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Speaker Currie: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Phil Zilinski who is the pastor of Fox Valley Baptist Church and is also the Chaplin of the Carpenter... Carpentersville Police Department in East Dundee, Illinois. Pastor Zilinski is the guest of Representative Skillicorn. Pastor Zilinski."

Pastor Zilinski: "Let's pray. Father God, we thank You this morning for those who serve in this Assembly and who give their time to serve this state. We pray, Lord, that You would give them wisdom as they deal with the issues of our state. Lord, we also pray for all those who serve our state in the area of law enforcement. We think of everyone from our State Troopers to those in local law enforcement. Give them safety in their work and give them wisdom to be able to do their job in a way that would serve the public well. We pray for Your blessing on our state and on this Assembly as they make decisions today that would affect us all. We would ask You to prosper us and to continue to make us great. We pray this in the name of the Creator, Amen."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Conroy will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Conroy - 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 Currie: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Greg Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Would the record reflect that Representatives Cassidy and McAsey are excused today."

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And after 2 p.m. would the record reflect Representative Greenwood as excused today."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please let the record reflect that all Republicans are present today."

Speaker Currie: "There are 116 answering the roll call. And we're ready to do the business of the people. Representative Parkhurst."

Parkhurst: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like to make a point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce my daughter, Lucy, and her friend, Abby. They are from Bishop McNamara Catholic School system and they're serving as Pages for a day. So, please keep them busy. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sommer."

Sommer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Your point."

Sommer: "Members, I'd like you to welcome a special guest I have here this morning. If you'll look up in the gallery on the Democrat side if Nick Carnal will stand. Nick is an eight... eight year old from Grundy School in Morton. Tragically, Nick lost his mom last summer but he was adopted by his grandma, Dena. He's here to meet important people but I want to tell you, Nick, there's no more important person than that person standing beside you today, Grandma Dena. I also have a pad here. Nick would like some signatures from famous people if some of the Members could... to do that for him. And joining them is my district aide, Anne. Please welcome them to the Capital."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Martwick."

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Martwick: "Thank you, Madam Chairperson. I ride on... rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Martwick: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today, as many of you know, you're participating, there are a number of foster home children from DCFS that are here shadowing legislators. It's a great program. I'm glad that everyone was able to participate. My person who's shadowing me here today is Edward Easley and he's joined us on the floor as a Page. So, please give him a warm welcome and keep him busy. Edward, please stand up, Edward."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Representative Stratton."

Stratton: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "Please... please state your point."

Stratton: "Members, standing to my left in the gallery is Carnell Brown who is a senior at Ada S. McKinley High School in Chicago. He is also here for the Youth-in-Care and Alumni Legislative Shadow Day and is shadowing me throughout the day. I can say that he's already said that he's really been interested in maybe pursuing this as a field based upon his experience here thus far. So, I hope we will encourage him in those endeavors. Please welcome him to the Capitol."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Willis, for what reason do you rise?"

Willis: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Willis: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, am fortunate enough to have a foster shadow today. So, I'd like to introduce Michael Shervin from the Alton area. And welcome him to the Capitol."

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Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Olsen."

Olsen: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. It's good to see you in the Chair. Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Olsen: "I am really pleased to also be participating in the Foster Youth and Alumni Shadow Day. I have Justin Jenson from Plano who is shadowing me. He's up in the gallery. Thanks so much for joining us."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Representative Jimenez."

Jimenez: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I also would like to introduce Paige Haynes. She's from Lincoln. She's also in the Youth-in-Care Program and she wants to be a case worker when she grows up which I think is a very laudable goal. So, please give her a warm welcome to the Capitol."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Parkhurst."

Parkhurst: "I, too, am participating in the shadow day and I'd like to introduce my shadow, Jalen. She's a senior in high school. Jalen if you could stand up. And she just received a 100 percent on her Constitution test."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome and congratulations. Representative Swanson."

Swanson: "Good morning, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Swanson: "I've got a couple of announcements if I may. First, I'd like to introduce Nicholas Johnson. I, too, am participating in the Illinois Youth in Legislative Shadow Day and Nicholas is with me today. He's a sophomore at Parkland College. His activities in school have been the Pride Club, Social Justice

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Club, Chess Club, and also the pre-Law Club. He volunteers in shelters, churches, and elementary schools. Just a great young man going off to college. So, thanks for being here with me Nicholas."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome."

Swanson: "I'd also like to introduce Brockton Reed. Brockton Reed's a senior at Cambridge High School. He's been active in football, basketball, fellowship with Christian Athletes, Leadership Ethics Value Club and many other clubs within his school. He's an Illinois state scholar. He placed first place with the FFA section 3 job interview, he's an all-conference football, basketball, track and field star. He's in the Quad-Cities Times salute to academic leadership award, a varsity letter winner, track and field most valu... most varsity points, and also most versatile player. He's here today with his grandma, Patricia Reed, Grandma Janice VanMenen, and Grandpa Duane VanMenen who also serves as Cambridge Village Administrator. So, I'd like a warm welcome for both these young men."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome and thank you."

Swanson: "I'd also like to introduce the Class A base... basketball champions from the 2017 school. The team is Annawan Bravette Varsity. They're up on the Democrat side of the gallery waving at us. The team had an... has an average age of 15 point 5 which quite possibly could make them the youngest team to every win a state title in Illinois. The team started out 7 and 8 before running off 21 straight wins to end their season. They were Lincoln Trail Conference Champions, Lincoln Trail Conference Tournament Champions, Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional,

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and State Champions. One of the players, Kaylee Jackson and her teammate Jayde VanHefty were number one... or were first team all-conference and Jordan Sareems and Kendal Grip were second team all-conference. Jayde VanHefty was also voted first team Associated Press and Illinois basketball coaches' association all-state. Coach Jason Burkowitz was selected as a District 11 Coach of the Year by Illinois Basketball Coaches Association for the 7th consecutive year. I'd like to welcome Head Coach Jason Burkowitz, his assistant, Mike Henrickan, and Assistant Val VanHefty and all the teammates of the Championship 1A Annawan basketball team. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative McDermed."

McDermed: "Thank you. I, too, have a shadow today. Her name is Nickie Meyer and she attends University... Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where she hopes to... specialize in medical technology. Welcome, Nickie."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Cavaletto."

Cavaletto: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Cavaletto: "Thank you. I'd like to introduce my shadow today, Davina Merritt from Metropolis, Illinois who's engaged with working with DCFS and especially children. I welcome her to the Capitol today and thank you for what you do."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome. Representative Welch."

Welch: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I want to have the House welcome a very special guest of ours today who's paging for me. She is the daughter of Attorney Michael Kasper. Please welcome

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third grader at Francis Exavior Warde School, the young Miss Sophie Kasper over here who's paging with us today."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome, Sophie. Representative Kifowit."

Kifowit: "Point of personal privilege. I too am participating in the Youth-in-Care and Alumni Shadow Day and I would like to formally welcome Austin Corrado here to the gallery."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Durkin: "I would like to welcome today to the chamber my honorary Page, Rex Staisil who's here at 12 years old from Highland Park. Little bit of a distance from Western Springs but, you know, in this position, we represent all. So, I'd like to welcome Rex and also his mother, Susan Henry in the gallery for joining us today."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome both. Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Point of personal privilege. So, I also have a Page today. Her name is Charlotte McGowan. She's an 8th grader from Winnetka going to Washburn School. Soon she's going to be 15 and her father is Joseph McGowan up in the gallery. Please give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative... Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Madam Chair. I, also, am participating in the shadow program today and I'd like to welcome Larissa Musselman from Champaign, Illinois."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations and welcome. And now we're going to go to some actual business. We're going to start with House

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Resolution 250, Representative Sauer. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 250, offered by Representative Sauer. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize May of 2017 as Foster Care Month in Illinois to give recognition to those who devote their lives to improving the lives of foster children, and to bring awareness to the hardships foster children face."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sauer."

Sauer: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And to Members of the General Assembly and to the Youth-in-Care that are present today, Ronald Reagan announced in May... National Foster Care Awareness Month the month of May during his presidency. And this Resolution would make the month of May in the State of Illinois our Foster Care Awareness Month. So, I would ask for an 'aye' vote and I would also request that all the Members be signed on as a co-Sponsor."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sauer moves for adoption of the... of the Resolution and that all Members be added. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Hammond, we're going to move now to House Resolution 297. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 297, offered by Representative Hammond.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we



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congratulate Hunter Protsman, on winning the 2017 Illinois Elementary School Association 100-pound eighth grade individual state wrestling title."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. And it is my pleasure to introduce Hunter Protsman to the Members of the Illinois House this morning and to welcome him here to our Capitol. And I believe it is Hunter's first time here. And Hunter is a senior and he will be going on to Macomb High and will also be wrestling and hopes to be back to be honored once again. Welcome Hunter and his coach, Tony."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations to both. Representative Hammond moves adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. They 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. And stay up, Representative Hammond, because we're now going to House Resolution 298. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 298, offered by Representative Hammond.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Macomb Junior High School seventh grade volleyball team, the Bombers, on winning the 2017 Illinois Elementary School Association Class 4A State Championship."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, again, Madam Speaker. And it is my honor to welcome the Macomb High... Junior High volleyball ladies here today. I know it will come as no surprise but the Macomb Schools colors are black and orange and we are proud to be wearing them today. And I want to welcome the members of the

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team: Emily Cole, Shelby Daniels, Olivia Duncan, Hannah Higgins, Anna Inman, Rachel Langworthy, Madeline MacGregor, Lauren McClure, Avery Rexroat, Sydney Rhoades, Alyssa Scheihing, Ali Schmidt, Griffin Skees, Samantha Urch, Madeline Wells, and McKenzi Whitford, as well as their coaches, Briana Rexroat and Marcy Lantz. And I welcome them here today and ladies, congratulations. Thank you for a job well done."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations to the Macomb Bombers. And on the Resolution, all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Now we have House Resolution 247. Clerk, please read the Resolution. Representative Sims, you're next."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 247."

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date of May 10, 2017 as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and its work."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sims."

Sims: "Thank you, Madam Chair. This... today, this Resolution... House Resolution 247 recognizes today as Alpha Kappa Alpha Day in the state... in the State of Illinois. We have with us some of the lovely, committed ladies of the central region of Alpha Kappa Alpha led by their wonderful regional director, Kathy Walker Steele. And ladies... and their connections cherish from across the State of Illinois here with us in the Speaker's Gallery. So, I'd like to adopt this Resolution. And ask that all Members be added as co-Sponsors."

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Speaker Currie: "Congratulations Kappa Alpha Kappa. All in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. They 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. And all Members will be added to the Resolution. Thank you. House Resolution 266. Stay where you are, Representative. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 266.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize and honor the 2016 Alpha Phi Alpha Day held at the Illinois State Capitol and welcome the members of Alpha Phi Alpha to the Capitol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we designate the date of May 10, 2017 as Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the State of Illinois in honor of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, and its continued service and impact on the communities it serves."

Speaker Currie: "Representative Sims."

Sims: "Thank... thank you, Madam Speaker. In the gallery... in the Speaker's Gallery above us are some distinguished gentlemen I have the pleasure, honor, and privilege of calling my brothers. The men of Alpha Phi Alpha, the first of the Greek letter frat... African American Greek Letter Organizations. Members who stand for brotherhood, service, and commitment to community. Our mission is to develop... develop leaders, promote brotherhood, and academic excellence while providing service and advocacy to our communities. We have individuals who are here representing our Alpha day at the Capitol in conjunction with the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha. We are here to make sure that this... that this General Assembly, the State of Illinois understands that we are committed to improving

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our communities and moving our communities forward. So, I'd like to move House Resolution 266, along with the other members of Alpha Phi Alpha, Leader Al Riley, Leader Arthur Turner, Leader Chris Welch, Leader Justin Slaughter and ask that all Members be added, making today Alpha Phi Alpha Day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome, Alpha Phi Alpha. On the Resolution, all Members will be added. Everyone in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Representative Gabel, for what reason do you rise?"

Gabel: "A point of personal privilege. I, too, have a Foster Care and Alumni Legislative shadow today. Her name is Gretchen Rodriguez. She is in college studying to be a psychologist. Please let's give her a warm welcome."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Representative Harper. Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Ms. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Harper: "I would like all of the Members of the General Assembly to welcome Miss Black Illinois, USA 2017. Chicago native Alleson Whitley Knox. She is the current Illinois State title holder for Miss Black USA. She is a proud product of Chicago Public Schools. She went on to graduate from Howard University with a B.A. in Broadcast Journalism. Alleson returned to Chicago where she currently works as a high school admissions coordinator and she looks forward to learning more about policy planning and community organizing and how she can be a voice for her generation. Alleson will compete for the title

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of Miss Black USA this August and her platform is bringing civic responsibility with the power of social influence to build, strengthen, and effective change agents. Thank you, Miss Alleson."

Speaker Currie: "Congratulations. Representative Slaughter."

Slaughter: "Yes. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Slaughter: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just honored and blessed to recognize my parents who made it down here today. They're... they're here for Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha Day but they're also here to support their son. Chester and Ruth Slaughter, up in the Speaker's Gallery. Please give them a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Welcome indeed. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Christian Mitchell, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1462; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 366. Representative Beiser, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1372, Senate Bill 1420, Senate Bill 1456. Representative Ford, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1297; do pass Standard Debate is Senate Bill 1254. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill

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607, Senate Bill 1238, Senate Bill 1328, Senate Bill 1342, Senate Bill 1343, Senate Bill 1399, Senate Bill 1402, Senate Bill 1519. Representative Mayfield, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Licensing, Administration & Oversight reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 865. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2017: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 973, Senate Bill 1544; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 69, House Resolution 278, House Resolution 283. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2017: do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1556. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 380, Representative Severin. House Resolution 381, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 384, offered by Representative Manley. House Resolution 386, offered by Representative Gabel. These were referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Currie: "Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 379, offered by Representative Severin. House Resolution 382, offered by Representative Phelps. House Resolution 383, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. House Resolution 385, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 387, offered by Representative Cavaletto."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. Representative Lang moves adoption of the Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. The

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'ayes' have it. The Resolutions are adopted. And I have an announcement. Perk up. Perk up your ears. Listen close. Friday Session has been canceled. Representative Jesiel, for what reason do you rise?"

Jesiel: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Currie: "State your point."

Jesiel: "Thank you. I would like to introduce you to Kaylee Hubley. Kaylee is my Page for the day. Kaylee is a 5th grader at Glenwood Intermediate School and she is also the class president. She's down visiting today. She's the daughter of my assistant, Julie Hubley, who is also in the gallery. So, help me welcome Julie and Kaylee today. Thank you."

Speaker Currie: "Thank you. And now, the House Democrats are planning an immediate Caucus. May I assume the Republicans are going to lunch? Republicans to lunch, Democrats to Caucus in Room 114. And then allowing perfunctory time for the... for the Clerk, the House will adjourn until tomorrow, Thursday, May 11 at the hour of 12 noon."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4046, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 669, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 1467, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."