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People hold a banner reading "hands off Chicago" as they march during the "No Kings" national day of protest in Chicago on March 28. KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI, AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

'No Kings' rallies attract IL lawmakers

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Millions of Americans joined "No King" rallies across the United States Saturday to protest President Donald Trump and his administration's policies.

The organizers' crowd count, not verified by independent analysts, put the total at a historic 8 million people, with 3,300 events scheduled nationwide. Notable attendees included actor Robert De Niro and musician Bruce Springsteen.

Several Illinois officials also joined in on local rallies, voicing their support for protesters statewide. Here are some honorable mentions.

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson

Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson shared pictures of him speaking and marching at the "No Kings" rally in Chicago, including the following caption on X: "No War. No ICE. No Oligarchs. No Kings."

Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton

Lieutenant Governor of Illinois and Democratic Senate candidate Juliana Stratton shared images of her speaking at the rally in Chicago as well.

"I was proud to stand with so many

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Illinois suburb named best place for families

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Choosing where to raise a family is an important consideration for most parents, with safety and affordability typically at the top of mind for those with children.

Luckily for parents in Illinois, a local suburb was named the best spot in the country to do so.

Niche.com, a company that provides in-depth profiles for schools and universities across the U.S., compiled the report based on factors like public schools, crime rates, cost of living and family-friendly amenities.

Here's what it found.

Clarendon Hills named best spot to raise a family

The site gave Clarendon Hills an A+ grade, commending its small, friendly vibe and public schools. The town's coffee shops, restaurants and parks are also praised, along with the health

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Child torture, junk fees bills clear committee

Measures require approval from both chambers, governor

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House passed more than 150 bills out of committee earlier this week as it worked toward a March 27 deadline to move legislation to the full House.

The measures included a ban on junk fees, classification of "child torture" as a Class X felony, a retry at a nonprofit savings bill the governor recently vetoed, and a bill to strip Chicago's authority to alter the minimum wage for workers who make tips.

All of the measures passed this week are still a long way from final passage, requiring approval from both chambers and the governor to become law.

Junk fees

The House Consumer Protection Committee passed a bill to ban "junk fees," or hidden charges that are placed on bills but not otherwise posted or advertised.

House Bill 228 would make it a violation of the existing Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act for a company to post a price that does

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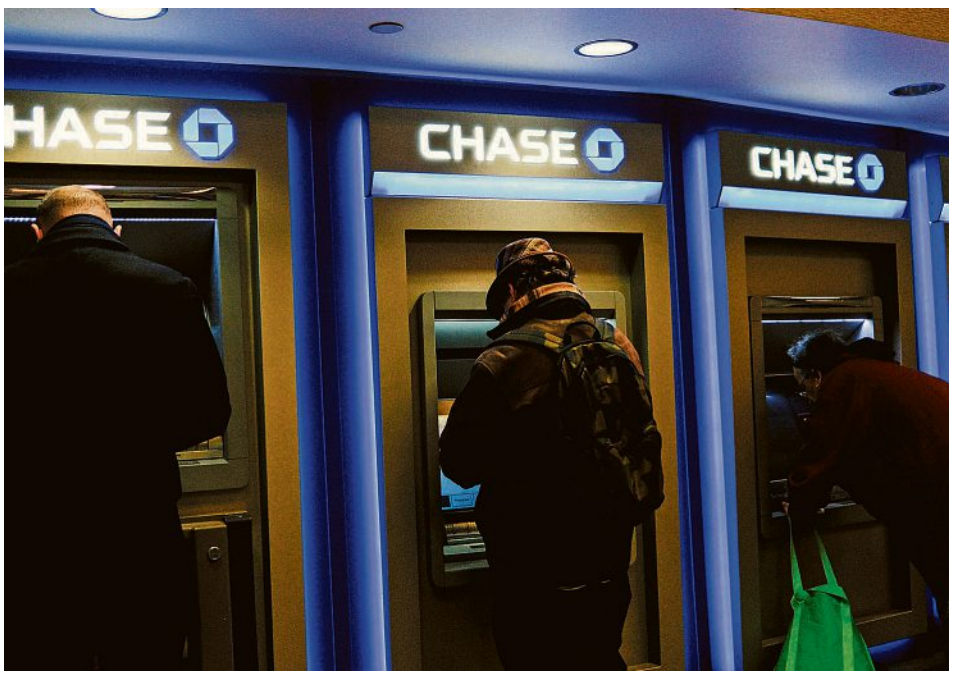

"Junk" fees from banks and credit card companies are part of America's "annoyance economy," according to a new report from the Groundwork Collaborative. CHARLY TRIBALLEAU/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

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