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The House met pursuant to adjournment.
 Representative Mautino in the chair.
 Prayer by Doorkeeper of the House Lee A. Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, IL.
 Representative Leitch led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:
 116 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Smith, should be recorded as present at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Public Pension Report, 2009, submitted by Department of Insurance on January 13, 2010.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by
 Ms. Rock, Secretary:
 Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:
 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 81
 Concurred in the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
 Ms. Rock, Secretary:
 Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendments to a bill of the following title, to-wit:
 SENATE BILL NO. 315
 A bill for AN ACT concerning education.
 House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 315.
 House Amendment No. 2 to SENATE BILL NO. 315.
 Action taken by the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
 Ms. Rock, Secretary:
 Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:
 SENATE BILL NO. 328
 A bill for AN ACT concerning business.
 House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 328.
 Action taken by the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Ms. Rock, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 616

A bill for AN ACT concerning education.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 616.
Action taken by the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Ms. Rock, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 1013

A bill for AN ACT concerning criminal law.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 1013.
Action taken by the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Ms. Rock, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82

Concurred in the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by
Ms. Rock, Secretary:
Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of their amendment to a bill of the following title, to-wit:

SENATE BILL NO. 1868

A bill for AN ACT concerning local government.
House Amendment No. 1 to SENATE BILL NO. 1868.
Action taken by the Senate, January 13, 2010.

Jillayne Rock, Secretary of the Senate

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 816

Offered by Representative Reitz:

WHEREAS, Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that comes from the radioactive decay of naturally-occurring uranium in the soil; and

WHEREAS, The United States Surgeon General issued a Health Advisory warning Americans that indoor radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and that breathing radon over prolonged periods can present a significant health risk to families; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Radon Awareness Act requires sellers to provide anyone buying a home, condominium, or other residential property in Illinois with information about indoor radon exposure and how radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that the number of annual lung cancer deaths related to radon is 21,000; an estimated 1,160 Illinois citizens may develop radon-related lung cancer every year; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with our commitment to protecting the citizens of Illinois from the health risks associated with radon, the month of January 2008 was designated "Radon Action Month" by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Over 50,000 measurements have been taken in the State of Illinois since 2002, with homes exceeding the EPA's Radon Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L being corrected; the State of Illinois and the American Lung Association of Illinois encourages all citizens to test their homes over 2 years; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the American Lung Association of Illinois are partnering to provide radon information and guidance to the citizens of Illinois in testing their homes to find out how much radon they might be breathing; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the American Lung Association of Illinois, the University of Illinois Extension Office, the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are sponsoring video and poster contests for students to increase public awareness of radon and to encourage people to test their homes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate January of 2010 as "Radon Action Month" in the State of Illinois in order to raise awareness of radon and its effects on families in the State of Illinois and the nation at large; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens of this State to regularly test their homes for radon and reduce their risk of developing lung cancer by taking corrective action when necessary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 819

Offered by Representative Acevedo:

WHEREAS, During the 95th General Assembly, House Resolution 1059 created a Fire Stop Council under the Office of the State Fire Marshal to examine the current state of fire stop systems in Illinois, encourage education training, and promote awareness of the importance of proper fire stop system installation and inspection; and

WHEREAS, The council is required to report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The council needs additional time to complete its work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the council created by House Resolution 1059 of the 95th General Assembly shall report its finding and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2011; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with this reporting extension, the council shall continue to operate pursuant to House Resolution 1059 of the 95th General Assembly.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 823

Offered by Representative Feigenholtz:

WHEREAS, Congress enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("ARRA") which, among many things, authorized an estimated \$87 billion in additional federal funding for states in the form of a temporary increase in the funds that the federal government contributes toward Medicaid and Title IV-E programs; and

WHEREAS, Section 5001 of the ARRA provided eligible states with an increase in funding to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) formula for 27 months between October 1, 2008 and December 31, 2010, with the purpose of protecting people whose eligibility might otherwise be at risk if state budget shortfalls resulted in Medicaid cutbacks; and

WHEREAS, Illinois received an increase in the FMAP formula from 50.32% federal contribution to 60.48% in Fiscal Year 2009 and 61.88% in Fiscal Year 2010, resulting in \$1.6 billion in cumulative increased FMAP funding in Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010; and

WHEREAS, The increased FMAP formula has allowed Illinois to utilize funds to comply with prompt pay requirements in an effort to pay most Medicaid providers at 30 days rather than the 90 days the State was approaching; and

WHEREAS, Although the current economic climate has caused Illinois to face severe unprecedented budget shortfalls, the increase in the FMAP funding has prevented even more drastic cuts that would have been implemented had this increase in funding not been available; and

WHEREAS, Illinois legislators will approach the Fiscal Year 2011 budget with as much caution as the Fiscal Year 2010 budget; and it is estimated that lagging revenues and continued spending pressures will result in an even larger deficit; and that without an infusion of cash from borrowing or another source, the State's fiscal health will continue to decline; and

WHEREAS, On December 15, 2009, the National Caucus of State Legislatures sent letters to the leadership of both chambers of Congress to extend the enhanced FMAP formula for at least an additional six months to June 30, 2011, in order to maintain the assistance to states as growing numbers of Americans who have become Medicaid-eligible as a result of the economic downturn continue to rise; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we respectfully urge Congress and all members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation to support an extension of the increased Federal Medical Assistance Percentage funding, made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, beyond December 31, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That after adoption, suitable copies of this resolution shall be sent by the Clerk of the Illinois House of Representatives, to the members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation, the President pro tempore and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 825

Offered by Representative Sacia:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly passed legislation that went into effect January 1, 2010, raising the cost for an Illinois vehicle title from \$65 to \$95; and

WHEREAS, Licensed dealers in Illinois could not start charging the \$95 fee until January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, License dealers in Illinois have 20 days to complete all necessary paperwork from date of purchase to receipt by the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, Dealers will submit numerous title transfers to the Secretary of State between January 1 and January 20, 2010, sending the \$65 they charged each purchaser during the last 20 days of December, only to find out that Secretary of State's Office decided that, starting January 1, 2010, the State will charge dealers \$95 without the 20 day grace period for titles and will demand an additional \$30 per title; and

WHEREAS, There will be no recourse for the dealer to go back to the purchaser and dealers will be losing money at the cost of the State; and

WHEREAS, In the past increased title fees with altered dates were sent to the Secretary of State to avoid the increased cost of the titles; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois House of Representatives urges the Office of the Secretary of State to accept \$65 for titles from dealers through January 20, 2010, that fall within the long-established 20-day grace period for dealers without charging additional fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of State and to the Director of the Illinois Automobile Dealers Association.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 817

Offered by Representative Fortner:
Congratulates the Wheaton Warrenville South High School Football Team, the Tigers, on winning the Class 7A State Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 818

Offered by Representative Madigan:
Mourns the death of Annie Jo Gordon of Peoria.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 820

Offered by Representative Durkin:
Congratulates the Lyons Township High School boys soccer team on winning the Class 3A State Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 821

Offered by Representative Durkin:
Congratulates the Lyons Township High School Girls Volleyball team on finishing second in the Class 4A State Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 822

Offered by Representative Berrios:
Congratulates George "Georgie Porgie" Andros on the occasion of being named one of Billboard Magazine's Top 10 Dance Artists of the Decade.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 824

Offered by Representative Sacia:
Mourns the death in Afghanistan of United States Army Private First Class Devin Michel of Colorado Springs, Colorado, formerly of Stockton.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 826

Offered by Representative Winters:
Mourns the death in Afghanistan of Elizabeth C. Hanson of Rockford.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 827

Offered by Representative Tryon:
Congratulates Dennis Harris on the occasion of his retirement as Deputy Chief of the Crystal Lake Police Department.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 828

Offered by Representative Tryon:
Mourns the death of Ross Allen Kitchen.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 829

Offered by Representative Coladipietro:
Congratulates Dr. Matthew F. Bonnan, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at Western Illinois University, on being a part of the recent discovery of a new species of dinosaur, Aardonyx.

SENATE RESOLUTION

Having been reported out of the Committee on Executive on January 12, 2010, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Flider moved the adoption of the resolution.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

109, Yeas; 0, Nays; 1, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

The motion prevailed and the Resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate.

RESOLUTION

Having been reported out of the Committee on Environment & Energy on January 12, 2010, HOUSE RESOLUTION 655 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Joyce moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENCES AND NON-CONCURRENCES IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 2688, having been reproduced, were taken up for consideration.

Representative Leitch moved that the House concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 2.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

113, Yeas; 2, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 3)

The motion prevailed and the House concurred with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendments numbered 1 and 2 to HOUSE BILL 2688.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate.

RESOLUTIONS

Having been reported out of the Committee on State Government Administration on January 12, 2010, HOUSE RESOLUTION 809 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Acevedo moved the adoption of the resolution.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 817, 818, 820, 821, 822 and 824 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 82

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, January 15, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, January 21, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, January 25, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Friday, January 29, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 1, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 03, 2010, at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Thursday, January 21, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, January 28, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 03, 2010, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 08, 2010, at 5:00 o'clock p.m., or until the call of the President.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

AGREED RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION 802 was taken up for consideration.
Representative Howard requested that all members be added as co-sponsors.
Representative Howard moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENCES AND NON-CONCURRENCES IN SENATE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILLS

Senate Amendments numbered 1, 2 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 1188, having been reproduced, were taken up for consideration.

Pending discussion, Representative Watson moved the previous question.

And the question being, "Shall the main question be now put?" it was decided in the affirmative.

Representative Monique Davis moved that the House concur with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendments numbered 1, 2 and 3.

And on that motion, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

85, Yeas; 30, Nays; 2, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 4)

The motion prevailed and the House concurred with the Senate in the adoption of Senate Amendments numbered 1, 2 and 3 to HOUSE BILL 1188.

Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate.

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 826, 827, 828 and 829 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

RECESS

At the hour of 11:53 o'clock a.m., Speaker of the House Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess for the Governor to address the Joint Session.

The motion prevailed.

**JOINT SESSION
11:55 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by Joint Resolution adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his State of the State Message in person to the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by the Honorable President Cullerton, and Members of the Senate, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned to them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, President Cullerton of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Speaker Madigan, of the House of Representatives, announced that a quorum of the House was present.

A majority of each House of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 2

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate by the President of the Senate, to wait upon His Excellency Governor Pat Quinn and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

The President of the Senate announced the appointments, as Members of such Committee, on the part of the Senate: Senators Larry Bomke, Gary Dahl, Susan Garrett, Emil Jones and Martin Sandoval.

The Speaker of the House announced the appointments, as Members of such Committee, on part of the House: Representatives Careen Gordon, Donald Moffitt, Sandra Pihos, Carol Sente and André Thapedi.

His Excellency, Governor Pat Quinn, was admitted into the Hall of the House of Representatives, and was presented to the General Assembly, to deliver his message in person as follows:

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

**GOVERNOR PAT QUINN
STATE OF THE STATE**

Thank you. Well, thank you very much. Before I begin I think it's important for all of us in the Land of Lincoln, our state, almost 13 million people live here and some of whom are Haitian Americans and we know today a very devastating natural disaster has hit the country of Haiti, the people of Haiti. And I think the people of Illinois have generous hearts and we say prayers for those victims of the natural disaster and we ask God to help them recover as quickly as possible. And I know the people of Illinois are good and true and whatever we can do to help the people of Haiti, we will do. And I really want to thank everyone here for the warm welcome.

I appreciate the opportunity to be the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, it's a great honor. I know it's a trust. I believe the office of Governor is one that belongs to the people and serving in this office for nearly a year, it's been a great honor and privilege, an opportunity to visit people all across our State of Illinois. It's a great state, a diverse state and I believe everybody's in and nobody's left out.

We all know that I assumed this office under the most difficult of circumstances. The Constitution of our state was followed by our Legislature, by you, the elected Representatives of the people and on the 29 of January, last year, I took the oath of office. In taking that oath of office, I knew that we had a state in crisis,

a state that needed stabilization, that needed an honest Governor and an honest government. And I think in the past year we've worked together, night and day in some cases, to win the trust of the people. We have to build the trust of the people. Obviously, the events that preceded my oath of office shook the confidence of the people of Illinois and their hearts were hurting. It was our duty as men and women of a democracy, the greatest democracy on planet earth, to come together in good faith and reform our government. And I said at the beginning of my time as Governor this has to be a year of reform. And I think in the course of carrying out our duties in the past year we've done very well with respect to restoring ethics and integrity to our government.

We understood there was a need to pass strong, tough laws to deal with honesty and integrity, the integrity of our government must always match the honesty of our people. So, we went about the task. We reformed the public pensions; we dealt with boards and commissions. We enacted strong standards with respect to procurement in contracts. We reformed the behavior and enacted strong ethics standards for lobbyists, as well as state employees. All of those were very important reforms and needed reforms. In addition, we took on the very difficult task of looking how campaigns are conducted and how they're financed, never an easy subject in any place in this country or at the federal level. We came together in good faith. We worked together. We passed one law that was found wanting, so we didn't pass... I didn't sign that law and we came together again working together in a democracy and enacted a campaign finance reform law that I did sign that is, for the first time, a chance to have limits on campaign contributions in the State of Illinois and much more disclosure and openness with respect to money and politics. I think that's a great achievement.

I think when the time is written and history is written, people will look back and say that the Members of the General Assembly together with the Governor in 2009 heard the people and enacted fundamental, ethical reforms.

I spoke on the day that the campaign finance Bill passed the House and Senate with Sheila Simon who is a good friend, who is the daughter of Paul Simon, who endorsed me for Lieutenant Governor and I told Shelia that we didn't get the whole loaf in the campaign finance reform Bill, but she immediately said we got many slices. And I think that's really how her father would look at it and I think how democracy works. There may be more to do. I think there is.

I think we do need in Illinois, what I call an ethics initiative that we would put into our Constitution that would give voters at every level of government, whether it be the local level or county level or the state level, the power by petition and binding referendum to enact ethical standards and campaign finance rules that the people feel are appropriate for all of us who are elected representatives. I'd like to see that on the ballot in 2010 on November 2, when those of us who are running for statewide office go before the people. I think that it's important to give the people of Illinois the tools that they need to strengthen our democracy. We have to strengthen the voters. They're the ones who count. They're the ones who pay our salaries. They're the ones who pay the taxes. And I think having an ethics initiative, an initiative solely devoted to ethics in government and campaign finance reform, that is a very important need in our State of Illinois because democracy is a process that goes on year after year and it's very important that we bring the people in to our democracy and let them set the rules for our conduct and our behavior.

I am very pleased and I want to commend all those in this Legislature that did enact a Constitutional Amendment Resolution that will be on the ballot this fall to establish a recall process in our state. This is the first time in the history of Illinois such a Constitutional Amendment has been presented to the people. It took three-fifths vote of each House of the General Assembly, both the House and Senate, and the people must enact the recall Amendment by three-fifths vote. And I think they will.

I think the people of Illinois know that before I became Governor we had great difficulties with two Governors, one who is in jail and the other who is indicted and awaiting trial. And I think it's important always to give the people of Illinois the opportunity to cast their vote of confidence or no confidence in a Governor who may be betraying the public trust. So, I think enacting a recall Amendment and an ethics initiative into our Constitution this year will complete the job that the people of Illinois sent us to do.

When things go wrong in a democracy, what you have to use is the tools of democracy to correct those mistakes. Now, I think in the course of working together this year we have shown that when people work together we can accomplish great things. We can accomplish amazing things. And I think one of the things that was bad in our state before my arrival is there was much dissension, discord, disharmony, friction, name calling. It doesn't work in life; it doesn't work in a democracy. It's very important that we always have an attitude of civility in the course of our work, that we respect all of those who are elected by the people and that we try our very best to work together to accomplish great things.

I think it's important to go over a few of the things that we've done this year that we have accomplished and I think it is something that's important for the people to know that their elected representatives worked together on issues of very high importance to the public. And one of those issues that occurred this year was the fact that when I became Governor we didn't have all of our state parks open or our historic sites and that the Governor's Mansion was rarely used.

I think it was important for the people of Illinois to see that the peoples' house, the Governor's Mansion, was open to the people. And on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, his bicentennial, we had an open house at the Governor's Mansion. We've had many, many events. We've invited Legislators as well as ordinary everyday people in Illinois, the heart and soul of our state, to come to the Governor's Mansion and to come to our state parks. I think it's very, very important that in this time of economic recession we have parks available for the people and I made sure that that happened when I became Governor. We want to leave no child inside in Illinois. I believe that it's important for kids to get outside in nature with their moms and dads and with others, their friends, to see the wonders of nature.

Long ago, a hundred years ago, when Teddy Roosevelt was President of our country, he said conservation is the patriotic thing to do and it's important that we understand the spiritual value of being in nature and so our state parks are quite important to us. And I was distressed that my predecessor padlocked some of the state parks and very early in my term as Governor I ordered that the parks be opened and they are and I'm glad to see that. That's just one... the beginning of openness in our government. We had to work together on all kinds of important tasks. One of which, a very important one, that's important for our economy, is that we had to get three-fifths vote of the Members of the General Assembly in the House and in the Senate, 60 percent of each House, to vote for what is called the capital Bill, or a job recovery Bill, whatever you want to call it, for 10 years in Illinois.

For 10 years, we did not have legislation passed that invested in the fundamental things in our economy like safe roads and safe bridges, like improving our water systems, like making sure we have good rail systems to get goods to market to build our schools and rebuild our schools. There was a lot of friction, we all know it, but finally, this past year, we came together, worked together and enacted a landmark law that will really help our state today and tomorrow with respect to its economy and jobs. We invested together and worked together on this. You know, I want to commend all of those who worked on that, the leadership of the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and membership of both Parties. We understood that the folks back home, the folks who elected us, they needed us to get this job done and we worked together to get it done. It wasn't easy; it took a lot of hard work, but that's what democracy is all about, banding together and working together. The same way when something goes wrong in our democracy, we don't overlook it.

What happened at our University of Illinois, our great state university that we're all so proud of, they had an admissions review scandal... an admissions scandal that came up in the course of the year. I appointed an admissions review commission to look into it, to find out the facts. They found out the facts. I had to replace seven trustees on the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. They elected a new chairman, Christopher Kennedy. A new president has taken office, Stan Ikenberry, who's doing an excellent job. And that's how you deal with things in a democracy. When something doesn't go according to what you want it to do, it isn't supposed to go that way, then you correct the mistake and President Ikenberry told me not long ago that the board at the University of Illinois today is the best one he's ever seen. And it's so important that we have good leadership at all of our educational institutions. So, that's what democracy is, people coming together when a problem arises, working together to solve it.

Another one that we've worked on in the past year that I think should get some attention is the whole issue of foreclosure. Many of our neighbors, good people, through no fault of their own, have lost their job and they're in danger of losing their homes. We enacted a good Bill that gives more time for people to get their finances together to ward off foreclosure.

Another landmark Bill that we passed was to help utility consumers, people who are struggling in a tough recession paying their utility bills. We have a law now in place that I signed that helps people of very poor, modest income afford their utilities in cold winter as well as making sure that all of us have an opportunity to use our utility bill to help finance energy efficient improvements in our home. Yet another consumer Bill, a very important one that we enacted, was to deal with the issue of denial of care by insurance companies. Many health insurance consumers have found that when they need help the most the insurance company denies care when we should have a process where there's an independent review of that and that we were able to pass that law. It's a very important law. We worked together on that and it will make sure that we have good health in our society. And I think health is important. I think every life is important.

There's a passage in Scripture that says, if you save one life, you save the whole world. And this year in Illinois, a historic year 2009, for the first time since 1921 we have less than one thousand deaths on the highways of Illinois, the lowest number since 1921. Now, that took a lot of work. The Members of the General Assembly passed legislation; it was signed into law. It took State Police men on the highways, men and women who work for our Department of Transportation, oftentimes in very difficult weather to clear the roads and make them safe. It took law enforcement at every level; it took a lot of hard work.

But there was one person in particular, in my opinion, who's led the way for our great record at reducing fatalities, saving lives on our highways. He's a man, a modest man, who has always stood for public safety. He's my friend. The day I got sworn in, he called me up and said whatever it takes to help get our state back on track he was willing to help and serve. We passed a law this year, a very important law that will ban texting while driving. He was the leader of that, working with Representative John D'Amico and I want to probably thank our Secretary of State Jesse White... please stand up, Jesse... I said Jesse White's a modest man.

You know where, on the eve of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, he would be 81 this coming year, and Dr. King, as you may know, his first pastorate was in Montgomery, Alabama, the home of Alabama State, that's where Jesse White was going to school at the very time that Dr. King arrived in Montgomery. And Jesse White, as a college student, joined with his friends and helped support Dr. King. They were there when Rosa Parks said she wasn't going to move to the back of the bus. Jesse White has had a life of service. This year is the 50th anniversary of the Jesse White Tumblers, half a century of helping mentor young people and making sure they go the right way in life. So, I'm publicly very grateful to you, Jesse. You've been a great friend, a great advisor. I really appreciate your help in these troubled times in helping me as Governor of Illinois and you're a great man. Thank you very much.

As I mentioned, any time we can save a life it's a very important thing and I think one of my very first Bills that I signed this year had to do with mammograms and breast cancer screening. We don't want anyone to be denied health measures that they need in order to save their life and make their life better. And it takes sometimes in a democracy the efforts of lots of citizens at the grassroots level to bring to our attention the need for important reforms and that happened. On one of the first Bills I did sign was a Bill that allows women of color, women of low income access to mammograms and breast cancer screening. That effort was due to the tireless efforts of two women who are with us today and I think it's important to recognize their efforts. Dr. Janice Phillips is a doctor, a leader in the area of minority health and health care disparities. She's on the board of the Susan G. Komen cure for cancer and the Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force and together with Angela Walker, who had dinner last night at the Governor's Mansion, she... Angela is a breast cancer survivor. She works for the American Cancer Society. She's focused on educating the public on the importance of mammograms and early detection. I'd like both Dr. Phillips and Angela to stand up and be recognized for their great effort.

I think it's important to recognize citizens when they take their time, their effort, their ability to organize and bring together a whole community of people that get a law passed. Just imagine that, some group of people through their hard work have passed a law in our state, the Land of Lincoln, and I think it's very

important to recognize that kind of effort in a democracy. Everybody in a democracy is important. It's not a spectator sport; it's something where all of us have a duty as citizens to participate. And I think related to that is another issue that I was very impressed with in the past year.

We had a horrific scandal at a cemetery in our state, Burr Oaks Cemetery, it was on the national and international news. It was a very, very horrific scandal and it's incumbent upon all of us here in Springfield, in our state capital, to address what went wrong there at Burr Oaks and may go wrong at other cemeteries in our state. And I want to commend the General Assembly for taking this issue and squarely addressing it. It's very, very important that we pass reform legislation there. That's part of working together and I think that's the key for our state's success at all times, all of us working together for important causes. And also, another issue that came up that was a very difficult one in the past year and I think really needs attention because it's something that we did for our country.

You know, there is a passage in the third verse of America the Beautiful that talks about what we have to do for our country. And it says, 'Oh, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country love and mercy more than life'. And I think it's important that all of us put our country above ourselves, from time to time, it's very important that we answer the call to duty. And I was contacted by our President Barack Obama and his administration about the need to come to Illinois, to our state, his home state, to inspect a prison, a nearly vacant prison that we haven't been able to afford to open, Thomson Prison, far away from here probably 150 miles right on the border of Iowa. It wasn't easy. There were them... some that will even open the door for inspection criticized that decision, but as Governor you have to make decisions. You have to have fortitude. You have to do what you think is right and what I tried to do when the President called and his administration is allow those federal prison officials to come to Illinois to inspect the prison. When they came through here, they found that it was a ideal prison for a federal prison that they were anxious to buy, but in order to really make this go forward in our state I agreed that I would sell the prison to the Federal Government for a fair market value.

But we have a process, a good process in Illinois where Legislators come together, of both Parties, to analyze a particular matter and last week that analysis was complete. I do want to thank the Members of that committee that looked at the issue. In particular, I want to salute Representative Jim Sacia was not a member of the committee, but when he heard about the opportunity to create jobs in western Illinois, stood forward and said that this was, upon his analysis, a good transaction for the people. I also want to salute Members of the other Party that I'm not a Member of but who voted in favor of the transaction: Senator Dave Syverson as well as Representative Rich Myers and all the Members who voted for that transaction. I think it will be one that will help our state, help our state in the sense that we will have more jobs in a federal prison or maybe more than three thousand new jobs, new income to a part of our state. And I think it's important to remember that Illinoisans, the people of our state, we are never, ever afraid of anything. We can handle any task. The decision of the committee last week to have the transaction go forward I think is a good decision. It will help our country. As General David Petraeus has told the President that the closing of Guantanamo Bay Prison in Cuba and moving those detainees elsewhere, incarcerating them elsewhere, is imperative for our national security. So, when the President of the United States and his military advisors call, this Governor is there to listen and to help in any way he can and I think the people of Illinois appreciate that kind of work.

And on the matter... on the matter of jobs, I think that is the matter before us all. Last year, a year of reform, a year of stabilization, I think we were enabled to enact a far-reaching law that will help us get jobs back on track in Illinois. But I want to be a Governor, a Governor who understands the needs, the economic needs of everyday people in our state. I've always done that as a Treasurer, as Lieutenant Governor and now I'm the Governor. And I think that the number one issue in Illinois today is getting our economy back on track. And I think that Franklin... President Franklin Delano Roosevelt said a long time ago, during the Great Depression when my mother and father were young, that the best social policy ever devised, the best government program ever devised is a good job. And that's what we have to understand that our mission this year is to revive our economy and put people back to work. We can do it in the State of Illinois. I want to be the building Governor. I want to build more things across our state, more good things, than any other Governor in state history. We have the wherewithal to do it. We have the will to do it. We have the people to do it. We have the work ethic to do it.

It's very important in Illinois that we have work. We have to replace in some of our neighborhoods in Illinois a culture of violence with a culture of work and we must have work available to those who are ready and willing to do the job. I've laid out a jobs and economic growth plan for our state and I want to go over a little bit of what we're going to be doing this year when we have more construction planned for Illinois, road construction, bridge repair, water investment, rail construction, helping build new schools and repair old schools. This is what we have to do. We have to prime the pump and get our economy back on track and we can do that through public works that put our people to work. I think it's very important to understand that we have an opportunity in Illinois to make investments that will not only help create jobs today but will set the foundation for economic growth for our state for many years to come. I want to go over, today, a few of the ways we're going to do that.

We want to be Illinois, an inland port for the whole nation. We're right in the middle of the country. Every railroad in the nation crisscrosses our state. We have great transportation; we want to make it better. We want to improve our roads and bridges. This past year we were able to pave and repair two thousand miles of roads. That's enough roads to go from Springfield to the Pacific Ocean and you ain't seen nothing yet. In the coming year, we're going to do even more. We repaired 93 bridges this past year; we want to do more in the coming year. It's very important to understand that we can be an inland port for the whole central part of our country, the heart of our nation, but we have to make sure we have good transportation. We have to unsnarl some of the freight bottlenecks in our rail. We have to have good passenger rail. It's been growing by leaps and bounds; we want to keep it going. We want to have a passenger train that goes from Chicago to Rockford and beyond. We want to have a passenger train that goes from Chicago to the Quad Cities and beyond. And we also want to have high-speed rail that connects Chicago to St. Louis. You know, fast trains are the wave of the future. Our President is committed to this. Our state, we've invested \$400 million. We look forward to getting a decision from Washington very soon on a high-speed rail network where our state is the center of the whole network for the Midwest.

I've worked with other Governors across the Midwest, both Democrat and Republican, we understand that rail can create a lot of new jobs for our state and we're very committed to that. We're also committed to air transportation. We have to understand that there's an opportunity in Peotone to build a new airport that will serve passengers and freight and create new economic growth and jobs and I want to accelerate our investment in the third airport this year. When we talk about fast trains, I'd like to see a fast train that goes from Chicago through the south suburbs, past Peotone, through Kankakee all the way to our great state university in Urbana-Champaign. It's very important that we have super fast rail and even in our capital Bill, we have some resources available to begin planning it... a very fast train that would connect Chicago and Champaign. I think it's important to understand that as our region gets closer and closer together through transportation, we can grow our economy... economies correspondingly across the Midwest but particularly connecting to universities and airports and having the opportunity with rail and highway transportation to be in the center of distribution for the whole mid... middle part of our country.

We want to use an inland port, that whole idea, to create new jobs, high wage jobs in Illinois. This isn't pie in the sky. We're already doing it and beginning it in Joliet where we are creating an intermodal that is going to create thousands of jobs for hardworking people. I also think it's important not to make little plans. We have to have big plans. We have to look forward. We cannot have a Governor who just sees a day or two ahead. We've got to have a plan for our economy for the next generation. And that's why I'm committed to making sure that we have in our state the kind of biotechnology that we're capable of. We have great pharmaceutical companies in Illinois. We have great research universities. We have great hospitals. This summer, in Chicago, will be the International BIO Convention. It's important that we welcome them with open arms because biotechnology in all of its forms is a great way to grow the Illinois economy.

We also understand that the FutureGen, a project that is on the drawing boards and hopefully close to fruition located in Mattoon, Illinois, where we have clean coal. We do it in the right way. This is an opportunity for our state... and I want to personally thank Senator Durbin for his leadership in this issue. Hopefully, we can get that investment in downstate Illinois. I also think another area that we need to improve upon, and I want to commend the Legislature for your action yesterday. It's important that we understand that in the middle of the country where people want to come to see the great sites of Illinois not just in Chicago but here in Springfield and all over, we want to be hospitable place, a place for tourism, a

place for history-based tourism to learn about Lincoln, a place for nature-based tourism to see an eagle fly over the Illinois River, a place to come to a convention in Chicago. And it's very important that we make sure that our conventions are... facilities for conventions at McPier, McCormick Place are done in the right way.

So, we have work to do there, we know that, but we began that work yesterday. Look forward to signing the Bill that has passed the General Assembly. We want to make sure that those 303 thousand jobs that we have in conventions and hospitality and tourism in Illinois multiple and grow. We have to understand that that's a good part for our state to grow its economy because of all the opportunities that exist there. A growing economy in a growing middle class that's the key to empowerment for the people of Illinois. We have to have a Governor who has a plan who sees the future and I see a great future in green collar jobs in Illinois. We have to understand that we have to have a green way of thinking and a green way of acting. Sustainability is the key to economic empowerment in our country. Those are jobs in energy efficiency and renewable energy and water conservation, they will not go away. By definition, they stay in our own backyard. We have to teach young people who may be in a violent neighborhood not to take up a gun and use it against a fellow human being, rather they should take up a caulking gun and learn how to weatherize buildings. That's what we have to do in Illinois.

I want to thank the Black Caucus and all the Members of the General Assembly who led the way for a weatherization initiative in Illinois. We know we have cold weather whether it's in January, or February or other times of the year. We want to make sure that our homes and our businesses, our institutions are weatherized. We can save money for consumers at the same time we can teach green collar skills to young boys and girls who want a job, they want a chance, they want to be in the middle class. That's what our country is all... always based on, having people with opportunity to follow their dream and get a skill that can make a difference.

I really feel that the green economy, the opportunity to have energy efficiency in all of its forms across our state is very, very important as we go into this year and that's why, in the Bill that you enacted and I signed, the capital Bill, we have substantial investment in energy efficiency. We don't want to build one building in Illinois, one public building, one school, one university building, one kind of building of any kind without making sure that it's energy efficient. That it's LEED certified. That it's sustainable. That engages in water conservation. We have the resources thanks to the good work of people here in this assembly working with the Governor. We have the resources to embark on this journey. When we build a new road, we want to lay fiber next to that road so that we can have high-speed Internet, not just in some areas of Illinois, but all across our state where nobody is left out, where we don't have a digital divide, because high-speed Internet, broadband deployment is the key for all of us to have better education, better health care, better law enforcement, more jobs in the future and again, our capital Bill is investing in broadband deployment.

I do want to say a word about our agriculture. In Illinois, we have great, great agriculture. I had the honor of working with men and women in agriculture when I was State Treasurer and also when I was Lieutenant Governor. There's only been one person in the whole history of Illinois who's been in this office of Governor who has been voted Mr. Soybean by the Illinois Soybean Association. You're looking at him. My nickname is Soy Boy and I understand that our whole green economy depends on... a lot on our agriculture because George Washington Carver, a long time ago when he worked for Henry Ford, got plastic out of soybeans. You can get fuel out of them, soy biodiesel. You can eat them and it's very, very important that we understand that our corn and our soybeans are very key parts of the Illinois economy. Forty percent of our economy comes from agriculture. We need to honor those who till our land, who plow our fields. They're very special people. They work very hard. They have a tremendous work ethic and I really honor all of those in Illinois agriculture. We have to work with them to grow our opportunities, to have opportunities to export our products, to take our bio products and convert them into plastics or other goods and services that make a difference around the world.

The Shedd Aquarium is the largest aquarium in the world, most visited aquarium in the world. It's located in our state in Chicago. They have a soybean roof. They discovered not too long ago that you can take soybeans, convert them to a paint, a white paint, can roll that paint on to an asphalt roof like the Shedd Aquarium, 75 years old, has and that white paint reflects the sun off the roof, keeps the fish cooler and the

people cooler and it saves money on air conditioning and they use less electricity. That's how we can use Illinois's 40 acres of soybeans in a creative way with an Illinois business that creates this white paint, soybean paint, that then is put on our institutions and saves consumers money and makes us more sustainable. We have to see how these interconnections come together. That's what I believe a Governor does. He looks for ways to put people together to work together for the common good.

Related to this, the whole area of windmills and wind turbines. I think that this is something that all of us will embrace as we go through this next few years. We've invested money in our capital Bill in this. We have investment also in opportunities for credit for those who develop wind power and make sure they have contracts and so on, but what's important about wind power is it's clean and it's from our own backyard and it's all American.

I've been to Iraq; I've been to the combat zone. I've seen firsthand how heroic our soldiers are and I think it's our duty back home to try and be as energy independent as we can. We do not want to see our dollars indirectly go into the hands of petro dictators somewhere around the world who are financing terrorism. One way that we can fight back... one way we can fight back is to have more renewable power in our state from the wind, from solar, from biomass. We can do this. We have a law that this General Assembly passed, a good law, that says by 2025 25 percent of our power, our energy, will come from renewable sources. We can do this. We got to embark on it right now. We've got to build those wind turbines and do it in a proper way. And one thing about the sustainable economy or the green economy or investing in renewable energy is it brings in jobs that create prosperity.

Siemens, which is an internationally known company, came to Elgin this year. They're building gears... gears for these giant wind turbines, manufacturing in our own backyard. So, we have to grab this opportunity and develop the green economy for jobs for the people of Illinois. I think there are many other ways to do this, but I think it is important as we take a look at our economy to understand that jobs follow brain power and we can never forget that. That it's very, very important for all of us in Illinois to invest in education, from beginning of life to the end of life.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis did a study not long ago and said the very best investment the government can make is in early childhood education. It pays dividends for generations. For the first time in our state's history, we included early childhood facilities... education facilities in our capital Bill. We're going to help build some of those buildings that those young boys and girls will learn in.

A long time ago, Carl Sandburg, poet laureate of Illinois, said the birth of a baby is God's opinion that the world should go on and if God thinks the world should go on with that baby, we'd better take good care of that baby. That's the way I look at it and I think it's very important that learning begins at birth, birth to five is a very key time for all children in Illinois. And we have to, as adults and parents, be custodians of the future. When the history of our time is written, they're not going to ask us how big our bank account was or what kind of house you lived in or what kind of car you drove, they're going to ask what you did... what we did to help make better the lives of children. So, I think as we go about our work this year we should have this attitude that we are working for the future. We have to do hard things today in order to make our kids and their kids lives better. That's really bringing out the best in Illinois and that's why I believe so much not only in early childhood education, but our elementary and secondary education. We have to have high standards; we have to invest in education, but we must make sure that it's accountable education.

I want to thank the General Assembly this year for passing a very good Bill. It took a lot of hard work. I want to commend Senator Kimberly Lightford in particular for all the work she put in to expand public charter schools in Illinois. While we were able to sign that law and I think it's going to make a difference for children who want that particular education across our state. And just yesterday, the work of the General Assembly in very quick time working with a lot of different people and I want to salute Roger Eddy... Representative Eddy, Representative Jerry Mitchell, who worked so hard on getting a law passed that can make a difference for years to come called Race to the Top, accountable education.

We have to comply with a federal deadline of next week to get our application in for maybe up to a half a billion dollars in federal money for Race to the Top to make sure that our education in our state at the

elementary and secondary level is second to none. It's so gratifying to see so many school districts, I think it's up to 340 school districts, have already signed on to participate in this program. We've got to understand that education at all levels is the key to economic empowerment. It's the best way for equal opportunity for the most people in a democracy and that's why I believe in community colleges. We have our community colleges in Illinois bursting at the seams. Almost all of them have at least 10 percent enrollment increases, 'cause community colleges are key to having a nimble economy to take advantage of the opportunities that are presented to us across the world.

We have to have community colleges that give people the skills they need to compete in a world economy and when something bad happens when you lose your job, what our citizens in Illinois do is they don't quit, they're not gloom and doom people, they go back to school, they improve their skills. And I know this firsthand because I used to teach community college at night and I saw how hard our men and women in Illinois want to improve their lives and continue their skills. So, it's important that we invest in community college. It's very important that we invest in our four-year universities and I think one of the great things that we did this year, working together, was to make sure that the MAP program, the scholarship program, a program that's been around for a half a century, to provide scholarships this year for 138 thousand students, 56 thousand of them go to community college, the rest go to public and private four-year universities. That program was in danger; we know that, but we came together. We didn't throw up our hands; we didn't wring our hands. We said we can get this job done and we passed the law to make sure that the MAP program was protected.

And I was so inspired when I was here that day, I believe in October, when all those students and their parents and their teachers came to our Capitol in Springfield, that was the loudest I've ever heard this building resound with the calls of students to make sure that the MAP program was protected. They were well-behaved, but they do believe in the power of democracy and the power of their own voice and so I want to salute all of those MAP students across Illinois, those scholarship students, many of them the first in their family who've ever gone to college. We have one of them today, Carey Ash is with us. He's a student member of the faculty Senate over at Champaign in the university there. He helped organize the student movement to save the MAP program and why don't you stand up and be recognized here, Carey. We want to make sure that we have as many scholarships as possible for our students. I look forward to working with you as we go through this year and having dedicated funding for our scholarship program in Illinois. I don't think it should be ever put in jeopardy. We need to make sure it has dedicated funding and that's a job for all of us to work on.

Now, I said before that jobs follow brain power. We have some of the best universities on planet earth right here in Illinois and we are very proud of our universities. We, the people of Illinois, invest in those universities. Our sons and daughters go to those schools and we want to make sure that those who graduate from our universities hopefully stay in Illinois and it's important that we understand that we in our educational system are preparing those who are going to create the new businesses of the future, invent the new products, work in very complex jobs that require great skill. So, education has to be part of our economic agenda to protect and grow the middle class in Illinois. We've got to understand that education and jobs go together.

Now, I do want to also recognize today two young men who went to school in Illinois. This General Assembly has provided for an Illinois Math and Science Academy that's world-renowned. The students who have graduated from there have certainly made their mark on our economy and on our world. And also, these two young men went to the University of Illinois where we have, at the university, being constructed right now, the world's fastest computer. It's called the Blue Water (sic-Waters) Project. It's a very important project that will help our economy. It's going to help education in Illinois. The fastest computer on planet earth, the most powerful super computer; we're very proud of that. We have to make sure when we make that investment that we get the fruits of that investment.

But these two young men that I want to recognize now are graduates of our high schools in Illinois as well as our university. One is Mike McCool, who graduated in 1991 from the Math and Science Academy. He was on a team at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign that created Mosaic, the Internet browser that was used to start Netscape. His colleague is Ramez Naam who helped develop two of the most widely used pieces of software in the whole world, the Microsoft Internet Explorer and the Microsoft Outlook and

since 2002, he's served as a member of the advisory board of the NanoBusiness Alliance, a member of the World Future Society. He holds a degree in computer science from our University of Illinois. We've got to develop brains like Mike McCool and Ramez Naam over and over again in order to have a strong economy in Illinois and that means investing in our education. I'd like Mike and Ramez to stand up and be recognized for their contributions.

Okay. Well, we all know that education is important, but we have to pay for it and I think that's the part of the address here today where the Governor who comes by constitutional mandate in January of the year to report to the people and to the General Assembly. We have to make sure that everyone is listening to the truth because our state, as you know, has a severe budget deficit. I didn't create it. When I assumed office it was eleven and a half billion dollars. We've done everything we can this year to try and manage this financial crisis. It's the worst financial calamity that Illinois's ever had and we've been a state since 1818. We've done all things imaginable. We've cut costs across the board in Illinois, our expenses. We're going to reduce our budget... our general revenue budget by about \$2 billion. That was a mandate of the people in the General Assembly and we've listened to that mandate. I've cut my pay. I take furloughs like all my other workers. It's very important that we understand in tough times those in government have to tighten their belt and we have. We've also used the resources of the Federal Government that have been made available to us through President Obama's leadership.

Our state and many other states... every other state have received help from the Federal Government during this very difficult recession. We will continue to do that. I want to thank the General Assembly yesterday for understanding that having \$250 million and an opportunity to borrow that money that we can spend on our health care, our Medicaid, can bring back from the Federal Government an enhanced Medicaid match under the federal stimulus. We tried to do this in December, we were blocked, but I'm thankful to the General Assembly that you saw the wisdom of doing this and yesterday passed a law that I will sign that will get us more federal money under this enhanced match for our health care, because part of managing our budget right now is getting as many federal resources as we can. I'm going to be at the Governor's Association Meeting next month in Washington where the Governors across our country will come together and work with the President in the federal Congress to help our states navigate through this perilous economic time.

My mom and dad, as I said, grew up in the Great Depression. We don't have a Great Depression, but we do have a great recession and it's caused great, great difficulties for the people of Illinois. Our income tax and our sales tax revenues have declined precipitously during this recession and we have to revive them; that's what our economic plan is all about. That's why everyone here worked so hard to get a job recovery plan passed last year that we implemented... began to implement this past year and this year we're going to really get it going to get people back to work and hopefully, have more confidence and buy goods and services that they need for their family. But it is important to know that when we have a situation where we're getting federal resources, we're cutting costs, we're using strategic borrowing where necessary. This has happened in the past, sometimes it has to happen again in order to get our state through a tough time.

As you know, there was an effort last summer by some to cut human services in Illinois during this great recession, cut them in half, cut them in half. Now, I didn't think that was right and I vetoed that budget and we went back to work and we passed a different budget, one that does involve some borrowing in order to keep our human services going. What are these human services? They're things like child care to make sure that working parents have a good place for their children to go to during the day and to learn. We have to invest in child care in Illinois. I was not going to cut child care in half. Same way with our community care which is a great program that provides a person of modest wages to help our seniors stay in their home so they don't have to go to a nursing home. They can be in their own neighborhood, participate in their neighborhood activities, go to their local church, go to things in their community that they've been used to for years and years.

Our program of community care is an outstanding one and we weren't going to cut that in half. Same way with our persons with disabilities, they're special people in Illinois. And there was an effort to cut programs for them, slash them in half. I would not stand for it. We want to make sure that those who have disabilities have independent living and an opportunity to fulfill their dreams and so we rejected the, I

think, unwise effort to cut the budget for those with disabilities. It's very important, I think, in Illinois even in the tough time that we always retain our heart, our decency.

We have to have a government that understands that when some people get a bad break in life, lose their job, it isn't their fault and they don't despair. They don't think about committing suicide or engage in bad behavior whether it be alcoholism or violence. We've got to help those people and rescue those people. So, that's the part of the Governor's mission I think to make sure we have a fair and decent budget. So, we had to work on that overtime last year. It didn't end on May 31, as you know, we went through June and then half of July and finally we came to a budget that's far from perfect, but it is a budget that we have to work on in the course of this fiscal year and in the next fiscal year as we prepare for the future.

Now, I do believe we need more revenue. I think that after cutting all the costs, after using strategic borrowing, after getting as much money as we can get from the Federal Government, we're still short. We have to understand that in a democracy in tough times it takes fortitude to look at what the facts are not to kid ourselves, there are some who have budget plans right now that sound good if you say them fast, but when you take a look at the fine print, they're there cutting human services, cutting education, cutting health care for people who have no other health care but what we can provide through Medicaid. It's very important we not do that. I think we must be a decent state and indeed the key to the economy in Illinois is for us to keep our human services, our education and our health care topnotch and so, that's what I'm committed to do as Governor.

Now, I think what we ought to do this year and I look forward to working with you on it, is to reform our tax system. We have an unfair tax system. We've had it for way too many years in Illinois. It relies way too much on property taxes and other levies that aren't based on ability to pay. I think there's a principle as old as the Bible that taxes should be based on ability to pay. Nobody likes paying taxes, nobody, but in a democracy that's what all of us as citizens do. We understand that self-government means that we have to come together and find a way to finance our government, we the people. And so, I look forward to working with Members of the General Assembly this year on finding a fair way to raise revenue from a fair Tax Code that, in my opinion, if we work together in good faith, we can cut taxes on five million people, maybe more, in Illinois. We can find ways using the personal exemption, using the earned income tax credit, using the property tax relief credit to cut taxes on people who need help the most, people of modest income and poor people. That's something wrong in Illinois where our state is taxing poor people into further poverty. I think we, as a state and as a General Assembly and as a Governor, can come together, work together, just as we did with the capital Bill and the job recovery Bill.

We can do this this year, not next year, this year to make sure we have adequate revenue for important things that all of us want in government, but also do it in a fair way that doesn't unfairly tax anyone. So, I look forward to doing that with you. I think it's important that we embark on this journey and I want to assure you in the course of this year that we will continue to cut costs in government. There's only been one Governor in the history of Illinois who has a Super 8 card and I've used it as Governor; I'm going to continue to use it where appropriate. I think it's important to show economy everywhere you can and I have a VIP card at that particular dwelling place or lodging place.

Now, in reducing our costs obviously, we have to be careful and I want to focus on something that is a very important area of our government, the Department of Corrections has a budget of over a billion dollars. It's one of the largest departments in Illinois and it's important that it be managed properly. Now, in cutting expenses, it's important that we understand that this has to be done in a focused way. I appointed a director of Corrections, a man who I have high regard for, he made a mistake. He told me that in carrying out his cost reduction plans that if there was going to be any early release programs, 13 states across the country are engaged in these kinds of programs for low-level offenders who have not committed violent crimes. I said if that had to happen, given our dire economy in Illinois the fact that we don't have as much money in our budget as we'd like to have, you must carry out this program with care and it can only apply to low-level, nonviolent offenders. In carrying out that mission, mistakes were made by the director for which he takes responsibility and I take accountability.

Like President Obama said last week, when you're a Chief Executive, the buck stops here. I understand that if a mistake is made in government it must be corrected and that's exactly what I did the moment I

learned a mistake was made by the Department of Corrections. I suspended the program. I brought into our government a very wise man, Judge David Erickson, who had served as a prosecutor, as a criminal court judge, as an Appellate Court Judge. He now is a teacher at a law school. I asked Judge Erickson to take a look at this entire program in Illinois.

Since 1978 Illinois has had an early release program. It's been authorized by the Legislature, signed by the Governor. It's been amended a number of times. It has a lot of complicating factors. The judge came back very quickly with a comprehensive report and I'm happy to say that I'm carrying out his recommendations in his report. One of the recommendations is to have a chief public safety officer at the Department of Corrections to look at all releases of all prisoners, whether they be early or not, to make sure that the law enforcement officials in our state have adequate notice with respect to anyone's release. Similarly, there was an unspoken policy or rule, whatever you want to call it, at the department regarding early release. The judge recommended that that be codified into law and that's exactly what I recommended to the Speaker of the House and the Representatives here yesterday and the Senators. I'm very happy that we were able to pass the beginning of our public safety reform initiative to put into law in Illinois clear rules for the director of Corrections who has broad authority with respect to running our prisons and having said that, we have to understand in Illinois in the last 30 years we've gone from 18 thousand inmates in the prison to 46 thousand, 46 thousand men and women are incarcerated in Illinois.

Right now, in our state every year, 28 thousand inmates come into prison and 28 thousand go out. We have to deal with this issue in our state like other big states. We want to make sure our prisons incarcerate hardened criminals at all times, we have to do that. At the same time, our society has to ask itself, is the best way to punish a low-level, nonviolent offender, someone who's committed a crime and has to serve some kind of punishment... is it the best way to have them go to a state prison with its cost? I think that it's important in our state that we examine this issue.

I appointed last week Judge Gino DiVito to look at a sentence advisory council. It's provided for by law that was passed by this General Assembly. We're going to take a look at this. We want to make sure our prisons are always incarcerating hardened criminals, at the same time, we want to take a look at how we deal with these low-level, nonviolent offenders who still must be punished. There may be other ways... there are other ways to do it and I think that's something we need to embark on this year. So, I look forward to working with you on that mission. I think it's a very important public safety mission.

On the area of public safety, I think we would always be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the great, great work of our men and women in uniform from our State of Illinois and from every state. Our state, we're proud, proud of every single boy or girl graduating from high school who answers the call to duty and joins our military. We have a voluntary military in the United States of America and as Governor of Illinois, I'm Commander in Chief of our National Guard. And as you may know, our National Guard was deployed this year to Afghanistan, the largest deployment in... since World War II of the Illinois National Guard and it was a very perilous assignment. And I went to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, to watch their training and saw how arduous it was.

We took horrific losses in Afghanistan: 18 were killed in action, 39 critically wounded. These are the best of the best and I do want to acknowledge the leader of our National Guard in Afghanistan who is with us here today and he's a man I think very highly of. It's Brigadier General Steven Huber, Deputy Commander of the Illinois Army National Guard. He served in our state as the commander of the Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix in the Illinois National Guard led task force comprised of thousands of troops including more than 3 thousand from the State of Illinois. So, General Huber, I met General Huber in Kabul, Afghanistan and I saw his leadership and I saw the men and women under his command and they're not all young. Some of them are almost as old as me, a lot of gray hair. They're part of civil affairs. They go to a very foreboding place at the gates of Hell, confronting Al Qaida and the Taliban in those mountains of Afghanistan and they never, ever complained. It was just inspiring to be there with them and General Huber, on behalf of a grateful state and a grateful nation, thank you very much for your great leadership.

I think that we not only want to express our gratitude and it was so inspiring across Illinois, I went to many homecoming ceremonies in Urbana, in Freeport, in Kankakee, in Chicago to see our soldiers come marching home and to see them welcomed, welcomed by our citizenry, the men and women of our state

who understand how important it is to protect our democracy. And I think related to that is that we always in our state have to have the very best programs for our veterans and I do think, as we go through this year, we want to re... always make sure the programs we have to help our veterans, our service members and their families, are always there for them.

We have programs like our Warrior Assistance Program in Illinois. All of our National Guard members receive help from this. Posttraumatic stress disorder is a signature injury of this war, the two wars we're in. It's very important that any person from our state who serves in the military, when they come back home if they have need of any kind of counseling they get that and we do... will provide that. I made sure in our budget last year when there was an effort to cut this program that that would not be cut. It will never be cut because it's very important that we take good care of those who have borne the battle. The same way with veterans' care.

We have a program in our state to provide health insurance for veterans who have no health insurance, who are not part of the VA system and we're going to retain that as well. I'm happy to say that this year, thanks to the good work of the General Assembly, we're going to build a new long-term veterans' home in the City of Chicago for our veterans. The first time in the City of Chicago there will be a long-term care facility for our veterans. It's very important. It's also important that we employ our veterans. It's a situation unfortunately where when our veterans come home, many of them having fought for us in Bagdad or Afghanistan, have to fight for a job back here at home. That's not acceptable and it's important that we use our program operation and employ our veterans to its maximum extent to make sure that our veterans get employed.

I do want to salute Mike Yauger and the members of the Teamsters and all of those who are involved in Helmets to Hardhats, a great program that provides jobs for our veterans upon their return. Also, we have to understand in Illinois, we cannot forget our military families who when our soldiers are deployed from the Reserves and the National Guard, we have family members oftentimes living without great resource. Many of our sol... service members, when they enter the military from the Reserves and the National Guard, make a financial sacrifice. They make less in their military job than they were making in civilian life. These are our citizen-soldiers. They've been with us in our country since the beginning of our country. They were there at Concord and Lexington; they're the militia. They're the ones who are always there to stand up for our democracy. So, they entered the service; they're making a very modest wage, indeed, their family members oftentimes find it hard to pay the utility bills, to pay the gasoline bills the health care bills and the roof has a hole in it, how do you pay for that?

So, we have a program in Illinois, a good program, the first of its kind in the country and it's been imitated by many other states, but we have the best. It's called the Illinois Military Family Relief Trust Fund. It provides financial assistance to all of our Guard members and Reservists. It's helped thousands and thousands of families, nearly 20 thousand military families in Illinois with more than \$10 million. We want to meet... I want to thank the General Assembly for helping fund that program. I want to thank the people of Illinois for voluntarily contributing to that program through a check-off box on our income tax. It's very, very important that we not forget that. It's also important that we honor those families who have lost a son or daughter in these conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. They come from our state.

Since I've been Governor, there have been 36 service members killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan, 36 in just one year. There have been 270 since the war began there on September 11, 2001 and we have families in Illinois, Gold Star families, who will never see their son or daughter again, someone they've known from the day they were born, there are no words in the English language or any language to relieve the pain of losing such a special person. I went to two funerals over the weekend: one a funeral in Chicago and another one a wake in Troy, Illinois in southern Illinois. And a grandmother of Brad Smith, senior airman Brad Smith, cried on my shoulder. There are no ways you could console a grandmother who's lost somebody she was very devoted to.

Just like on Saturday, a young man, Sergeant Albert Ware who was born in Monrovia, Liberia in Africa, immigrated, immigrated to our country, he was an immigrant, came to Chicago, learned in Chicago, went to school in Chicago, voluntary... volunteered for our military. He was deployed to Afghanistan, not once but twice, lost his life. It's important that we not forget our Gold Star parents. We have one of them here

today and I think it's important that we recognize this man and his wife and the stepmom because Christopher Alcozer, I was at his funeral a few years ago, there was a hate group from Kansas there. They tried to disrupt the funeral. They echoed very vile epitaphs and had vile signs. It was a very difficult day. But Jesse Alcozer and his wife, Judy and Kathy Alcozer the mother of Christopher Alcozer, who was killed defending our country is a real hero. He saved other peoples' lives. He was only 19. He played the viola and he was a wrestler. He combined a lot of skills in life. God didn't give him a long life, but he gave him a purposeful life. And I think it's important that all of us in the Land of Lincoln remember Abraham Lincoln's words at Gettysburg, 272 words. He said that it's important for all of us, the living, to honor those who give their last full measure of devotion to our democracy, to our government of the people, to our opportunity to be here, to have a democracy and make laws and make peoples' lives better. So, I'm very grateful to the Alcozer family. I'd like to have them stand up and be recognized for all they've done for our country.

I just want to point out that Jesse Alcozer is a Vietnam veteran. We all know our country didn't do Vietnam veterans right when they came home and Jesse was listed once missing in action. He was wounded seven times during the Vietnam War, thought to be dead. Well, he's definitely not dead because he testified and helped us pass a law and not that long ago called Let Them Rest in Peace.

We, in Illinois, believe in honoring all of those who have given their lives. We make sure that their funerals are reverend and dignified and any group that seeks to heckle or disrupt a funeral, whether it be military or civilian, has to stand aside. That's what the Members of the General Assembly did not that long ago. This law has worked very well to make sure that we have reverence and dignity at our military funerals. So, I thank you for that.

And in closing, I think it's important to understand in our state that there are those amongst us who aren't celebrities, they'll never be on the front page of the paper, they'll never be on TV, they're just the heart and soul of Illinois. Their kids are the ones who answer the call to duty. They go forward in the face of danger to defend us. They work as a team without complaint. They don't whine. They aren't petty. And I think we can take great example from those men and women.

My father served in the United States Navy 3 years, 1 month, 15 days. That was the only public service he was ever involved in. He wasn't in a private job the rest of his life. He lived to be 93. God blessed him with a long life, but he always felt that that time in the United States Navy was a special time. And I... I think about my father here today because when I got sworn in on this very place I talked about my father and I read something from his commendation by his commanding officer in the United States Navy. He said my father was earnest, and cooperative and honest and cheerful and he believed in teamwork and I kind of think that's what we've got to do in Illinois.

We've got terrible challenges, the toughest we've probably ever had in our lifetime. And we can play politics; we can call each other names; we can kind of avoid the problems, but that's really not what our service members do when they get a responsibility and that's certainly wasn't what my father did in life. So, he taught me always to work hard, to treat other people with dignity, don't call people names, be honest, be trustworthy and that to me is what Illinois is all about. Our state, the Land of Lincoln, the people of our state, they're the best of the best. We're pride of our nation. We can accomplish great things if we work together.

So, I look forward to doing that with you, everyone here, today, tomorrow and every day in the future and we'll make the will of the people the law of the land. Thank you very much."

At the hour of 1:21 o'clock p.m., President Cullerton moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.
The motion prevailed.

The Senate having withdrawn, the House resumed its session.
Speaker of the House Madigan in the Chair.

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At the hour of 1:24 o'clock p.m., Representative Lang moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 82, the House stood adjourned until Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at 12:00 o'clock noon.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-SIXTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

January 13, 2010

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

117 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Davis, Monique	P Jefferson	P Reis
P Arroyo	P Davis, William	P Joyce	P Reitz
P Bassi	P DeLuca	P Kosel	P Riley
P Beaubien	P Dugan	P Lang	P Rita
P Beiser	P Dunkin	P Leitch	P Rose
P Bellock	P Durkin	P Lyons	P Sacia
P Berrios	P Eddy	P Mathias	P Saviano
P Biggins	P Farnham	P Mautino	P Schmitz
P Black	P Feigenholtz	P May	P Senger
P Boland	P Flider	P McAsey	P Sente
P Bost	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Smith (ADDED)
P Bradley	P Ford	P McCarthy	P Sommer
P Brady	P Fortner	P McGuire	P Soto
P Brauer	P Franks	P Mell	P Stephens
P Brosnahan	P Fritchey	P Mendoza	P Sullivan
P Burke	P Froehlich	P Miller	P Thapedi
P Burns	P Golar	P Mitchell, Bill	P Tracy
P Cavaletto	P Gordon, Careen	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Tryon
P Chapa LaVia	P Gordon, Jehan	P Moffitt	P Turner
P Coladipietro	P Graham	P Mulligan	P Verschoore
P Cole	A Hamos	P Myers	P Wait
P Collins	P Hannig	P Nekritz	P Walker
P Colvin	P Harris	P Osmond	P Washington
P Connelly	P Hatcher	P Osterman	P Watson
P Coulson	P Hernandez	P Phelps	P Winters
P Crespo	P Hoffman	P Pihos	P Yarbrough
P Cross	P Holbrook	P Poe	P Zalewski
P Cultra	P Howard	P Pritchard	P Mr. Speaker
P Currie	P Jackson	P Ramey	
P D'Amico	P Jakobsson	P Reboletti	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-SIXTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 74
MOBILE HOME PARK RELOCATE COM
ADOPTED

January 13, 2010

109 YEAS

0 NAYS

1 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Jefferson	Y Reis
Y Arroyo	Y Davis, William	Y Joyce	Y Reitz
Y Bassi	Y DeLuca	Y Kosel	Y Riley
Y Beaubien	NV Dugan	Y Lang	Y Rita
Y Beiser	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Rose
Y Bellock	Y Durkin	Y Lyons	Y Sacia
Y Berrios	Y Eddy	Y Mathias	Y Saviano
Y Biggins	Y Farnham	Y Mautino	Y Schmitz
Y Black	NV Feigenholtz	Y May	Y Senger
NV Boland	Y Flider	Y McAsey	Y Sente
Y Bost	Y Flowers	Y McAuliffe	A Smith
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McCarthy	Y Sommer
Y Brady	Y Fortner	Y McGuire	Y Soto
Y Brauer	Y Franks	Y Mell	Y Stephens
Y Brosnahan	Y Fritchey	Y Mendoza	Y Sullivan
Y Burke	Y Froehlich	Y Miller	Y Thapedi
Y Burns	Y Golar	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Tracy
Y Cavaletto	NV Gordon, Careen	Y Mitchell, Jerry	Y Tryon
Y Chapa LaVia	Y Gordon, Jehan	Y Moffitt	Y Turner
Y Coladipietro	Y Graham	Y Mulligan	Y Verschoore
Y Cole	A Hamos	Y Myers	Y Wait
Y Collins	Y Hannig	NV Nekritz	NV Walker
Y Colvin	Y Harris	Y Osmond	Y Washington
Y Connelly	Y Hatcher	Y Osterman	Y Watson
Y Coulson	Y Hernandez	Y Phelps	Y Winters
Y Crespo	Y Hoffman	Y Pihos	Y Yarbrough
Y Cross	Y Holbrook	Y Poe	Y Zalewski
Y Cultra	Y Howard	Y Pritchard	P Mr. Speaker
Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Ramey	
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-SIXTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 2688
 EPA-GASIFICATION CONVERSION
 MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS NO. 1 & 2
 CONCURRED

January 13, 2010

113 YEAS

2 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Jefferson	Y Reis
Y Arroyo	Y Davis, William	Y Joyce	Y Reitz
Y Bassi	Y DeLuca	Y Kosel	Y Riley
Y Beaubien	Y Dugan	Y Lang	Y Rita
Y Beiser	Y Dunkin	Y Leitch	Y Rose
Y Bellock	Y Durkin	Y Lyons	Y Sacia
Y Berrios	Y Eddy	Y Mathias	Y Saviano
Y Biggins	Y Farnham	Y Mautino	Y Schmitz
Y Black	Y Feigenholtz	Y May	Y Senger
Y Boland	Y Flider	Y McAsey	Y Sente
Y Bost	Y Flowers	Y McAuliffe	A Smith
Y Bradley	Y Ford	Y McCarthy	Y Sommer
Y Brady	Y Fortner	Y McGuire	Y Soto
Y Brauer	NV Franks	Y Mell	Y Stephens
Y Brosnahan	Y Fritchey	Y Mendoza	Y Sullivan
Y Burke	Y Froehlich	Y Miller	Y Thapedi
Y Burns	Y Golar	Y Mitchell, Bill	Y Tracy
Y Cavaletto	Y Gordon, Careen	Y Mitchell, Jerry	Y Tryon
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Y Cross	Y Holbrook	Y Poe	Y Zalewski
Y Cultra	Y Howard	Y Pritchard	Y Mr. Speaker
Y Currie	Y Jackson	Y Ramey	
Y D'Amico	Y Jakobsson	Y Reboletti	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
 NINETY-SIXTH
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 HOUSE ROLL CALL
 HOUSE BILL 1188
 PUB AID & OLDER ADULT SERVICES
 MOTION TO CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS NO. 1, 2 & 3
 CONCURRED

January 13, 2010

85 YEAS	30 NAYS	2 PRESENT	
Y Acevedo	Y Davis, Monique	Y Jefferson	N Reis
Y Arroyo	Y Davis, William	Y Joyce	Y Reitz
N Bassi	Y DeLuca	N Kosel	Y Riley
Y Beaubien	Y Dugan	Y Lang	Y Rita
Y Beiser	Y Dunkin	N Leitch	N Rose
N Bellock	P Durkin	Y Lyons	Y Sacia
Y Berrios	N Eddy	N Mathias	N Saviano
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Y Burke	Y Froehlich	Y Miller	P Thapedi
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N Cavaletto	Y Gordon, Careen	N Mitchell, Jerry	Y Tryon
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