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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The regular Session of the 104th General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desk, and will our guests in the galleries please rise? The invocation today will be given by Pastor Stephen Lawrence from Exodus Church of Springfield.

PASTOR STEPHEN LAWRENCE: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Johnson, can you please lead us in the pledge?

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mike Miletich from WAND TV seeks permission to record and videotape the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Eileen Meslar from Chicago Tribune seeks permission to take photos of the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. And Paul Elder from BlueRoomStream seeks permission to video and audio stream the proceedings. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Wednesday, May 6th, 2026.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal just read by the Secretary pending arrival of the printed transcripts.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to postpone the reading and

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approval of the Journal pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions. SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 777, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. Senate Resolution 778 through 781, offered by Senator McClure and all Members, and Senate Resolution 782, offered by Senator Johnson and all Members. They're all celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Turner, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 3116 Recommended Do Adopt; and House Bill 5136 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Murphy, Chair of the Committee on Executive Appointments; reports - Appointment Messages 1040238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 249, 251, 253, 254, 255, 256, 250, -- 288, 290, 293, 295, 296, 297, 299, 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, and 333 Do Recommend Consent. Senator Stadelman, Chair of the Committee on Energy and Public Utilities; reports Senate Bills 3922 and 4039 Do Pass, as Amended; and House Bills 4456, 4514, and 5524 Do Pass. Senator Ellman, Chair of the Committee on Environment and Conservation; reports - House Bills 4829 and 4941 Do Pass.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4199, offered by Senator Johnson, an Act concerning elections. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Faraci, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR FARACI:

Thank you, Mr. President. For an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR FARACI:

Thank you, Mr.- thank you, Mr. President. Today, I have the pleasure of -- welcoming 2 remarkable groups of student athletes to the Senate Chamber. The University of Illinois men's and women's wheelchair basketball teams are in Springfield today to celebrate their respective and impressive third place finishes at the 2026 Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball National Championship in Tucson, Arizona. Let's give them a round of applause. Thank you. Something many of my colleagues may not know about the University of Illinois is that our campus is widely recognized as the birthplace of -- collegiate wheelchair basketball, playing an essential role in the development of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. Because of this, it's no surprise that our men's and women's wheelchair basketball teams demonstrated the full potential of the program's 77-year history of leadership and innovation in sports at the 2026 NWBA National Championships. The men -- the men's wheelchair basketball team, led by -- Head Coach Jacob Tyree, completed their 2025-2026 season finishing a -- finishing strong with an outstanding Final Four run. Pretty impressive. The women's wheelchair basketball team, led by head-

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Head Coach Stephanie Wheeler, wrapped up their 2025-26 season with an equally impressive Final Four run as well. The achievements of these teams is not only a direct reflection on the -- perseverance, sportsmanship, dedication, and excellence of the student athletes and coaching staff, it also reflects the critical impact of inclusive collegiate athletics and importance of ensuring inclusive resources are available to students across the State. It isn't very often that the community has even one great basketball team to rally behind, but somehow, the '25-'26 year offered Champaign-Urbana and the State of Illinois 3 dedicated, driven, passionate basketball teams who all finished in the top 4 of their respective tournaments. To say I'm proud of the University of Illinois student's athletes is an understatement at best. I'd like to give special recognition to the University Division of Disability Resources and Educational Services for their constant support to ensure students with disabilities are afforded equal opportunity on the University of Illinois campus. Now, I'd like to ask my colleagues to join me with congratulating the University of Illinois men's and women's basketball teams on their stellar 2026 NWBA National Championship performance, and then I'm going to tell you who's here. But if we could give them another round of applause. So, with a little more indulgence, I want to introduce Maureen Gilbert, who is with us up in the gallery. Thank you, Maureen. She is the U of I Disability Resource and Educational Service staff liaison for us today. So, from the U of I wheelchair basketball team members that are here, Maya Campbell, if you could wave. Ava Finger. Gavin Ford, Gavin. Kylee Koenig. And I apologize if I get your names wrong. Koenig. Ritvika Kondakrindi. Sorry. We -- we met Josie, who's here. Martrell Stevens is here. Sorry, Jo

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-- Josie Portell, sorry, and Martrell Stevens is here. Kendall Speaks. Did I already do Kendall? Kendall's here. And Mary Wagstaff. We also have coaches who you've already met, but you met Jacob and Stephanie are down here. Matthew Poland is up in the gallery as well. Marley {sic} (Mary) Wagstaff. Eubin Ham. Vasquez Johnson, who is a manager. And Larry Parker. Ladies and Gentlemen, the University of Illinois men's and women's wheelchair athletes basketball team, we are thrilled to have you here today.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Congratulations on a successful season. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Faraci, for -- for doing these two days in a row here. What a fantastic time it is to be an Illini. We said this a little bit yesterday, but literally, these are the good old days. For those of us who are alumni, and -- and I'm a two-time proud alumni of the University of Illinois. It's just these are the good old days, our sports teams are firing all cylinders, we could not be more pleased or proud to see all of you here today. It's absolutely a great part of the time to be an, part of Illini nation. Congratulations to each and every one of you. The hard work, perseverance you put into it. As an Illini, as an alumni, when we see and read what you all are doing, it just -- it just really brings joy to our hearts to see what the next generation is doing. Congratulations to all. We did miss Jack, and I did miss Jack's last name in the gallery here, but we wanna give Jack a shout-out too. So anyway, congratulations, Illini.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Congratulations, and welcome Jack to the Illinois Senate. Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Point -- point of introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

I would like the Body's attention for a minute here. I've got two important guests with me today, twins Jameson and Mollie Vieregge, out of St. Jacob, Illinois. I'd also like to highlight Mollie and Jameson's parents, Scott and Mia, up in the gallery. I'll introduce Mollie first. Mollie is a sixth grader at Maryville Christian School. She's involved in drama, choir, cross-country, track, and basketball. She likes singing with Tessitura Music. When she gets older, Mollie wants to be a missionary, a Bible or history teacher, or a financial advisor like her parents. Mollie, Mollie's been... We -- we just had lunch in the cafeteria; she's been up here for a while. Her -- her parents arranged this through some -- some stuff we were doing at Maryville Christian School. But I was picking Mollie's brain. She's helped me out. I have twin boys back home, and she was giving me advice on how to manage them and, and how to take them through the education system. Her -- her brother, Jameson, and I need -- I need everyone from Chicago to stay calm because he's going to play for the Cardinals when he gets older, but -- but Jameson is also, of course, a sixth grader at Maryville Christian School. He's involved in basketball, baseball, cross-country, and track. He plays baseball with the Rascals out of St. Jacob and basketball with the Ball Hog Academy

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out of Edwardsville. He -- he is very absolute that when he gets older he's going to play either outfield, second base, or pitch for the St. Louis Cardinals. And talking through things with him, I'm very confident that he will be wearing Cardinal red when he gets a little bit older. But, it's -- it's meaningful to me, to have Jameson and Mollie and -- and -- and -- and their parents up here today. It's an absolute great family, very involved in the community, very involved in church, very -- very involved in -- in our school back home, and so I'd ask the Body to welcome them to the Chamber today. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Villivalam, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

For the purposes of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President and, and, and Members of the Body. Today I have with me, Trisha Cabrera from our district. She has been an invaluable part of our district office operation in the 8th District. She joined our office formally as an intern in January. Previously she had already been volunteering with our office, helping with staff events and providing constituent services. This year as an intern, she's been doing a lot of that but also, doing more constituent case work, events and -- and other vital work in our office. She's also working on a policy proposal, that she's putting together for us to consider, in future Sessions. And so as, as was stated over the last couple days as other Members

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have brought, teams from their district, we could not do this job without, our district office teams. And Trisha, I'm so glad to have you a part of that team, and the work that you do on behalf of our constituents. And I would just ask that the Body, give her a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Thank you, for the work that you do back in the district. Senator Guzmán, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

Thank you, Mr. President, for a point of introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

Hi, everyone. I know our constituent and district's office staff in particular mean a lot to a lot of us. I'm really happy to introduce -- Jorge Herrera Cardona from my office. I met Jorge actually as a young person who came to see me right as I was getting started talking about after-school programs and was so impressed by him that I chased him down until he agreed to become my staff. He's been inquisitive, really funny, really stylish, just an amazing human, and I hope you can all help me welcome him to the Senate Floor. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

-- Jorge, welcome to the Illinois Senate. Thank you for the work you do in our district. Senator Sally Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

Mr. President, for an in -- introduction, please.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your introduction.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

Today I have with me a guest from Morton, Illinois, and she is here because she is part of the Lieutenant Governor's Girls Lead program. This is Charlotte, and Charlotte is a seventh grader at Morton Junior High School. She's an athlete, and she's in the soccer club, and she dances competitively. And she is active member of the student council and a high honor student, and she's a leader in her school. And she's interested in politics, which is interesting, right? And she's a math wizard. So please welcome Charlotte today to the Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Charlotte, welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator H -- Hunter, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HUNTER:

For the purpose of an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR HUNTER:

-- Senate {sic} (Democrats) will caucus in the President's Chamber for 30 minutes upon recess.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President, for the point of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your announcement.

SENATOR BRYANT:

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Thank you. The Republicans will caucus upon recess in Room 400.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The Senate will stand in recess to the call of the Chair. After caucus, the Senate will reconvene for Floor action. The Senate stands in recess.

(SENATE STANDS IN RECESS/SENATE RECONVENES)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The Senate will come to order. Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of the Senate bills for the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4200, offered by Senator DeWitte, an Act concerning housing. 1st Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 48, offered by Senator Edly-Allen, and adopted by the House May 7th 2026. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House. It is substantive, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Point of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Announcement. State your announcement.

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SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. I rise to honor the life and legacy of an amazing man, husband, father, and community member, -- Orlando Rivas. For the past year, Orlando Rivas worked as the after-school security person at Buffalo Grove High School, his dream retirement job, after 25 years as a Chicago Parole Officer, in a school as large and diverse as Buffalo Grove High School, it is incredibly rare to find someone who can connect with every student, but that was Orlando's gift. In less than a year, he built meaningful relationships across our entire community. He had a gift of making students feel seen, heard, valued, and cared for, no matter who they were or where they came from. His impact in such a short amount of time was extraordinary. On April 21st, Orlando showed us the true meaning of selflessness and courage. In a split second, while helping students cross the street, he shielded them from danger, putting their, putting their lives before his own. While saving them, he sustained injuries that ended his own e --ended in his own death. His actions were instinctive, a reflection of how he lived every single day, putting others first. Even now, after his passing, Orlando continues to give. As an organ donor, he is saving lives, a final, powerful testament to his generosity and the way he always showed up for others. Orlando Rivas will be forever missed by the Buffalo Grove High School community and Buffalo Grove residents, but his legacy of connection, courage, and selflessness will live on in all of us. And I want to thank the administrators at the Buffalo Grove High School and Buffalo Grove Police Chief, Brian Budds for stepping up. Orlando Rivas was an amazing man, and he should be honored in this way. I know a few of my colleagues would

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like to make some remarks, but then later on I would ask for a moment of silence. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to continue on to the memoriam of Orlando Rivas, and apologies that this will be a -- a little difficult as the Rivas family is are -- are very close friends. They're -- they're that family that you get to choose along the way in life. You have the family that you're born with, but you're ever so lucky to meet some amazing people that become very close. Orlando was an amazing individual, he was a loving son, father, brother, an absolute joy to be around. His father, Roy Rivas Sr. is someone that I hold very dear in my heart. And when I began to -- to have golf outings I knew that Roy enjoyed to golf. He's retired, and I was like, "Hey, you should, you know, bring -- bring the boys, bring your sons. Boys -- they're grown men, older than I am. But Junior and Orlando, like, let's -- you know, and they would come every year and have an amazing time. And the great thing about Orlando, even if you spent even a little bit of time with him, he had this I -- I can had -- just picture him now, this amazing smile, one of those smiles that, like, was diffusing for folks because you know instantly that that person had a, an amazing heart and a good soul. Sort of a life of a party, someone who, laughter would fill up a room, and you would have to -- it was -- it was -- it was something that, you know, would -- would have others -- also, in laughter as well, and in joy. His -- he lived a very selfless life of serving and helping others, even to the last moment. To extend condolences and trying to

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remind a family that their son died a hero, it's difficult to accept when what they -- he was always a hero, but they would love to have him back. And I just want the Body to know, sorry, that Orlando wasn't just a hero because of the last actions he took in life, but because the well-lived life that he served to others, even to his last moments. And so, I -- I ask for a moment of silence, and I -- and I -- I thank the Body for taking this -- this time for a great individual. We will miss you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

A moment of silence has been requested. Members will be at their desk to observe a moment of silence. (moment of silence observed) Senator Aquino, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

We will begin our work today with Senate Bills' 2nd Reading. On page 2 of the printed Calendar, we have Senator Cunningham, with Senate Bill 1700. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1700, an Act concerning local government. 2nd Reading of the bill; the Committee on Executive adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 1940, with Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy with Senate Bill 1940. Senate Bill 2713, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2713, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill; the Committee on Executive adopted amendments 1 and 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Senator Feigenholtz, with Senate Bill 2785. Senator -- Senator Murphy with Senate Bill 48 -- 4038, excuse me, 4038. And Senator Murphy with Senate Bill 4041. Moving back on the Calendar to Senate Bill 1940, Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1940, an Act concerning property. 2nd Reading of the bill, the Committee on Judiciary, Appropriations and Human Services {sic} (Judiciary) Adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Senator Murphy with Senate Bill 4038. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4038, an Act concerning criminal law. 2nd Reading

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of the bill; the Committee on Executive Adopted Amendment No. 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. And Senator Murphy with Senate Bill 4041. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4041, an Act concerning State government. 2nd Reading of the bill; the Committee on Appropriations, Public Safety, and Infrastructure {sic} (Executive) Adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Beginning our work on 3rd Readings final action. We are working on Senate Bills 3rd Reading on page 3. We find ourselves with Senate Bill 454, Senator Koehler. Senator Koehler seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 454 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 454. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Koehler.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Koehler, on your amendment.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

I move for its adoption.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the -- the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 454, an Act concerning employment. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Koehler, on your bill.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. This bill is very narrow in its scope. It only applies to the-

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are on 3rd Readings. We're trying to take final action and get our work started so we can get our work done. Thank you. Senator Koehler, on your bill.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

This amends the minimum wage law to exclude minor league baseball players who are compensated pursuant to collective

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bargaining agreements from the definition of employee. Such players are not excluded from provisions prohibiting, discrimination -- based on sex or disability. This only applies to the Peoria Chiefs, so it's very narrow in its scope. So, I'd ask for your support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 454 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 50 -- 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. House -- excuse me Senate Bill 454, having received the -- required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving to page 4, we find ourselves with Senate Bill 638, Senator Glowiak Hilton. Senator Glowiak Hilton seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 638 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 638. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Glowiak Hilton.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, on your amendment.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 638, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Glowiak Hilton, on your bill.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 638, as amended, will allow municipalities who have -- who exceed a year of their costs and expenses to be able to put money into trusts. They're called other post-employment benefit trusts for -- retirees for -- friends -- benefits as well as general fund balance exceeding what their operating expenses are.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is shall Senate Bill 638 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye, opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 638, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving along to page 5 at the top of page 5, we find ourselves with Senate Bill 807, Senator Belt. Senator Belt seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 807 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 807. Mr. Secretary, are

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there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Belt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt, on your amendment.

SENATOR BELT:

Mr. President, adopt and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 807, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt, on your bill.

SENATOR BELT:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill simply deletes all the -- well, that's the amendment. The bill provides that no government entity shall be permanently ineligible to receive State grant funds. Any determination of ineligibility shall be limited to -- -- excuse me. It is a great bill, amends the Governor's Office of Management and Budget Act and the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act by removing various references to an individual

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or entity being permanently ineligible to receive an award or State grant fund.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Plummer, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PLUMMER:

A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you, Senator Belt. Quick question for clarification purposes. There was maybe some confusion with the language as to a local unit of government that, that gets this reprimand or whatever you wanna call it, whether it's a permanent ban or if it's just a ban until the issue is resolved or remediated or whatever. So, we're looking for clarification on, as it stands today, is it a permanent ban or is it a ban until the issue's resolved?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

What this -- Senator, thanks for the question. What this bill looks to do, current law right now provides that -- the current law is you could be municipality, local unit of government, in this case, East St. Louis Township, could be placed on a permanent ban list. Okay? What this legislation looks to do is to remove any reference to permanent ban list. We -- we -- we -- don't think it's right. We think it's punitive to the citizens in a -- any given local municipality.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Okay. So, in -- in the situation of East St. Louis, for example, there -- there was an issue; I only know a little bit about the issue, but are they banned permanently forever now? Or -- or if that issue is fixed or if it's already been fixed, can they -- can they come back into good graces?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

It provides a remedy for them to get back in good graces.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

And are we aware of any other local units of government in the State that are presently permanently banned from receiving these funds other, other than East St. Louis Township right now?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

We do -- we don't know of any local units of government, any additional local units of government, but we do know of two other non-for-profits, so it's three in all East St. Louis and those two non-for-profits.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Plummer. Senator Sally Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Turner.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

So, Senator, we had some discussion in committee about this, but -- what I want to clarify for the Members is that there presently is no remedy to get off the list. Is that, is -- is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

That's absolutely correct.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

Sorry.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt, you wanna continue? I'm sorry. Senator -- Senator Belt, go ahead. All right, there you go. Senator Turner.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

For -- for clarity, -- GOMB brought this forward to say they need a remedy for this in the law, in order for this to happen to all units of government or all non-profits who are on -- who have GATA. Is that right?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

You're absolutely correct. We work with the Governor's office. This is their language, and to clear that up, to provide

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a remedy, because they understood that to put somebody on a permanent ban list or to put a local unit of government or an individual or agency on a -- a permanent ban list, it really is regressive and it hurts the people because of something one individual could have done relative to good, sound business integrity.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

And if there would be a violation or a crime committed, this does not prohibit that entity from being flagged and not being able to receive funds until that's remedied. Is that correct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Belt.

SENATOR BELT:

Senator, you're absolutely correct. This has nothing to -- the only thing that this bill looks at doing is providing a remedy to permanency, right? A permanent ban, everything else about the process stays in place, it does not mess with the process.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Turner.

SENATOR SALLY TURNER:

Thank you for that clarity. I appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Senator Belt, would you like to close?

SENATOR BELT:

Favorable roll call. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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The question is, shall Senate Bill 807 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 42 voting Aye, 14 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 807, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 1327, Senator Hunter. Senator Hunter seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 1327 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 1327. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved consideration?
SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hunter, on your amendment.

SENATOR HUNTER:

I wish to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 4, offered by Senator Hunter.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hunter, on this amendment.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Wish -- I wish to adopt this Amendment 4, and I'll explain it on 3.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye,

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Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1327, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Hunter, on your bill.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Thank you, Mr. President. As amendment -- as amended, Senate Bill 1327 requires every private health insurer that issues certificates of disability income insurance in the State to provide a disclosure to consumers seeking such a policy that includes whether the policy selected by the consumer limits the duration of coverage for mental health or substance use disorders, and consumers right to request more information about the limitation and other coverage options that include unlimited duration if available. I know of no opposition, and this is a bill that I'm carrying for the Illinois State Medical Society. And I would, yeah.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Excellent. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1327 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senators Simmons, what's wrong? Take the record. On that question, there

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are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 1327, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2013, Senator Stadelman. Senator Stadelman seeks leave of the Body to -- to return Senate Bill 2013 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2013. Mr. Secretary, are there any further -- are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator -- Senator Stadelman, on your amendment.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2013, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Stadelman, on your bill.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill

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2013 is an initiative of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association. The problem is that when these third-party booking services or websites are made available for people to book these hotel rooms, it can lead to incorrect bookings or unexpected fees, or people may show up at the hotel and there's actually no room. So, what this legislation does is provide transparency and addresses the problem by making sure that these third-party booking services clearly disclose that they have a lack of affiliation with the hotel before a consumer reserves a room. Happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2013 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Jones, would you like to vote on this bill? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2013, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

An announcement, if I may?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Please make your announcement

SENATOR ROSE:

And it's a very important announcement. Mr. Rogers has called from beyond the grave; he's asked Senator Peters to please return his blue sweater. Will Senator Peters, please return Mr. Rogers' blue sweater? No? Well, not, no? Oh, well, congratulations on

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becoming a father. You're welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Continuing on page 6 of the -- of the distributed Calendar is Senate Bill 20 -- 2772. Senator Ventura. Where is she? Senator Ventura seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2772 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2772. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Ventura.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Ventura, on your amendment.

SENATOR VENTURA:

I'd like to withdraw Amendment 2 and move Amendment 3 forward.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Ventura.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Ventura, on this amendment.

SENATOR VENTURA:

I'd like you to adopt Amendment 3, and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2772, an Act concerning health. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Ventura, on your bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2772 creates the (Illinois) Psilocybin Advisory Board (Act). This would establish a 15-member board of stakeholders and experts, with, 15 of them voting and 24 non-voting Members, to evaluate the medical and psychological uses of psilocybin. It requires that the board study the existing laws and framework, regulatory framework in other states, as well as the federal government, to best identify the safety standards and evidence-based recommendations for future policy guidance here in our State. It would charge the board with reviewing scientific research on the safety and effectiveness of psilocybin for treating health conditions such as treatment-resistant depression, PTSD, substance use disorder, and other complex mental health challenges. Psilocybin has been deemed a breakthrough therapy for PTSD, especially for individuals, like veterans and first responders, to help heal their PTSD because of the neuroplasticity of the medicine, as well as the ongoing integration and therapy. Two states currently have this legalization through a healing facility, we're looking at what that might look like for our State. Several other states have filed

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legislation or provided funding for ongoing clinical services. Even the federal government is looking to roll back some of the regulations on this in order to have, more access to this. Supporting this bill allows Illinois to lead with evidence, oversight, and -- innovation in addressing a complex mental health challenges. And with that, I'll open up to questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

I'd like to speak to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the -- to the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

I'm sorry, that microphone was wedged very hard in there. So anyway, thank you, Senator Ventura, for bringing this very important bill. We are glad that you allowed us to be part of the discussion, and most importantly, how to improve the mental health treatment for our veterans and those that suffer from PTSD, like you mentioned, our first responders. We appreciate how seriously you're taking the issue, how you've worked on it for several years, and that you did take some of our recommendations that we made in committee. However, as we discussed, this bill is much broader than just psilocybin task force, it also explores other synthetic psychotropic drugs and the like. And so, for that reason, I cannot support your bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion. Senator Porfirio, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR PORFIRIO:

Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, and I want to applaud the sponsor for her efforts here.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR PORFIRIO:

Yes. I -- I support this bill, I serve on the Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention. We've -- we'll begin clinical trials here in Illinois to actually serve veterans. These -- these treatments have shown incredible efficacy to save lives, so having the professionals around the table to create the -- create the -- the right framework so that Illinois can be a national leader in this space is very exciting. So, I -- I support this bill and would urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition? To the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you very much, Mr. President. So, I'm -- I'm proud to co-sponsor this bipartisan legislation with Senator Ventura, and I hope that it's bipartisan for the other side of the aisle. Just last month, President Trump signed an Executive Order expanding research and access to promising treatments like Ibogaine. And for those of you who are unfamiliar with that, I seriously suggest looking into it cause it addresses also serious mental illnesses. And the national momentum, whether you're red or whether you're blue, shows that we're moving in the right direction by putting the care of our first responders and veterans above politics. I don't believe this is a partisan issue. I think the men and the

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women who protect and serve our communities, whether that's police officers, firefighters, and veterans, deserve effective and safe tools, and -- and we can provide that to help them heal from the invisible wounds that they carry, that being PTSD, severe depression, and anxiety. These illnesses don't discriminate by party, badge, or uniform. So, I ask for an Aye vote. This is something that at our national level, regardless of the -- or the discussions that we have problems with and -- and the divide that we have in the way we talk to one another today, heck, if it's signed by the President, this should be something that's simple to get behind here, as well. So, I urge an Aye vote, Mr. President, thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion. Senator Walker, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR WALKER:

I'd like to speak to the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR WALKER:

Senator Ventura, I -- I love this bill. I support it. My only frustration is that we have to go with the task force until everyone's committed to this, and I'll miss it when we pass it next year. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Ventura, to close.

SENATOR VENTURA:

Yes. Thank you. I -- I agree with Senator Hastings that this is not a partisan issue. This impacts families all across our

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country and in our State. To that point, I am asking for my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to support this. Not only has our President indicated some support for this, but other states have looked at this. The reason I have worked so diligently with the other side of the aisle is because this impacts your constituents, too. The bill, the third amendment changes the other endogens to just evaluate it. So, when Senator Hastings talked about Ibogaine, for example, that is one of the endogens that we would like the State to just look at. There is no recommendation for it. There is no additional language to say anything to look at what the -- what the States and the federal government is doing. The rest of the bill all focuses on psilocybin. And so, I would ask for us, I -- I think it would be in short order if we did not watch what our federal government is doing and these states are doing. But we know the effectiveness of psilocybin, and that is what this advisory board is really tasked with. So, while it might be feelings that, oh, it's broader than that, it really is not. And I filed that third amendment to show that to you guys, that this is something I hope you all can vote for because people's lives literally are depending on it. I ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Turner, I -- I'm sorry, okay, I was going to say, I had that indicated she was closing. So, with that, sorry. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2772 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 41 voting Aye, 13 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2772, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to Senate

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Bill 2822, Senator Stadelman. Senator Stadelman seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2822 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2822. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Stadelman.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Stadelman, on your amendment.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Like to adopt the amendment, explain on 3rd, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2822, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Stadelman, on your bill.

SENATOR STADELMAN:

Thank you, Mr. President, Members of the Senate. Senate Bill 2822 deals with the sale of digital goods. Many people may not be aware that the terms of that sale can really greatly differ from

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physical goods. Consumers may have a license to access the digital good, to the terms of service that the seller can change at will. What this bill is tries to improve, transparency in the process and requires sellers to meet several disclosure requirements, and includes a list of all the terms and conditions of the license to use that digital good, including circumstances under which the license may be revoked, and notes that the license may be for a digital good that is modified from its original version. We worked with all the stakeholders, involved in this process, we addressed their concerns. I'm not aware of any opposition and ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2822 pass? All those in favor vote Aye, opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2822, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2826, Senator Balkema. Senator Balkema seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2822, 26, excuse me, 2826, to the Order of -- to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is -- leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is -- On the Orders, excuse me. Senator Balkema seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2826 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2826. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Balkema.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Balkema, on your amendment.

SENATOR BALKEMA:

Mr. President, I move to explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

We'll be adopting it, and is there any discussion? All those in favor say, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2826, an Act concerning public employee benefits. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Balkema, on your bill.

SENATOR BALKEMA:

Mr. President, this is an initiative of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. It really does two things. The first thing it does is really enhance standard, proactive, good governance measure to ensure the fund operates at the highest level of integrity, and it does that by preventing anybody who's earned service credit as an IMRF employee from serving on the IMRF Board. And then the second thing it does is actually loosen up a bit of the requirements, and it amends the IMRF article of the Illinois Pension Code to provide a technical change. Today, a retiree who

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must sever employment with all IMRF employers, before they're able to draw an annuity, and IMRF felt this was too restrictive for employees seeking to allow employment in an area that's not part of the original job. And so that backs off that requirement and allows a bit more flexibility. So, for example, if a person retires from one job and wants to start part-time, they have that option as opposed to waiting for that severance to occur across the board.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Senator Rose, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ROSE:

I'm thoroughly confused by this. I need an excel chart to help me understand the bill. Will there be an excel chart coming with this, Senator Balkema?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates he'll yield. Senator Balkema.

SENATOR BALKEMA:

I -- I would be happy to provide the -- the excel chart and even run a small Six Sigma project if we need to, to ensure that we're doing this in the most efficient manner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Rose.

SENATOR ROSE:

I -- I don't even know what that means.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Balkema.

SENATOR BALKEMA:

Stick with me, Chapin, and I'll take you on a wonderful journey.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Sally Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates he'll yield. Senator Sally Turner.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Curious, cause I've seen this happen before. Is this retroactive at all or when will the -- when will this take effect?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Balkema.

SENATOR BALKEMA:

I need Rich to help me. I don't think it is.

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thanks, I should've asked him before.

SENATOR BALKEMA:

If anybody's ever earned credit, they are prohibited from joining the Board. So yes, it would be...

SENATOR S. TURNER:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Any further discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2826 pass? All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 2826, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 2891,

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Senator Halpin. Senator Halpin seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 2891 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 2891. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Halpin.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Halpin, on your amendment.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. The amendment removes opposition. I'd like to debate the bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2891, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Halpin, on your bill.

SENATOR HALPIN:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2891 does 3 things. First, requires animal shelters to register and document microchips in their adopted animals. Second, requires them to

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disclose to potential, adopting families any violent behavior or other incidents that they are aware about the dog, including whether or not the dog has been deemed dangerous under the Animal Control Act. And then lastly, it prohibits agencies from adopting out any dogs that have been deemed vicious under the Animal Control Act. There was some initial opposition, but this amendment we just adopted does remove that opposition. I really do want to thank both the animal control agencies and the animal welfare -- welfare organizations for coming to agreement on this bill. If you want to ask questions, you're barking up the wrong tree, and I ask for your Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy, and with your mic right there and handy. Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

To the bill, bow wow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

Senator Halpin, I do like your bill. I'm just curious though, if you have a dog that's got a chip in it and you adopt it, what -- what happens then? I mean, do they try to locate the family, or does -- do -- do you tell the adopting family, "This dog has a chip, and we may have to send Bruiser back to the family that it really belonged with," because it could've co-walked across the country with a cat and another dog?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sen -- Senator Halpin.

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SENATOR HALPIN:

So, Senator Tracy, I, I'm not an expert in this field, but my and it's beyond this bill, but my understanding is that by the time the agency is adopting out the pet, any attempts at, you know, if -- if re-homing with the original owners have either failed or are not appropriate given any kind of animal abuse that may have occurred prior. And so, the new family would get that microchip information, and I think presumably would be able to then use that in case the -- the dog ever gets lost while it's in their care and custody. So that, that information will continue with the new adopted family.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. And did you ever watch Marley & Me or Milo?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Halpin.

SENATOR HALPIN:

I -- I have read the book. I have not seen the movie.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Shockingly, there's no more discussion. So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 2891 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting

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Present. Senate Bill 2891, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving on to page 7 of the printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3116, Senator Chesney. Senator Chesney seeks leave of the Body return Senate Bill 3116 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3116. Mr. Secretary, are there any further -- excuse me, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Chesney.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Chesney, on your amendment.

SENATOR CHESNEY:

I'd like to adopt the amendment, explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Now, on the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3116, an Act concerning animals. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Chesney, on your bill.

SENATOR CHESNEY:

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Thank you, Mr. President. This bill seeks to accomplish two things. One, it asks the Department to work in good faith to provide landowners and beekeepers notice upon inspection. The second item is, it gives the Department more flexibility to require -- to -- to give latitude on required permits between counties and counties. I ask for a favorable roll call. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3116 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3116, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving back in the order to page 5 of the printed Calendar, we find Senate Bill 939, Senator McClure, 939. Senator McClure seeks leave of the Body to -- to excuse me, Senator McClure seeks leave of the Body return Senate Bill 939 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 939. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator McClure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure, on your amendment.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

I'd ask to adopt the amendment, and I'll explain the full bill on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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Is there any discussion? All those in -- all those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator McClure.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure, on this amendment.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

I -- I'd ask to adopt the amendment, and I'll explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 939, an Act concerning education. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure, on your bill.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Mr. President. So, this is a bill that came about two years ago when, Ashley Peden went to a school board meeting in Christian County to talk about what happened to her daughter. And

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Ashley herself is a teacher. And I became aware of what happened to her daughter after seeing social media posts and seeing video from the school board meeting. And I met with Ashley and her daughter, and I met with Chad, who is Ashley's husband, and obviously the -- the father of the daughter. And I was told what happened. And essentially, over the course of a week, her little girl, was attacked in a sexual manner by a much older boy. She's a 10-year-old. She was attacked over the course of a week by a 14-year-old. Nothing happened at the school. That was never told to the parents what was happening. And when she got off the bus on Friday, she was raped. So, police were called, the boy was charged in juvenile court with rape, and that process, of course, takes time. Meanwhile, even though the 14-year-old admitted what he did, he was still allowed to go to school with the 10-year-old. And the family had to go to court to get an Order of Protection against the 14-year-old boy to keep him away from their daughter at school. Eventually, the school could no longer comply with the Order of Protection, and so they -- they had to expel him for that reason. Now, Ashley, Chad, and myself went through our laws and discovered that if you bring brass knuckles to school, and you have the intent to use the brass knuckles at school, and if you don't use the brass knuckles at school, you are expelled for at least one year. But if you sexually assault another student in a school bathroom, there is no automatic expulsion or suspension. Now, after I filed this bill, it got a lot of publicity, and then I was introduced to someone from Senator Tracy's district. And I'm only gonna talk about cases I'm allowed to talk, but we've gotten permission from the families. I'm not gonna say the names in that, in that case, but their very young daughter was raped on a school bus, got an

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STD. So, there's no question what happened. Much older student not suspended or expelled a single day. The daughter, as part of a school safety plan, was forced to change her schedule, change her lunch hour. She eventually had to go to private school on the family's dime because of how painful it was and how terrible it was for her to be at school on a lunch hour that didn't have her friends anymore, in classes she didn't wanna be in, all because she was raped on a school bus. And then I was introduced to Jessica Johnson and Amaya Blair. And we had a press conference, and both Jessica and Amaya were there. And it's one of the most powerful videos that you can see because Jessica, who's Amaya's mom, was standing with her, and you could see -- you could see the pain. So, at Amaya's school, there were, there was a student walkout that was organized, and it was to protest sexual harassment and a sexual assault that took place at the school. And the students felt that it was not appropriate to allow the student to continue going to school based upon what had happened at the school. After that walkout, months later, Amaya was raped in a classroom by another student, and 16 years old. And I just would like to say to both Amaya and Jessica, thank you to them for speaking out because it's very difficult. But in that situation, the student who attacked Amaya was not suspended or expelled a single day. And so most schools do the right thing here, but in a lot of cases that I continue hearing about, the school is not doing the right thing, and that is why this bill is necessary. And I was giving a talk to students on this -- on this Floor a few weeks ago, and afterwards, a male student came up to me, because I talk about my bills and what's important to me and what I'm trying to do, and he said, "Thank you for this bill". And he -- he described a situation that

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happened in his school district. And it's a continuing thing right now, and we get people calling our office, and they meet with us, and I'll -- if I need to get into some other stories, I will. But, this bill is -- is really important, and it's going to, it's gonna be needed, and it's going to help survivors of sexual violence, who are having a hard time as it is after one of these situations, let alone having to go to school and see the person who did that to you right there all the time. And so that's why this bill has been filed. And, essentially what the bill does is if a student sexually assaults or attempts to sexually assault another student at school or at an event related to school, they're expelled for at least a year. And if they commit nonconsensual sexual conduct, they're expelled for at least six months. And both of the definitions for a sexual assault and sexual conduct are already in our Criminal Code, so we're not reinventing the wheel here. And the expulsion process is also already in our laws, and that would that's what would be utilized. So, with that being said, I would like to thank colleagues on both sides of the aisle for the discussions that have taken place over the past two years. This bill has changed significantly, and I would be happy to take any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Tracy, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR TRACY:

Thank you. I'd like to speak to the bill, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR TRACY:

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Thank -- thank you, Mr. President, and I applaud the efforts of my colleague, Senator McClure, because of his very proactive actions in addressing this. And my situation in my district happened a few years prior to the situation in Christian County. My constituent was four years old -- four years old in the back of a school bus, harmed, sexually assaulted by a 14-year-old. And this bill gives the school boards, the school districts, all the school administrators, the direction and the tools they need to address these situations. My four-year-old constituent, she got an Invest in Kids scholarship, and her parents spent a lot of money in court for protections of -- of court - orders of protection, to go to a private school that was completely unfamiliar with her, to her, and then she, went to that school till eighth grade, and then she was homeschooled because she was so traumatized by the whole thing. Because in a small town, everybody knows everyone, and she never felt safe or comfortable going to the public school after that. She's doing well now, but we need to protect our children, and -- and we need to help our school boards and, and school administrators, as I say, have the tools, have the direction. Now, the perpetrator will have education. There are alternative schools, and most importantly, they will get the counseling they need in these alternative schools. They will perhaps learn how evil their behavior was. And I'm just grateful that we've gotten this forward and that we can protect more children. The student from Flossmoor that was here, she is still traumatized, and it's been years since it happened. And so any, it -- it just to see your perpetrator in school regularly is just continuing the trauma. So, I appreciate the efforts, and I certainly hope you all can support this very important bill, and I urge an Aye vote. Thank

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you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion. Senator Preston, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PRESTON:

Question -- questions of the sponsor, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Preston.

SENATOR PRESTON:

Senator McClure, I know one of our colleagues just stated that alternative school is still an option. I just wanted to clarify that. If, in fact, a student is expelled, will they still be able to go to alternative school? I know some discussions were had that question should we send a kid and commit them back to the house where there's possibly some -- some -- some bad things happening there.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you for the question. Yes, we outline in here, it says that they may still be eligible for an alternative learning center because we want the student to go to a different school to get help. I mean, we want -- we want, both sides need help here, and we wanna get the student on the right path.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Preston.

SENATOR PRESTON:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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To the bill.

SENATOR PRESTON:

You know, there's a lot of discussions all across the State about, or quite frankly, the country, on how Democrats and Republicans are just too hyper-partisan. I happen to agree with the majority of folks who believe that. I believe this is one of those pieces of legislation where we should come together, and so I want to applaud Senator McClure for your work on this, and I would ask folks to support it as well.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion. Senator Villa, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VILLA:

Questions to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sponsor indicates he will yield. Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Does this bill apply to children of any age?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

It applies to any child at school.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Including kindergarten, first grade, preschool?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

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Preschool, no, just school, beyond preschool.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Currently, can a student get expelled for a year for behavior at school?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Yes. Currently, under gross disobedience or misconduct, they can be expelled for up to two years.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Would you consider that the behavior in your bill is considered gross misconduct?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Yes, I would.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

How do schools ensure fairness and due process in school disciplinary proceedings?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Sure. So, the bill outlines you have to comply with Title IX

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and that is a whole process where there are lots of protections for anyone accused of doing anything. It's a federal law. And also, you have to go through the normal the expulsion process laid out under the gross disobedience or misconduct part of our law. And you also, it has to -- has to -- you have to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. And all three of those entail quite a bit of protections for anyone accused of doing anything.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

Does the bill do anything to ensure that disciplinary hearings are conducted by officers who have received appropriate training to appropriately and fairly apply the legal standards for mandatory expulsion provided under SB 9-3-9?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

As I said, you just go through the normal expulsion process under gross disobedience or misconduct that's already in our laws right now. So, this isn't changing anything.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

At what time in the process does the parent or the guardian of the child get brought into the school to be notified that their child has been accused or has been stated that there has been an -- an accusation of an incident happening to them?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

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SENATOR MCCLURE:

Again, that's part of the process. There has to be a hearing, and the parents or guardian have to be present, and the school board has to outline what the accusations are, what the evidence is, and they have the ability to appoint someone to investigate it. That's all outlined in this current law.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

What happens after the year of expulsion, and if the child is expelled versus going to an alternative school like Senator Tracy and Preston spoke earlier about during that expulsion, what kind of services are given to that child?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Well, first of all, if a student is expelled, they can still, under this law, they can still go to an alternative school. So, it's not, you asked if they're -- they're expelled or go to an alternative school. Those things can happen at the same time. What services each alternative learning center has is probably specific to those learning centers, but I think from the -- from the ones I visit in my district, like a safe school I was just at in Effingham, they have a lot of resources and tools to try to help students that are having behavior issues to try to give them the services and support they need to correct the behavior.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

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Do alternative schools take kindergartners or first graders?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

That's a great question, and I assume that they do. But I, but I don't know -- I don't know, that's an assumption on my part.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villa.

SENATOR VILLA:

No, they do not. To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR VILLA:

You heard the sponsor say that school districts already have the ability to expel students for a year. You heard the student - you heard the sponsor talk about the age of the student. You also heard that there's a process in place that needs to be followed. If your child- many of you on this Floor have children- were accused by someone, if a student said, "So and so did this to me," at what point exactly does the teacher go and ask the student that was accused? What if that was your child? What if that was your child that was accused? The due process: how are we protecting our children? What happens with this child at the end of that year? They come back to the school year. They come back to the school district, and they've been out of school for a year. What we know about people who abuse is that they've been abused. What happens to that child we're sending him home? We may send them to an alternative placement. It's not a requirement. Right now, schools are allowed to expel students. In fact, in this case that was

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talked about that drove this legislation, the child did end up getting expelled. There's no need to continue to -- to find punitive ways to attack our -- our -- our children. Instead, let's take the cases, case by case. There is no need for this bill. We need to make sure that we are protecting all of the children in the State of Illinois. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further -- with further discussion, Senator Morrison, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR MORRISON:

For the purpose of a question for the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Senator McClure, does your bill take into account that the alleged perpetrator may have a disability?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

That's a very great question. So, the way the bill's laid out is it's a year or six months. However, language has been put in there that says that the hearing officer, superintendent, and board shall consider whether the student was unable to understand the nature of the student's conduct because of age or because of disability. And in those situations, they have discretion to, if they choose to, modify the expulsion. So, it's not in stone and we made sure to take that into account because there were some advocates during the committee process that asked for that to be put in the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Further discussion. Senator Hastings, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

President, to the -- questions of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Sponsor indicates he'll yield, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator McClure, I served on a school board of one of the largest school districts in the, in the State, for four years, and I'm obviously a sponsor of this bill, but because this bill could be construed as controversial or may lead to litigation, I think it's important that we run down a line of questioning here that maybe in the event of litigation occurring, they can reflect back on the discussions we had in this chamber and -- and understand the full understanding of what you're trying to do. Is that okay with you?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I'm going to go to page 12, paragraph 5. Not to get overly

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in-depth here, but this bill imposes a requirement for a one-year minimum, but it immediately allows the superintendent and then the school board to override this on a case-by-case basis. Why does it include a mandatory minimum and then go ahead and further allow for an override to be built in subsequent to an allegation?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Because if you look at the weapons statute involved, that I talked about a little bit earlier, if you're caught with a firearm or if you're caught with brass knuckles, you're expelled for a year. That language has been worked in for it to be something that can be changed on a case-by-case basis. The reason for that is to make sure that it would withstand any lawsuits any -- any federal lawsuits. And so, it was changed to -- to, and it's actually more generous in this than it -- is in the weapons statute, to comply with what some advocates asked for.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you. And so, what specific criteria, standards, or guidelines must the superintendent use when deciding to modify the one-year expulsion?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

That would be in their discretion, and emphasizing it's a case-by-case basis. You know, some people have presented some pretty wild scenarios to me, and they've asked just to be able to

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modify if, you know, an alien ship strikes at the same time, and this, that. So, I think that's needed for that reason. The only thing that the board has to consider when deciding whether to modify the expulsion is they have to take into consideration the age, if the child was not old enough to understand what they were doing, and they have to take into consideration whether or not the -- the perpetrator has a disability, and because of that disability, they couldn't understand what they were doing. So those are two things that they have to consider if they're looking into modifying an expulsion.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Senator, is there any process in here for how victims and their families will be involved in the override process outside of attending a school board meeting?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Well, as I said, the bill says that you've got to be in compliance with Title IX, and Title IX involves the victims, their families. It's a whole process that's, as I said, established by federal law. And in addition to that, I would just suggest that the normal expulsion process, if there's anything in the law that would provide aid to either side, that's untouched. Those, those would still be present if this law gets triggered.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

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Senator, in this bill, we all know that school boards are elected officials as well. Is there anything in this bill that prevents any favoritism, say, towards the star athlete, towards the -- the -- I don't know, the spelling bee champion, whatever that may be? Is there anything in that bill that prevents, or policies that the school board must take in order to provide the -- the oversight on the superintendent for the recommendation of an expulsion or a modification of expulsion?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Good. That's a good question. It -- it, I mean, the, we -- we would make the assumption here that, this should be unbiased, and I think the modifications by the superintendent and the school board, voters can make a decision if they felt that something bad happened because of their decision. They can then take that into consideration. So, there is accountability there, but other than just the letter of the law as it stands, I don't address bias in the bill. But obviously, the intention here is that every student is treated the same, and both -- anybody accused and any victims, we have to be fair to both sides, and the process should not be biased in any way, and that's certainly the intention of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Mr. President, I have a few more questions. If a student is expelled under this mandate, but the determination is later overturned, what remedies exist for lost education time, academic harm, or stigma?

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Okay. So, who overturned it? Where -- where does the overturning come in?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Whether it's via an appeal, new evidence, or a Title IX process, or in the event that it's tried in a criminal court and it's found that the person's not guilty of the crime.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Well, the criminal court is separate from whatever the school does, and that's a much higher burden, obviously, beyond a reasonable doubt. So that's, those two things are unrelated. You can be found not guilty, but still, more likely than not that you did something based upon the evidence. So that's, those two things are unrelated and separate. Whatever the process is currently in place for students who get expelled, if something is found to be inaccurate, and it's revoked, and they're come back -- coming back to school, whatever the current process is, Senator Hastings, that would be the same process followed here because this is a normal expulsion under -- under the -- the statute as it currently exists.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Well, triggers expulsion based on a school determination.

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Senator, what specific evidentiary standards must schools meet before imposing a year-long mandatory expulsion?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Again, that's laid out under the already existing expulsion. You've got to have a hearing. You've got to notify the parents of the accused. You've got to lay out what the evidence is there. You've got to provide a statement as to this is what we did, this is why we did it, and here's our level of reasoning. You've got to give them a chance to respond to that, and then as I said, the superintendent and the school board can then oversee that, yet again, on a case-by-case basis.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I -- I stand in support of this bill, Senator. I just wanna make sure that we go through these -- these -- this line of questioning. It's -- it's essential to do that because this recording will be reflected on in the event that this occurs in another school as to what the intent of this law is. So, I appreciate your diligence in answering that question. I will say that if you look at the -- the lineage of, of how, whether it's, brass knuckles, a billy club, your language is consistent with that. But I do find is also consistent is that there is an

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opportunity on a case-by-case basis for a superintendent, that being a check and balance to whatever -- whoever the person bringing the case forward is, and then there's another check, that being the school board, to determine whether or not that superintendent has made the right decision or right recommendation for a mandatory minimum expulsion. So, I appreciate you adding that language in there. I do have some concerns, though. This is a serious allegation. It's an extremely serious allegation here, and when I asked the question about evidentiary standards, you reflected back to what is the existing -- what's in the existing law, and the existing law is process. It's a process. It's not standards by evidence to which courts adhere to. It's not. It's and -- and the -- the trier of fact in, is -- is generally a school board or members of the school board reviewing the case-by-case basis. So, that does bring me some pause, but I also think that you also have -- you have two different lanes you can -- you can -- you can look into, or you -- you can investigate or have, one being the criminal process, one being the school process at the same time. And both, through those processes, I'm sure, is an expansive investigatory process. But what I what I will say is this, is that sexual assault, any sexual assault, any violence whatsoever, in school shouldn't be tolerated. And serving on a school board for 4 years, and seeing some of the best entrepreneurs, but they were drug dealers in the wrong line of work, you know -- you know, they needed an alternative school. This is a totally separate subject, and it's just inappropriate. So, I thank you very much for bringing the bill, and I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

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Further discussion? Senator Ventura, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR VENTURA:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR VENTURA:

First, sexual assault is not okay. Violence in our schools is not okay. The situations that have happened in Senator McClure's and Senator Tracy's districts are horrible. In those cases, though, the school board could have expelled the children in that situation. The school board chose not to act. My concern with the bill is that by mandating school boards automatically expel students, not because of the situation, but because of fear of not following a State mandate. Rape and attempted rape, they may be more clear; there may be evidence. But there's a lot of aspects that could be very nuanced. For example, two seniors are at prom. They have consensual sex. One of the seniors goes home, and their parents find out. The parents now go to the school board and demand that the other consensual participant be expelled. Under this law, they should be expelled automatically. Another example, a child who does not know better has been abused by someone in their home, repeats that behavior in the school. Now, automatically expelled, to go home to their abuser, and no longer have a teacher or an adult at that school who can do the Title IX reporting and help that child. These are some of those nuances, on top of the fact that people could be falsely accused. We would want our local school board members to be able to evaluate those accusations and those nuances on a case-by-case basis, and not feel fear or

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compelled to automatically expel simply because of our State laws, especially if they don't have an ability to send to an alternative school, or treatment, or protections of victims who may also be experiencing that abuse at home. And unlike a possession of a weapon, like brass knuckles, where there is no nuance- you either have it or you don't; there is clear evidence; there is not always clear evidence of two children who are giving testimony with no witnesses and no evidence. We need our locally controlled schools to be able to make decisions for their students and not feel railroaded by the State. If this bill mandates investigation or response, especially focusing on help and treatment for all involved, I would be a Yes on this bill. But to automatically expel and remove local control, I unfortunately need to be a no, as we would not want children who are falsely accused expelled, or victims themselves not receive the help that they need. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Seeing no further discussion. Senator McClure, to close.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you. First of all, I do appreciate the discussion, the passion on both sides on this issue. I do have to correct one statement that was just made. All activity that's applicable under this section is non-consensual, and that's, that is overwhelmingly clear. So, if it's a situation where there's a prom and two kids have consensual sex with each other, this, that does not trigger this. So, I think that's important to say. I also there was a very good article in the Chicago Tribune about this bill and they do emphasize that everything has to comply with Title IX requirements, which have been narrowed, according to the Tribune, during this current administration, to provide more protections to the

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accused. And Title IX has to be complied with, as a part of this bill. But another thing that was talked about in the Tribune article, which I hadn't heard of, is that there was a, a series called Betrayed that identified nearly 40 instances of sexual attacks at Chicago public schools between 2004 and 2018, many cases in which schools ignored red flags and didn't act appropriately. And I did, I wouldn't think this bill would be necessary. It's been said that the schools could have expelled these students. That is absolutely correct, and most schools do that. Most schools do -- do the right thing. But some schools don't, and it's a -- it's an overwhelming -- it's not an overwhelming number, excuse me, but it's enough of them to where I do think it's time for us to take action. And as I spoke about when I introduced the bill, I've had to, I've had the honor of meeting with a lot of wonderful young people who are trying to fight to change laws to protect them and their friends. And we had a- I'm not going to get into names, obviously- but we had a 15-year-old girl who came to see me with her attorney and with her mom. And when she found out that her rapist was not going to have anything done at all, she had a panic attack, and they had to call an ambulance for her. This bill is for her. This bill is for Jessica Johnson and Amaya Blair, who so bravely are willing to publicly speak out to change our laws. This is for Ashley and Chad Peden, who so bravely are willing to come out and speak of changing our laws. It's for the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, who represents victims all over this State, who have very passionately supported this -- this law, and it's for our kids in this State. And I will be very proud to say to all of these wonderful people who are fighting for this piece of legislation that we stand with you, and we wanna make our

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-- our schools safer and better for everyone involved. And for that reason, I thank all the speakers, and I thank all of you for your discussion, and I would ask that you please vote Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

The question is, shall Senate Bill 9-3-9 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that -- on that question, there are 48 that vote Aye, 3 voting Nay, 2 voting Present. Senate Bill 939, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving to page 7 of the printed Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3222. Senator Doris -- Doris Turner with Senate Bill 3222. Senator Turner seeks leave of the Body return Senate Bill 3222 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3222. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Doris Turner.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Turner, on your amendment.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments, excuse me, approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Now -- now on the Order of 3rd Reading. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3222, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Turner, on your bill.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3222 prohibits commercials accompanying video streaming services from having a volume greater than that of the underlying program.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3222 pass. All those in favor vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Simmons, would you like to vote on this? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3222, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Moving to page 8 of our printed Calendar, we find ourselves with Senate Bill 3352. Senator Halpin, on Senate Bill 3352. Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3352, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Halpin, on your bill.

SENATOR HALPIN:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3352 simply expands eligibility to serve as a field service officer to folks that are currently serving reservists, currently serving National Guardsmen, or other honorably discharged veterans. Under current law, a veteran must have served during active hostilities with a foreign country to be eligible. This really is, it's both a you know, both -- both essentially a jobs bill, but also increasing the level of service that we can provide our veterans. There is certainly a need to provide these services, and this is going to make the -- the job of those agencies and our VACs much easier in as far as reaching out to new veterans. So, I would humbly ask for a Yes vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Senator Arellano, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR ARELLANO:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

To the bill.

SENATOR ARELLANO:

Very quickly, I just want to thank the sponsor for the work on this. This is a problem I have heard in multiple counties, and filling those roles is critical for many veterans, especially elderly veterans or disabled veterans, to get access to the -- what they need and that's been a challenge. This will very much help solve that. So, thank you, and I urge everyone to vote Aye.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Any further discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3352 pass? All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay.

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The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3352, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3506, Senator Morrison. Senator Morrison seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3506 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3506. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Morrison.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Morrison, on your amendment.

SENATOR MORRISON:

I'd like to adopt the amendment, Mr. President and discuss on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will vote -- will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Now on the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3506, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Morrison, on your bill

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 3506 is an initiative of the Attorney General. It amends several Acts specifically TeleSANE and the SASETA Act. This has been negotiated for several months with all stakeholders and there is no opposition. Happy to answer questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3506 pass. All those in favor vote Aye, opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, on that question there are 50, excuse me, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3506, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 3510, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3510, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Morrison, on your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Senate Bill 3510 is an initiative of the Children's Advocacy Center of Illinois. It requires more coordination among the Children's Advocacy Center Multidisciplinary Team Members and -- and requires notification to the child in an appropriate manner that they have a right to a forensic interview.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is shall 30 -- Senate Bill 3510 pass? All those in -- all those in favor vote Aye, Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Senator Bryant, would you like to vote on this bill? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3510, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared pass. Moving to page 9, we have Senate Bill 3798, Senator Guzmán. Senator Guzmán seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 3798 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 3798. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Guzmán.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Guzmán, on your amendment.

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

Yes, I'd like to adopt the amend -- the amendment, Mr. President

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. On the Order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can

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you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3798, an Act concerning government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Guzmán, on your bill.

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

Thank you. Senate Bill 3798 amends the Community Emergency Services Support Act, known as CESSA, and the Illinois State Police Law of the Civil Administrative Code. It requires training for the Illinois State Police cadets to include an overview of the Community Emergency Services Support Act, as well as require the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to include community response options under CESSA within their training. I urge an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, shall Senate Bill 3798 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 58 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 3798, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senate Bill 4025, Senator Villivalam. On Senate Bill 4025, Senator Villivalam seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 4025 to the order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. On the order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 4025. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

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Floor Amendment No. 2, offered by Senator Villivalam

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villivalam, on your amendment

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the am- and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 3, offered by Senator Villivalam

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villivalam, on this amendment

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

I'd like to adopt the amendment and explain it on 3rd.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? All those in favor will say Aye, opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Are there any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. Now on the order of 3rd Reading, Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4025, an Act concerning safety. 3rd Reading of the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Villivalam, on your bill

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. I'm so -- I know my name is hard, it's especially for people that have known me since the 3rd grade. I -- this legislation is lead -- it -- it has to do with lead service line -- streamlining lead service line replacement. We worked with environmental groups, trade groups, as well as our municipalities, to -- to work to streamline lead service line replacement given the dangers of lead, but also the deadlines that have been put in place to replace the large amount of hundreds of thousands of lead service lines in our State. I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is shall Senate Bill 4025 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye, opposed, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record on that question. There are 51 voting Aye, 0 voting Nay, 0 voting Present. Senate Bill 4025 having received the required constitutional majority is declared passed. With leave of the Body, we'll be moving to page 17 on House Bills 2nd Reading. House Bills 2nd Reading, we will start with House Bill 4890, Senator Castro. Mr. Secretary, can you please read the bill?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4890, an Act concerning courts. 2nd reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

3rd Reading. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes

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to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committee on Assignments will come to the President's ante room immediately. The Senate will stand at ease. Senator, Senator Koehler in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino back in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following legislative measures have been assigned. Be Approved For Consideration, Senate Bills 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 340, 341, 342, 343, 415, 416, 417, 601, 602, 2512, and Senate Resolution 761. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

We will now proceed to the Order of Consent Calendar, Celebration of Life Resolutions. With the leave of the Body, all those resolutions read in today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolutions on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted? All those in favor will say Aye, opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. We will now proceed to the Order of Consent Calendar, Cong -- congratulatory Resolutions. Mr. Secretary, have there been any objections filed to any resolution

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on the Consent Calendar?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No objections filed, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Is there any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted? All those in in favor will say Aye, opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries, and the resolutions are adopted. Leader Lightford, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen, -- of the Senate, excuse me, had a long night. Point of introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

State your intention.

SENATOR LIGHTFORD:

Thank you. Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I would like to introduce to you my family who supported me through my mother's last days, last years, when I was a home care provider for her. My cousins standing behind me, I -- I know they look rather young, but they've been married 34 years, and Nell is a nurse, and they have their own business in Lombard, Illinois, and I would love it if you would welcome my cousins, Larry and Marshellne Horne, to the Illinois Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Mr. Secretary, Messages from the House.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

A Message from the House by Mr. Hollman, Clerk. Mr. President - I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of

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Representatives has adopted the following joint resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask the concurrence of the Senate, to wit: House Joint Resolution 65. Resolved by the House of Representatives of the 104th General Assembly of the State of Illinois, the Senate concur -- concurring herein, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, May 7th, 2026, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, or until the call of the Speaker, and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, or until the call of the President. Adopted by the House May 7th, 2026. John W. Hollman, Clerk of the House.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

On the Order of Resolutions is House Joint Resolution 65. Mr. Secretary, read the resolution.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Joint Resolution 65, offered by Senator Koehler.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR AQUINO)

Senator Koehler moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of immediate consideration and adoption of House Joint Resolution 65. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, will say Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator Koehler moves to the adoption of House Joint Resolution 65. All those in favor will say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. And before my last statement, I wanna wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day this weekend, and to your loved ones, have a -- a wonderful weekend. And with that, there being no further business to come before the Senate pursuant to House Joint Resolution 65, the Senate stands adjourned until noon on the 12th day of May 2026, or to the call of the Senate President. The Senate

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stands adjourned.