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Clerk Hollman: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4026, offered by Representative Batinick, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4027, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. First Reading of these House Bills. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following Committee action taken on March 27, 2017: recommends be adopted referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 742, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 821, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2820, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3108, Floor Amendment #3 to House Bill 3120, Floor Amendment 1 to House Bill 3187. Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3371, Floor Amendment #1 to House Resolution 164, Floor Amendment #1 to House Joint Resolution 34. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie... Representative Lang, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on March 28, 2017: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 2448."

Speaker Turner: "Good afternoon. Members, we shall be led in prayer today by Father Dan Brandt, who is the Chaplain of the Chicago Police Department in Chicago, Illinois. Father Brandt is the guest of Representative Moylan. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Father Brandt: "Please kneel. I'm kidding, folks. You're fine right the way you are. Enjoy greetings from the big city. I

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wish to thank Representative Moylan, who is a dear friend. Thank you for the invitation to be here. And thank you to other friends on this floor. I'd like to recognize one friend who just celebrated a birthday yesterday, and that is Fran Hurley. Representative Hurley, where you at? There you are. Marty has something for you. There's a lotto ticket in there from last night's lotto... lottery drawing. It's not a winner, Fran. Marty would have kept it otherwise. Today, I'd like to offer just a very brief passage from the scripture. This is chosen from the Old Testament for the sake of Mr. Lang. You have been told... This is Micah by the way, the *Book of Micah* 6:8. You have been told what is good and what the Lord requires of you and that is to do what is right, to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. Imagine what a perfect world this would be if we followed that advice and other advice and Commandments that come through the scriptures. We pray today in thanksgiving for the grace to do just that. We pray too for the strength and the grace to continue to discern God's will and to follow God's will. And we pray, as police chaplain selfishly for the Officers working the street this very moment, I'd like to remember them and those who have given their lives in the line of duty, not only in law enforcement but all first responders and all those serving in the military. We offer a moment of silence for those who have passed. And may Almighty God bless the work that is done here today, and each and every one of you Representatives and others in this room. And may Almighty God bless you, watch over you, protect you from all evil, and bring you one day to everlasting life, Amen."

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Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Slaughter."

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

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that not a single House Democrat is excused today."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record note that all Republicans are here and ready to do the work of the people. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "With 118 Members present, a quorum is established. Representative Fine, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Fine: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Fine: "I'd like to welcome to the House Floor today, my cousins Lex and Ize Malkin from Northbrook, Illinois. And there their parents are up in the gallery, Tom and Heidi Malkin. So, I'd like to give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Wehrli, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Wehrli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Wehrli: "I would like the entire House today to welcome from the 41st District the Laughlin. They're down here enjoying our

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state's Capitol. They were able to go to the Abraham Lincoln Museum on their spring break. So, we'd give them a warm welcome, I would certainly be appreciative."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Welter, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Welter: "For a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Welter: "Today, I have with me two young men. Calvin, 6th grade and Levi, 8th grade from my district. There with their parents joined in the balcony. Both are from the Seneca area and attend Milton Pope Grade School. I ask that you please join me in welcoming them to their State Capitol."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Moeller, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moeller: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Moeller: "Thank you, Speaker. I am happy to introduce and welcome today to Springfield my Page for the day, Lauryn Luang Som Khan and also to welcome the student leaders with the Multicultural Education Outreach Foundation, representing student leaders from the Elgin area. They're visiting Springfield today. So, I'd like to give them a warm Springfield Welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you Representative, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Andersson, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Andersson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Andersson: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we are on day 21 of our Session of our spring session, which means we have approximately 31 days left for the remainder of the Session. The significance of that is that at this point we have had virtually zero discussions about the budget in this chamber. Now, we've seen the Senate work hard... it may succeed, it may fail... but I don't think we should be relying on the Senate to do anything. What we need to be doing is working on our budget now. And I will tell you, I have had many conversations with people. Some people believe that we can do this without revenue. And that may be true. I think mathematically it is possible. I've also spoken with people who believe that we can do this without reforms. And I suppose in theory that's might be possible too. But there are three numbers that matter, Ladies and Gentleman, 60, 30, and 1. And my question for both sides of that equation is: Do you have the votes? If you do, great, run it. If you don't, and I suspect the answer on both sides is, they don't, then we need to compromise. Compromise requires conversation. And I'm concerned that we're not having that conversation. So, please, I beg you on behalf of the people of the State of Illinois, let's start talking. Let's work together in the spirit of compromise, so that we can get that done. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Walsh, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Walsh: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to take this time to introduce the keystone to the Walsh family, my wife Theresa, and the two... the two loose bricks that come along with it, my sons, Joshua and Caleb. They're down here on spring break enjoying Springfield. And I wish to give them a warm welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Welch, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to welcome two fine young men, who are spending their spring break here with us at the Capitol. Please welcome, from River Forest, the great 7th District, Dean and Asher Gottlieb, and there dad Dr. Ori Gottlieb. Please give them a warm welcome here today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Jimenez, for what reason do you rise?"

Jimenez: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jimenez: "I'd like to introduce my fellow Members to some State Champs, who are in the chamber with us today. Up here in the gallery, if you could please stand. Congratulations to the Grant Middle School 7th grade basketball team the Generals, on winning the Class 4A State Basketball Championship. They played against Bloomington Evans with the final score being 50-32. The Generals, were undefeated all season, winning all 28 games they played. Let's congratulate them. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Congratulations, gentlemen, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Fortner, for what reason do you rise?"

Fortner: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Fortner: Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. We learned last December that the state between 20... summer of 2013, the summer of 2016 lost population each of those three years. Last week, the census released its equivalent data at the county level. And I took some time to go through it and it tells a story that I think deserves our attention. We know that for decades parts of rural Illinois have lost population, indeed, that still continues. What's more alarming is that what used to be some of our growth areas in downstate Illinois: areas like Bloomington-Normal, areas like Peoria, and even here in Springfield, those areas since the last 3 years have each in their counties lost over a thousand people. That's a decline that can't be ignored. Now, we also would typically rely on the suburbs to make up the difference, but we're seeing problems there too. DuPage County also has lost over a thousand people in the same 3 year period. And Lake County has lost population. McHenry County has been virtually flat. Only Kane, Kendall, and Will have been still exhibiting any growth. In fact, if you ask for counties that have grown adding least 100 people or more there are only eight such counties over the last three years. I want to echo some of the concerns raised by my colleague from Kane County that these are deep structural problems that I think do deserve serious debate. We need to be discussing things like the

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budget and other techniques that are going to turn around what is a disturbing long-term trend, that, frankly, if you ask why is our revenue falling short of estimation when we've heard those numbers come out. I think that this data, breaking it down by counties, showing where the losses are. And did I mention Cook County alone over those three years has lost more than 36 thousand people. We need to address these concerns and I would ask this Body to seriously take them up. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Barbara Wheeler is recognized."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you. I would like to reiterate the points of my colleagues, Representative Steve Andersson and Representative Mike Fortner. I know there isn't a single person in this Body that isn't willing and wanting to move forward on a budget, and do what's right for the State of Illinois. The five years that I've been participating in this Body so often we've been the Party of 'no'. But we can't be the Party of 'no' anymore. This Body can't linger in doing nothing. We must move forward. So I commit to both Parties, to both caucuses that we are no longer the Party of 'no'. We are now the party of 'Let's go'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

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Butler: "Today I'd like to welcome some good friends of ours over here with the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild. I've got, especially from my district, Court Conn the owner of Obed & Isaac's here in Springfield and Peoria. And Mike Allison who's the guy with the beard, on the right over there, with Hand of Faith Brewing in Petersburg. They're here today to help us have a good time and there will be a reception this evening with the Craft Brewers Guild at Obed & Isaac's. And we invite everyone to be there. Thank you, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome to your Capitol. Representative Wallace, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Wallace: "Thank you. Today we will see women throughout the Capitol, who are members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. Today is Delta Day at the State Capitol, so you will see many, many women including, Representative Lilly, and even are own Member in the well Taylor who are members of Delta Sigma Theta a 104-year-old organization that puts service first. When you see women around the Capitol in there red and pearls, please be sure to ask them where they're from, connect with them. Because they are probably doing some really great things in your community to stand in the gap under our current budget situation. So, thank you and welcome to all who are here, who are members of Delta Sigma Theta."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. And welcome members of Delta Sigma Theta. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 230, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer. House Resolution 232, offered by Representative Swanson. House Resolution 233, offered by Representative Reick. House Resolution 236, offered by Representative Sims. House Resolution 237, offered by Representative Sims. House Resolution 238, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 239, offered by Representative Severin. House Resolution 240, offered by Representative Stuart. House Resolution 241, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 242, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 243, offered by Representative Evans."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirements, so that House Bill 2828 can be heard in the Agriculture Committee; House Bill 768 in Appropriation-Elementary; House Bill 1423 in Appropriations-Human Services; House Resolution 205 also in appropriations Human Services; House Bill 1273 in Business & Occupations; House Resolution 212 in Business Incentives; House Bill 2624 and House Bill 2959 to Consumer Protection; House Bill 1254, Elementary: Licensing; House Bill 1252, Elementary Curriculum; House Bill 2817 and House Joint Resolution 38 in Education Curriculum. House Bill 2707 and House Bill 3052 in the House Executive Committee; House Resolution 191, Health Care Availability; (Sic-House Bills 2388, House Human Services); House

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Resolution 198, House Human Services; House Resolution 204, also House Human Services; House Bill 1333 Insurance: Health; House Resolution 181, House Joint Resolution 37 in International Trade; House Bill 1542, Judiciary-Civil; House Bill 1685 and 2559 also in Judiciary-Civil. House Bill 2810 and House Bill 3203 in Judiciary-Criminal. House Bill 3699 Mental Health; House Resolution 184, House Resolution 196 in Museums; House Bill 1... 1122 and 1123, House Bill 3057, House Bill 3114, House Bill 3115, and House Bill 3170 in Revenue Committee; House Resolutions 192 and 194 to State Government; House Bill 2598, House Bill 2743 House Bill 3662 to Tourism; House Bill 608, House Bill 3267. House Joint Resolution 40 in Transportation: Regulations; House Resolution 216 to Transportation: Vehicles. I know of no opposition. I'd appreciate your support."

Speaker Turner: "You all heard the Lady's Motion. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the posting requirements are suspended. Mr. Clerk, for a committee announcement."

Clerk Hollman: "The following Committee was canceled for this afternoon. The Government Consolidation & Modernization Committee that was supposed to meet at 2:00 has been canceled."

Turner: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans request an immediate caucus for one hour."

Turner: "The Republicans will caucus in Room 188. The Democrats will caucus in Room 114. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn

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until Wednesday, March 29 at the hour of 12 p.m., Wednesday, March 29, at the hour of 12 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House is adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Instruction of Resolutions. House Resolution 234, offered by Representative Welch and House Resolution 235, offered by, Leader Durkin is referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."