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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The regular Session of the 104th General Assembly will please come to order. Will Members please be at their desks and will our guests in the galleries please rise. Our invocation today will be given by Rabbi Greg Kanter, Temple B'rith Sholom Temple in Springfield, Illinois. Rabbi.

RABBI GREG KANTER: (Invocation)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please remain standing for the Pledge. Senator Johnson, please lead us in the Pledge.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Capitol News is seeking permission to record video, and BlueRoomStream is seeking permission to video stream. Seeing no objection, leave is granted. Mr. Secretary, Reading and Approval of the Journal.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Journal of Tuesday, May 12th, 2026.

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Senator Glowiak Hilton.

SENATOR GLOWIAK HILTON:

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 KOEHLER)

Senator Glowiak Hilton moves to postpone the reading and approval of the Journal, pending arrival of the printed transcripts. There being no objection, so ordered. Mr. Secretary, Resolution.

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SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 790, offered by Senator Martwick and all Members, and Senate Resolution 795, offered by Senator Fowler and all Members. They are both celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

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Resolutions Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 791, offered by Senator Lewis. Senate Resolution 792, offered by Senator Balkema. Senate Resolution 793, offered by Senator Villa and Senate Resolution 794, offered by Senator Castro. They are all congratulatory.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Cervantes, Chair of the Committee on Criminal Law, reports - House Bills 4255 and 4943 Do Pass, and House Bill 3393 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 5021, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5489, Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Loughran Cappel, Chair of the Committee on Education, reports - House Bill 5551 Do Pass, and House Bill 5107 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Simmons, Chair of the Committee on Public Health, reports Senate Resolution 747 Be Adopted. Senator Villivalam, Chair of the Committee on Transportation, reports House Bill 4948 Do Pass. Senator Collins, Chair of the Committee on Child Welfare, reports House Bill 4587 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Morrison, Chair of the Committee on Insurance, reports Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 714, and Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3114 Recommend Do Adopt; House Bill 3605 Do Pass, as Amended; Senate Amendment 1 to

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House Bill 4273, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5001  
Recommend Do Adopt.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Mr. Secretary, Introduction and Reading of Senate Bills for  
the first time.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4203, offered by Senator Rezin, an Act concerning  
revenue and Senate Bill 4204, offered by Senator Walker, an Act  
concerning revenue. 1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

All Members within the sound of my voice, please come to the  
Floor. We're gonna do 3rd Readings, we're gonna do 2nd Readings,  
and we're gonna do Executive Appointments. So please come to the  
Floor. Senator Joyce, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR JOYCE:

For an announcement, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR JOYCE:

To all of our elected officials and friends that are invited  
to tonight's ABATE of Illinois legislative reception" tonight at  
Floyd's Thirst Parlor, starting at 5:30.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

And do you have any guests to introduce?

SENATOR JOYCE:

If you look up and see orange, you've got it covered.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Let's give him a hand. Welcome to the Illinois Senate.  
Senator Bryant, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

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SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. For the purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I -- I have been asked to remind everyone that the Chemical Industry Council, the American Petroleum Institute, the National Waste and Recycling Association, and the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association legislative reception is tonight from 5:30 to 7:30 at Trish and Mary's Pub, and all are invited. If you're within the sound of my voice, y'all come.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Guzmán, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

For an introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your introduction.

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

Thank you. Today we are proud to recognize Head Start's 61st birthday. For more than six decades, Head Start has helped children and families build a strong foundation through early learning, health nutrition, and family support services. To celebrate this milestone, legislators are invited, and staff, to stop by Room 319 and enjoy a piece of cake in honor of Head Start and the children, families, teachers, and programs it continues to serve across Illinois. Thanks.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Johnson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR JOHNSON:

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For a point of announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR JOHNSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to introduce my special guest for today, Tierra Lemon. She's the Director of the Gun Violence Preventative Initiative with the Lake County State's Attorney's Office. Tierra leads a team of 8 professionals who have reduced gun violence in Lake County by 70 percent over a three-year period of time. In addition to that, she is one of the 30 Wonders of the 30th District, because she's so amazingly talented, and Tiara has been accepted into a highly selective program at Johns Hopkins, where she will pursue her doctorate in public health starting in August. Please join me in giving her a warm Senate welcome.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Point of introduction, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your introduction.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

Mr. President, Members of the Senate, I have a couple pages with me for the day. I wanted to introduce them. I have Serenity and Jenna. So, Serenity -- they're both juniors at Pekin High School. Serenity enjoys reading, painting, and keeping up with current news. She wants to go into the psychology field, and she plans here this next year after her senior year of studying online

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at Capella University. And then Jenna, her hobbies include horseback riding. They both love reading, playing games, and she, wants to eventually be a veterinarian, and is going to a community college for a bit, and then hopefully to the University of Illinois veterinary program. So just ask for applause for these guys and welcome them to the Illinois Senate today. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Yes. Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Holmes, in the Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Senator Wilcox, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR WILCOX:

For a point of introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Make your introduction.

SENATOR WILCOX:

So, today it's my pleasure to have Vibhuti here as a page for the day. Her parents are up in the gallery. And we got a chance to meet when I was learning about robotics teams. And as I understand, we just had some challenges, and the team that she has started with four members came in 16th in the State. And they were able to secure both trips to Michigan coming up and going to Korea with one of her inventions. We talked a little bit about what she really likes, and apparently, superheroes have really kind of become a grab for her. And lo and behold, she's looking at the -- the law profession and becoming a public defender. So, a true hero to many. But math is a favorite subject, and claustrophobia is a challenge that gets to be overcome on occasion. But welcome to the

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Senate.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Koehler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KOEHLER:

Thank you, Madam President, for the purpose of an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Make your introduction, please.

SENATOR KOEHLER:

With me here is, William Dennison, he goes by Liam. He's 16-year-old sophomore at Pekin Community High School. He's a page with me today. At school, he loves studying AP history and politics, and is currently enrolled in the AP European History. He enjoys math, accelerated math. In his free time, he enjoys challenging games of chess. He has volunteered at the Midwest Foodbanks. He's -- helps tutor for math students. He's also vice president of the Key Club, running for president as a sophomore. He's a member of the student council, politic - politics club, Best Buddies. He's on a scholastic bowl team, speech team, and was selected as a student ambassador for the -- of the year. He's a member of the Tazewell County Youth Board. His -- his future plans are to pursue an undergraduate degree in political science before going into teaching or law. His mother, I don't see where, his mother Angie is up in the -- in the gallery behind the Democrats. So, please help me give him a good, warm welcome to Liam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR HOLMES)

Welcome to the Illinois Senate. Senator Koehler, back in the Chair.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Aquino, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR AQUINO:

Thank you for -- Mr. President, for an introduction.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your introduction.

SENATOR AQUINO:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate, I'd like to introduce coaches and student athletes from Laureus Sport for Good Foundation, an organization founded under the patronage of President Nelson Mandela, and his belief in the power of sport to change the world. Sport for Good is a collective that provides a platform for collaboration and advocates for sport as a vehicle for youth development in our communities. Sport for Good receives funding that goes to youth sports programs across the State, including 51 organization, covering 29 sports across 77 zip codes, serving more than 3,500 youth and training over 2,500 coaches. These programs are rooted in youth development and increasing access to those typically left out of sport, including girls, young people with disabilities, families below the poverty line, and the LGBTQ youth. Today, we have a group of coaches and athletes from a few of the -- of the funded programs here to talk to all of us about the importance of youth sports. We have America SCORES Chicago, KEEN Chicago, Love to Serve, Girls in the Game Chicago, Midwest Tennis and Education Foundation. And before I ask you all to -- to give them a round of applause, I just wanted to say really quickly, I think that all of us have been impacted by playing in sports. We have a -- a softball game coming up, in a -- in a couple week, or in a week. We've played golf and -- and so forth, but it

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is so critical to have coaches that are trained to be good coaches. Cause I remember growing up that, good coaches taught me not only how to win gracefully, but also how to lose. And that's an important thing in life to have those -- those sports, impact that has beyond just this game itself, but the life impact that it has on one. And Glorious Sports for Good does an amazing, job throughout our State. And so, with that, I would ask all Members to give them a warm welcome to the General Assembly. Thank you so much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Welcome to the Illinois Assembly. If you'll turn to the Calendar, we're going to -- going to be on page 2. We're going to be, Senate Bills 2nd Reading. Senate Bill 2785, Senator Feigenholtz. Senate Bill 3331, Senator Bryant. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3331, an Act concerning education. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3421, Senator Cervantes. Senate Bill 3777, Senator Johnson. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3777, an Act concerning civil law. 2nd Reading of the bill. No committee or Floor amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Senate Bill 3907, Senator Morrison. Senate Bill 3922, Senator Stadelman. Senate Bill 4039, Senator Stadelman. The Senate will stand at ease for a few minutes to allow the Committee on Assignments to meet. The Members of the Committees on

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Assignments will come to the President's Anteroom immediately. The Senate stands at ease. Senator Doris Turner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR D. TURNER:

I have an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Please state your announcement.

SENATOR D. TURNER:

So, everybody here knows how much I love my birthday and celebrating birthdays, cause I do it for a whole month. But today is a very special birthday, Celeste Holmes, happy, happy birthday.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Happy Birthday. Mr. Secretary, Committee Reports.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Appropriations Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 676; refer to Appropriations Education - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 5466; refer to Appropriations Health and Human Services - Committee Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3916; refer to Criminal Law Committee - House Bill 5020; refer to Education Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4577; refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3409, Committee Amendment 4 to House Bill 4340, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4428, Floor Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 1051, Floor Amendment 4 to Senate Bill 2202, and Floor Amendment 3 to Senate Bill 3391; refer to Judiciary Committee - Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 1391, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4966; refer to Licensed Activities Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to Senate

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Bill 3421; refer to Transportation Committee - Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 5281. Be Approved For Consideration - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5393, Floor Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 714, House Bills 226, 952, 957, 958, 1441, 2333, 2783, 3462, 3595, 3739, 3781, 3844, 4537, 4642, 4768, 4885, 4911, 4950, 5090, 5205, 5472, and 5491. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair. Senator Lightford, Chair of the Committee on Assignments, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Refer to Executive Committee - Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 226, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 952, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 957, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 958, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1441, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2333, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 2783, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3462, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3595, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3739, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3781, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3844, Committee Amendment 1 to House Bill 4496, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4537, Floor Amendment 3 to House Bill 4642, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4768, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4885, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4911, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 4950, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5090, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5205, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5472, and Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 5491; referred from Executive Committee to Government -- referred from -- Executive Committee Government Operations to Executive Committee - House Bill 4340. Signed, Senator Kimberly A. Lightford, Chair.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

All right, we're going to go back to page 2 at the top of the page, we're going to pick up Senate Bill's 2nd Reading.

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Starting with Senate Bill 2785, Senator Feigenholtz. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2785, an Act concerning local government. 2nd Reading of the bill. Committee on Energy and Public Utilities adopted Amendment No. 1.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Out of the record. We're gonna go down to Senate Bill 3421.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Yeah, out -- out. Senator Cervantes. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. We'll go down to Senate Bill 3922, Senator Stadelman.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3922, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Energy adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Everyone within the sound of my voice, please come to the Senate Floor. We're going to go to Senate Bill's 3rd Reading. Senate Bill's 3rd Reading. In one moment, we'll go to 3rd Readings. All right, in the bottom of page 5, we're going to go to Senate Bill 1700. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill, 1700. Senate Bill 1700.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 1700, an Act concerning local government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Cunningham, on your bill.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 1700 would allow the

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Cook County Sheriff's Office to employ correctional officers at the age of 18 years old. This will create parity with the Illinois Department of Corrections on the ages they have to permit hiring, and hopefully will help the Cook County Sheriff's Office fill a number of vacancies it currently has among its corrections staff. I know of no opposition, and I ask for the Chamber's support.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no opposition. The question is, shall Senate Bill 1700 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 1700, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're going to turn the page go to page 6 to Senate Bill 2713, Senator Morrison. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 2713, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison, on your bill.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Beginning May 31st, 2028, each healthcare provider will prepare and submit to the Department of Public Health an aggregate de-identified summary of the type 2 violent incidents reported. This is an attempt to get data on violence that happens in emergency rooms on, that is perpetrated on providers. I do not believe there is any opposition to this bill. I'm happy to answer questions.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 2713 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 2713, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. We're gonna go to the bottom of page 7. We're gonna go to Senate Bill 4038, Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4038, an Act concerning criminal law. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy, on your bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill 2038 {sic} (4038) simply allows -- or -- or forbid someone from taking photos in a courtroom. We think that right now, every courtroom that you go into that you shouldn't be able to film, but in some courtrooms it happens. So even though the -- the judge says it's not permissible, it is occurring, victims are having photos taken of them. So, this bill would simply ban that from occurring. We've come to agreement in all the Bodies, and I don't know of any opposition, and I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 4038 pass. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have

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all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 57 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 4038, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. On the top of page 8 we'll go to Senate Bill 4041, Senator Murphy. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4041, an Act concerning State government. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy, on your bill.

SENATOR MURPHY:

President. So, Senate Bill 4041 is simply a modernization program, to the Noise Abatement Program that O'Hare Airport currently has, and Midway Airport. We established well over 20-some years ago these programs, and since then, the airports have been modernized and have grown and have increased. So, this simply requires us to keep pace with that modernization with the noise abatement, insulation programs, and things of that nature. So, I'm happy to answer any questions.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no discussion. The question is, shall Senate Bill 4041 pass. All those in favor will vote Aye. Oppose, Nay. The voting is open. All -- have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record. On that question, there are 56 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And Senate Bill 4041, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. Senator Guzmán, for what purpose do you seek recognition?

SENATOR GUZMÁN:

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Thank you, Mr. President. Just to -- make a request to reflect the record that I intended to vote Yes on the prior bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The record will reflect your intention. We're going to go to page 4. At the bottom of the page we have Senate Bill 714. Senator Villivalam seeks leave of the Body to return Senate Bill 714 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is Senate Bill 714. Mr. Secretary, are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Villivalam.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, on your amendment.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, on your amendment.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

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Oppose, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the amendment is adopted. Mr. Secretary, any further Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading is Senate Bill 714. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 714, an Act concerning regulation. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, on your bill.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, and Members of the Body. Excuse me. As amended, Senate Bill 714 seeks to regulate automobile insurance rates, in this State. Specifically, the bill prohibits a company selling automobile insurance from increasing premiums by more than 10 percent without first notifying the consumer prior to the renewal or anniversary date. It also prohibits automobile insurance premiums from being -- excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. It also creates a determination and hearing process for when the Department finds that rates are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. And -- it also prohibits cost shifting for automobile insurance. This legislation is a product of a few years of conversations and discussions. It's important to note that we did work to address concerns from the industry. We, instead of having to inform the consumer of a 10 percent fee increase 60 days prior to the renewal or anniversary

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date, it is now 30 days in this legislation. The process for what is considered a complete filing came from the insurance industry and requires DOI, the Department of Insurance, to determine whether a filing is complete within 15 days. And lastly, the overall timeline for the review process has been shortened. The Department of Insurance has 40 days to review a filing for auto insurance rates rather than 60. This speaks to the fact that auto insurance policies are generally for six-month terms. You know, at a time where, we are trying to address an affordability in this State, providing consumers with this, protection and opportunity, to research further -- policies on the marketplace, is what we should be doing, and I would ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Some questions to the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. And Senator, we covered some of these things last night. I just -- just for the record, just wanna clarify a couple things. You had mentioned that purpose of this bill is to regulate the rates. Are rates being regulated by this? Does the State review those regulations that are being submitted?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank, thank you for the question, Senator. Yes, this legislation proposes for the Department of Insurance to review

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those rates and provide their perspective on those -- on those rates.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

The Department said yesterday that they're not going to have any actuaries to do any of these, reviewing. So, when they talk about reviewing rates, that are submitted every six months by 200 carriers, what process are they using to renew those rates or review them?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank -- Thank you. Senator, with all due respect, that's false. In committee yesterday, the Department of Insurance testified as to the fact that they do have the requisite staff and resources to do what's being requested in this legislation. And I believe they did specifically state they do have actuaries, and they also contract with vendors that are able to assist with this work. And so, I think their comment was, "We do not need additional staff, at this -- at this time," or, they said, "In general, we don't need additional staff." So, they are ready to do this work. They have people there that are doing similar work. They also contract out as well, to get this work done, and so that's what -- what I believe they testified to, in committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, so let me clarify that. You're saying that they are

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gonna actuarially review the rates submitted by insurance companies every 6 months?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

They have the capability to do so, is my understanding. And also, we -- we should acknowledge the fact that they're not -- no one has suggested that they're going to do this for every single scenario or case.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

Okay, a couple other things. Number... The -- the fact of being notified 30 days in advance if there's a increase of more than 10 percent, do we know of any carrier that currently doesn't send out a bill or a -- a renewal notice that is shorter than 30 days?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you for the question, Senator. To our knowledge, we're not aware. One, it shouldn't be if -- if that's the case, it shouldn't be a problem. And then two, we view this, again, as an additional safeguard for consumers, you know, especially at a time when, again, affordability is -- is a top-of-mind issue.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

So just a couple more questions. The -- the -- they submit the rates to the Department, and then, if the Department wants to

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have their actuarial review it, and potentially question a rate, how long does the Department have to, make that final determination? I know, I think there's a 45-day to review it, but if it's challenged, what's -- what's the length of time it takes for a final decision to be made?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Senator. I'll take this opportunity to read the timeline directly. To answer your first question, it's 40 days, not 45 days, and that was adjusted to address the fact that auto insurance policies are six-month terms and not year, as with the other legislation. But just to, just to be crystal clear for the record, the timeline as it stands in the legislation, day one, company files its rate. Day 15, the Department of Insurance has 15 days to determine if the filing is complete. If not complete, the Department of Insurance must inform the company of the information needed to, for the -- for the filing to be deemed complete. Day 55, from the point of receiving a complete filing, DOI has 40 days to determine whether the rate is excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. If the Department of Insurance does not act within those 40 days, the rate is automatically approved. Day 85, a company has 30 days to request a hearing for -- on DOI's determination. Day 125, DOI has, then has 40 days to hold the hearing. and then day 185, DOI has 60 days from the hearing date or the filing of post-briefing submission to resolve the outcome of the hearing.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Syverson.

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SENATOR SYVERSON:

Thank you. Yes, and I have that here. The -- the only, I guess concern from a consumer is the, an auto policy is only good for six months at a time, and if we have up to 185 days to get this resolved, the problem is that then you're putting the insurance company in awkward spot of what rate to charge if it actually goes past the whole period of the -- of the policy. The last thing I'd like to, you know, I -- I -- I guess raise is the, the concern that nothing in this necessarily lowers rates, cause there were indications yesterday that this was going to help lower the cost of coverage. This is just reviewing, potentially for reviewing future rates but, but nothing necessarily lowers these rates. And in January, when the State took over, reviewing all the health insurance increases, it's interesting we are now in May, and the State has not challenged a single health insurance carrier, and unfortunately, the State has approved the largest health rate increases in history the last five months. So, this just -- our concern is that this is going to take what is a very competitive market, one of the lowest cost because we have so many companies in Illinois, that this is going to potentially put companies at risk, giving consumers less choice. But I appreciate you working with the industry to make some improvements on this. I just think we're going to come back a year from now and look at this, and we're going to see that rates are going to be higher than they are today, and this is not going to achieve the results that I think are being promised. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I have questions of the sponsor for the purpose of intent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you. The definition of a complete filing includes any experience, judgment, and interpretation of the statistical data relied upon by the company. Is it your intent that once a filing has been deemed complete, a company may still be required to submit any additional experience, judgment, and interpretation of statistical data relied upon by the company to the Department of Insurance if the Department requests such information during their review of the proposed rate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

If a company operates counter to that confirmed intent, will you support a trailer bill to clarify the state intent?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

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And is it true that a policy of automobile insurance as defined in subsection A of Section 143.13 of the Insurance Code, does not apply to any policy of commercial automobile insurance?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Questions for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you. Senator, currently, Illinois ranks as having the 6th lowest auto insurance premiums in the country. Where is our going -- where is our State going to rank a year after this bill is implemented?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank -- thank you for the question, Senator. What -- what I can tell you today is that there are residents in this State that do not have access to auto insurance, and or are paying high -- high rates for auto insurance. And this legislation is seeking

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to provide safeguards for consumers, as you know, through the Department of Insurance's involvement, as they look to what -- do what's mandated -- mandated, which is obtain auto insurance. This is something that is done in 48 other states, where we're allowing for a review of these rates. And we believe that this is a common sense, safeguard for consumers, and that's, you know, we were happy to work with the industry to address some of their concerns. But we believe that this is a necessary policy to make sure that residents across the State have access to auto insurance.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, and I do appreciate you working with all sides involved here. I think that is important. But you talked about access when -- in -- in response to the question. How is this gonna give people better access to auto insurance?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Well, if the -- if a rate is more than 10 percent, or it's inadequate, excessive, or discriminatory by involving the Department of Insurance, by having a process -- consumers will be able to know, have -- have knowledge and also more go out to the market and maybe pursue another policy that is more fitting to their needs.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you. I'll speak to the bill.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you, Mr. President. This bill moves Illinois towards a system that delays rates, injects additional bureaucracy into the process, and increases regulatory uncertainty. This bill risks disrupting one of the few areas where Illinois consumers currently rank among the best in the nation. Right now, Illinois is No. 6 when it comes to the cheapest auto insurance rates in the country. No. 6! I just spoke with my brother a few days ago about his auto rates in Pennsylvania, where this has already been implemented, and his rates are through the roof. Let's face it, auto insurance rates are ridiculous no matter where you are in the country, but if we have one of the best rates, why would we want to do anything to spoil that? You know, we heard similar speeches when we passed the energy bill, and the original energy bill, CEJA. When that bill was passed, Illinois was at 30th when it came to electric rates. Now we have the 15th highest in the country. We can't change what happens at the federal level. We can't affect that. But we can affect what happens here, and the fact of the matter is, year after year, Illinois expenses are outliers when it comes to not just the -- the surrounding states, but to all 50 states. While this bill has good intentions, my concern is it's going to do the opposite, and we're gonna come back here a year from now, and we won't be the 6th cheapest, we'll be the 20th cheapest or something even worse, and our constituents can't afford to pay those increases. For those reasons, I ask for a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Plummer.

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SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you. A question of the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates he will yield.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Senator, I appreciate the -- the last speaker's questions on where we rank nationally in terms of average auto insurance costs. Do you have any idea where we rank among the 50 states in terms of the number of companies offering coverage in -- in Illinois?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Senator, for the question. I -- I do not have that information at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

So -- so in addition to being, probably bottom 6 in the country in terms of average auto insurance costs, we're also -- well, actually, I should say top 6 in terms of -- of if -- if you're looking at it that way. We're also top 6 in the country in terms of number of insurance companies offering coverage for this product. -- Is there any concern, or have you done any analysis, have you talked with the opponents or industry in terms of what kind of damage? You talked about accessibility for consumers. This is the type of stuff that drives companies out of Illinois from offering coverage. Have you looked at that at all in terms of what kind of damage could be -- done in terms of accessibility?

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Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you for the question, Senator. And I You're giving me an opportunity to provide some history and context here. This legislation was introduced -- a few years ago. We then toned it down at the request of the industry, or the industry saying that that was not palatable. We toned it down to a study, which then they also oppose. In addition to that, we had credit -- credit factors, that we were trying to address. They said that was problematic. We took that out. And so, we, today, have before you legislation that has tried to take into consideration their concerns. And frankly, it's -- it's common-sense consumer protection. Hey, if you're going to increase rates by more than 10 percent, let us know. If, if you are if you do have a policy that's excessive, or unfair, or -- or discriminatory, then the department is going to have an opinion on that. But if you're not doing either of those things, as an, someone from the industry, then you won't be affected by this. And so, I don't believe you know, you asked the question, damages. I don't believe this legislation will be damaging in any way. I think it's providing a commonsense consumer protection policy that is -- is needed at this time.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Well, I appreciate -- I appreciate the answer and -- and those things sound very nice, about if you're going to exceed a 10 percent increase, if you're going to have discriminatory coverage, if -- if -- if... I understand that. I think the concern of industry isn't that they're -- they're doing all of those things. I think

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concern of industry is this ties their hands, ties there, you know, their hands in terms of being able to compete in the marketplace. It makes it difficult for them to use actuarial numbers to figure out where they need to be in the marketplace, and eventually they just throw their hands up in the air, like we've seen all too often. They say, "You know what We're just not doing this in Illinois." Just like, "You know what? We're not doing this in California." Just like, "You know what? We're not doing this in other places." That reduces competition in the marketplace, which drives our costs up. So again, while no one is happy about the cost of, of, of their auto insurance, we are bottom six in terms of cost in the country, and we're top six in terms of options in the country. Those are good things. So, you talked about common sense. My question would be, you -- you stated earlier that 48 other states do this. If we're outperforming at least 45 of the other states, wouldn't common sense say, "Let's not do what the states that we're beating on cost, and the states we're beating on options, and what states we're beating on competition in the marketplace, let's not do what they're doing, and -- and let's make what we're doing just a little bit better"? Because if, if we're regressing to these other states, we're gonna end up like them, and that -- that would be my concern.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Senator. So, what well, math would suggest that there's some overlap with your numbers there in terms of top 6 and 48. But -- in addition to that, I would just state, to piggyback off of a phrase you just made, I think we are making it a little

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better. You know, I wanna acknowledge some of the -- the comments you've made about being top 6, but I would just suggest to you that this is not, again, in -- in a lot of ways, fundamentally taking us to a place where for example, like credit factors, has been brought up by the industry, would go. This is providing notice and providing for a process, for review. And so, I -- I do think it is exactly what you said. This is making it a little -- better for our residents.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

I appreciate the conversation with the sponsor. I -- I'm sure the intention here is -- is good, but -- but like a previous speaker said, you know, what -- what we're doing with insurance right now in this Body, and what -- what we're seeing happen in the House right now as well, no one is excited about the homeowner's insurance, no one's excited about their -- their auto insurance, no one's excited about a lot of these things. But the reality is, if you drill down into the cold, hard facts, Illinois' insurance industry -- our insurance marketplace for consumers is more robust, it's more competitive, and it's lower cost than almost every other state in -- in the union. And, while -- while some of this stuff might sound good, ultimately, if we're not careful, what we're going to do to the insurance industry, in this State, is we're going to CEJA the insurance industry of this State. We're

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going to drive up costs, we're going to reduce options, and we're going to make it more painful on the families that live in this State, driving up affordability for everyone. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Arellano.

SENATOR ARELLANO:

To the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill

SENATOR ARELLANO:

I wasn't going to speak on this particular topic until I heard one phrase that I absolutely have to push back on every time I hear it in this Chamber, or any relation to it, and that is the idea that mandates or those kind of coverages are easy to comply with if you're already doing it. That is 100 percent false. I don't care if you are a large insurance company or a young startup staffed by you. I can tell you, as somebody who has personally -- personally worked my businesses through tons of mandates that I was already complying with, but the process of proving it, paperwork for it, is time-consuming, it costs bookkeeping money, it hurts all up and down the line. And sometimes we look at these big corporations and say, "Well, they -- they can afford it." Yes, they can. You know how they afford it? They pass it -- into costs and premiums. If you raise my costs to do business when I'm selling sandwiches, the costs of my sandwiches go up. If you raise the costs on an insurance company, insurance costs go up. Economics doesn't go away because we feel a certain way about something. So that -- that is the one thing I wanted to push back on. When we say, "If you're already doing this -- this won't be hard to comply

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with". Yes, it will. It will take positions, it will take staff time, it will take money, and eventually consumers pay for all of those, whether you're a tiny company, a mid-size company, or a large company.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

To the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I respect what the other side of the aisle has had to say on this issue, but the greatest part about this Chamber is that we have some of the brightest legal minds that are able to make some of the -- the best legal arguments against something while trying to confuse other Members in this Chamber. And there's people up in the grandstands today watching that are affected by this bill right now, and I just wanna make sure we don't conflate certain things. One of the previous speaker talked about CEJA, about how our energy rates have skyrocketed. What he fails to talk about, being that I was the Chairman of the Energy Committee for six years, is, is that if we did nothing in terms of the energy policy in our State, the nuclear power plant in Clinton, and the nuclear power plant on the western side of the -- the State would've shut down. And if we did not provide certain credits in relation to that, your communities throughout southern Illinois would be without power, period. There is no question about it. Now, there's other parts of that bill, I acknowledge, that we've talked about in other -- in other committees, that talk about various other things that may

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have had some adverse effects on the energy market, but God forbid if you don't mention the fact that that bill saved your nuclear power plant, and it would've shut off your power throughout the rest of the State. I don't wanna confuse people here, but you can't conflate that with auto insurance rates, and you can't conflate that with auto insurance rates. You cannot do that. I wanna make sure it's crystal clear in this Chamber, because a lot of times people say stuff and there's never a counterargument to it. I think it's important to state the facts here. Second is this, there was another point that was mentioned by the other side of the aisle that had to deal with tying hands -- tying hands of the insurance industry. What's occurring here in the insurance marketplace, that being specifically in home and specifically in auto, is this: is that consumers may not be in the auto insurance industry, but are definitely in the homeowners insurance industry, which we'll talk about next in the -- in the subsequent bill, is this, is that all these consumers are getting caught off guard by these premium increases that are so excessive that you do not have time to financially plan for these. Everyone talks about affordability. Affordability's such a hot topic in this building right now. But when you get caught off guard by a \$2,500 premium increase, you're starting to wonder yourself, "How am I gonna pay for my kid's soccer?" That's a problem. This bill says just that. If it's excessive, if it's unfair, if it's -- inadequate, you should have some notice, No. 1. And No. 2, the Department of Insurance should have some oversight on that, and the insurance company should have some fairness as well as the consumer. There has to be a shot clock. There has to be a -- a timeframe to which they're provided certainty, and so is the consumer. So, for those of you who said

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we're tying hands, we can go on the actuarial argument. That is just not a fair argument, and it's just not true. So, I don't know what orbit of a planet you've been revolving around for the last, since 2024, but guys, this allows for us to provide consumer protection. The -- the primary purpose here is not to shoot an insurance rate through the roof. That is not the case, and we'll discuss shooting insurance rates through the roof in a subsequent bill. I urge an Aye vote. If you want to take care of your consumers, you want to take care of your neighbors. Most importantly, if you want to be a good neighbor, vote Aye on this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Preston.

SENATOR PRESTON:

Thank you, Mr. President, to the Sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the sponsor, he indicates he will yield.

SENATOR PRESTON:

Would you agree that the core goal of this legislation is to simply ensure that consumers are not blindsided by major rate increases and instead have meaningful notice of time to prepare?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Senator. I would say that's one of the core goals is -- is to provide notice and you know, as part of this legislation, Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Preston.

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SENATOR PRESTON:

Can you also kinda walk us through what constitute a significant rate increase under...

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Well, the legislation states that if it -- if it increases 10 percent or more, that's when, provisions of this legislation would -- would come forward into effect.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Preston.

SENATOR PRESTON:

The bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR PRESTON:

I wanna thank the sponsor for this bill. As we all know, those of us that are working-class people, at this time, many families are living paycheck to paycheck, and we have to acknowledge that everything is through the roof when it comes to cost. I think this is a fair, a responsible bill. You've taken into account the industry concern. I -- I've witnessed you negotiate through ins- through the insurance committee, and wanna thank you for doing that. People need to be able to predict how much their household expenses are, and we mandate that people have auto insurance. If we're going to mandate that folks buy something, we cannot give them this type of environment where their rates can get jacked up any day at any time. And so, I want to commend the sponsor for this bill for working families, and I urge an Aye vote.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Villivalam, to close.

SENATOR VILLIVALAM:

Thank you, Mr. President, and I wanna thank the Members of the Body for this robust discussion. I think, you know, just to address a couple points that were made, I think, one, my colleague over here addressed some of the analogies that were made to completely different issues that we've taken up over time, and so I'll leave that there. But I would say, you know, a couple comments were made around the timeline of 185 days. I think that's the maximum. That does not mean that it'll go to that level. I would also just add that the comment on mandate, we require residents to obtain auto insurance, and because of the, what they're experiencing in terms of the rates, over, over 600,000 don't have any auto insurance at all. And so, we can do two things at once. We can acknowledge that we are top six and say we need to continue our efforts because there are people that, though they are required to have auto insurance, are not able to, because of what the cost is. I'll just end again with saying this is legislation that we've worked on for a few years now. We've heard the industry on some of their concerns. We've tried to address as many of their concerns as we can -- as we could. This is about the resident we see in our communities, whether it's at church or synagogue or mosque or temple, whether it's at our grocery store, whether it's at a small business. They're coming and going, and the looks on their face when they're dealing with rising costs, this is one way we can help them make sure they have notice, and they're able to seek recourse. I think that is a commonsense guardrail. It is supported. I wanna thank the Secretary of State for all of their work on this,

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the Governor's Office, the AFL-CIO, IML, AARP, and many others, for -- for -- for the work that they've done on this. And with that, I'd ask for an Aye vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

So, the question is, shall Senate Bill 714 pass. All those in favor vote Aye. Oppose, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the question. that question. There are 42 voting Yea, 14 voting Nay, and 1 voting Present. Having received the required constitutional vote {sic} (majority), Senate Bill 714 is declared passed. We're gonna go to page 8, we're gonna go to House Bills 3rd Reading. We're gonna go to House Bill 4273. Senator Hastings seeks leave of the Body to return House Bill 4273 to the Order of 2nd Reading. Leave is granted. Now on the Order of 2nd Reading is House Bill 4273. Mr. Secretary, any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Floor Amendment No. 1, offered by Senator Hastings.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings, on your amendment.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

I ask that we adopt the amendment. I'll explain on 3rd Reading.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. Now on 3rd Reading is House Bill 4273. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

House Bill 4273, an Act concerning business. 3rd Reading of the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings, on your bill.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. House or Senate Floor Amendment to House Bill 4273 deletes all and becomes the bill. This amendment is a modified version of House Bill 3799, which passed during Veto Session. The amendment seeks to regulate homeowners' insurance rates in the State, and specifically the bill will do the following things. One is it prohibits a company selling homeowners insurance from increasing premiums by more than 10 percent without first notifying the consumer 60 days prior to the renewal or anniversary date. It prohibits homeowners' insurance premiums from being excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. It creates a determination and hearing process for when the Department of Insurance finds that rates are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory. Sets forth a filing, when a filing is deemed complete for purposes of determining whether the rates are excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory, and it prohibits cost shifting for homeowners' insurance. And I'll answer any questions, Mr. President

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Syverson.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

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Yes, Mr. President, just to the bill.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the bill.

SENATOR SYVERSON:

We've already, I think discussed some of the concerns with this, and again, believe that the end result is going to be a year from now, we'll be looking back and seeing this is going to lead to higher rates, higher fees, and taxes on insurance companies, thus onto consumers, and we're not going to get the results that -- that we intended. And the same with -- true with the notification. This is a standard notification that carriers already do, and so we don't see much of a change in that. The bigger concern is just the increased regulations and cost, which historically have led to higher rates and not lower rates for consumers. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you, Mr. President. I have a question of the sponsor for legislative intent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

He indicates he'll yield.

SENATOR MORRISON:

The definition of a complete filing includes any experience, judgment, interpretation of the statistical data relied upon by the company. Is it your intent that once a filing has been deemed complete, a company may still be required to submit any additional experience, judgment, and interpretation of statistical data relied upon by the company to the Department of Insurance if the

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Department requests such information during their review of the proposed rate?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

And Senator Hastings, if a company operates counter to that confirmed intent, will you support a trailer bill to clarify the stated intent?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hastings.

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Yes.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Morrison.

SENATOR MORRISON:

Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion, Senator Hastings, close?

SENATOR HASTINGS:

Thank you, Mr. President. I won't give a good neighbor speech today. I just want to speak to the bill and I -- I just wanna say that for far too long, Illinois homeowners have been hit with rate increases that far outpace inflation and wage growth. Between 2021 and 2024 alone, homeowners' insurance costs in Illinois surged by nearly 50 percent, adding almost \$1,000 a year to typical families'

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expenses. Major carriers have imposed double-digit hikes, leaving many working families, seniors, and young homeowners are struggling to afford the very insurance meant to protect their most important asset, their home. The average Illinois homeowner now pays well over \$3,000 annually for coverage, those aren't just numbers on a page. These are real people in Frankfort and Springfield and Chicago, and every other community between those who are forced to choose between paying their insurance premium and covering groceries. This current system lacks meaningful oversight. Insurance companies can file rates and implement them with little scrutiny, often shifting costs from various places across the country onto Illinois policyholders, and that ends with this bill. This bill provides real consumer protection. It prohibits excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory rates for fire and extended coverage. It requires insurance to use credible Illinois-specific loss experience when it is statistically reliable, stopping unfair practice of making our family subsidize loss from wildfires in the west or hurricanes in the south. And it mandates advanced notice so people can make decisions about their finances. It gives the Department of Insurance the tools to properly review rate filings, and that they're actually sound and fair. But this goes beyond reining in costs. When rates are fair, predictable, and based on actual risks here in Illinois, families can plan ahead. They can invest in mitigation measures. They can strengthen their roofs against high winds and hail, elevating homes in flood-prone areas, and installing impact-resistant windows, and taking other steps that make our communities more resilient to severe weather events that we all know too well in Illinois, from tornadoes to -- to flooding.

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I've been talking about this since 2024 when I wrote an op-ed in the Chicago Tribune before we saw a 22 to 30 percent rate increase in -- the homeowners insurance. We've passed this bill out of this Chamber before. Let's do it again with more than 42 votes. This helps Republicans. This helps Democrats. This is a consumer protection bill. This is going to protect our neighbors. So again, if you want to be a good neighbor, vote Yes. You shouldn't have any hesitancy whatsoever on this bill, regardless of what the insurance industry says. This bill has been worked on ad nauseam by the insurance industry and consumer protection agencies to help people. Almost all this bill is agreed on. I ask for an Aye vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

The question is, shall House Bill 4273 pass? All those in favor will vote Aye. Oppose, 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 43 voting Yea, none -- 14 voting Nay, 1 voting Present. And House Bill 4273, having received the required constitutional majority, is declared passed. To fulfill our responsibilities under Article V, Section 9 of the Constitution, we'll now proceed to the Order of Advice and Consent. Senator Murphy

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you, Mr. President. I move the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on appointments set forth in Appointment Messages 121, 122, 123, 168, 179, 191, 192, 195, 196, 198, 202, 215, 216, 222, 224, and 228 of the 104th General Assembly.

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Senator Murphy moves that the Senate resolve itself into Executive Session for the purpose of acting on the Appointment Messages just read. All those in favor will say Aye. Oppose, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate is now resolved into Executive Session. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040121.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate Do Consent to the following salary {sic} (salaried) appointment to be a Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Dulce M. Quintero.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Pres -- Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote Aye. Oppose,, Nay. The voting is open. Have all vote who wish? Sorry. Is there a discussion? I'm sorry. Is there a discussion? Senator Plummer. I apologize. Operator error, Senator Plummer.

SENATOR PLUMMER:

Thank you. To the appointment, so obviously we, we have, literally hundreds of people that come through the Executive Appointments Committee every year. And -- And it, very pleased to see that the vast, vast, vast majority of those appointments, though -- though I may not agree with them at times maybe on, on a political thing or whatever, they, they tend to be qualified, individuals with a resume, sufficient to fulfill their function

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that they're being appointed to. This particular appointment is an entirely different matter. What you're being asked to do right now is vote for a person who appeared before a committee, was either unwilling or incapable of answering any of the questions that was asked of them. We requested a lot of information from this appointee. They committed to providing that information to us, on some very important matters, I might add. To date, none of that information has been provided. As committee was wrapping up, Senator Murphy, I think, recognizing the relevance of some of the information we were requesting, said that the other side, the Democrats, would also like to see the information that we were requesting. I -- I'm not certain about this, but I don't believe that you guys were provided any of the information. So, we literally have an appointee to an agency that I think every one of us has probably received phone calls about problems within this Agency, an Agency that's supposed to fulfill a very -- very -- very important function in State government, serving some of the most vulnerable people in this State. And they apparently don't feel like they have to answer questions at Committee. They feel like they don't have to be responsive to requests of this Body, and as I said, opening my comments, hundreds of people a year, the vast majority of them seem qualified and competent, the vast majority of them are responsive. We almost always vote unanimously for these folks, but this appointee was probably one of the worst two or three appointees that has appeared before this Committee in the seven years that I've been serving on it. I think we all know how important DHS is to our constituents. I think we know how important DHS is to our communities, and a vote Yes for this appointee would be a disservice to this Body and our Advice and

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Consent responsibilities. And it would be a disservice to your constituents, because they're not -- receiving the support they need from DHS right now, and this appointee, apparently feels like, their current level of service is quality, and they don't have to be responsive to us. So, I would strongly urge a No vote, and let's bring some Advice and Consent capabilities back to this Body, and let's demand better of DHS so the people of Illinois get the services they deserve. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS:

To the appointee. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the appointee.

SENATOR LEWIS:

I think we got a preview of how this vote is going to go. But I -- I ask my colleagues, if you are concerned about the IDD community, and if you voted for dignity in pay, you should be concerned about how we look and go forward under the direction of Secretary Dulce or Quintero. I've been working for over two months to try and get answers for the IDD community. I have been appeased, ignored, in -- in -- in to the point in which until we pulled her nomination last Wednesday, there was no activity whatsoever. We have an Agency that feels that they do not have a responsibility, not only to the Senate and to the legislator, but to helping their constituents in the IDD community, and that is problematic for me. So, I just ask going forward, as you -- place your Yes vote, I will be asking for a No vote, that you help me in this process to hold Secretary Quintero, responsible. Because until we do those in

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which DHS serves, may not be getting the full support of the State of Illinois. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. -- thank you, Mr. President. Question of the sponsor, please.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicate she will yield.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. Senator, I know for sure that one complaint was made with the Office of Inspector General. I'm told that there were multiple on two I believe it was two letters that Director Quintero sent out in regard to SNAP benefits, both of which were believed to be -- to violating ethics laws. Do you know if those -- I -- and I know, I already know the answer to this, cause I don't think you have access to it, but I -- do you know if those have been resolved at this time?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Thank you. Thank you for the question, but I am not privy to the investigations of the Inspector General, nor should anyone that doesn't serve on those committees.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you. So, the complaint was made to the Office of the Inspector General for DHS to look at emails that were sent out

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that potentially violated, ethics laws, and to my knowledge, those have not been answered yet at this point. I would ask that the Body wait until we see if there are any, ethics findings against this Director, as I think it was quite clear that what she said in the email was unethical. So, I'm going to urge a No vote, and obviously, we have seen a preview of what the vote will be. But I think she has a lot to answer for and is unwilling to do that. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator McClure.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

To the appointee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the appointee.

SENATOR MCCLURE:

Thank you. About a year and a half ago, we discovered that DHS was intentionally mailing everyone who was a non-citizen who was applying for benefits pre-filled out voter registration forms to go directly to their local county clerk. And I think as all of us know, the county clerk can no longer verify citizenship, and this is something that I've talked to DHS about behind the scenes now for over a year and a half. I recently had a discussion with the Secretary before the Confirmation Hearing in the Executive Appointments Committee, and I was assured that the Secretary would look into this. This is very concerning, and the only response that I got at the hearing was that, "Yes, I can confirm that that is taking place." So, we have a DHS that is mailing people who are not eligible to vote pre-filled out voter registration forms. So, they are registering to vote, I can only assume, and that's bad

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for two reasons. It's bad for the immigrant, because that is a cardinal sin. If you're applying to be a permanent resident or a citizen, you will never be a citizen, you will never be a permanent resident legally, if you cast a vote as if you are already an American citizen. So that's bad for the immigrant, and it's also, of course, bad for the security of our elections. The fact that the Secretary insisted, "I'm going to look into this. We're gonna do a -- a -- and then all we got was confirmation, which I already got a year and a half ago that this is still going on. I was also told there'd be follow-ups after this, and this is going to be taken care of. This is a real problem. I mean, this is, like, really bad. So, I think at the very least we should vote No, but there are some real issues here. And while the Secretary's a very nice person, that Agency is being run terribly right now, and the outstanding issues and legal issues are very concerning. So, for those reasons, I do urge a No vote.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Further discussion, Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

To the appointment.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the appointment.

SENATOR ANDERSON:

So, I -- I'm, I'm not on executive appointments, and, but just listening to -- to what I've heard here, I kinda wanted to stand up. I -- I think we owe it to our constituents to follow the process that is laid out, and the Executive Appointments Committee is there for a reason. It's to flesh out things. And if we are just going to allow somebody to come to that committee, not answer

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any questions, say they're going to answer questions, and then don't provide those, that's a disservice to Democrats, Republicans, Independents, and that is usurping the process that we lay out to, to be able to understand who we're getting in that position that pays \$220,000 a year to represent that Department. So, I would ask all my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, let's at least respect the process of the -- of going through the committee process and being interviewed because if we're not going to do that as Democrats or Republicans, let's just get rid of the Executive Appointments Committee. If -- if this is the process that we're going to take going forward, where a person does not have to answer questions and then says they're going to and doesn't, why is this even up on the board? Let's at least have respect enough for each other to have somebody that we're going to have taxpayers pay \$220,000 a year to at least, whether we like the answers or not, whether you like the answers, they're sufficient for you and not for us. You guys are in the majority. We all understand how the process works but at least make them answer the questions out of respect for the taxpayer. If this, if -- if this is the -- the process that we're gonna keep doing, we might as well get a rid of the Executive Appointments Committee. I urge a No vote, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 39 voting Yea, 17 voting Nay, none voting Present. And the appoint - and the majority of the

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Senators elected to, having -- having concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. All right, I will try to place my papers in a better spot here. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040122.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate Do Consent to the following salaried appointment, to be Assistant Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, Quiwana Bell.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Seeing none. The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, Nay. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On that question, there are 40 voting Yea. Take the record. On that question, there are 40 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, none voting Present. Majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040123.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate Do Consent to the following salaried appointment, to be Assistant Secretary of the -- Illinois Department of Human Services, Ryan Thomas.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 40 voting Yea, 18 voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040168.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be a member of the Civil Service Commission, Vivian Robinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary,

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please read Appointment Message No. 1040179.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, Brandon Ragle.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040191.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment. To be a member of the Human Rights Commission, Gregory E. Vaci.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 55 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. The majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040192.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security, Theodore Donald Berger.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And the majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Message No. 1040195.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried

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appointment, To be a member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Melissa Neddermeyer.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. The majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination just read. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040196.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be a member of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Scott Paddock.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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

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question, there are 58 voting Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Message -- Appointment Message No. 1040198.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be a member and Chair of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, Arnaldo Rivera.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote Aye, vote, Aye, vote, oppose voting 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 Yay, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040202.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following non-salaried appointment, To be a member of the Illinois State University Board of Trustees, Julie Hoeniges.

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Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040215.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be Assistant Secretary of the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, Christopher Mark Britten.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none vote -- Present. And the majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr.

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Secretary, please read Appointment Message No. 1040216.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments, Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment to be Deputy Secretary of the Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, Patrick Stephen Matthew Nolan.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 56 voting Yea, 1 voting Nay, none voting Present. A majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read (Appointment) Message No. 1040222.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following non-salaried appointment, To be a member of the Illinois State University Board of Trustees, Douglas M. (Milton) Peterson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, should -- does the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. And a majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read m- Appointment Message No. 1040224.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment to be State Fire Marshal of the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Michele Pankow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? The question is, shall the Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 Yea, none voting Nay, none voting Present. The majority of the senators concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, please read (Appointment) Message No. 1040228.

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Mr. President, the Committee on Executive Appointments recommends that the Senate do consent to the following salaried appointment, To be Administrator of the Statewide 911, Alicia Ann Atkinson.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Is there any discussion? Senator Arellano.

SENATOR ARELLANO:

Question for the sponsor.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Indicates she will yield.

SENATOR ARELLANO:

I have a bit of a process question here, and I tried to find out before some of these votes, so you'll forgive the semi-newbie. Determined by the Governor, what -- when is exactly -- that is determined, and -- and how is that set?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, the Governor makes anno- makes an appointment to a position. The Senate has 60 days, 60 Calendar {sic} (Session) days, in order -- which to make that confirmation. Process, it goes through a hearing as we do with any other bill, and during the hearing, we hear from the nominees.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Arellano.

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SENATOR ARELLANO:

Sorry, Senator, that's my fault. I meant to the salary. There are two on here whose salary, instead of being listed, or expenses, is listed as determined by the Governor. I -- I apologize. I should've been more clear.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Just to clarify, it's 60 Session days, if that wasn't clear, but that's set-in statute.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Arellano.

SENATOR ARELLANO:

Is the -- does the Governor determine that salary after the appointment or before, for these two nominees whose salary is -- is left up to the Executive?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

So, the statute says that the salary is determined by the Governor, and that's what we follow.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Arellano.

SENATOR ARELLANO:

Okay, thank you, and -- and I promise I did try to get some clarification on -- before votes today. I appreciate your help on that.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Seeing no further discussion. Is the question is, does the

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Senate consent to the nomination just made. All those in favor will vote, Aye. Oppose, 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 53 voting Yea, 3 voting Nay, and none voting 0 Present. Majority of the Senators elected concurring by record vote, the Senate does consent to the nomination. Mr. Secretary, Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

Mr. President, I move the Senate consent to the nomination.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY:

I got -- I -- I just thought we were on a roll. But, Mr. President, I move that the Senate arise from Executive Session.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Murphy moves that the Senate arise from Executive Session. All those in favor will say Aye. Oppose, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the motion carries. The Senate has arisen from Executive Session. We're going to go back to page 2, Senate Bill 2nd Reading. Senator Stadelman, has Senate Bill 3922. Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 3922, an Act concerning regulation. 2nd Reading of the bill. The Committee on Energy adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Are there any Floor amendments approved for consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

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3rd Reading. We'll go to Senate Bill 4039, Senator Stadelman.  
Mr. Secretary, please read the bill.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Bill 4039, an Act concerning State government. 2nd  
Reading of the bill. Committee on Energy and Public Utilities  
Adopted Amendment No. 2.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Have there been any Floor amendments approved for  
consideration?

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

No further amendments reported.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

3rd Reading. President Harmon.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. A point of personal privilege.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Yes. Please state your point.

SENATOR HARMON:

Thank you, Mr. President. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate,  
we adopted a resolution, before we adjourned last week, but I wanna  
call specific attention to one of the people whose lives we  
celebrated. Barbara Flynn Currie was a larger-than-life figure at  
the Capitol and a true giant in Illinois government. She was a  
leader, a mentor, a fighter, and a bit of a character. She was a  
pragmatic progressive before such labels existed, and nobody came  
to this Capitol more prepared than Barbara Flynn Currie. Barbara  
Flynn Currie, Representative Currie, Leader Currie, was both  
intellectually intimidating and remarkably kind. As a leader, she  
was often the one who had to tell people no. She did it with a

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gentle smile and a sparkle in her eye. Barbara had that enviable Irish gift. She could tell you to go to Hell in a way that made you look forward to the trip Immensely intelligent and a joy to be around, she possessed a devastating wit that few dared test and arguably none ever bested. Those of us who had the privilege to work with her are forever better for having known the tour de force that was Barbara Flynn Currie. Her influence will be felt by generations in the leaders she inspired, the trails she blazed, and the stronger Illinois she helped build. It's appropriate to recognize her memory on the day before the Capitol Capers, always a highlight in Barbara Flynn Currie's life. So, I rise today to honor her life and legacy. Godspeed, Barbara.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Hunter.

SENATOR HUNTER:

To the resolution, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR HUNTER:

Barbara Flynn, Flynn Currie was a good friend of mine, and as I concur with everything that the President just indicated. I know that tonight we're having the, the Cowl fundraiser event, and Barbara Flynn Currie made sure that she was in every single one of them. And she was so funny. She just, she'd put on these, these flow- what is it? The feathers, and she'd come out and -- and she just dazzled the audience, you know? And she was one of the like -- like the President indicated, she knew how to tell you how to go to Hell in a very nice, smart way, and she would smile. She had that beautiful smile while she's sticking the knife in you, you

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know? But she knew how to do it, and she knew how to get it done, you know? And I learned a lot from her. She was one of the kind of persons that she made sure that her point was covered, and it was very clear, and without she intimidated you, but she -- she didn't -- intimidate you, you know? So, she was an expert when it came to that. And I'm going to miss her. And I just wanted to say that, you know, she was such a great person, and she brought so much life to the to the House Chamber. Thank you very much.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Bryant.

SENATOR BRYANT:

Thank you, Mr. President. To the resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To the resolution.

SENATOR BRYANT:

I, I had the honor of serving with Barbara Flynn Currie in the House, and I wanna share a story with the body that I tell to a lot of the classrooms when I go speak in a school, and it has to do with crossing the aisle. So as a freshman legislator in my first year, in one of my very first bills, my mentor was sitting next to me and I said, "How do I get this bill out of the Rules Committee?" And m- my mentor said to me, "You're going to have to march yourself across the aisle and ask Leader Currie to move your bill." And I was like, "Oh my God." To me, at that point, crossing the aisle was a little bit like when I was a little girl, and you need to go to bathroom at night, and you didn't wanna step on the Floor cause the whole Floor was covered with alligators, right? So -- so I -- I did. I walked, and I remember stopping at the edge of the aisle, because she sat right on the aisle, and not wanting to, like, step

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on it, right? But I went over, and I had to because she was so short, and she was sitting, so I kneeled down at her desk, and I said, "Ma'am, would you consider, moving my bill out of Rules? And I started explaining it to her, and she said, "Oh, I know your bill. It's horrible." And I said, "Wait, because you know those are our babies, right? And I said, "Well, let me explain this to you." So, I explained it to her, and then she said, "Well, you need to amend it in this way, this way, this way." Simple amendments. And I said, "All right. If I do that, then you'll move it out of the Rules Committee?" "Yes, I -- Yes, if you -- if you file the amendment." So, about an hour and a half later, she actually called my office and she said, "Listen, I want to apologize to you, because your word is good with me, and on your word that you're gonna file that amendment, I'm gonna move your bill out of the Rules Committee." And then she helped me get it passed. And so, I would just wanna say, that was a lady who could be very tough, and she really -- we never agreed on anything, hardly ever agreed on anything. And, but it was okay, because -- she -- you were able to build a rapport with her. And then I wanna lastly say to the new Members of the Body, and if you were never, if you weren't able to serve with Leader Currie, that if you wanna really see a -- it was very uncomfortable from my side of the aisle, but I still watch it for entertainment value. When we were debating the budget and a member of my side in the House was asking her questions, some of you will remember this, and her answer was "ditto". Over and over and over again. She just kept saying "ditto". And so, after a while, it got to be a little bit funny, but she just kept, and she was not deterred at all. So, if you want to see something that's a really a good watch for how to

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execute defending what you're doing she did it and did it very well. So, thank you for bringing the resolution, and it was an honor to serve with her.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Fine.

SENATOR FINE:

Thank you and ditto. I also had the pleasure of serving with Barbara Flynn Currie. She was bigger than life in a pint-sized body. When she spoke, you listened, and she always spoke so eloquently. As a newbie in the House, she became a mentor, a friend, and a role model. The first time I really got to know her was very intimidating, because she had an aura that made her seem like she was 10 feet tall. And it's ironic that the COWL Capers are tonight, because when I first came into the House, COWL did a woman's retreat, in the fall after the election season. And I actually drove to the retreat with -- Elaine Nekritz, and we picked up Barbara Flynn Currie on the way and I was scared to death in the backseat of the car knowing that this woman who was bigger than life was going to be in the car with us the whole way. And I soon learned that -- although she had this reputation, she was so kind and so willing to help, especially new women learn the process and the policy, so we could be as successful as she was. So, when the saying goes, "When you stand on the shoulder of giants" she was that giant and I credit her with the success of so many of us who have followed after her. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

When the next couple of speakers are done, we will observe a moment of silence. Senator Tracy.

SENATOR TRACY:

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Thank you, Mr. President. I don't know if I can expound or on what has already been said, but she was a true trailblazer and respectful. That has gotten lost in our process because she was a tough cookie, but she was respectful and helpful when you ask her questions and all that. She didn't brush you off. She listened, and she added much to the process because of that. So, it was an honor to serve with her, and I appreciate bringing the resolution forward because there's really, she was one of a kind. And I -- I she's to be missed. I -- I was so sad to hear of her passing cause she was still serving even at the moment when -- when she passed. She was on the -- the Illinois Pollution Control Board, I believe. She always offered her services to the better. Thank you.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Senator Feigenholtz.

SENATOR FEIGENHOLTZ:

In 1978, when Barbara first came to the General Assembly, there were only 21 women in this House and Senate. And I like Senator Fine do believe that it was the shoulders that we stood on that ushered so many women into this space, and along with it, the issues that affect lives of working families in this state. I wanna thank the Senate President for bringing this and for memorializing it. It is really appropriate, as Senator Hunter said, typically, we would see all of the feathers flying off of Barbara's boa as she's saying, "Whatever Barbara wants, Barbara gets." And referring to the women of the General Assembly as her ducklings. Soon we will see a document coming over from the House, a Joint Resolution that will help -- all of us who -- who will follow us know more about Barbara and memorialize her in the Capitol into perpetuity. And so, we can talk about that when it gets here. But

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until then, Godspeed, Barbara. You were loved.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

To honor her life, we'll now observe a moment of silence.  
Thank you. Mr. Secretary, Resolutions.

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Senate Resolution 796 and 797, offered by Senator Ventura and all Members, they are both celebration of life resolutions, Mr. President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR KOEHLER)

Resolutions Consent Calendar. Just a reminder that the Floor amendment deadline is this Friday at 3:00 p.m. So, if you have a Floor amendment on any bills, the deadline is this Friday at 3:00 p.m. We are getting ready to adjourn. When we do please head to the committees if you have a committee. We have Executive Committee that's meeting in Room 212. We have License Activities, which is meeting in Room 400, and State government is meeting in Room 409. There being no further business to come before the Senate, the Senate stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of May 2026. The Senate stands adjourned.

PERFUNCTORY SESSION

SECRETARY ANDERSON:

Pursuant to the directive of the Senate President, the regular Session of the Senate is now in perfunctory Session. Communication from the President. Letter dated May 13th, 2026. Dear Mr. Secretary - Pursuant to Senate Rule 2-10, I am scheduling a perfunctory Session to convene on May 13th, 2026. Signed, Don Harmon, Senate President. Resolutions. Senate Resolution 800, offered by Senator Doris Turner and all Members. Senate Resolution

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801, offered by Senator Cervantes and all Members, excuse me, and all Members. They are both celebration of life resolutions. Senate Resolution 798, offered by Senator Ellman, and Senate Resolution 799, offered by Senator Doris Turner. They are both congratulatory. Committee Reports. Senator Castro, Committee on -- Committee on Executive -- Chair of the Committee on Executive reports - Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 315, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 316, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 317, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 318, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 340, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 343, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 415, Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 416, Senate Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 3341, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 226, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 952, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 957, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 958, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 1441, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2333, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 2783, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3409, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3462, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3595, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3739, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3781, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3844, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4428, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4537, Senate Amendment 3 to House Bill 4642, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4768, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4885, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4911, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 4950, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5090, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5205, Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5472, and Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 5491 Recommend Do Adopt. Senator Glowiak Hilton, Chair of the Committee on Licensed Activities, report - Senate Bill 3211 Do Pass, as Amended. Senator Joyce, Chair of the Committee on State Government, reports - Senate

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Amendment 1 to House Bill 5474. Senator Hastings, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports - House Bill 4044 Do Pass; and House Bill 4966 Do Pass, as Amended. Introduction of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 4205, offered by Senator Syverson, an Act concerning revenue. 1st Reading of the bills. There being no further business to come before this perfunctory Session the Senate stands adjourned until the call of the Senate President. The Senate stands adjourned.