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

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Lord, as we prepare for Session today, I ask freshness of your spirit to quicken our thinking, that out of confused issues may come simplicity and plan, that out of fear may come confidence, that out of hurry may come deliberation, and that out of frustration may come guidance. Let us get to work not head first but heart first. May we be able to disagree without being disagreeable, to differ without being difficult, to be honest without tension, and to be frank without offense in an atmosphere of team spirit. These things we pray, Amen."

Speaker Manley: "With that, we will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Reick."

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

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

Mah: "Madam Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Cassidy, Crespo, Will Davis, and Jones are excused today."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Keicher to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

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Keicher: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Miller, Hauter, Wilhour, Niemerg, and Representative Randy Frese are excused today."

Speaker Manley: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 107 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 20, 2023: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 3296. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 214 and Senate Bill 1611. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Immigration & Human Rights reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 2379. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 183, Senate Bill 1787, Senate Bill 2374, Senate Bill 2390, and Senate Bill 2391. Representative Walker, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 58, Senate Bill 247, Senate Bill 1818, Senate Bill 2419, and Senate Bill 2424; and recommends be adopted is House Resolution 142. Representative Stuart, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following

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committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 49, Senate Bill 57, Senate Bill 86, Senate Bill 99, and Senate Bill 1558. Representative Stava-Murray, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Health reports the following committee action taken on April 20, 2023: do pass Short Debate for Senate Bill 69 and Senate Bill 1561; and recommends be adopted is House Resolution 96. Representative..."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Walsh. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Walsh: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could have your attention. To the Speaker's Gallery today, we have about 35 students from Joliet Central and Joliet West High School. They're part of the Rho Kappa program within there, and they're down here to see how State Government works today. They were brought down by their administrators, Miss Luangsomkham, Duranty, and Fike. And I'd like to welcome them to Springfield and join me in giving them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Manley: "Welcome to Springfield, Steelmens and Tigers. Chair recognizes Representative Moylan. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moylan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a special announcement, hot off the wires."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

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Moylan: "The softball game, the House versus Senate, is May 2, 5 p.m. sharp. And next week please bring some equipment so we can practice 'cause it's very important that we keep our tradition of pounding the Senate, beating them into submission. The House rules."

Speaker Manley: "Well done, Representative. The Chair recognizes Representative Caulkins. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's my pleasure today to recognize a group of women that are standing here on the Republican side. These are the women, the great eight, of the Lincoln Series. The Lincoln Series provides the tools, knowledge, and a statewide network to help Republican women in Illinois become purposeful leaders. More than 200 Lincoln Series graduates have gone on to serve in various roles in government, policy, and/or on campaigns. Today, I'd like to recognize Joanne Knipmeyer, Gabriella Shanahan, Diane Jordan, Maria Vasquez, Patti Krueger, Paige Thoreson, Jodi Haskins, and Chelsie Leffelman. These are our future Republican leaders and please welcome to the gallery."

Speaker Manley: "Welcome to Springfield. Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davidsmeyer: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Manley: "Please proceed."

Davidsmeyer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. This morning I continued our tradition in the Davidsmeyer household of when one of our

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kids and my... my 10-year-old became an 11-year-old this morning. Pax, happy birthday. We started with a giant donut bigger than the size of my head, and it's a tradition. I just want to wish him a happy 11th birthday."

Speaker Manley: "Happy birthday. On page 2 of the Calendar, under House Bills on Second Reading, House Bill 3699, Representative Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3699, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. The Bill was read for a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Lilly."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Lilly on Floor Amendment 1."

Lilly: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The Amendment allows the Bill to be an agreed Bill. We accepted the language of the Department of Health and Family Services."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Lilly moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3699. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3699, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Thank you, again, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3699 is actually a family Bill. It allows us, the State of Illinois, to support the families who are struggling. It amends the Department of Employment Security law, directs the Department

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of Employment Security to work hand in hand with the Department of Health and Family Service to identify employment opportunities in the state for persons and families who are in the arrears of child support. It allows us to be a partner in making sure our families are gaining economic opportunities to support their family. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Windhorst: "Representative Lilly, just to confirm a couple of things. Initially, the Bill was a 'shall' and the Amendment made it a 'may' collaborate. Is that accurate?"

Lilly: "That is, and there's some more ideas that the department has that we may address actually in the Senate."

Windhorst: "Okay. And initially there was a partisan roll call on the Bill, but it was passed unanimously out of committee with the Amendment. Is that accurate?"

Lilly: "That is correct."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Lilly to close."

Lilly: "I ask for each of us to support the families of Illinois, for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3699 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 107 voting in 'favor', 0 'opposed', 0 'present'. This Bill, having received a

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Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 2 of the Calendar, Third Reading, House Bill 1526. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please put this Bill back on Second Reading. Representative Harper is recognized on Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1526."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for the adoption of House Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1526, which simply moves the administration of the program to the Department of Human Services and gives DNR the administration of the advisory committee."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Harper moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 1526. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1526, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm pleased to present House Bill 1526, which would create an outdoor prescription program to fund grants... to fund grants to organizations that provide outdoor ecological or other environment-based therapy programming within the state. I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

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Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, has the Department of Natural Resources expressed an opinion on the Bill?"

Harper: "Yes. They expressed the opinion that they would like to be involved, and that's why we changed the administration of the advisory committee to them, because they felt like they had more expertise to help to administer the program."

Windhorst: "Do we have a cost estimate yet for this program?"

Harper: "No, we do not."

Windhorst: "Will there be any appropriation, do you expect, to be given in this year's budget to implement the program?"

Harper: "This Bill is subject to appropriation."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Harper to close."

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

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1526 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting's open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 102 voting in 'favor', 3 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 3 of the Calendar, Bills on Third Reading. House Bill 3892, Representative Harper."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3892, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 3892 stipulates that the Department... Illinois Housing Development Authority may develop a program that provides incentives for the

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development of affordable housing projects that incorporate urban and suburban gardening programs. This Bill is subject to appropriation, and I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Meier."

Meier: "Yes, will the speaker yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

Meier: "On this Bill, I like the... I like the whole program part of it. It just... at the end of it, it stated that the Housing Development Authority would have to pay for the garden tools. I have a problem with that. Most people that garden have to pay for their own tools. They're responsible for them. They know where they are and, you know... so is that still in this Bill or not?"

Harper: "That should not be in the Bill."

Meier: "Okay."

Harper: "It is not my will for the Illinois Housing Development Authority to necessarily pay for the garden tools, but that should be the onus is put on the developers of the housing."

Meier: "But it's still... then it's the developers of the housing. It's not the people doing the gardening?"

Harper: "The private developers, yeah. Not the state."

Meier: "Right. So, if that's the case, I'm still going to be a 'no' on this Bill because of that. I just believe that when you garden, you should be responsible for your own tools, keeping them there, knowing where they are. And, you know, a lot of people... having grown up on a farm, we shined our tools every night. We take care of them. We put them away. We know what they're going to be like the next day. So... but I do like the program of setting up more urban gardens. Thank you."

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Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please excuse Representative Keicher for the remainder of the day."

Speaker Manley: "Thank you. Representative Harper to close."

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

Speaker Manley: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3892 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. And the voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 73 voting in 'favor', 31 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Page 2 of the Calendar, House Bill 1527. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, return House Bill 1527 to Second Reading. Leader Mah on the Amendment."

Mah: "I move for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Manley: "Could you give us a little something, something there?"

Mah: "I'm sorry. This was language requested by the Community Bankers regarding the Bill. Thanks."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Mah moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment 2 to House Bill 1527. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk, any further Amendments?"

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

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

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1527, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Manley: "Leader Mah."

Mah: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. House Bill 1527 is an initiative of Legal Action Chicago and the Cook County Sheriff's Office. What the Bill does is it limits the use of kill switches by car dealers and predatory lenders. And these are devices that have been used for a debt collection. So, the Bill would limit their use for a debt collection. These are switches that allow an automobile to be disabled remotely if a person is late paying their... their auto loans. And there's some privacy concerns as well as some issues with the tendency for those experiencing the effects of these kill switches to be mainly low-income populations, women, immigrants, people of color. And so, the Bill would limit their ability to be used in debt collection so that people are stranded unnecessarily when, you know, they should be able to use their automobile. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Weber."

Weber: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Does the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

Weber: "Representative, you indicated that the Community Bankers had offered up that language. Does that remove their opposition?"

Mah: "No, it doesn't. It just addresses one of their concerns."

Weber: "Okay. So, I... I see that there's quite a few opponents to the Bill, included by Community Bankers Association, Illinois Credit Union League, Illinois Bankers Association, Illinois Financial Services Association, Independent Automobile Dealers, National Independent. Anyway, the list goes on and

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on. Have you reached out to try to work out the issues with any of these organizations other than Community Bankers?"

Mah: "Yes, we have met and I listened to all their issues."

Weber: "So, if I remember, back in committee that there was a lot of issues brought up by the people who... low in money, that these actually made it so that people purchasing a vehicle could actually get a lower price because they didn't have to worry about going back to repossession and paying for the car to be towed if a payment wasn't made. And that actually, because of these devices being able to shut them off in people's driveways, that they would actually receive payment and not hurt people's credit. Do you remember those conversations with them?"

Mah: "Yes, I do remember those conversations. And the issue is that there is currently a process in place whereby, if a lender wishes to repossess the car, there is a process in place. And these devices allow for that process to be bypassed. And in addition, drivers do not lose the ability to use their vehicle to go to work and do what's needed to obtain payment for their loans."

Weber: "All right. To the Bill, Madam Chair."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Weber: "Would the House please pay attention? This is actually a Bill that will do exactly opposite of what is intended. This is... this program with the kill switches allows for people that normally wouldn't get a car loan to be able to get a car loan because the lender can shut the vehicle off until they make payment without having to go and repossess the vehicle. I've talked to multiple dealerships and people that know...

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before would not have been able to get a loan can now get a loan because of these devices. These vehicles are shut off remotely while stopped, usually in people's driveways or garage. If people have an emergency, they can call up and get a number to activate the vehicle so that they can still drive it. And because of this, they do not get a repossession on their credit. You know, we get Bills like this, but yet the City of Chicago and other cities across Illinois boot vehicles all the time because they know it's an effective way to receive payment for debts that are owed. And that is exactly what's happening here. Banks and lenders have found out that by using these devices, they don't have to repossess vehicles. They can actually get people to make their payments on time, keep the vehicle in their possession, and not have to spend the money on a repossession and ruin someone's credit. I ask the House to please vote 'no' on this. It is going to do exactly opposite of what is intended. Thank you."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Davidsmeyer: "So, I was in... I was subbing in the committee when this Bill came through. And I want to make sure that everyone... I want to reiterate what the Republican spokesman said. The reality is, if we get rid of this as an option, the only other option is a repossession of a vehicle, which will be on this individual's credit for years and years. We are not shutting down a person's car while they're driving. We are... it's shutting down, allowing the bank to extend credit further, without effecting their credit, until the individual pays,

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right? This will hurt people who cannot afford or people who otherwise would not get a car loan. Legitimately this will hurt poor Illinoisans. I... I cannot stress enough that the only other option will hurt an individual's credit, right? This does not hurt an individual's credit. It just makes sure that... that they know that they still have to pay the bill. And they can turn the car back on as soon as that's paid, and they can move forward without having a negative impact on their future. So, please, please, please think before you hit your button. This is going to impact the poor more than it will impact any other Illinoisans. Vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Chair recognizes Representative DeLuca."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates that she will."

DeLuca: "Thank you. Leader Mah, we just chatted about this a couple minutes ago. I didn't expect it on the board this quickly. Under current law, are there some type of notifications that have to take place, certified mail? How much notice does a person get before the vehicle is just shut off?"

Mah: "So, currently State Law has a process for when people are late on their payments. And lenders can either repossess the car, which, you know, is not instantaneous. It doesn't work like a kill switch. And then lenders can also file lawsuit to recover the money. But the point is that there is a process in place, and it is detailed and it took time to agree on that process. And I believe one of the reasons that the Cook County Sheriff's Office is in support of this initiative is

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that they believe that this process should not be bypassed through the use of these kill switches."

DeLuca: "The purpose of my question is I just want to be sure that there's currently a process in place that an individual who would be faced with this has received proper notification, and plenty of notification, before it would get to a point where their car was disabled. So, our... I'm not sure if you answered that, but can you please try that again, whether there's an actual process that must be met, notifications that must be met so that the person is not caught by surprise, that they know that this could happen?"

Mah: "Yes. I believe that there is notification when one is delinquent on one's loan payment and is facing repossession."

DeLuca: "Do you know how many notices they must receive?"

Mah: "I'm not aware."

DeLuca: "Now, proof of... proof of notification, do you know what it is under current law?"

Mah: "We can... we can look that up and get back to you."

DeLuca: "Well, it's an important... it's an important question to have answered, if... if someone might be able to find that out. Because if under current law there's not proper notification, I might view this differently. If there's plenty of notification and no one is caught by surprise, and they know well in advance that this could happen to them and they still ignore it, then it could be a different situation. Thank you for answering."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Representative Caulkins."

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

Speaker Manley: "She indicates she will."

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Caulkins: "Thank you very much. Representative, if we... if we remove the ability to disable an automobile through this technology, what... what recourse do the lenders have? What... what is their recourse then if they can't disable the vehicle?"

Mah: "There is a process in place, as I mentioned, for lenders to begin the process of repossessing a vehicle or filing a lawsuit to recover the funds. In addition, lenders currently impose much higher interest rates on these loans. And, you know, from my understanding, that's been how these loans have been available to those in a position to... have to go through these lenders."

Caulkins: "So, if... if we, through this Bill, are going to restrict or dis... or end the process of disabling these vehicles, the lenders only really have one option left, and that's the repossession? Is... is that my... that's my understanding. Is that correct?"

Mah: "And they can file lawsuit to recover the funds."

Caulkins: "Right. So, when someone... when a lender repossesses a vehicle, do they do that at a person's home, or can they do that at work, or can they do that at the grocery store? Can they do that at the theater? Are they restricted as to where they can repossess a vehicle?"

Mah: "I'm not aware of those details."

Caulkins: "No."

Mah: "But... no. I believe that that answer is no. And... but with the use of kill switches, they can happen anywhere, including at the grocery store, in a theater. And there have been

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documented cases in which this has happened with moving vehicles."

Caulkins: "I'm... I'm sorry. I understood in a previous conversation with our committee spokesperson that these vehicles are disabled in driveways or homes and that's..."

Mah: "I believe that is the intention, but I have read reports in which someone has experienced their vehicle being disabled while it was in motion."

Caulkins: "Right. But there's a process if they're... if that were to happen, that they can call a phone number and reestablish... I mean, they're going to reestablish the ability to drive that vehicle."

Mah: "If... if you were in a vehicle that was being disabled while you were driving it..."

Caulkins: "Well, I don't..."

Mah: "...would you pick up the phone and that would be your way of..."

Caulkins: "They don't..."

Mah: "...dealing with that?"

Caulkins: "I don't think that happens. But that... so, with the opposite... I guess the... the only avenue that you're leaving is for someone to get their vehicle towed, repossessed, as opposed to having it disabled someplace where they can negotiate to get their vehicle reignited. So... so, they're going to get their vehicle towed. They're going to have to pay the towing company. They're going to get their vehicle impounded. They're going to have to pay an impound fee until they can go find it. And then... and they still can't pay their

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bill. I mean, why are we going to make that the result of not paying your bill?"

Mah: "I believe it's also challenging for an individual to pay their bill if their vehicle is disabled and they're not able to go to work and..."

Caulkins: "No, and I under... but they... they have the ability to get that vehicle reinstalled with a phone call and a payment. Whereas, once that vehicle is towed, they're on the hook. They're on the hook for the towing bill. Two hundred and fifty bucks, I think, in my hometown. They're on the bill for a storage fee, \$50 a day. And I don't know what it costs to get the vehicle out."

Mah: "I... I believe that the point is that many individuals find themselves in situations of an emergency, and they don't have access to their vehicle. If you are, you know, having to go to the emergency room and you have to contact someone or obtain a code, you know, which they're reports about the ineffectiveness of these codes sometimes, you know, that's a... that's a burden that falls on a particular set of individuals, which really shouldn't be the case."

Caulkins: "Well, thank you. Madam Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Caulkins: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Bill will not solve the problem that you're trying to solve. This Bill will lead to higher costs, more debt, more burdens, more people losing the use of their vehicle. Under the current system, a phone call can be made to a lender, a payment plan can be structured, a person can get the use of their car back without having to go through the trauma of having their car

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towed, impounded, their possessions gone through. This is a very, very destructive Bill, and I would hope that you would vote 'no' to actually protect the people that you're trying to help."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Hammond, do you wish to speak on this Bill? Chair recognizes Rep... Leader Windhorst."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. If this Bill were to receive the constitutionally required number of votes, I request a verification."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members are to be in their chairs and vote their own switches. Chair recognizes Representative Guzzardi."

Guzzardi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Manley: "She will yield for your question."

Guzzardi: "Representative Mah, thank you for presenting this measure. Can you... there's been some discussion today on the floor about how your proposed legislation might negatively impact individuals. Can you maybe start by speaking about how the current system with these kill switches is harming consumers in Illinois?"

Mah: "Can you repeat the last part of the question?"

Guzzardi: "How the current system is harming drivers and consumers in the State of Illinois."

Mah: "Right. So, with the existence of kill switches currently, you know, you can have an individual who has no other choice but to purchase a vehicle with these kill switches attached because of their low credit rating or lack of a credit rating. And so, you know, the individuals that are affected tend to

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be low-income individuals, women, single moms, formerly incarcerated folks, new immigrants, those without a strong credit score to obtain a conventional loan. And so, you know, these are the individuals that are disproportionately affected by the use of these kill switches. It means that their privacy is invaded because, in order for them to work, somebody in a remote location knows exactly where you are. You know, whether you're at school or, you know, at a bar or at the hospital or grocery store. And, you know, so there.. there are privacy concerns that, you know, really are concerning to.. should be concerning to everyone."

Guzzardi: "Sure. And you mentioned that credit score is a determining factor in whether someone might wind up with one of these kill switches on their vehicle or not. Do you.. I don't know if you have this data at your fingertips, but do you have any data describing the correlation between credit score and racial background? Like, are credit scores evenly distributed across all racial categories? Or are there perhaps some disparities among credit scores?"

Mah: "I.. I don't have the exact numbers, but, you know, I think it's pretty clear from the data that does exist that, you know, people of color tend to disproportionately fall on the lower end of the credit score."

Guzzardi: "Right. And.. and maybe just describe for the Body the.. like the lived experience, if you would, of someone who has their vehicle disabled by this kill switch. What.. what's happening? So, I'm.. I own a car. I parked my car. I go to the grocery store. It's get disabled remotely. What do I do? What happens to me then?"

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Mah: "Right. It's a humiliating and terrifying experience in a lot of cases. You... you lose control of what you're able to do. And so, the manufacturer has said that, you know, in most cases, there's a number to call and a way to negotiate. But, you know, I... I've also read reports in which those numbers don't work or the codes that are... that are provided to enable the car to run again, you know, don't work. So, there's no guarantee that you will have the ability to regain possession of your car. And there are also stories about cars that have been disabled that have remained in a driveway for years and years."

Guzzardi: "And... and let's talk about, like, the instance in which someone is facing an emergency, right? Let's say their partner is going into labor. There's a medical emergency. They need to get to the hospital. They go down to their car. They turn the key. The vehicle is killed. Then what? What is that... what are the recourses available to that person? Call an 800 number?"

Mah: "They're not... they're not able to use their car."

Guzzardi: "Right."

Mah: "I mean, you know, they lose the time that is really essential in the case of an emergency."

Guzzardi: "So... and then describe to me what would happen to the rest of us, right, if we're a driver who doesn't have one of these kill switches installed on our vehicle and we, for instance, fall behind on our payments? Maybe you can describe what actions the lenders might take in an instance... in a more conventional instance."

Mah: "I'm sorry. Can you repeat that?"

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Guzzardi: "Yeah. Well, I'll go straight to the Bill, Madam Chair.
To the Bill. Just to say..."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Guzzardi: "...we have a two-tier system in the State of Illinois that for poor drivers, mostly drivers of color, drivers who have been punished by the credit reporting system in this country that takes into account a variety of discriminatory factors, those drivers are placed in a position where in a moment of crisis, when they need to get in their car and go somewhere, they might turn the key and that vehicle won't start. Whereas for the rest of us, those of us who come from positions of privilege, you have a credit score that doesn't require us to be shackled to one of these devices, we have other options available to us. I think this is an unfair and discriminatory system. I appreciate your work on ending it, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "The Chair recognizes Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you. Madam Speaker, to the Bill."

Speaker Manley: "To the Bill."

Hammond: "This piece of legislation is... is a very dangerous piece of legislation. As one of our colleagues mentioned earlier, this will lead to an immediate repossession, as opposed to the option, the option, of having given notice to the owner of the vehicle that they are behind in their payments, giving them a longer period of time to make that payment and not put the State of Illinois in the repo business. There is nothing more damaging than what could possibly happen as a result of this Bill. A mother takes her children to the grocery store. She buys the groceries for the week. She comes back out to

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the parking lot, only to find out that her car is gone. Her car has been repossessed. A mother takes her children to school. She runs in to give some instructions to one of the teachers. She comes out and her car is gone. A father takes his wife, who is pregnant and ready to deliver, to the hospital to deliver their child, and he comes out, only to find out that his car is gone. All of that is a great possibility as a result of this legislation. Please vote 'no'."

Speaker Manley: "Representative Mah to close."

Mah: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to make the point that no notification is required before a kill... vehicle kill switch is activated and a car is immobilized. So, in the scenario that the speaker mentioned previously, you know, someone could come out of the grocery store and find their car immobilized. They could, in the middle of the night, have a medical emergency and discover that their vehicle is immobilized. They could be, you know, going about their daily business and someone in a remote location knows exactly where they are at all times, which is a breach of privacy that, you know, those who do not have to use predatory loans in order to obtain a vehicle do not have to suffer. This is a device that is used to inspire fear and terror and humiliation that only effects a particular population. And currently, in Illinois, we have a process in place, a legal process, for the recovery of a vehicle in which the loan has been defaulted. There is a three-day notice for repossessions. Most people are aware of when they are in a position where their vehicle may be repossessed. They would get zero

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notification if a kill switch is used on their vehicle. This is just an issue of fairness, and I urge that you support the people who are disproportionately affected by this. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Manley: "Members, Leader Windhorst has requested a verification. All Members will be in their chairs and vote their own switches. The question is, 'Shall House Bill 1527 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 51 voting in 'favor', 49 voting 'opposed', 0 voting 'present'. Representative Mah."

Mah: "I request Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Manley: "Mr. Clerk, please put... put this Bill on Postponed Consideration. Representative Slaughter is recognized on House Resolution 214. Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And just wanted to clarify I'm not asking for the adoption of House Resolution 214 but would like to speak on it. Founded in 2013... and please, if we could direct our attention to the gallery, the Republican side of the aisle. All of the Survivors Speaks participants, could you... could you rise as we talk to the Resolution? Founded in 2013, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice is a network of 190 thousand crime victims across the country. CSSJ is a program that conducts outreach to underserved victims of crime and advocates for expanded victim support and smart safety policies. CSSJ is dedicated to expanding services and helping all victims, particularly people who often... the most harmed by crime and violence but least helped

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by a current criminal justice and victims' services system. In Illinois, we have 2 thousand members across the state, in chapters from Chicago, East St. Louis, and Peoria. And here in Illinois, we call this organized effort Survivors Speak. Representative... or I should say Leader Gordon Booth offers Resolution... House Resolution 214 to recognize the great work and recognize April 20, 2023 as 'Survivors Speak Illinois Day'. Madam Speaker, I think it's really important that we still... that we acknowledge that we still have a lot of work to do when it comes to supporting victims and survivors of crime. No matter what ideology you agree with in regards to public safety, we can all agree that it's very critical that our state does all it can to protect and assist victims. Ladies and Gentlemen, only nine percent of all victims of violence receive direct assistance from a victim service agency. This percentage drops even further when the crime is underreported, which is the case for more than half of all violent crimes. Even though we're making a lot of changes, our criminal justice system really is not designed or currently equipped to serve victims of violence or address most of their needs. This experience compounds the trauma that comes with victimization and is particularly severe for many victims of color, particularly black victims. We have with us today in the gallery, also in the Capitol, over 250 crime survivors that are uniquely qualified to provide input and influence in the discussion of public safety and criminal justice policies. The Survivors Speak movement promotes investing in a long-term comprehensive plan to address root causes of violence that prioritize prevention,

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rehabilitation, and trauma recovery. We're proud of CSJJ's (sic-CSSJ's) inspirational work. Thank you for your courage and we look forward to continuing to collaborate together as we advocate and provide more effective services for victims of violence. Thank you, Madam Speaker. And please, let's give Survivors Speaks a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you so very much."

Speaker Manley: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 212, offered by Representative Mayfield. House Resolution 213, offered by Representative Spain. House Resolution 215, offered by Representative Severin. House Resolution 217, offered by Representative Schmidt. And House Resolution 218, offered by Representative Rashid."

Speaker Manley: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. The Chairperson from the Committee on Police & Fire reports the following committee action taken on April 20, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1543 and Senate Bill 1707. Representative LaPointe, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health & Addiction reports the

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following committee action taken on April 20, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 646 and Senate Bill 1402. Representative Tarver, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on April 20, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 685, Senate Bill 686, and Senate Bill 2227. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on April 20, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1233, Senate Bill 1629, Senate Bill 1630, Senate Bill 1824. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 214, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth; and House Resolution 216, offered by Representative Swanson, are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4040, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."