposal. Second Reading of this House Bill.

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. And Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 6848? Okay. Out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Representative Rita, did you want us to move 6632? Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 6632."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6632, a Bill for an Act regarding schools. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #3 will become the Bill. There was some technical changes that we had to work out. And what it does is add some dates and... and a cap of 25 million from the Governor's Office. So, it was agreed upon. This deals with the double whammy school funding for tax capped school districts. Like to adopt it."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Turner, Art Turner on House Bill 4929 from Second to... Second to Third, Representative? Out of the record. How about Rep... Mr. Turner on House Bill 4964? From Second to Third? Out of the record. Or House Bill 5130, Representative Turner?"

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Oh, wait a minute, you want us to come back to 4964? Mr. Clerk, would you return to 4964 and read the Bill, please?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4964, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. On 4964, Third Reading. And then Representative Yarbrough on House Bill 4302. Excuse... excuse me, Representative Black, was you seeking recognition?"

Black: "Yeah, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. On 4964 was it the intent of Representative Turner to move that Bill to Third? Our notes indicate we were awaiting an Amendment?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Turner, did you wish that to be returned to Second? Representative Turner."

Turner: "Mr. Speaker, bring the Bill back to Second. I'll talk to Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. So, Mr. Clerk, just to clarify. Representative Turner asks that House Bill 4964 be returned to the Order of Second Reading. And now, Representative Yarbrough on House Bill 4302. And that's out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. Or House Bill 4439, Representative Yarbrough? Mr. Clerk, read that Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4439, a Bill for an Act in relation to human rights. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by

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Representative Yarbrough, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Mr. Speaker, that Amendment was adopted in committee."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... Mr. Clerk, is... she..."

Yarbrough: "Okay. The Amendment... go ahead."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, is... this is a Floor Amendment #1, is that correct? Okay. So, this is the Floor Amendment, Representative."

Yarbrough: "Okay. This Amendment changes the Bill in three ways. The first change is the Amendment makes... defines a 'housing authority' as either a housing authority created under the Housing Authority Act or the U.S. Housing Act of 1937. The second change is that the Amendment makes also as... as a request of the Chicago... Chicago Housing Authority. This change is to exempt the City of Chicago Housing Authority from... from any requirement to lease or rent a unit of housing to a perspective tenant who is receiving subsidies or vouchers in connection with the Federal Housing Choice Voucher. And the third change exempts communities outside of Chicago that are saturated with 3 percent or more with affordable housing. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "And on that question, Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

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Franks: "Representative, I had a handout from the Illinois Realtors Association and I tried to give them a call and they haven't called me back. And I'd like to know... because they say in their handout that your Bill now is actually requiring people to rent to Section 8 housing. Is that... is that the intent of your Bill?"

Yarbrough: "No, it is not. That doesn't have anything really to do with the Amendment, Representative. But people can use the same criteria that they use... like credit checks or background checks or what have you. They do not have to rent to Section 8 people."

Franks: "Will anything in this Bill mandate individuals to have to rent to people in Section 8 housing?"

Yarbrough: "Absolutely not."

Franks: "So... so, what does this Bill do?"

Yarbrough: "Okay. The... the Bill prevents discrimination based on source of income. So, that would mean if a person had an SS... was... had SSI or if they had a Housing Choice Voucher or if they were a migrant worker where they get paid in cash, anything that is a lawful source of income."

Franks: "Can I..."

Yarbrough: "What we're trying to do with this Bill is simply prevent somebody from... when they show up at the door with... with whatever form of lawful income that they have, that they won't just tell 'em no just figuring that, you know, that they're not desirable tenants."

Franks: "If I was a landlord, could I still turn somebody down if they happen to be Section 8? Because if... let's say I

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did a credit check and the credit check shows they've been late in payments on other bills. And regardless of their source of income, I don't care, but if they've been late with their payments would I be able to say, 'No, I'm not gonna rent to you.'"

Yarbrough: "Absolutely. You can tell 'em no and not rent to them."

Franks: "Thank you very much."

Yarbrough: "You're welcome."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will tell you that this..."

Speaker Hannig: "On the Amendment."

Parke: "...well, I'm gonna... this... Does the Amendment become the Bill, Representative?"

Yarbrough: "No."

Parke: "No?"

Yarbrough: "No."

Parke: "I'll wait 'til it's on Third Reading."

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Graham on the Amendment. She does not wish to speak. Is there any further discussion? Then all in favor of the Amendment say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

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Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 5045?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5045, a Bill for an Act concerning sanitary districts. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay. Let's take that out of the record. Just an announcement that there'll be a Rules Committee meeting at 3:00. So, the Rules Committee Members be prepared for a meeting at 3:00. At this time, Representative Washington moves to table House Bill 5105. And Representative McCarthy moves to table House Bill 5018. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Motions say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Bills are tabled. Representative Bailey, for what reason do you rise?"

Bailey: "Point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, state your point."

Bailey: "Mr. Speaker, thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to take this time for Delta Day to recognize distinguished women of red and white in the Speaker's gallery, my sorority sisters from Delta Sigma Theta. Would you please rise?"

Speaker Hannig: "Welcome to Springfield."

Bailey: "Also, I would like to invite each and every one of you to the Governor's Mansion for a legislative day and dinner this evening. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. You all are so nice. On the Order of Second Reading we have House Bill 3918. Representative Hannig. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3918 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Amendment is a... a proposal that the committee asked me to adopt that would provide that this service would be subject to appropriation. So, that's all it did. It was at the request of the committee. I'd ask for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment #1. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 7 of the Calendar we have House Bill 5045. Representative Hannig. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. No, out of the record. On page 12 of the Calendar we have House Bill 12... Senate Bill 1271. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1271, a Bill for an... Senate Bill 1271 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee

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Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Hannig on Amendment #1."

Hannig: "Mr. Speaker, we're gonna have to take this out of the record until I can get a copy of the Amendment. I apologize."

Speaker Turner: "That's fine. We will take that Bill out of the record, Mr. Clerk. On the Order of Third Reading, page 11, we have Repre... Representative Brauer on House Bill 4960. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4960, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Saviano, the Gentleman from Cook."

Saviano: "Thank... thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 4960 is a... is a vehicle Bill that we are currently negotiating between the Illinois Home Builders and Illinois Realtors. In fact, we're having a meeting as we're speaking in the back. We need to get this over to the Senate where we can continue our conversation. It's regarding unlicensed people who try to sell real estate. We're working through it and I'm confident we'll come up with an agreement once we get it over to the Senate. I would ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4960 pass?' All those in favor should vote

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'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Representative Howard. Howard. Representative Osterman. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there is 72 voting 'aye', 42 voting 'no' and 2 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Third Readings we have House Bill 4003, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Acevedo. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4003, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 4003 requires that the Secretary of State issue a driver's license to immigrants not eligible for Social Security numbers, if certain requirements are met. Those requirements are: an individual tax identification number to prove that they are a taxpaying immigrant, an affidavit stating that they are not eligible to get a Social Security number and they will file for an application to become a permanent citi... resident of the United States as soon as el... they are eligible to do so, surrender all illegally obtained forms of driver's license or state identification cards, provide a current foreign passport and foreign birth certificate. A driver's license issued to a person without a Social Security number must

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have a distinctly different appearance than the license issued to a person with a Social Security number. A licensee under this Bill must, within 30 days of receiving the license, provide proof of insurance to the Secretary of State. This Bill specifically states that none of the changes made affect the issuance of commercial driver's license, school bus driver's permits or state IDs. This Bill also states that a license issued under this Bill shall not be used to obtain either a firearms identification card or a driver's license in another state. This also requires that an individual provide a digital photograph and fingerprint to all other info submitted to be kept private and confidential and it will be used only to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a driver's license or has an outstanding felony arrest warrant. I'll be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Mc... McHenry, Representative Kurtz, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Kurtz: "Representative Acevedo, I have a question about training for a license. The applicant would have to go through behind the wheel and the book training before they get the license?"

Acevedo: "Yes, Representative, they will go through some... a certain amount of training and... for a driver's license to be issued. Yeah. Yes, they will."

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Kurtz: "So, do you think that this would increase safety on the road? So, would there be that many people involved?"

Acevedo: "I believe that's what this Bill is about. It's a safety issue that deals with people who are driving the rule... our roads here in the State of Illinois already that don't have driver's license, don't know the rules of the roads and this will encourage them, to make it mandatory for them to learn the rules of the road."

Kurtz: "Thank you. To the Bill. In my county, we've had several really bad accidents. One involved a coyote. A coyote is a guy that leads people that are strange to or foreigners to the country, to the United States and in this case involved this coyote who had a kind of a broken-down bus and was driving people to Schaumburg from McHenry County. And one of the people had a baby and there were some... there was a horrible accident, however, I mean it was horrible in that everything was demolished, but luckily there weren't too many injuries. Other accidents I could cite and so, therefore, I support this Bill in the name of safety."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "A question of the Sponsor. Will he yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Sponsor indicates he will."

Rose: "Representative, two quick questions. Could you repeat what you said about firearms ownership regarding this Bill?"

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Acevedo: "I'm sorry, Representative. Can you repeat the question?"

Rose: "Could you repeat what you said about firearms ownership regarding this Bill?"

Acevedo: "An individual who would be issued this type of driver's license will not be eligible to apply for a FOID card."

Rose: "What about using this driver's license in another state to purchase firearms?"

Acevedo: "Rep... Representative, I truly believe the legislation calls for the driver's license issued to an individual will... can only be used in the State of Illinois and will not be... they will not be eligible to apply for a driver's license using this certain document for a driver's license in a different state."

Rose: "You mentioned that you could not receive this if you had an... if you had an outstanding felony warrant. Is that correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Rose: "Okay. What about warrants arising from misdemeanor offenses from the Illinois Vehicle Code?"

Acevedo: "Well, Representative, this deals with law enforcement issues and I'm sure felony warrants, if there are warrants issued as far as misdemeanors go, I'm sure they'll see it issued as an outstanding warrant, so that person will... the misdemeanors will pop up and law enforcement officers are required to arrest that person."

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Rose: "I guess my question, our analysis indicates that it's for offenses arising out of 720 ILCS, which is the Criminal Code. The Vehicle Code is 625, so driving under the influence, for example, where I was a prosecutor, we oftentimes would have, you know, many people on outstanding misdemeanor and felony warrants that were arising out of the Vehicle Code not the Criminal Code. Does this address Vehicle Code issues?"

Acevedo: "I believe it would deal with any issue where a warrant is issued on an individual. I believe it's listed in Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes."

Rose: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "To the Bill."

Rose: "Ladies and Gentlemen, this does not address then the Vehicle Code issue. The Vehicle Code is 625. That means you could have someone with an outstanding warrant for driving under the influence, for fleeing and eluding, for driving under suspension, for driving under revocation, any of those offenses and some of those are misdemeanors and some of those are felonies and in any event, it would not address those issues coming out... arising under the... the Vehicle Code. I guess, I also have a little bit of trouble... The states around Illinois all have less strict gun laws than this state does, Representative. And in some of those states, in Illinois... a valid out-of-state driver's license could be used to purchase firearms and ammunition and I just hope the Body understands that when they take this vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Flowers: "Representative, does this Bill address illegal immigrants or just immigrants?"

Acevedo: "It deals with all immigrants."

Flowers: "So, as a result of dealin'... even people that are here illegally?"

Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, can we... I can barely hear her."

Speaker Turner: "Could you repeat your question, Representative?"

Flowers: "I asked, does this Bill address illegal immigrants because there's a... we're all immigrants. We're all immigrants. So, what does or who does this Bill address?"

Acevedo: "Undocumented immigrants. I believe, Representative, and maybe I might stand corrected, but currently, if you are a legal immigrant residing in this state, you are eligible to receive a driver's license."

Flowers: "Well and you know what, I'm glad you said that because in reading this legislation it only referred to immigrants. So, as a result, anyone who is eligible and a legal immigrant can apply for a driver's license. Am I correct?"

Acevedo: "What was the question, Representative?"

Flowers: "My question again, the Bill does not specifically say anything about illegal immigrants. It only refer to immigrants who are ineligible to receive a Social Security

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number. And if you are ineligible to receive a Social Security number, you can currently use your... your... there's another type of number that you can use. Am I correct about that?"

Acevedo: "An I... yes, an ITIN number."

Flowers: "Pardon me?"

Acevedo: "ITIN number."

Flowers: "I'm sorry. Mr. Speaker, can ya lower the... the volume in the House, please?"

Acevedo: "An individual tax identification number."

Flowers: "Yes. So, now, my question to you again is, what is the purpose of this legislation?"

Acevedo: "This legislation would require the Secretary of State to issue a driver's license to undocumented immigrants in the State of Illinois."

Flowers: "That's not what the Bill says. The Bill does not say that. The Bill specifically says and I need for you... You know what, I borrowed these glasses from Representative Lou Jones, so maybe I'm not seeing this right, yours to..."

Acevedo: "It would be issued to an individual who is an immigrant, who is not able to obtain a Social Security number."

Flowers: "Okay. So, we're not talking about illegal immigrants. Am I correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes. Yes, we are, Representative."

Flowers: "Show... Can you show me specifically where are we talkin' about illegal immigrants because I just want to be

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sure on how I'm going to vote on this legislation. And as a result of not being clear..."

Acevedo: "This deals with the issue of an individual who is unable to obtain a Social Security number."

Flowers: "So, let me ask you this. And Representative, I need... I'm trying to have a understanding of what it is that we're voting on here and I need your help. And if we're not talking about illegal immigrants because see, my thing is, I don't want to be discriminated against, period and I don't want to discriminate against any one. The law is the law. So, now, what are we doing with this legislation, please?"

Acevedo: "What are we... what? Speaker, I... I can barely hear her."

Speaker Turner: "Could we reduce the noise level. It's a very important issue before us. If we could reduce the noise level in the House, the Representative would appreciate it."

Flowers: "Once again, Representative, as I stated earlier, I want to do the right thing in regards to the people of the State of Illinois as well as the immigrants because we are all immigrants. I want that to be clear for the record, we are all immigrants, not unless you're an Indian."

Acevedo: "I agree."

Flowers: "Now, with that being said, this Bill addresses immigrants who are ineligible to receive a Social Security number. Now, the reason why that didn't bother me is because there... I think Representative Charles Morrow has a

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Bill that would eliminate the Social Security number from being on the front of the driver's license. So, if you don't have a Social Security number and you have your INA number, I think that's what the right acronym is, you can receive a driver's license. And the Bill goes on to say, just to, you know, make my point here, on page 16, line 3, that once you start the application, an affidavit stating that the applicant is an immigrant and not ineligible for a Social Security number and that the applicant will find... I'm sorry. The applicant will file an application to be... to become a permanent resident of the United States."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Flowers: "Is that what the Bill says?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Flowers: "Okay. So, therefore, we're talkin' about people who are eligible, am I correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes. This... this would concern people who are eligible."

Flowers: "Now, I need you..."

Acevedo: "Representative, the purpose of this legislation is to deal with the individuals who are not able to obtain a Social Security number. Now, I'm not quite understanding your question, but this is the way I'm receiving it."

Flowers: "Okay."

Acevedo: "If you're referring to... if this..."

Flowers: "Section... line 33, Section B-2. 'The Secretary of State shall issue a driver's license to an applicant who is an immigrant and ineligible for a Social Security number,

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if the applicant has: #1, provided the Secretary with an individual taxpayer identification number is lieu of... in getting the Social Security number, filed with the Secretary at the time of application an affidavit stating that the applicant is an immigrant not eligible for a Social Security number and that the applicant will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity the applicant is eligible to do so.' That's what the Bill says."

Acevedo: "So, Representative, what's your question?"

Flowers: "Well, Sir, I asked you is this Bill for people who are legal to be here and not for illegal immigrants? That is my question."

Acevedo: "The Bill deals with people who are ineligible for a Social Security number. That's exactly what the Bill states, page 6, line 16 to 17."

Flowers: "Representative, I am trying to get an understanding because I know you made some changes to the Bill. Am I correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes... yes, I did."

Flowers: "Okay. And this is Amendment #2 that has become the Bill. Am I correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Flowers: "So, now, am I reading the right language on page 6 that means that anyone that does apply for a driver's license, who is ineligible to receive a Social Security number at the time, will file an affidavit with the Secretary of State sayin' that they have or will, within a

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certain amount of time, apply for a Social Security number, #1 and #2, say they will become a citizen of these United States. Is that what this Amendment say?"

Acevedo: "No. I said a permanent resident. I didn't say a United States citizen."

Flowers: "Well, I'm sorry, permanent residents, a permanent residents. So, is that what the Bill says?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Flowers: "So, therefore, that means anyone that apply for a driver's license under this legislation must be eligible and must be able to apply for a Social Security number and the only way that they would do that is that they would be legitimately here. Am I correct?"

Acevedo: "No. You're saying eligible. It says right on page 15... on page 6, line 15, it says 'ineligible'."

Flowers: "On page 15. Well, that's what I asked you, Sir? I'm want..."

Acevedo: "Well, I'm asking you... I'm repeatin' it."

Flowers: "Okay. Page 15..."

Acevedo: "I'm sorry. I correct myself. Page 6, line 15."

Flowers: "On page 6, line 15, page 6..."

Acevedo: "Section B-2, line 15."

Flowers: "Okay. Well, you know what, would you read... read that... read it to me, please? Read to me what you're talkin' about."

Acevedo: "Representative, it's... it's right there on line 15. An applicant who is an immigrant and ineligible for a

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Social Security number, if the applicant has... Now, it's in front there. I'm not gonna go through the requirements."

Flowers: "No, no, no. No, no, no, no. Let me... let me... The only place I see ineligible is, 'surrender all illegal obtained forms of driver's license.' Now, you know, Sir, I want to support this legislation, if it's doing what I think it is doing, but you're telling me that it's not. Now, again, it says, that the Secretary of State shall issue a driver's license to an applicant who is an immigrant and ineligible for a Social Security number, if the applicant... These are the things that you gonna have to do. You're gonna have to..."

Speaker Turner: "You have two minutes left."

Flowers: "Pardon me?"

Speaker Turner: "Two minutes left on the timer."

Flowers: "I didn't know I was being..."

Speaker Turner: "It's on."

Flowers: "Oh. Well, can you start it over? I didn't know we was gonna be timed."

Speaker Turner: "You wanna continue. We've had about ten minutes debate."

Flowers: "Okay. Well, you... Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill. I do want to support the Gentleman, but the Bill spec... this Bill, Ladies and Gentlemen, according to what I've read, it talks about immigrants and it says what you will have to do once you apply for the license and the procedure. So, obviously, this Bill is not about illegal immigrants and I wish the Gentleman would help me with this

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legislation or staff... Will staff, please, come and help me with this legislation? Because I don't see what... And you know, Mr. Speaker, I wish Representative Davis would like to yield me her time because I really would like to get an understanding about what it is I'm about to vote on."

Speaker Turner: "You still have a minute left on this time."

Flowers: "But he... I... I want my minute and I want Representative Davis' minute, however minutes many and Representative Giles' minute. Anybody else wanna give me some time?"

Speaker Turner: "When they are recognized, I will let them come back to you."

Flowers: "Okay."

Speaker Turner: "There are eight... there's nine other people willing to speak on the Bill."

Flowers: "Well, okay."

Speaker Turner: "Representative... Representative Giles or Representative Davis has not been recognized at this point."

Flowers: "Okay."

Speaker Turner: "When they're recognized, if they'd care to yield, they you can proceed."

Flowers: "Thank you very much, Representative and I still have 29 seconds. But I still wanna say, Representative Acevedo, I'm trying to support you in what you're trying to do, but you're not helping me out and I just wish again staff will come and help me understand what it is that you say I'm not understanding because I don't see the word 'ineligible'

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other than for the driver's license that must be surrendered. So, again, and maybe I'll come and talk to you in between questions and I'll look forward to receiving Representative Davis' and Representative Giles' time. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "To the Members. There's approximately ten people that wanna speak on this Bill. The Bill was on Short Debate. I'm certain that there were the requisite hands to take it off of Short Debate, but we will put the timer on the Members. And if you allow everybody the opportunity to speak, the question that you may wanna ask may get asked by one of the other individuals. With that, the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I also thank the staff for repairing my microphone since yesterday. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Winters: "Representative, I believe there was testimony last night from the Illinois terrorism group. Does this Bill have anything to do with the possibility of helping Illinois' attempts to keep terrorists out of this state?"

Acevedo: "Yes, Representative. As a matter of fact, the Amendment added by Representative Winkel, who I believe had conversations with the Homeland Security Department, deals with the issue as far as keeping tabs on the... the... the individuals you are speaking of."

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Winters: "Good. So, you're... you're allowing people in our state that currently do not have a valid state ID to get that ID, use it for a driver's license and at the same time they're being fingerprinted and their photos are being made available to our counterterrorism experts to crossmatch to see if anybody is trying to illegally get into Illinois and then possibly work against our national government. Is that a fair statement?"

Acevedo: "Absolutely, Representative."

Winters: "Thank you. Also, on the FOID cards and commercial driver's licenses, will these state driver's licenses under this Bill, will those make the person eligible for a CDL or for FOID cards?"

Acevedo: "No, Representative, the driver's license issued would not make 'em eligible for a CDL or a FOID card."

Winters: "Excell... excellent. On the matter of the police agencies, will they be able to recognize this as a license of someone who does not have a Social Security number, who is not a citizen of the United States?"

Acevedo: "Yes, Representative, it deals with the issue as far as the driver's license issued to individuals will be different from driver's license who are issued to citizens of the State of Illinois."

Winters: "Either a different color, a different format, a stripe across 'em, something that will make 'em distinctly different from our... our normal driver's license."

Acevedo: "Yes, Representative, and that's up to the Secretary of State, he is the one who issues the driver's license."

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Winters: "Right. And now, the police agencies, are they in support of this Bill?"

Acevedo: "Which agencies do you refer to?"

Winters: "The State Police, the FOP, the chief of police."

Acevedo: "Representative, currently, they... they were a 'no' in the beginning, but with the Amendments added as we currently stand they are neutral on the Bill. But there are several police chiefs from different... excuse me, areas who do support the Bill."

Winters: "And many of my Bills, I would love to have people neutral, they're usually against my Bills. So, if they're neutral that... that sounds great. What's the net cost to the state? Have you addressed that issue of the additional paperwork costing the Secretary of State any additional dollars?"

Acevedo: "Representative, the official... the fiscal... the fiscal note that was given... in the beginning, the legislation called for a \$50 one-time fee, plus the \$10 annual fee and it had a three-year sunset. Amendment was added to change that number from \$15 plus the \$10 original fee. And we took away the three-year sunset which would automatically make that permanent where revenue continues coming in for many, many years instead of where the sunset was put in at three years. Now, the Secretary of State has stated he is gonna need \$12 million up front for additional employees, but with the \$50 requirement it was... the revenue that was being taken in would be 8.3 million with the \$15. That would be paid over a period of time because the money that

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is given, the additional \$15 for the one-time fee, will be put in a special fund in the Secretary of State to handle administrative costs."

Winters: "Okay. Great. Is there any provision in here to encourage the applicants for these licenses to start the application process for U.S. citizenship?"

Acevedo: "Yes. Yes, there is. I'm sorry, Representative, it's for a permanent resident."

Winters: "Excuse me? Okay, but they do have to file the paperwork to become a permanent resident then?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Winters: "Okay. Do you know of any other states... we had testimony in committee, I believe that... I believe it was Virginia, saw the number of unlicensed drivers drop dramatically. I think the figure was approximately 80 percent in reduction of uninsured drivers. Is that your memory?"

Acevedo: "Yes. Yes, Representative. And this legislation also includes a mandatory insurance policy."

Winters: "Excellent. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. I think the Sponsor has done a marvelous job on this. It's much changed from last year. I think it will get uninsured drivers off of our roads, make sure that they're properly trained. I am happy to support this Bill and have joined with Representative Acevedo as one of the Sponsors. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Burke. For what reason do you rise?"

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Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill. I rise to support this piece of legislation. As we all know in the this chamber, much has been said about this Bill and much has been misunderstood. Over the course of the debate on this issue, there have been many, many changes. I hope every Member here has taken the opportunity to review the Bill in its current form. And certainly, this is not citizenship. We are not handing out anything for free in this situation. We are asking that individuals who are our neighbors, who live in our society, who might very well be residents of our state longer than we are old, be given the opportunity to comply with some of our requirements to understand that we in Illinois can be assured that, first of all, they have automobile insurance, that they have had proper driver's education and that, in fact, they will be providing fingerprints, so we can have some documentation. I say to you, some documentation is better than none, some driver's education is better than none and certainly, some fingerprinting is better than none. This is an opportunity for those, who in fact are undocumented neighbors of ours, giving them an opportunity to comply in some fashion with what our regular documented citizens... citizenry has to do. I would say it's more of a guarantee to our residents who are legal to know that these individuals who are not leaving, they are not leaving our communities. They are coming in greater numbers, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is an opportunity for us to ensure that our constituents have

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better protections and indeed give these residents of ours not leaving the opportunity to comply in some fashion with our regular system of laws and regulations. And I would ask each and every one of my colleagues to support this Bill this afternoon."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. For what reason do you rise?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Gentleman's Bill. He's worked long and hard to make it a Bill we ought to be able to support. Now, I know some of you are gonna vote against this and you're gonna vote against this so you can go home and pander to some of your voters who don't understand this Bill, who think this is about giving illegal aliens some sort of benefits they're not entitled to. And if you wanna make that political statement, go home and do that. I guess you can go ahead and do that. But this isn't about giving illegal aliens any privileges. This is about giving the rest of us safety on the roads of the State of Illinois. This is about safety for twelve and half million Illinoisans. This is not about giving rights to anyone that doesn't have those rights. And some of you have gotten letters from your constituents or e-mails or phone calls and you've heard them say, 'oh my God, what a terrible thing, we're giving rights to illegals, just send them back, send them back.' Well, that's okay, but that's not our job, that's the Federal Government's job. What we have to do is make sure that the people that live in the State of Illinois are safe

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when they're on the roads. What we need to do is to make sure that when someone's in an accident in the State of Illinois, one of our citizens, one of our constituents, that we know who was involved in the accident so we can find that person, so we can bring that person to justice if appropriate, so that we can file a lawsuit if that person is necessary. But at least we know who these people are who are driving on the roads of the State of Illinois, that's our obligation as Legislators. Our obligation as Legislators is not to take every issue, such as this, and politicize it and go home and try to make some political hay out of it. Now, some of you are gonna say, well, ya know, the only letters and phone calls I got in my district were for people who were against this. Well, that's not a big surprise, is it? So, let's not go to the lowest common denominator of our voters who don't really understand these issues as we do, who don't really understand the depth of what this issue is all about. And so, I urge you to get past politics, to get past pandering to voters and to do the right thing to save your constituents on the roads of the State of Illinois. This is a very important Bill for public safety and I would ask for your 'green' votes."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Aguilar. For what reason do you rise?"

Aguilar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Proceed."

Aguilar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First I have just an issue when they... when they categorize these undocumented

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residents as 'illegal aliens'. Ya know, the term 'illegal' refers to an act or a thing that's harmful to society or an individual. These are residents, undocumented, but they're residents. And this country is based in the history where immigrants have built this country. And I wanna... If this is a policy issue on how to address the immigration issue in our state and overall in our country. There's an article that my brother written addressing policies that even the Federal Government recognizes undocumented residents that have civil rights. Our country is a strong and powerful economically and military. But we've been blessed with this honor because we are a gentle country, a gentle country that addresses and welcomes everybody from all walks of life. The article reads, 'We must appreciate the fact that immigrants have helped make this country great. America has always been a sanctuary for all who yearn freedom. Our fundamental goal should be to guide and direct undocumented residents to ultimately earn the privileges of citizenship. The immigration system needs to be adjusted and brought up to date for the... order to handle the current influx of immigrants. Immigration reform is a step to the right direction, however, we must first evaluate inconsistencies with our current policies and practices. The main issue at hand is that undocumented residents are viewed and considered as felons under certain laws, but are considered to have worker's rights under certain regulations. We should be working smarter instead of working harder towards creating more intelligent,

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well-rounded immigration policies. We should recognize that legislation alone becomes a cage and it is a poor substitute for morality and common sense. These undocumented residents are here to work, to pursue happiness, which is the basis of our Constitution.' Representative Acevedo, I applaud you for this... for this... for this legislation which is a vehicle... a vehicle... an instrument to help our undocumented community become better people, pursue citizenship and help 'em stay in this country to hopefully become citizens in the future. I ask for an 'aye' vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Fayette, Representative Stephens. For what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Well, I was hopeful that was for me."

Speaker Turner: "I'm sure it was. You deserve it."

Stephens: "Yeah. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Stephens: "Can you tell me why you would be ineligible to get a Social Security number?"

Acevedo: "I'm sorry. Can you repeat that, Representative?"

Speaker Turner: "He didn't hear your question."

Stephens: "Can you tell me why you would be ineligible to get a Social Security number?"

Acevedo: "Well, if you're undocumented you're ineligible to receive a Social Security number."

Stephens: "Is that the only reason?"

Acevedo: "Or some legal residents cannot even receive a Social Security number."

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Stephens: "Are there any reasons, specific reasons?"

Acevedo: "Well, that... that... that's a federal issue..."

Stephens: "I understand."

Acevedo: "...it's a federal requirement."

Stephens: "I understand. Okay. So, it's a federal issue so there's no answer. How about the insurance, can you buy insurance without a Social Security number?"

Acevedo: "No, not... not necessarily."

Stephens: "You can't buy insurance without a Social Security number?"

Acevedo: "No, I'm sorry, I thought you meant a driver's license. I apologize."

Stephens: "Okay. Can you buy... you can buy insurance without a Social Security number? I think... I think the answer's 'yes'. Representative, you alluded to... I thought you alluded to the fact that this was somehow antiterrorist. And was that a fair..."

Acevedo: "Well, Representative, that wasn't my statement. That was one of your colleagues on the other side of the aisle, Representative Dave Winters, had mentioned it, yes."

Stephens: "And you concurred in that. Am I right?"

Acevedo: "I concurred that..."

Stephens: "Okay."

Acevedo: "...Representative Winkel had sat down and had meetings with the Homeland Security."

Stephens: "And you concurred that there were... that this could be characterized as somehow antiterrorist?"

Acevedo: "Yes, yes, Representative."

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Stephens: "Okay."

Acevedo: "Yes, it will."

Stephens: "Well, with that in mind, if you're a fugitive from justice in say, Afghanistan, would the fingerprinting, photograph, any other documentation in the process of getting this driver's license affect or somehow help apprehend... apprehend a fugitive from justice in the country, of Afghanistan?"

Acevedo: "Well, Representative, if there's a warrant... a felony warrant issued and he has committed a felon..."

Stephens: "A felony warrant in Afghanistan..."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Stephens: "...by Afghanistan or are you referring to a American judicial system felony warrant?"

Acevedo: "I... I... I would think that if there's a warrant issued, even through the Federal Government it would be on that person's record..."

Stephens: "No, Representative..."

Acevedo: "...once he has..."

Stephens: "...I'm talking about being a fugitive from justice in Afghanistan. Would the fingerprinting or other documentation, the photograph or other documents that will be filled out, how will that affect a fugitive from justice in Afghanistan, an Afghani fugitive from justice, from his own country, who is here in Illinois?"

Acevedo: "Representative, I don't know if a warrant that is issued in Afghanistan against an individual is valid here in the United States or how..."

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Stephens: "Well, ya know..."

Acevedo: "Ya..."

Stephens: "...some terrorists come here from Afghanistan. Would... is... when would this... would these documents interact? If this guy is a fugitive or gal is a fugitive from justice in Afghanistan and they are in Illinois and they don't have a Social Security number and under this legislation apply for a driver's license and they get fingerprinted and photographed, what sort of interaction between all the systems would cause us to identify that fugitive from justice from Afghanistan?"

Acevedo: "Representative, we're dealing with Illinois offenses."

Stephens: "So, there's no interaction with the fugitive from Afghanistan. Afghanistan, other countries... is there a method for checking these fingerprints with other nations?"

Acevedo: "I would hope that the Federal Government ha... ha... does have that implemented."

Stephens: "Is there a method for getting these fingerprints from the social... from the Secretary of State's Office to the Federal Government?"

Acevedo: "If need be, yes, I'm sure any law enforcement agency would be open to or eligible to look into the records of the State Police."

Stephens: "The records of the State Police?"

Acevedo: "Yes, because they would... they would have to provide a digital photograph and a digital fingerprinting to the State Police."

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Stephens: "Who... who would provide... say that again, who would provide that?"

Acevedo: "An individual applying for a driver's license."

Stephens: "He would provide a fingerprint?"

Acevedo: "A digital fingerprint and a digital photograph."

Stephens: "What do you mean provide?"

Speaker Turner: "You got one minute."

Stephens: "Would he bring his fingers in or a fingerprint?"

Acevedo: "He would bring a fingerprint."

Stephens: "A fingerprint."

Acevedo: "I... I... would..."

Stephens: "How do we know that it matches his finger?"

Acevedo: "Pardon?"

Stephens: "How do we know it matches his finger?"

Acevedo: "Well, if that fingerprint is attached to his finger, I would think that... that fingerprint belongs to that individual."

Stephens: "Well, you just said that you just bring the digital replicate not the finger. They're not going to actually take this digital fingerprint in the Secretary of State's Office..."

Acevedo: "Okay, Representative."

Stephens: "...are they, Representative?"

Acevedo: "Let me clarify."

Stephens: "Are they going to take it into the Secretary of State's Office or not?"

Acevedo: "Yes, they are."

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Stephens: "They're going to take the digital fingerprint in the Secretary of State's Office?"

Acevedo: "And a digital photograph."

Stephens: "All right. Now, how is that interact with the judicial system or the... or the Federal Government? How will they be provided with that?"

Acevedo: "Well, the Secre... the records is provided to the State Police. Federal Government has access to records of the Illinois State Police."

Speaker Turner: "Bring your remarks to a close, Representative."

Stephens: "One other comment, Mr. Speaker. Earlier, we were... we were told by the Gentleman from Cook that the only reason we would be for... against this is so that we could go home and pander. And I would suggest that whether you're for or against this you may or may not be guilty of pandering and you might just... be just as likely be guilty of pandering to the social elitist in your neighborhood by saying, I voted for it, what an enlightened guy I am. And to say that people in your... one of our districts might not understand the Bill because they don't have the depth of knowledge that others who support the Bill have is, I believe, somewhat unfair. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Osterman. For what reason do you rise?"

Osterman: "...Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

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Osterman: "Earlier in the debates... I want to point out a couple of clarifications, if I may. The previous speaker talked about the FOID card and the ability for someone in a outlying state, who is a non-U.S. citizen, could... they use this to purchase a firearm. And under the federal statute, it's my understanding that they would not be allowed to. So, federally, we do not allow for citizens to un... illegal citizens or undocumented citizens the ability to purchase a firearm. I will point out though, that in Wisconsin, undocumented citizens have the ability to get a driver's license. If they chose to come to Illinois, under state statute and federal statute, they would also not be able to purchase firearms. So, my understanding is that this would not be a guise. We're not giving the ability for some people to... that are undocumented to have the ability to purchase a firearm. I want to point out another speaker had an issue with whether this included just undocumented citizens or other people. In Illinois today, if you get a work visa... you, as an individual, get a work visa to work in the State of Illinois, United States of America, and you bring your family along, be it your wife, your husband, a son or daughter who's over the age of 16, that has the ability to drive, the spouse or child of, would not have the ability to get a Social Security number. These are people that come along with someone who has a work visa. The person who has the work visa would have the ability to get a Social Security card and then get a driver's license, but their family members would not be able to. Those are

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people that are here in a legal status that currently cannot get an Illinois's driver's license. I wanted to make that point clear. As a number of speakers have said, this issue is about road safety in the State of Illinois. As the chairman of the task force in immigrant and refugee issues, we've had a number of hearings around the State of Illinois. There are people that have chose to make Illinois their home. And they are working every day in communities around the State of Illinois. They are gonna continue to work, regardless of the outcome of the Bill today. Do we, as a Body, elected officials, choose to have those individuals go through driver's training, get insurance, and have a legal driver's license? How many times have we seen people that have been in car accidents that did not have driver's licenses and insurance? Your own constituents, I'm sure, that have had that situation. This Bill would allow for people to get insurance, go through training, and help make our roads safer, those individuals that are living and working here today and call Illinois home. I would ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Like to remind the... our guests in the gallery that demonstrations are not permitted. The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis. For what reason do you rise? He indicates he will."

Davis, M.: "Pardon? Representative, we are speaking of undocumented residents. Is that correct?"

Acevedo: "In... in some cases, yes."

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Davis, M.: "So, when we say they're undocumented, what exactly does that mean? Does that mean they weren't born in Illinois? Does it mean that they... they crossed the border and didn't get a passport? What exactly does it mean?"

Acevedo: "Probably, it would mean all of the above."

Davis, M.: "All of the above. So..."

Acevedo: "And in some cases, Representative, not only crossin' the border because this just not deals with the country of Mexico, this deals with the country of Poland, Ireland, Asia, Ha... Haiti. This deals with..."

Davis, M.: "...so in other words, Illinois is going to say that the Federal Laws, in reference to driver's licenses, will be insignificant. That we shall, what shou... override whatever the Federal Government has stipulated. And people can come to Illinois and get a license to drive that will be used, in many cases, to support one's legal residency. Is that right, Representative?"

Acevedo: "No, I... I don't believe so."

Davis, M.: "Do you... I understand there are about 340 thousand undocumented residents in Illinois."

Acevedo: "I would say about 300 thousand."

Davis, M.: "About 3..."

Acevedo: "Es... estimate."

Davis, M.: "Where are they from?"

Acevedo: "I would say from around the world, Representative."

Davis, M.: "Equally divided?"

Acevedo: "Possibly."

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Davis, M.: "Let me ask you this, Representative. According to your legislation, they would have to show that they are who they say they are?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Davis, M.: "How... how will they do that?"

Acevedo: "Well, they have to provide a birth certificate from the foreign country, and for legal residents, a passport."

Davis, M.: "Well, of course, if they're legal... we don't even have to talk about them, do we?"

Acevedo: "Not necessarily. As Rep... the Representative who spoke earlier states that a person on a visa to work and issued a work permit here in the United States, they bring their family members over. They might have a passport. So, they, in turn, will be eligible. They must... they must provide that and a birth certificate from the country they are from."

Davis, M.: "So, I see your legislation also states that they should surrender all illegally obtained forms of driver's licenses."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Davis, M.: "So, in other words, here again there's some illegality. You're being here illegally and you've got an illegal driver's license, is that right?"

Acevedo: "Representative, currently, in most communities that have a large population of immigrants, driver's license, Social Security cards are being sold on the street corners just as frequent as drugs are being sold out on those corners."

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Davis, M.: "But that doesn't make it right, Representative."

Acevedo: "Yes, that's correct."

Davis, M.: "That doesn't make it right, does it? Let me ask you this. Will any of these drivers have DUIs from their foreign country or will we ever know?"

Acevedo: "I don't think a person is required when he arrives in this country to state that I was once convicted of a DUI. I... I would..."

Davis, M.: "But... but, Representative, if you're a United States' citizen and a resident of the State of Illinois, our laws say if you've been convicted of a DUI you may go a period of time where you can't drive. Now, what you're saying is the record of these people is unimportant, they can drive. That's what you're saying. You're saying the Illinois resident being denied the opportunity to drive is insignificant."

Acevedo: "Not... not necessarily."

Davis, M.: "But the people who come without any records... without any record, we don't know if they were imprisoned, we don't know if they were pedophiles, we don't know if they were domestic violence abuse, we don't know."

Acevedo: "Rep... Representative, let me answer your question. I mean, you're... you're going ahead of me. You asked me a question..."

Speaker Turner: "One minute."

Acevedo: "You asked me if they're required to discuss whether they received a DUI in the country where they... where they came from. When I visit other countries, it's not one of

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the requirements when I go through immigration to state that I was convicted of a DUI."

Davis, M.: "If you're seeking a driver's license, it probably is."

Acevedo: "I... I would doubt that, Representative. I... I mean, I'm not an expert on... on foreign policies, but I.. I would doubt that."

Davis, M.: "Okay. To the Bill, Mr. Speaker. With all due respect to the Sponsor, I believe that if we're a country of laws, then those laws should apply to all people. I certainly have many friends that I would like to see skirt certain laws that are placed upon them. But in my opinion, it is unfair to the rest of society who has to abide by the law. Now, if being... I won't say an illegal person or being undocumented, it takes too long to get legal. Go to the Federal Government, go and fight in Congress, lobby the Congress people to shorten the process, but don't ask the Legislators in Illinois to legalize an illegal event. It is unfair to the rest of the residents in this state. I don't know what your background is because you come with no record. You are issued a passport in a country based upon your behavior in the past. Most countries... or the United States, won't accept you if there's certain crimes. But if you come without any of this, you come with a blank page. Don't ask Illinoisans..."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Giles. For what reason do you rise?"

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Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my, I believe, ten minutes to Representative Flowers."

Speaker Turner: "I don't think you have ten, but she can get five. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Acevedo, the Bill states that you must sign an affidavit if you are applying for a driver's license. What would you use to file that affidavit to the Secretary of State's Office that you are try... that you are really an immigrant and that you're not eligible for a Social Security number?"

Acevedo: "I... I believe that would be up to the Secretary of State to have those affidavits on hand, Representative."

Flowers: "Well, there are certain... there are certain laws that... on the book alre... on the books already that state that when you sign an affidavit there are certain things that you have to do, certain proof that you have to have. So, what proof will this person have to sign this affidavit?"

Acevedo: "Well, Representative, I would think when that person goes to reissue his driver's license, if by that time they have... that individual has not filed an affidavit, which he... he is actually filing an affidav..."

Flowers: "No. Rep... Representative, you know what? I'm really trying to figure out what's going on. Because the Bill says..."

Acevedo: "I understand, Representative. And I'm trying to help you."

Flowers: "Your Bill says that at the time that you filed with the Secretary of State, at the time of application, an

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affidavit... affidavit stating that the applicant is an immigrant and not eligible for a Social Security number and that the applicant will file for an application to become a permanent resident. So, my question to you, Sir, is what will the person use to authenticate the affidavit? Let me... let me just say this...."

Acevedo: "There's... there's... I can't explain what it... I mean, an affidavit is an affidavit. You're... you're signing your signature stating that you are... you are at the... at the... as soon as you are eligible to... to become a permanent resident."

Flowers: "But Rep... Representative, the point is that you must show proof as to who you are and where you're from. So, what will you use to authenticate the affidavit?"

Acevedo: "The affidavit will be issued by the Secretary of State's Office. They will have it on hand and you will have to sign that affidavit."

Flowers: "You know... To the Bill, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House."

Speaker Turner: "To the Bill."

Flowers: "You know, I applaud what it is that you're trying to do, Representative. But there are people who are legal who cannot get a driver's license for reasons that they've done illegal things. Just yesterday, I have to say that there was a Bill passed that stated that if you are picked up by the police, you can have your DNA taken as well as your fingerprints done. You don't have to be charged with a crime. Now, mind you, the people that's applying for the

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driver's license have did something that's illegal, but yet there was... that Bill passed. There was another Bill on the floor that says if you haven't paid your fees, your driver's license... Now, I'm legal but I just forgot to pay some of my fees. My driver's license can be taken away from me. But yet, you want me to give someone who has committed an illegal act, a privilege. And... and you know what? There's... I... I agree with some of the previous speakers in regards to the Constitution and the rights, the... the very rights that people are entitled to. But driving is a privilege, and there are certain things that you must do in order to earn that privilege. And I think what we are doing here, again, is sending a bad message that it's okay to break the laws. The fundamental principle on which this country was built was that we must comply with the law. And we're saying that it's okay that you do it and then those... But let me just say this, I called the Secretary of State's Office and asked them to give me a handbook. And here they have a handbook written in Polish, one written in English, another written in Spanish. So, who is going to pay for that, Representative? Who is going to pay for the other books for the other countries of people? And how many more people are... are gonna have to be hired in order to deal with this information? And can you just answer that? And one other thing, how much is it gonna cost for the person who's going to apply for this driver's license under your Bill? How much is it gonna cost?"

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Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, she's asked me a question, she said to the Bill."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker. Mr... Well, I... I wanna ask a question, if you could just..."

Acevedo: "She said to the Bill."

Flowers: "How much will the driver's license cost?"

Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, she said to the Bill, now she wants to ask me more questions."

Speaker Turner: "Do you care to answer the question or no? Her time is up. The Gentleman refuses to answer the question. The Lady from Cook, Representative Mendoza. For what reason do you rise?"

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong support of this legislation. And let me just start by saying that I might want to remind the Body that just maybe an hour or so ago we voted on an important piece of legislation, an expungement piece of legislation. And if I recall correctly, I think every button up there was 'green'. And so, the fact of the matter is, we're saying we believe that some people do commit an illegal act and maybe they need a second chance or we need to move forward. We voted to allow those people to work. This Bill allows people to drive to work. And the only illegal activity they've done is come to this country looking for a better life and trying to incorporate into a society. By what? Working and paying taxes. These people pay taxes, let's make no mistake about this. They are here, they pay taxes, but they are many times afraid to exercise their right and to..."

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to ask for things that they deserve. I mean, quite frankly, not only do we need to be looking at creating a policy that is somewhat consistent right now with what we're hearing on a federal level, but also looking at, like many of the speakers spoke... spoke previously, not looking just for certain constituents, but all constituents. There is, of course, a social element to this that this is the right thing to do, but it's also a... a... a safety issue. I want to agree with certain Representatives who have talked about how many times have we been driving on the road, gotten into some sort of an accident, and had no recourse for legal residents or legal citizens. And so, you know, this Bill encourages us to be able to have documented people in... not in a legal sense in terms of now they can go vote, but that we know who they are, where they live. And I believe that if by having a fingerprint system involved as well, this absolutely does help in having a better grasp on who's amongst us and why their reason is for being here. Now, we can sit here and argue or try to make this seem like it's people that just crossed over the border. But you know, we have people who are Chinese, who are from Africa, who are from China... oh, I already said China, excuse me... from El Salvador, from Mexico, from Canada, you name it. Everyone comes to America because this is the land of opportunity. You know, when my parents crossed the border, I'll admit it, they came here undocumented. And my parents, other than that one law, have never in their life ever broken another law because they believe in coming to

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America to make this country better, to make this country great. And that is why I can stand here right now and try to make these arguments because most people, given the opportunity, most immigrants will... are dying, literally dying, in many cases, to be able to one day call themselves Americans. So, for us to deny them the right to better their life is so un-American on so many different levels. So people, we're talking about helping ourselves create a better society, making a safer society, doing the right thing. I don't think this is about pandering. I simply think that there are a lot of Representative who, perhaps, are undecided on what they're gonna be doing when they cast that vote, not because they don't believe it, all the opposite. I've talked to some of you and understand that some of you know that this is the right thing to do, that some of you want to vote this way but think that your constituents might have a hard time understanding. Well, a lot of times we have to come here and take votes that are hard to explain back home. But ultimately, we have an obligation to do the right thing and to be able to be the adults who were elected here to represent our people... all the people, all the people in Illinois and go back and explain to them why we voted, not just on behalf of people from Chicago or from any other corner in the state, but on their behalf and in their protection, as well. So please, vote your conscience in that regard. And if you're hesitant because my constituent might not understand, well, there's a lot of us here who are willing to work with you

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to help get that message clear to your constituency. But we do need your vote. This is one of those days where it really makes a difference whether you hit 'green' or you hit 'red'. And it doesn't make a difference for us directly here, it makes a heck of a lot of difference for legal residents, for undocumented residents, and for people who, again, their only crime has been to come to America looking and wanting a better life for them and their family and who, let me remind you again... I know I only have 20 seconds, I'll cut it now... pay taxes. They pay taxes, they pay taxes. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Like to remind the gallery that there is no demonstrations from the gallery. You will ask... be asked to leave if you continue to demonstrate. The Lady from Cook, Representative Soto. For what reason do you rise?"

Soto: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I stand in strong support of this Bill. During the summer, I participated in meetings to help shape this piece of legislation, worked together with many friends here in the General Assembly on both sides. Up to today we have continued to work together to continue to improve it. This Bill is going to help our economy, this Bill is gonna keep our roads safe, these... this Bill is gonna keep your family safe. I, wholeheartedly, ask for your... for your support. I need your strong support today, we need your support. This is a very important Bill and I urge your 'aye' votes. Thank you very much."

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Speaker Turner: "I'm gonna ask the gallery to be... The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "To the Bill."

Delgado: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly of the House, Representative Acevedo worked extremely, extremely hard in appeasing all of our concerns and making sure that we were able to talk about this angle of the Bill. Did we indeed have a way to secure a document to know who's on our highways? And if there's not document, we always said at DCFS... if it's not documented, it didn't happen. We have no clue who's working out there. Well, I... Ya know, a lot of us come from law enforcement, Eddy Acevedo... Representative Acevedo's a police officer. He's a person who knows... who's trying to say... every day when he walks up to a car, he's not sure who's in that car. And they're citizens, but he has to protect his safety. And at the same time, you want to talk about dignity, we have bent over backwards in shaping this legislation. This Representative has networked with everyone in this chamber. We've worked with the Republican side and even Senator Winkel, who was a... graced this chamber at once upon a time, and he came forward and... and helped even to create and understand in his communication with Homeland Security for our state and... and with the rest of this country in recognizing that this particular piece of legislation isn't isolated. This is being discussed all around this nation in trying to support our safety of our citizens and the sovereignty of this

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great nation. And the pro... and the point is, it's not about undocumented individuals, it's about human beings. Human beings, as previous speakers have talked about, that pay taxes. But we've gone even further. They asked for a fingerprint. Something that we don't even do. Something that if we did, some of us in that minority group would feel conde... that... that this is an insult to our being as an American person, as a human being, forgetting from what part of the world we came from. And yet, people have put that... we still did that. And we've jumped through every hurdle, every hoop in trying to compromise this legislation. And Representative Acevedo should be commended for going beyond the call of duty in shaping a piece of legislation that has really... still, this population has said, 'we'll do that.' We... if... if, indeed, we're... we're starting to even question the dignity. If... if... who would apply for this piece of le... for this driver's license? But yet, we understand the ramifications of being able to go to work, to take my loved one to the doctor, to be able to take my children to play in the parks, to be able to take'em to school safely and not worry about some kind of blue light lighting up behind 'em. We're talking about senior citizens. We're talking about young kids and, as the previous speaker spoke, about someone who... who's probably been here longer than some of us and they've contributed to our society. So, when we talk about what is it that we're trying to gain from here, these are families that want to maintain that dignity. And all they're asking

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is the respect. They are participating in all of our communities at different levels of numbers. But let's do it when it's important in this historic moment, because 10 years from now when this is passé and when everyone is onboard, then remember where you were at when you had that opportunity to make Illinois's roads safer and to bring it together. And by the way, safer, we have judges in traffic court that says this must happen. We have many, many people in law enforcement that say this must happen. But now it's up to you to be able... not to make a political vote, but to make a vote of conscience and of public safety. And let's be responsible, because anything difficult is worth doing. And let's lead this nation in terms of making sure that the rest of this country is doing the right thing. And let's talk about our brothers in California. That Governor in California vetoed his. But no, he's putting one together because he wants to deliver it. And that Gentleman is from the other side of the aisle. But I assure you as I stand here that you will see that come about. And when you do, it will be in his words. And that will be okay. So please, in your heart, use your intelligence. Let's do the right thing for Illinois. And no matter where you're from in this state, this Bill does affect..."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose. You spoke earlier in the debate. For what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "Purpose of correction... correction, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Turner: "State your correction."

Rose: "Earlier in the day, I asked the question, Representative..."

Speaker Turner: "Sorry, go ahead."

Rose: "I asked a question of Representative Acevedo regarding handgun purchases out of the state, Representative Osterman then spoke on it. Your word in this Body should be truthful, insightful. I checked my information, I was, in fact, wrong. You cannot purchase a handgun out of the state with an Illinois driver's license. So, I just wanted to correct that and I apologize for being incorrect. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you for the clarification. The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady. For what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Brady: "Representative, first off, I know you've worked very, very hard on this Bill, as well as many here in the chamber have. But, as a point of clarification for me, Speaker Madigan has a Bill, House Bill 5320. And I want to make sure I understand the issue correctly. The Speaker's Bill is dealing with those that are in our state legally but cannot obtain a Illinois driver's license due to the fact that they may be dependents of someone here on a work visa and, therefore, cannot get the Social Security number to go get a driver's license. And if we... His Bill would address those legally here. Your Bill still would allow,

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as been alluded to here, if I understand correctly, would allow though, under your provisions of the Bill, those who are technically here in this state illegally to be able to have driving privileges by obtaining the driver's license. Is that correct?"

Acevedo: "That's correct."

Brady: "I'm sorry, Representative?"

Acevedo: "That's correct."

Brady: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Collins.

For what reason do you rise?"

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to yield my time to Representative Davis, please."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "I want to yield my time to Representative Flowers."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers.

And the clock is running."

Flowers: "Representative, I just have to ask one other question. The test that they will take, because I told you about the various books that's in the Secretary of State's Office, one in Polish, one is... one in English, and the other in Spanish. Now, I have the... the book here in Polish, as well as English and Spanish. But the... the book that the people would have to study, the signs are in English. Will this... will there be... how will they learn the various signs in Spanish?"

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Acevedo: "Representative, this legislation deals with no such issue as far as changing signs. You're asking about the book..."

Flowers: "If... if they... but they wanna take a test, Sir. They're gonna take test."

Acevedo: "They are required to take a test."

Flowers: "And so, my question, is this test gonna be in English or in Spanish?"

Acevedo: "Representative..."

Flowers: "Or whatever the native... whatever the native language is. What will the test be, please?"

Acevedo: "...representative, I believe that question should be left up to the Secretary of the State, he is the one who would require to apply to test that individual sta... applying for a driver's license."

Flowers: "Okay. But..."

Acevedo: "This legislation deals with no such..."

Flowers: "...but if we want them to pass the test, will the test be in their native language?"

Acevedo: "Again, Representative, I'm gonna state that's up to the Secretary of State. He is the one issuing the test, he is the one responsible to... to... to apply the test to the individual taking... applying for a driver's license."

Flowers: "The..."

Acevedo: "The legislation deals with the issue... they're completely different from what you're talking about."

Flowers: "...the... the... the legislation deals with who could apply and what the process is. And so, if you apply to take the

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test for a driver's license... because you're not gonna be just issued a driver's license because you signed the affidavit, am I correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Flowers: "You're not gonna be just issued a driver's license so, therefore, you're going to have to take a test. Am I correct."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Flowers: "And so, will the test be given in the native language? And if not, how would we be... because everybody's talking about safety on the road, and I don't see where that is in the Bill. I don't... I... I haven't read anything in this legislation that will say that I will be better off as a result of this Bill becoming law. What I do see is that the insurance companies will have to have insurance. And by the way, let me just ask you another question. Because the Bill says upon 30 days after receiving your license, you must purchase insurance. But it doesn't say that... usually when people go to purchase a car they will have to show proof of insurance. But this Bill says that within 30 days you're gonna have to show proof that you have insurance. But what if you don't have a car? And certain people will just have a driver's license because my friend has a car and I know I can drive my friend's car, but I don't necessarily have to have insurance. But anyone that applies under this legislation must have proof of insurance. Is that true, despite the fact you may not own a vehicle?"

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Acevedo: "Within 30 days, yes."

Flowers: "Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "There's a minute left. The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan. For what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Mulligan: "Representative, I intend to support your Bill, but while we've been going along on this there's been a couple of questions that people on our side have had. One is, could you, once again, go through the cost of this and how it's going to be paid for or what the fees will be?"

Acevedo: "Representative, and... and... and I'm gonna tell you what was in the legislation before and how the Amendment... the Amendment added on, how it changes. Originally in the Bill, there was a \$50 one-time fee plus the \$10, which would make the license \$60. That had a sunset of three years. The revenue for that would be 8.3 million over a period of three years. Once the sunset expired, no more \$50 fee would be charged for... for a person applying for the first time. We changed that to \$15 for the very first time, plus the \$10 original fee of the... of the driver's license. But we took away the sunset of 3 years and keeps it the \$15 requirement in there permanently. Now, the Secretary of State already, according to the fiscal note, states he's gonna probably need approximately \$12 million up front to help employee... more employees to... to... to deal with the driver's license issue. Now, the \$15 is set aside in a special fund set up by the Secretary of State's Office

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to deal with administrative costs. So, over a period of time, with the \$15 adding up, that would cover the \$12 million first issued to the Secretary of State's Office."

Mulligan: "All right. Do you have a Senate Sponsor, if this Bill gets out, that thinks that they can move it out of... and get it passed in the Senate?"

Acevedo: "Representative, I truly believe so. Senator Miguel del Valle will be picking it up in the Senate. But also with the help of Senator Rick Winkel, who we were happy to work with and work on the new Amendments added on as far as helping... working with the Homeland Security. We feel... we're confident that this has a chance to pass."

Mulligan: "Does some... does someone who currently have a work visa or a green card is able to get a license currently, is that correct?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Mulligan: "Okay. How many versions and how many years have you been working on this Bill?"

Acevedo: "Representative, I've been working approximately three years on this legislation, but I... I'd like to state that the Senator Miguel del Valle has been working on this issue for the past 11 years."

Mulligan: "All right. But we have gone through many versions of this Bill, and in many instances what people have required that you change, you've changed. And then they've required more, and you've changed that. Is that not correct?"

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Acevedo: "Yes, Representative. Over a period of time, we've dealt with every issue brought to us by every individual, every organization, as well as the Governor's Office. We have compromised on every issue to... where this Bill is even watered down, where some organizations said, 'we are willing to compromise that issue.'"

Mulligan: "All right. And we're one of the top five immigrant states. But over the last several years the actual money put in... say, Human Services or line items from immigrants has totaled around \$10 million or less, down to 4 or 5. Is that not correct?"

Acevedo: "I... I would believe so, Representative."

Mulligan: "And the general immigrant population has certainly put a lot more money back into the economy of Illinois, is that not correct?"

Acevedo: "That's correct, Representative."

Mulligan: "All right. To the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "To the Bill."

Mulligan: "In my area, there's many immigrants, it's not just the Latinos or Hispanic people who are taking the lead on the Bill. It's everyone from Asians, Polish, Russian, Canadian, any they're a variety of people who are immigrants that all have the same problem. It's just that Latinos have taken the lead on this issue. In my area, there's a la... large number of workers, who are restaurant, hospital, factory, hotel, that work on shift. In many instances, if I'm coming home late for a meeting, I will see people walking along the road or riding bicycles in the

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dark, which definitely is pretty scary to me because they're very hard to see and they're hard-working people because they're shift workers. Representative Hamos was able to add a bus line to help a hospital to get shift workers because they had no way of getting back and forth to their jobs. There's many issues that surround this, but the main issue is if everyone would put aside differences and realize that this is important in the State of Illinois, because we're a large immigrant state, and that we need to do this because it wouldn't be controversial if everyone would take a look at the Bill, understand it, and be able to explain it to constituents, you'd be able to vote for this and it would take away the controversy. The problem is, most people don't. And when someone comes to you and says don't vote for this because they're all illegals, you tend to cave in and not know the arguments to argue back. The other issue, I think, that's really important is common sense dictates, it's anyone that's truly illegal or subversive is not gonna go apply for a license or they're gonna apply with the right documents, whether or not they... you know, this passes. So, I don't think that should be an issue. And for some of the other Members that spoke against this, your caucuses should get together. We all put votes... 'green' votes up on those expungement Bills, which meant jobs. I think that's a really big issue and I think you oughta put aside and vote for the Bill. And if more people voted for it, it wouldn't be an issue amongst all of us."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro. For what reason do you rise?"

Molaro: "Thank you. To the Bill, for a minute, and then I'll ask a question. But I... I want to say this to the Body. As I'm listening to this debate... and Mr. Speaker, it's certainly not your fault as to where the comments are going. There's nothing you can do and you do a fine job. I happen to think maybe young Taylor could've done better. I saw her up there, maybe we could put her in the Chair. But there's nothing you could do about it when the debate gets out of control. Let me tell ya what I mean by that, okay. I don't understand how, in this chamber, when someone's about to vote or someone's about to talk, that we question their motives. I never understood that. You know, we use the words 'pandering' or we use the words that you should 'vote your conscience'. I don't understand where that comes from. I assume everybody in this chamber votes the way they think they have to vote. I don't know what it means 'vote your conscience', you have to vote what your... what your constituency says. We're all here and we all vote for the right reasons. So, if someone sort of implies that we're voting for the wrong reasons or that we have some hidden agenda, I kind of get rankled by that. And that kind of bothers me. And I just wish we wouldn't do that to each other, it makes no sense. It also makes no sense if we know the answer to the question... I don't know why we keep berating the Sponsor, who happens to be a Leader, and we keep berating him and askin' the same

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question nine times. Read the Bill, we know what it says. Now, to the Bill it says... the Bill itself. Let me ask this question of the Sponsor. Obviously, it says here that the... you're changing the law. And right now, the law is you have to have a Social Security number to get a license, right? That's the law."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Molaro: "Okay. Now it says in your Bill that you have to get a federal employee identification number... wait, individual taxpayer identification number, right?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Molaro: "Okay. Now, let me ask... or everybody in the Body can answer this. Can you make that up or do you have to get it from the Federal Government?"

Acevedo: "You have to obtain it from the Federal Government."

Molaro: "And the Federal Government gives it to these people, right?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Molaro: "He gives it to... what... whatever we want to call... undocumented. The Federal Government has decided to give these people this kind of a number, right?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

Molaro: "They get a tax number."

Acevedo: "Yes."

Molaro: "Okay. So, they give 'em some type of status, whatever that status may be, right?"

Acevedo: "Yes."

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Molaro: "All right. Now, you don't have to be a citizen in this state to get a driver's license, do ya?"

Acevedo: "That's correct."

Molaro: "All you have to do is get a Social Security card."

Acevedo: "That's correct, Representative."

Molaro: "Now, I don't know why if they're not citizens, that you're say... you don't need a Social Security, but yet if the Federal Government decides and says, we're gonna give you this tax ID number, that we in Illinois should say, well, you don't exist as far as driver's licenses are concerned. The Federal Government decided to give these people a tax identification number so they could be part of our society. It's sort of disingenuous, as far as I'm concerned, that the Federal Government comes up and says, we're gonna give you a federal tax ID number, but we're not gonna give you a Social Security number so you can get a driver's license. That sounds ridiculous to me. We all know that there is a problem in the way immigration laws are drafted and the way we go out and enforce them. We all know that. If you can vote for this Bill, and I really mean that, if you can... if you can't, we understand it. And nobody should question your motives. But if you could think and reach deep down and figure out that all we're doing here is saying if you can't get a Social Security number, fine. But if you have a federal identification number, that you got from our Federal Government, you should be able to get a license. That's all this Bill does and we should vote 'yes'."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, Representative Acevedo to close."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to take this time to thank my colleagues from the Latino Caucus, the individuals who stood up on behalf of my legislation, and every other organization that worked together to put this issue... working together on the Republican side and the Democrat side to make this issue move forward. There have been so many changes, we've cop... we've made so many compromises. Ladies and Gentlemen, today you are gonna be asked to make a tough decision. Do we give undocumented immigrants the ability to drive legally on Illinois roads, streets and highways? Some say this Bill seeks to help legitimize the sta... the status of undocumented individuals. Others ask, how can we give people who are here illegally any rights at all? This Bill does not change the status of undocumented immigrants. Instead, this Bill addresses the safety issues. This legislation will ensure that people who are out of... out there driving on the same roads as our kids, our families, and our neighbors know the rules of the road and they have to obtain auto insurance. Right now, as we sit here today, there are individuals who are uninsured, who don't know the rules of the road, that are out there driving. That's not gonna change. This Bill also addresses a side of life that most of us never see, the seamy world of black market licenses and fly-by-night insurance companies. Let me tell you what happens to communities where you find new

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immigrants in this country. Some of our more unscrupulous citizens make thousands of dollars on the backs of new immigrants by selling fake driver's license, for up to \$150 a card. This business is so lucrative, these black marketers pay gangbangers anywhere from \$3 thousand to \$5 thousand a week to work and have the permission to sell the cards on a gun... a gang-controlled corners. Others set up insurance companies that charge outrageous rates to insure unlicensed drivers and then quibble over or deny claims, leaving an already intimidated immigrant without the remedy of relief when involved in an accident. This is the ugly side of the driver's license issue. This side will continue if we have done up to now what we have done, and that is turn our backs on this issue and pretend it'll just go away. I know there are some people who are gonna disagree with me. And I guarantee you, if this legislation passes out of this House today, an individual is gonna sit at their computer or sit on their couch and look at TV and find out this legislation has... has passed out of the House of Representatives. And I've received this letter before, and he's gonna sit at his computer and write me a very unpleasant letter. He's gonna tell me that I don't know what it means to be an American. Well, I ask him while he's doing that, in writing that letter, to look up his family tree. Take a good look. Because while his family was crossing the ocean on the Mayflower, my family was already... my forefathers were already here, 'cause I am part Native American and proud of it. My father served in the

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Korean War, my family wa... members served in Vietnam, my nephew is in Iraq serving his country proudly in the United States Air Force. So, I know... I tell this individual, I know what it means to be an American. And as an American, a proud American, I'm here, introducing this legislation today. As a young boy, my parents taught me never forget where you come from. Today, I ask you to do the same. Never forget that we all, sitting here today, came from an immigrant family. This country was built on the blood, sweat, and tears of the immigrant population. We must not turn our backs on them. This is what makes this country so great. Our families came to this country looking for an opportunity. Let us give them the same opportunity our families received when they first arrived in this country. This country is called the land of American dreams, allow these individuals to fulfill their dream. One of the greatest heroes I admire, besides my parents, is John F. Kennedy. He wrote a book, Profiles of Courage (sic-Profiles in Courage). Today, I ask you, I implore you, dig deep in your hearts. Because this book tells about individuals who made so many sacrifices and stood up for what they believed in, and sometimes paid the ultimate sacrifice. So, I ask you once again, dig deep in your hearts and have the same profile of courage. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4003 pass?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 43 voting 'aye', 68 voting 'no' and 6 voting 'present'. This Bill, having rec... no, no, this Bill fails. Mr. Clerk, can you read the Rules Report?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on March 31, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'approved for floor consideration' Amendment #1 to House Bill 3830; approved for... Amendment #2 to House Bill 4015; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4211; Amendment #2 to House Bill 4224; Amendment #2 to House Bill 4426; Amendment #2 to House Bill 4428; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4432; Amendment #2 to House Bill 4481; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4510; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4532; Amendment #4 to House Bill 4650; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4652; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4827; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4895; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4953; Amendment #1 to House Bill 4977; Amendment #2 to House Bill 5094; Amendment #1 to House Bill 5928, Amendment #1 to House Bill 6750; Amendment #2 to House Bill 6951; Amendment #1 to House Bill 6992; Amendment #2 to House Bill 7015 and Amendment #1 to House Bill 7030."

Speaker Turner: "On the Order of Second Readings, Representative Stephens, we have House Bill 4015. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4015, a Bill for an Act in relation to health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Stephens, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Fayette, Represen... Hold on."

Stephens: "I wonder if the... I wonder if the Speaker can shed any light onto the... what became of Amendment 3?"

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, the Sponsor says there's an Amendment 3, do you have record of that? Amendment 3 has not been approved by the Rules Committee yet."

Stephens: "I know how that works. Well..."

Speaker Turner: "Would you like to adopt Amendment 2?"

Stephens: "...well, I... I'm hopeful that Amendment 3 does come out of Rules, but I guess I should go ahead and adopt this Amendment. Amendment #2 simply makes the Bill subject to appropriations. Be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Amendment #2 be adopted to House Bill 4015?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested and not yet filed."

Speaker Turner: "The Bill should remain on Second Reading. On the Order of Second Readings, Representative Mitchell, we have House Bill 4211. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4211, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Lee, Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 is simply a request from the... the committee itself, the Judiciary Committee as we presented this Bill. And basically what it does is it raises the penalty from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor. It also exempts minors that give tattoos to minors, in a home away from a parlor, exemption from prosecution. We're... what we're really trying to do is to work with those folks that get a tattoo illegally in a parlor. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no question, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #1 be adopted to House Bill 4211?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading we have House Bill 42... Representative Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, hold that. Representative Mitchell."

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Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. 4211, there is another Amendment on the way, so I would request that it remain on Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, 4211 should remain on Second Reading. Your request has been granted. Representative Eddy on House Bill 4224. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4224 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Eddy, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Eddy on Amendment #2."

Eddy: "Amendment 2 just makes a minor change and better defines the language. And I would ask for positive consideration of that Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #2 to House Bill 4224 be adopted?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 4426. Representative McAuliffe. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McAuliffe."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4426, a Bill for an Act in relation to arson. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative McAuliffe, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is Floor Amendment #1... is that tabled? I'd like to table Floor Amendment #1, that's not part of it. No. Okay."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman wishes..."

McAuliffe: "Withdraw."

Speaker Turner: "Representative McAuliffe on Amendment #2."

McAuliffe: "Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #2 would become the Bill and create the Arsonists Registration Act which would register convicted arsonists. And I ask for the adoption."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman asks leave for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 4426. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading we have House Bill 4428. Representative Phelps."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4428, Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #... a Bill for an Act concerning labor. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Phelps, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from White, Representative Phelps."

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Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Amendment makes changes requested by the Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Municipal League and also the Department of Transportation. And I urge the adoption of the Amendment for House Bill 4428."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 4428. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Burke on House Bill 4432. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4432, a Bill for an Act concerning telephone solicitation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Nekritz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Nekritz, on Amendment #1. Representative Burke on Amendment #1."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 would simply shell the Bill. And I ask for the Body's favorable consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 4432?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say

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'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it.
And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading
we have House Bill 4510. Representative Reitz. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4510 has been read a second time,
previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1,
offered by Representative Reitz, has been approved for
consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative
Reitz on Amendment #1. Take the Bill out of the record.
Representative Grunloh on House Bill 4532, 4532. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4532, a Bill for an Act creating
Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority. Second
Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments.
Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Grunloh, has
been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative
Grunloh on Amendment #1."

Grunloh: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 basically does
a few things to the Bill that passed out of committee. It
changes the geographic area of the bonding authority to
basically... the boundaries now are Interstate 70 on the
north, Interstate 57 on the east... excuse me on the west,
Interstate 64 on the south and the Indiana/Illinois border
on the west... on the east side of it. And it also changes...

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it originally started out as a Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority, now it's called the Southeastern Zone. We also... it had gaming in the first Bill, we... we have taken that language out. Those are the changes to the... to the Bill for the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no question, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 4532?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading we have House Bill 4650. Representative Collins. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4650, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Collins, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Collins on Amendment #2."

Collins: "I would like to adopt Amendment #4."

Speaker Turner: "So, would you like to withdraw Amendment #2?"

Collins: "Right. Amendment 1, 2 and 3 withdraw."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady wishes to withdraw Amendment #2 and Amendment #3. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the

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'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 and 3 are withdrawn.
Representative Coll... Further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #4 has been appr... offered by
Representative Collins, has been approved for
consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Collins on Amendment #4."

Collins: "Yes, I would like to adopt Amendment #4. Amendment
#4 becomes the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall
the House adopt Floor Amendment #4 to House Bill 4650?'
All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say
'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it.
And Amendment #4 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading
we have House Bill 4827. Representative Winters. Read the
Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4827, a Bill for an Act concerning
mental health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No
Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by
Representative Winters, has been approved for
consideration."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 1 basically
moves the language that we needed from the Mental Health
Code to the Criminal Code and specifies that the funds will
remain with the county of origin. Be happy to answer any
questions."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Bill 4827... no, should Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4827 be adopted?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have Representative Joyce on House Bill 4895. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4895, a Bill for an Act concerning child custody. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Joyce, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Joyce on Amendment #1."

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 to House Bill 4895 addresses concerns by Members of the committee. I believe with... after talking with Representative Bradley and working out this language we have an agreement. And I would move its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Bill... Amendment #1 to House Bill 4895. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Lady from Cook, Representative Hamos on House Bill 4953. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4953 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hamos, has been approved for consideration."

Hamos: "Thank... thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Last year we passed the Consumers Guide to Health Care. At that time we knew we would be coming back this year to add ambulatory surgical treatment centers to the data collection procedures. Amendment #1 responds to some of the concerns and questions that the Department of Public Health had and some language that we tried to work out in moving this Bill forward. And I'll explain the full Bill on Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #1 to House Bill 4953 be adopted?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes'... in the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments, but a fiscal note has been requested and not received."

Speaker Turner: "The Bill shall remain on Second Reading. On the Order of Third Reading, we have Representative Capparelli on House Bill 4652. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Hamos' Bill shall remain on Second."

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Representative Capparelli on Amendment #... Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 46... 4652, a Bill for an Act concerning electronic fund transfer terminals. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Capparelli, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman..."

Capparelli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 was... I said I wouldn't move this Bill until the trial lawyers and the bankers... the Illinois Bankers Association got together. And they came up with an Amendment and it's a simple Amendment. A bank or an operator of an ATM terminal who does... does not have to program to accept identification numbers in reverse order. That's all it does."

Speaker Turner: "...the Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4652. All those in favor shall say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Readings we have House Bill 4977. Representative Biggins. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4977, a Bill for an Act concerning taxpayers. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by

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Representative Biggins, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have Floor Amendment #1 which... there were some questions that the department had and this removes the provision that no audit shall be deemed complete without a closing letter or audit findings or audit methods and procedures and recommended the changes in practices and explanation of the proper interpretation of the tax law in areas where errors were made and the signature of both the auditor and the taxpayer. Basically, the original Bill had a lot of requirements for explaining the reason for the findings of the auditors and we removed those because they were viewed to be a little bit onerous I think and I can understand the objection to them. Hopefully, this Amendment addresses that concern."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 4977. All those in favor shall say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading we have House Bill 5094. Representative Meyer. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5094, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. Second Reading of this House

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Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Meyer, has been approved for consideration."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Amendment #2 shells the Bill. This Bill... the underlying Bill came out of committee with no dissenting votes. We're continuing to work on this legislation and I'd be preparing it to be passed over to the Senate for further work."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moved for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 5094. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have Representative Osmond on House Bill 5928. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5928, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Osmond, has been approved for consideration."

Osmond: "Mr. Speaker, I move to adopt Amendment #1 which will shell the Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5928. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of

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the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Bassi on House Bill 6750. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6750, a Bill for an Act concerning hospice programs. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #... No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Bassi, has been approved for consideration."

Bassi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This Amendment will provide the language for the definition for hospice. And I will explain the full thing on Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 6750. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Fritchey on House Bill 6951. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6951, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Fritchey: "Speaker, we would like to table Floor Amendment 1 and adopt Floor Amendment 2."

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Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks leave to table Floor Amendment #1. All those in... the Gentleman asks leave to withdraw Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is withdrawn. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fritchey, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Fritchey on Amendment #2."

Fritchey: "Floor Amendment #2 is some cleanup language that I committed to the Judiciary II Committee to add to the Bill. It keeps the intention of the Bill the same and we can debate it fully on Third Reading. I request its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 6951. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Colvin on House Bill 6992. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6992, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Howard, has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Howard on Amendment #1."

Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment #1 eliminates the requirement or the provision in the original Bill that would have allowed administrative expenses to be deducted from the fund, the Eliminate Digital Divide Fund. A very small technical change."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 6992. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Verschoore on House Bill 7015. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 7015 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Verschoore, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Verschoore on Amendment..."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment removes any and all changes made to the existing Vehicle Code Statute 625 ILCS 5-4-204, pertaining to police tows, reports, release of vehicles and payments. This was done to address the concerns raised in committee regarding the harshness of immediate tow of a car and arrest upon violation of the new

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Section 11-605-1, which if this Amendment is adopted will no longer allow. In addition, the Amendment changes subsection (d) through (h) of the newly added Section 11-605-1 pertaining to special speed limits in work zones. First, the Amendment removes reference empowering the police to cause immediate arrest, tow of one's car and charging a misdemeanor offense if the person travels 20 miles per hour over the work zone speed limit. If this Amendment is adopted the Bill will read instead that the first violation of the new work zone section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$375, with a second and subsequent offense resulting in a petty offense with a maximum minimum fine of 750. The Amendment does not change the language that allows the court to charge an extra fine that must be deposited in the Transportation (sic-Safety) Highway Hire-back Fund. I would move for the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks that Amendment #2 be adopted. All those... to House Bill 7015. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Second Reading, Representative Flowers, we have House Bill 7030. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 7030, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers on Amendment #1."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 authorize scholarships for registered nurses and people who are pursuing a nursing career. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have in regards to the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Amendment #1 to House Bill 7030. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On Second Reading we have House Bill 4510. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Reitz."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4510 has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Reitz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Reitz on Amendment #1."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #1 to House Bill 4510 deals with the university appointments to a board. It should basically just... strikes out 'federal' in the

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appointments. This is a Bill we discussed on the floor last week. We have taken out the part dealing with board of reviews and it simply deals with... with university appointments."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks leave for the adoption #1 to House Bill 4510. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 3830. Representative Parke. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3830, a Bill for an Act concerning economic state... concerning state finance. Third Reading of this House Bill. A Motion has been approved or offered by Representative Parke and approved for consideration to table Committee Amendment #1."

Parke: "Could we move the Bill back to Second Reading, please? So that I can remove Amendment #1."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks leave to bring the Bill back to Second Reading. Could you place the Bill on the Order of Second Reading? It's been approved."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 3830, a Bill for an Act concerning state finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approv... approved in committee. A Motion to Table Committee Amendment #1, offered by Representative Parke, has been approved for consideration."

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Parke: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been asked by your side of the aisle to remove Amendment #1 which I placed on there at your request. So, I now have it in the form in which I originally submitted the Bill and would like it now moved to be Third."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman asks leave to table Amendment #1 to House Bill 3830. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 is tabled. Further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. A Supplemental Calendar has been distributed on the floor. We are now going to work on that Calendar and move some Bills from Second to Third. Mr. Clerk, would you read House Bill 4594? Representative Beaubien."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4594, a Bill for an Act concerning trusts. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5298. Read the Bill. Out of the record. House Bill 4492. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4492, a Bill for an Act concerning..."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. Representative Washington on House Bill... Representative Bradley on House Bill 5445. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5445, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1

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was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 5735. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5735, a Bill for an Act in relation to tax increment financing. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 4108. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4108, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5415. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5415, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. House Bill 6229. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6229, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 4200?"

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4200 is on the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 5340. I'm sorry. What's the status... Mr. Clerk, could you read House Bill 4200?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4200, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 5340."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill..."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "...house Bill 53... House Bill 5340, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 4594. Mr. Clerk, could you read House Bill 6086? Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 6806."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6806, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. All notes have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 5734."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5734, a Bill for an Act in relation to tax increment financing. Second Reading of this House

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Bill. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor... No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 6760."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6760, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 6806?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6806 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 6760?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 6760 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, and what's the status of House Bill 5415?"

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5415 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record."

Speaker Granberg: "Representative Granberg in the Chair. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 4481. If only ya meant it. 4481. House Bill 4481."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4481, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by

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Representative Turner, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Granberg: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. I believe there is another Amendment that will be coming down the pike. It is ultimately our goal... we've reached an agreement to just add one more member to the commission that was established last year. And that person would be a member of the paint council or the paint industry. And I move for the adoption of Amendment #2."

Speaker Granberg: "The Gentleman moves for adoption of Amendment #2. On that question, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. It's good to have you in the Chair lead us out of this confusion if not temptation. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Granberg: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative Turner, does Floor Amendment #2 allow for the House Minority Leader to appoint someone to the commission? I'm sure that was just an oversight in the underlying Bill."

Turner: "Representative, I believe that there is another Amendment which deals specifically with that. I think Amendment #2 is an Amendment that shells the Bill. There is a further Amendment... a subsequent Amendment that will be coming and if that needs to be addressed we can address

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that in the subsequent Amendment. I will hold the Bill on Second Reading."

Black: "All right. Obviously, it was an oversight that the Republican Leader of the House did not have any appointment to the commission. That was strictly an oversight, correct?"

Turner: "Representative, if so, in fact, it happened in the prior Legislative Session. I didn't real... I was unaware that the Minority Leader did not have the ability to make the appointment. And we will correct that before we move this Bill to Third Reading."

Black: "And I... I know you to be a man of your word and I appreciate that. And let's move on with the next Amendment, shall we?"

Turner: "That's fine."

Black: "Fine. Mr. Speaker, excellent job, thank you."

Turner: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to hold this Bill on Second Reading until the subsequent Amendment is in fact... has been prepared."

Speaker Granberg: "Representative Turner, do you want to adopt this Amendment? Floor Amendment #2?"

Turner: "We can adopt it."

Speaker Granberg: "Okay. Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. On that question, all in favor shall say 'aye'; all opposed shall say 'nay'. The Amendment's adopted. Mr. Clerk, hold the Bill on Second. Okay. On Supplemental Calendar, House Bill 5735. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Okay. Thank you. Mr. Clerk..."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5735 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Granberg: "Leave the Bill on Third Reading. On the Calendar, House Bill 4712. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 4712, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Granberg: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Morrow."

Morrow: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. 4712, as amended, amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Protections... Practices Act by restricting the manner in which Social Security numbers can be used. Amendment #1 inserts an additional exception that exempts the collection use or release of Social Security number by the state or a subdivision of the state. This Amendment is being offered to clarify that the Bill is not intended to restrict the necessary use of Social Security numbers by state agencies. This Amendment was offered by the Department of Employment Security. And Amendment #2 adds that any entity that provides insurance cards must print a unique identification number on the card as prescribed by the uni... Uniform Prescription Drug Information Act. And it changes the effective date from July '05 to July '06. I'd be glad to answer any questions on House Bill 4712 as amended."

Speaker Granberg: "The Gentleman from Cook moves for the passage of the Bill. On that issue, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Granberg: "He indicates he will, Sir."

Black: "Representative, I... I think this Bill makes eminent good sense. Let me ask you a question, if I might, on something that has occurred repeatedly in my district and we have tried to correct it and not be able to have any success in moving Bills out of the Rules Committee in recent Sessions. One of the things that I find so... such egregious behavior is that the Federal Government tells us to guard your Social Security number, print on the card it's not to be used for identification, but then the Federal Government requires it on almost everything you do. And the one issue that I really have argued about is that if you want a hunting license or deer permit you have to put your Social Security number on that application and as I've told the previous director of the Department of Natural Resources and the current one, in rural areas that hunting license application or deer permit application may sit, you know, behind the counter of Joe's General Store or something like that. We... we had a Resolution and all we ever heard from that state was, well, we can't do that. The Federal Government requires it. If we take it off, we'll lose our Pittman-Robinson Outdoor Funds, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Does your Bill give the state added authority to tell agencies like DNR, no, you're not gonna have to put somebody's Social Security number on an application that

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goes through dozens of hands in order to get a hunting license or a deer permit?"

Morrow: "Okay. Representative, I've been told that if we were to work to include that provision that there would be a cost added to that. And so that's why we did..."

Black: "Yeah."

Morrow: "...we did not try to address that..."

Black: "I..."

Morrow: "...in this Bill."

Black: "...I'm sure there would be and I... I was fairly comfortable that that would be the answer. Not only would there be a cost, but our Federal Government would probably withhold some federal outdoor funds if we did it. But, that is the ultimate... hypocrisy's the wrong word. But, the... the mixed signals that we get from government it's no wonder people get upset. You're not supposed to use that as an identity number, but it is... you know and I know that's becoming our national ID number. And I think it's ridiculous that we have to give it for credit card companies, some retail establishments want that printed on your checks, that's absolutely wrong. Whatever we do to limit access to Social Security numbers is a good Bill and a good idea. I... I thank you for bringing this forward. I wish we could go a lot further with it, but sometimes we have to crawl before we walk. But this is a step in the right direction. It's a good Bill. I hope you get all 'aye' votes."

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Morrow: "Well, I've... I've been... I've been shocked because this Bill was originally opposed by some of the insurance companies and by some other entities. And in my 18 years of being an elected official, I have more Sponsors on this Bill than I probably have had on all the other Bills that I've introduced in the 18 years I've been serving here."

Black: "Good things come to those who wait. But, seriously Representative, this is an issue I think in the last three or four years that people have become more and more aware of. And that is the ever burgeoning demand to furnish our Social Security numbers. And we have seen identity theft just go through the roof. And at some point our colleagues in Washington as well as our colleagues in business and other State Legislatures are going to say, 'Enough is enough. You can't... you should not have unfettered access to my Social Security number.' And in fact, it's printed on my card that I carry, 'not to be used for purposes of identification.' But you and I both know on an application to get electrical service, telephone service, gas service, there are too many people that have access to our Social Security numbers. This Bill is a step in the right direction."

Speaker Granberg: "Anyone else seeking recognition? No one else seeking recognition, Representative Morrow to close."

Morrow: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just urge 'green' votes on House Bill 4712 as amended."

Speaker Granberg: "Gentleman moves for the passage of House Bill 4712. All in favor shall vote 'aye'; all opposed

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shall vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there being 117 'ayes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 4712, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, the committee schedule is being passed out on the floor. Mr. Clerk, would you read tomorrow's schedule? Then we'll be prepared to adjourn."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meeting at 8:30 in the morning is the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee in Room 114; Judiciary Criminal Law-Judiciary II is meeting in D-1; Personnel & Pensions is meeting in C-1; Consumer Protection is meeting in 122-B. Meeting at 10 a.m. is State Government Administration in Room 115; Labor is meeting in Room 118. At 10:30, Registration & Regulation is meeting in Room 118; Commerce & Business Development is meeting in C-1. At 11:30 the Executive Committee is meeting in Room 115."

Speaker Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Giles, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I know we have a 8:30 Elementary & Secondary Education Committee and... and we urge all Members to be on time. But also, Mr. Speaker, at the same time the Illinois House Black Caucus have a meeting at 8:30. We will continue that meeting at 8:30 in Room 122-B and it will

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convene right after the Consumer Protection Committee meets on one Amendment."

Speaker Granberg: "Thank you. Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you... Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Just a reminder today... tonight, 7:00 the screening of Walking Tall. Paramount Pictures were generous enough to donate the film here to Springfield, just like they did Barbershop. So, if you or your secretaries or your friends, your staffers can come on out and support this free screening it would bode well for other movies, big movies, including The Rock and others to come here to Springfield. So, we look forward to your support with the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity and the Members here who voted unanimously to send that legislation to the Governor. Thank you. Tonight at 7:00, free screening, Walking Tall."

Speaker Granberg: "Thank you, Representative. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield on his announcement?"

Speaker Granberg: "Representative Dunkin."

Black: "Representative Dunkin, I need to ask you a question, in three parts. Number one, I'm old enough to remember the original Walking Tall..."

Dunkin: "Wow."

Black: "...you aren't. Number two, nothing, nothing that ever goes on in this town or Body is free. Number three, I don't have a question or an answer from my ethics officer

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yet. Can we accept the offer of a free screening of a very expensive production by the Hollywood special interests?"

Dunkin: "That's a very good question, Mr... Representative."

Black: "I thought you were going to call me a weasel."

Dunkin: "The movie screening actually is gonna be right off of Veterans Parkway and Wabash, right near the Indigo Restaurant and Damon's Sports Bar. Just where Barbershop is. In response to your question, I honestly don't know."

Black: "You're... you're an honest man. We created this Bill. Now that we need guidance, where does it come from? Perhaps Mr. Uhe could give us his opinion."

Dunkin: "Yeah."

Black: "We... we haven't heard from him all week. I mean, I'm... I'm perplexed. I want to go. I remember the original movie and I think the cast have all passed away. But, I remember it well. But, I... I want... I don't want to do anything that would besmirch the reputation of this Body or its Members. I am perplexed, I'm confused. Can we accept the offer of this free film, a premiere if you will, to walk down the red carpet and be guests of a special interest lobby that had a fundraiser just last night for your party, not mine, in Hollywood. Now, what do we do? I have no idea. Could Mr. Uhe enlighten us? Who is the ethics officer?"

Speaker Granberg: "Representative Davis."

Black: "Oh, okay. There we go."

Speaker Granberg: "Representative Davis, do you seek recognition?"

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Black: "Now, I know we'll get an answer."

Davis, M.: "I'll accept that challenge, Mr. Speaker. This will be your support of movies in your state. And I believe they're gonna give us free popcorn, right, Representative?"

Black: "Oh... Oh..."

Dunkin: "No... No, I don't recall that, now. Depends on what lobbyist you take with you, you'll get free popcorn. But... and you may have to report that. No... just a screening. Again, this is Paramount Pictures coming here to express... the theatre's name... it's right near Indigo. I'm... I'm too... drawing a blank."

Davis, M.: "Representative..."

Dunkin: "Parkway Pointe, right off of Veterans and Wabash."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker..."

Davis, M.: "...rep..."

Black: "...I still don't have an answer."

Dunkin: "Wabash and Lindberg."

Black: "I got a campaign contribution from Orville Redenbacher. I don't think I can take free popcorn. I... I have no idea what to do now. Have you tried my buttered popcorn?"

Speaker Granberg: "Would you like to make a Motion to adjourn?"

Black: "Yes, I would, Mr. Speaker. In the absence of any clear direction from the ethics officer who I thought was legal counsel to the Speaker, Mr. Uhe, I move we adjourn."

Speaker Granberg: "The... giving... allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, now moves the House stand adjourned until the hour of 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 1. All in favor shall say

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'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "The House Perfunctory Session will now come to order. Introduction of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 7289, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. Senate Bills-First Reading. Senate Bill 2401, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Senate Bill 2451, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act concerning condominiums. Senate Bill 2696, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning drilling operations. Senate Bill 2704, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Senate Bill 3190, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning commerce. The following House Bills will be read a second time and held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 6441, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6460, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6461, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6471, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6493, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6511, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7060, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7061, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7062, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7063, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7064, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7065, a Bill for an Act making

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professions. House Bill 6321, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6322, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6323, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6324, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6325, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 6326, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 6327, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6328, a Bill for an Act concerning roofing. House Bill 6329, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6330, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6331, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6332, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6333, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6334, a Bill for an Act regarding professional regulation. House Bill 6335, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6336, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6337, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 6338, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6339, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House Bill 6340, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 6341, a Bill for an Act in

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6365, a Bill for an Act concerning telephone solicitation. House Bill 6366, a Bill for an Act concerning fireworks. House Bill 6367, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 6368, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 6369, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 6370, a Bill for an Act concerning residential mortgages. House Bill 6371, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 6372, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 6373, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 6374, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 6375, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 6376, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 6377, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 6378, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 6379, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 6380, a Bill for an Act concerning executive agencies. House Bill 6381, a Bill for an Act concerning executive agencies. House Bill 6382, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles. House Bill 6383, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 6384, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 6385, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 6386, a Bill for an Act concerning ethics. House Bill 6387, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 6388, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill

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6389, a Bill for an Act in relation to presidential electors. House Bill 6390, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. House Bill 6391, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 6392, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 6393, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 6394, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6395, a Bill for an Act in relation to government records. House Bill 6396, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6397, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 6398, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. House Bill 6399, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6400, a Bill for an Act in relation to units of local government. House Bill 6401, a Bill for an Act in relation to local governments. House Bill 6402, a Bill for an Act in relation to the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority. House Bill 6403, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 6404, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 6405, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 6406, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 6407, a Bill for an Act in relation to townships. House Bill 6408, a Bill for an Act concerning certain taxes. House Bill 6409, a Bill for an Act in relation to local government. House Bill 6410, a Bill for an Act concerning certain taxes. House Bill 6411, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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making appropriations. House Bill 6508, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 6510, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 6514, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 6519, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 6531, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 6537, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 6540, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 7084, a Bill for an Act
making appropriations. House Bill 7085, a Bill for an Act
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making appropriations. House Bill 7087, a Bill for an Act
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making appropriations. House Bill 7089, a Bill for an Act
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making appropriations. House Bill 7094, a Bill for an Act
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making appropriations. House Bill 7098, a Bill for an Act
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making appropriations. House Bill 7103, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7103 (sic-House Bill 7104), a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7105, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 7106, a Bill for an Act making appropriations."

Clerk Bolin: "Continuation of House Bills on Second Reading being read for a second time and held on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading. House Bill 5736, a Bill for an Act in relation to tax increment financing. House Bill 5737, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5738, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5739, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5740, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5741, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5742, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5743, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5744, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5745, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5749, a Bill for an Act in relation to housing. House Bill 5750, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5751, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5752, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5753, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5754, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5755, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5756, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5757, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 5758, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.

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House Bill 5763, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5764, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5765, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5766, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5767, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5768, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5769, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5770, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions.
House Bill 5771, a Bill for an Act in relation to juveniles.
House Bill 5772, a Bill for an Act in relation to juveniles.
House Bill 5773, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles.
House Bill 5774, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles.
House Bill 5775, a Bill for an Act concerning juveniles.
House Bill 5776, a Bill for an Act in relation to families.
House Bill 5777, a Bill for an Act in relation to families.
House Bill 5778, a Bill for an Act concerning medical patients' rights.
House Bill 5779, a Bill for an Act concerning medical patients' rights.
House Bill 5780, a Bill for an Act concerning health insurance.
House Bill 5781, a Bill for an Act in relation to health insurance.
House Bill 5782, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities planning.
House Bill 5783, a Bill for an Act concerning health care provider regulation.
House Bill 5784, a Bill for an Act in relation to health maintenance

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organizations. House Bill 5785, a Bill for an Act in relations to health maintenance organizations. House Bill 5786, a Bill for an Act in relation to health facilities planning. House Bill 5787, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 5788, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 5789, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 5790, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 5791, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care. House Bill 5792, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer fraud. House Bill 5793, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer fraud. House Bill 5794, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer fraud. House Bill 5795, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer fraud. House Bill 5796, a Bill for an Act concerning consumers. House Bill 5797, a Bill for an Act concerning consumers. House Bill 5798, a Bill for an Act in relation to technology. House Bill 5799, a Bill for an Act concerning technology. House Bill 5800, a Bill for an Act concerning technology. House Bill 5801, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 5802, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 5803, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 5804, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 5805, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 5806, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 5807, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 5808, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill

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5809, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill
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5814, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill
5815, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House
Bill 5816, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance.
House Bill 5817, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance.
House Bill 5818, a Bill for an Act in relation to
insurance. House Bill 5819, a Bill for an Act concerning
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medical malpractice. House Bill 5821, a Bill for an Act
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5824, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental
protection. House Bill 5825, a Bill for an Act concerning
environmental protection. House Bill 5826, a Bill for an
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5827, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental
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Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 5830,
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environmental protection. House Bill 5832, a Bill for an
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5834, a Bill for an Act concerning wetlands. House Bill 5835, a Bill for an Act concerning groundwater quality. House Bill 5836, a Bill for an Act to concerning toxic mold. House Bill 5837, a Bill for an Act concerning coal development. House Bill 5838, a Bill for an Act concerning coal development. House Bill 5839, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. House Bill 5840, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5841, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5842, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. House Bill 5843, a Bill for an Act in relation to veterans. House Bill 5844, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 5845, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 5846, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 5847, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 5848, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 5849, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 5850, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 5851, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 5852, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 5853, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 5854, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 5855, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 5856, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 5857, a Bill for an Act in relation to financial regulation. House Bill 5858, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 5859, a Bill for an

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concerning State Government. House Bill 5218, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5219, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5220, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5221, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5222, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5223, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5224, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5225, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5226, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5227, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5228, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5229, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5230, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5231, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5232, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5233, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5234, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5235, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5236, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5237, a Bill for an Act in relation to State Government. House Bill 5238, a Bill for an Act in relation to State Government. House Bill 5239, a Bill for an Act in relation to State Government. House Bill 5240, a Bill for an Act in relation to State Government. House Bill 5241, a Bill for an Act in relation to State

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House Bill 5265, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. House Bill 5266, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 5267, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 5268, a Bill for an Act in relation to administrative procedure. House Bill 5269, a Bill for an Act in relation to administrative procedure. House Bill 5270, a Bill for an Act in relation to administrative procedure. House Bill 5271, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 5272, a Bill for an Act concerning compensation review. House Bill 5273, a Bill for an Act concerning compensation review. House Bill 5274, a Bill for an Act concerning compensation review. House Bill 5275, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5276, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5277, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5278, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5279, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5280, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5281, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5282, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5283, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5284, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5285, a Bill for an Act concerning arbitration. House Bill 5286, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 5287, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liability. House Bill 5288, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liability. House Bill 5289, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liability. House Bill

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5290, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 5291, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5292, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5293, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5294, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 5295, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5296, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5297, a Bill for an Act concerning... a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5299, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 5300, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil liabilities. House Bill 5301, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5302, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liability. House Bill 5303, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liability."

Clerk Mahoney: "Continuation of Second Reading of these House Bills to be held on the order of Second Reading. House Bill 5304, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5305, a Bill for an Act concerning civil liabilities. House Bill 5306, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5307, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5308, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5309, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5310, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5311, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5312, a Bill for an Act in relation

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to civil procedure. House Bill 5313, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5314, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5315, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5316, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5317, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5318, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 5319, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5321, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5322, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 5323, a Bill for an Act regarding transportation. House Bill 5324, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 5325, a Bill for an Act in regard to transportation. House Bill 5326, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5327, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 5328, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5329, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5330, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5331, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 5332, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5333, a Bill for an Act regarding transportation. House Bill 5334, a Bill for an Act regarding transportation. House Bill 5335, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5336, a Bill for an Act in regard to transportation. House Bill 5337, a Bill for an Act in regard to transportation. House Bill 5338, a

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concerning taxes. House Bill 5555, a Bill for an Act
concerning taxation. House Bill 5556, a Bill for an Act
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concerning taxes. House Bill 5563, a Bill for an Act in
relation to education. House Bill 5564, a Bill for an Act
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5582, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation of
professions. House Bill 5583, a Bill for an Act regarding
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Act in relation to the regulation of professions. House
Bill 5585, a Bill for an Act in relation to the regulation
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labor. House Bill 5463, a Bill for an Act in relation to
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House Bill 5473, a Bill for an Act in relation to workers'
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assistance. House Bill 4841, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4864, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 4881, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 4883, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4929, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 4992, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 5018, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5021, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 5026, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5037, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5042, a Bill for an Act concerning Departments of State Government. House Bill 5056, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 5164, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 5216, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. House Bill 5890, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6583, a Bill for an Act... House Bill 6863, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6866, a Bill for an Act in relation to state land. House Bill 6893, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign finance. House Bill 6983, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. Continue with the orders... continue reading Second Reading - to be held on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 5530, a Bill for an Act in relation to libraries. House Bill 5531, a Bill for an Act in relation to libraries and House Bill 5532, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. Continuing the Order of Second Reading - to be held on the Order of Second Reading. House

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Bill 4960, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance (sic-a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation). House Bill 5892, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Continuing on the Order of Second Reading - to be held on Second Reading. House Bill 4492, a Bill for an Act concerning hospice care. House Bill 5298, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil procedure. House Bill 5345, a Bill for an Act concerning child care. Continue on the Order of Second Reading - to be held on Second Reading. House Bill 1269, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 3962, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 4877, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits and House Bill 5823, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."