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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on June 22, 2017: recommends be adopted for the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 419; recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 2665; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1124."

Speaker Lang: "Regular Session of the House is now in Session. With leave of the Body, seeing no objection, Mr. Clerk, the Roll Call for the Second Special Session will be used as the Roll Call for the regular Session of the Illinois House. Seeing no objection, that will be the Order and the House is in Session for the regular Session of the Illinois House of Representatives. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on June 22, 2017: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 445. Representative Costello, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on June 22, 2017: recommends be adopted is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3033. Representative Sims, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on June 22, 2017: recommends be adopted, Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 303."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 502, offered by Representative DeLuca. House Resolution 503, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 504, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 505, offered by Representative Swanson. House Resolution 506, offered by Representative Cavaletto."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Page 18 of the Calendar, Order of Resolutions, HJR46. Mr. Ford. Please proceed, Sir."

Ford: "I move for the passage of HJR36 and it designates Interstate 55 as Obama Presidential Expressway."

Speaker Lang: "That would be the wrong one, Sir. HJR46, it involves a certain boxer."

Ford: "I like that. Okay. Thank you. HJR46 designate portions of my district, Roosevelt Road from Cicero Avenue to Austin, as Muhammad Ali Road. It's only in the 8th District."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 88 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR47, Mr. Severin. Please proceed, Sir."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 47, it's a consideration for a Resolution that designates the newly constructed overpass in Crainville, Illinois, will be named 'Veterans Memorial Overpass'. This idea was brought to me by

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the Mayor Ron Mitchell of Crainville. And the mayor felt it fitting that the overpass along with Wolf Creek Road, over the Illinois State Route 13 would be named in honor of those who have served our nation with honor. So, I ask at this time for an 'aye' vote for the House Joint Resolution 47 to name the overpass 'Veterans Memorial Overpass'. And I'm somewhat nervous."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR52, Representative Lilly. Representative Lilly. Representative Lilly. Please proceed."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. This Bill puts forth by the Treasurer's Office, Mike Frerichs, that we were looking to make sure that we are recognizing the Illinois Bicentennial in 2018. And we are producing commemorative medallions for our celebration."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 91 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR53, Representative Bellock. Please proceed."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And HJR53 is a Resolution recognizing May 10, 2017 as the second Annual Illinois Foster Youth and Alumni Legislative Shadow Day. I just want to say thank you. That day was a huge success. The

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year before they had 25 children come down and shadow people and this year they had 70 children come down and shadow people. So, thank you to all that did that. And it was a wonderful, wonderful day. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR54, Mr. Evans. You may proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. House Joint Resolution 54 does just what the title says, it urges us to create a Cancer Caucus. I know I've had conversations with many of you all about how cancer is affecting all of our families, all of our districts. This is an opportunity for us... with previous caucuses, whether it be the Diabetes Caucus or any other caucus, to promote to the folks throughout the state that we want to see an end to cancer. We want to work collaboratively to see the end of cancer, rather it be through legislation, advocacy, prayer. Anything we can to push towards the end of cancer. And to let folks know who are dealing with this disease that we're conscious that you're fighting and we're fighting with you. Sometimes when you're fighting, you just need to know that someone is there fighting with you. We all are. And this is a demonstration of that action. So, I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. HJR56, Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones. Out of the record. HJR57, Representative Hernandez. You may proceed."

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Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. So, House Joint Resolution 57 designates June of 2017 as the Immigrant Heritage Month in the State of Illinois. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. HJR59, Mr. Thapedi."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 59 creates the International Cybersecurity Task Force within the Illinois Commerce Commission. The purpose of this task force is to review the joint report from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security with respect to the report that they prepared entitled *Grizzly Steppe* dealing with the Russian Malicious Cyber Activity. I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentlemen's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 95 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR62, Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman is not in the chamber. Out of the record. Page 20 of the Calendar, HR5, Mr. Ford. Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you. HR5, Speaker and Members of the House, urges the Governor and the Department of Corrections to discourage prosecutors from recommending and judges from sentencing low level drug offenders to the county jail or the Department of Corrections."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR6, Mr. Ford. Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. HR6 urges the Inspector General of the City of Chicago to conduct a performance audit of the Chicago Police Department to determine and assess the police emergency response time in Chicago neighborhoods and communities and make a recommendation to improve the response time."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 79 voting 'yes', 5 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HR9, Mr. Ford. Proceed, Sir."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move for the adoption of House Floor Amendment #1..."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Ford and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I move that HR9 designate the month of August in 2017 as Buy Black, Love Black and Give Black Month in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Ford, let us adopt the Amendment first. Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Now, Sir. Sorry to interrupt."

Ford: "Thank you. I move for the adoption."

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Speaker Lang: "The Amendment becomes the Bill or the Resolution?"

Ford: "The Resolution, yes."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR16 Representative Gordon-Booth. You may proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House... House Resolution 16 is a simple Resolution urging Congress to look at their... the way that they refill medication for vets. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR59, Representative Cassidy. Representative Cassidy. Please proceed."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House... House Resolution 59 simply designates Self Care Month in order to encourage people to take proactive steps to take control of their health. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR76, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd move for the adoption of House Resolution 76. And it urges the Federal Government to enact legislation to eliminate the government pension offset and the windfall elimination provision. And I move for its adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR78, Representative Fine. Please proceed."

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Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution urges Congress to continue funding Planned Parenthood."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Morrison is recognized."

Morrison: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request a Roll Call on this."

Speaker Lang: "Roll Call will take place. Mr. Breen is recognized."

Breen: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, are you aware of the numerous criminal referrals that have been made by the U.S. Congress recently of Planned Parenthood?"

Fine: "I'm sorry? I did not hear your question?"

Breen: "Are you aware of the numerous referrals for criminal conduct made by the United States Congress for Planned Parenthood Federation of America and numerous Planned Parenthood Affiliates across the country?"

Fine: "No, I'm not aware of that."

Breen: "Okay. And I... and I noticed that Planned Parenthood of Illinois is a supporter of your Resolution to send them more Federal tax dollars. So, you know, and I'll just go to the Resolution. Ladies and Gentlemen, we are 700 days without a budget. What the hell are we doing voting on these damn Resolutions? Why are we not doing the budget?"

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. So, Representative Fine, this particular Resolution is about protecting health care access for women throughout our country. Am I correct?"

Fine: "I'm sorry. Can you repeat the question, please?"



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Wallace: "This Resolution is about protecting health care access for women throughout the nation?"

Fine: "Absolutely. It's health care access. And Planned Parenthood is one of the largest health care providers for women in this country."

Wallace: "And what are some of the services that they provide? We already know the one that is... that people have an issue with..."

Fine: "Right. And that's not even the main service..."

Wallace: "...but what are their services?"

Fine: "...they provide everything from mammography to regular tests to helping you get through the process."

Wallace: "So, cancer screening, things that actually are preventive?"

Fine: "Absolutely."

Wallace: "Okay. So, to the Resolution and to the point of what's happening here. It would be amazing to do a budget that was compassionate and humanistic, one that does not zero out things that we know help to reduce violence. One that actually takes women's health into some type of accountability, doesn't zero out breast and cervical cancer screenings. We would love to do all of those things but today we're going to stand with Representative Fine and urge the Federal Government to continue its support of the one of the largest health care providers for women in the country. And I hope and I pray that we can continue to work on the budget. But for now, let's just register a vote on this particular Resolution. And I encourage an 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bryant."

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Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let's don't be confused about what this Resolution is going to be supporting because we have lots of rural health clinics that do the exact same things for women. This is a vote about whether or not we're going to encourage the largest supplier of abortions in the nation. That's what this Resolution is really about."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Fine to close."

Fine: "Yes. I... I have to disagree with that. This is one of the largest suppliers of women health care in the nation. And our Governor and Mrs. Rauner just recently gave \$50 thousand to help fund Planned Parenthood. And I ask for your 'aye' vote for Planned Parenthood and women's health, not only in Illinois, but around the country."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 53 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 89, Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers. No running."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 89 urges the City of Chicago to begin repurposing the closed public schools within a system into new purpose facilities that would create jobs. And I would move for its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 114, Representative Feigenholtz."

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Representative Feigenholtz. Out of the record. HR126, Mr. Evans. Please proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask you and the great Members of the Assembly to support House Joint Resolution 126 (sic-House Resolution). We have issues all throughout this state, but one issue I think that we could resolve for sure is congestion and just inefficiency on our roads. You know one of the reasons why I appreciate the Speaker for appointing me to the Transportation Committee is I wanted my legacy to be how can we address congestion. Living in the City of Chicago and the Chicagoland area, moving around costs millions of dollars of traffic and congestion. And I urge all our universities, all our transportation and technology think tanks to truly come together to address this issue. How can we move people more efficiently throughout our Chicagoland area, throughout the State of Illinois, you know, or for commerce purposes? Years ago we increased the speed limit for the State of Illinois for what purposes? To increase proficiency, to increase economic stability of the state. Let's talk about congestion. I'll be going back to Spring... Chicago at some point once we resolve this and I'll probably be stopped on I-55 in traffic. Not spending time with my family, not being productive. So, I urge you all to just keep this in mind that we can stop this problem with congestion. We can make it more proficient. You know, anecdotally, I love the west suburban area of the Chicagoland area but driving from my district near the Indiana border on the southeast side of Chicago to St. Charles, Illinois, which I recently did, took an hour and a half. You know, so that's crazy. So,

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let's address this problem. Let's come together. Let's attack congestion. Let's make Illinois and Chicago a great place for travel. So, I urge your support for this measure. And I look forward in my committee along with Republican Spokesperson McDermed, to attack this issue for our truck drivers, for all of our issues. So, thank you and I look forward to your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR161, Representative Gordon-Booth."

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 161 urges the Sustainable Electronics Recycling International and the R2 Technical Advisory Committee to amend the R2 Standard to create an option for the management of CRT glass. This is a bipartisan piece of... a bipartisan piece of work. I ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR223, Representative Chapa LaVia. Please proceed, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "You look amazing today, Speaker. I just want to say that. I adore you. The... Sorry, I'm looking for the... The Resolution urges Congress to keep the pressure on as far as investigating the TRICARE the health care program and provider for civilian health benefits of the United States Armed Forces military personnel and military retirees and their dependents. I ask for its adoption. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR234, Mr. Welch. Please proceed."

Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 234 is a very important Resolution. It is an initiative of the Environment... Illinois Environmental Council. It urges the General Assembly to work together to create an environmental justice agenda that creates clean jobs accessible to all, addresses gender inequalities and income disparities, reduces recidivism, curbs climate change and shapes policy that addresses the adverse and disproportionate impacts of climate change on communities of color and economically-disadvantaged communities. I would urge an 'aye' vote on House Resolution 234."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR248, Representative Ammons. Please proceed."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution urges the county level sheriffs' departments to review their process in the case of a death of a person who is held in the custody as a result of any synthetic, opioid or any other drug. And it is just urging them to look at the process and come up with ways to address county deaths as a result of substance use or other mental health treatments."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR261, Mr. Sosnowski. Out of the record. HR267, Representative Bryant. Please proceed."

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Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR267 is a Resolution that acknowledges the total solar eclipse that is going to happen on August 21, 2017, with the point of greatest duration of the eclipse being in Jackson County, in particular in the Carbondale area. So, for the last year-plus NASA has been located at SIU preparing for this. HR267 basically asks that we designate southern Illinois as the Eclipse Crossroads of America and August 21, 2017 as Great American Eclipse Day 2017. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Question of the Sponsor, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Harris, D.: "Representative, I was just wondering if you are inviting all of the Members of the House of Representatives down to your place to observe the solar eclipse?"

Bryant: "I have invited everyone to come. We're out of room in the house; you're welcome to bring a tent or a camper. We can hook you up with a drop cord, no water. And we have an outhouse coming."

Harris, D.: "And food and refreshments are on you, right?"

Bryant: "Yes."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR268, Representative Fine. Please proceed."

Fine: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 268 urges Congress to continue funding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Currently, since 2010, the Great Lakes have been given... the Great Lake states \$300 million every year to protect our lakes

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from pollution and invasive species. We have 84 percent of the fresh water supply and we need to keep it safe for our residents of not only the Great Lakes states but the entire country. And the current budget calls for reducing it to \$10 million. And this is urging Congress to keep it at the level that it's currently at."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR272, Representative Bellock. Please proceed."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. HR272 urges the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics to designate the direct support professional as its own standard occupational classification so that more accurate and precise data on this workforce can be captured and analyzed on an ongoing basis. Our director... That's okay."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR278, Mr. Evans. Please proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. I filed this Resolution... Resolution 278 to dedicate April 1, 2017 as Sarcoidosis Day. That day has come and passed, but please keep in mind that the entire month of April was dedicated by the U.S. Congress in 2008 as National Sarcoidosis Awareness Month. Just quickly, Sarcoidosis is a rare autoimmune disease which causes inflammation and in many cases scarring of the body tissue. It can affect many parts of the body starting with the lungs. It causes fatigue, fever, nausea and many folks throughout the State of Illinois and the country is affected by this disease. Just please be aware

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of it. Continue your advocacy. Many in this Body has done great work in advocating for the end of this disease as well the increased efficiency of our state. So, I ask for your support for this day. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR290, Mr. Evans. Please proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. I rise and request your support for House Joint Resolution... for House Resolution 290. What this Resolution does is urges our National Airlines, which includes Air Canada, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Jet Way Airlines, and United Airlines to continue their discussion with the Office of the Bahamas Honorary Consul in Chicago so we can increase the number of direct flights. I think this is important because we know O'Hare Airport at one point was the number one airport, but now we're number two behind some airport in Atlanta. I don't even know what the name of it is. It's not important. And as the chairperson of the Transportation Committee, I think it's important that I not the lead way but that we run together to increase all of our economic treasures. And clearly O'Hare Airport is one of our economic treasures. We have a great countries around this United States of America and these countries are a part of us. This is a global society. So, I want to encourage all of us to push to increase the traffic at O'Hare Airport so we can increase the economic stimulus in the state. We can start with the Bahamas. We can go to Cuba. We can go anywhere in the world, but I think it's important to start at our local



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countries around the United States continue to bridge that gap, make this world, not just this country, one community. And I think O'Hare Airport is the connection to that. So, I would encourage all of these airlines to increase it, and particularly in December and November when it's freezing cold in Illinois, I would love to be in the Bahamas. So, I urge your support for this Resolution, this economic growth Resolution, this promotion of economic values Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR293, Representative Hernandez. Representative Hernandez. You're up."

Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. So, House Resolution 293 simply designates MacNeal Hospital Week. I..."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Sorry to cut you off, Representative. Was there something else you wanted to say?"

Hernandez: "No, that's all. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. House Resolution 314, Representative Lilly. Please proceed."

Lilly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 314 is one of the most important pieces of legislation I think that makes our society better. And it basically states that we here in Illinois believe that education should be our number one priority as we address our budget issues. If we fund education appropriately as our number one priority, it just addresses all the other issues and concerns that are in our communities,

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in our families and in our state. Education should be the number one priority to build our America, to build the minds of our young people, so that they're prepared to do the work that is... that is within them. Education should be our public number one priority. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR326, Representative Flowers. Please proceed."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, would you please take this Resolution out of the record?"

Speaker Lang: "Out of the record, Mr. Clerk. HR328, Mr. Severin. Please proceed."

Severin: "Thank you, Mr.... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been instructed by my seatmate to stop telling people I'm nervous so this will be the last time I'll tell you I'm nervous. I'll just continue to be nervous, I just won't tell you anymore. So, with..."

Speaker Lang: "We know, Sir."

Severin: "...House Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "We know."

Severin: "House Resolution 328 declares April 25, 2017 as Veterans Honor Flight Day in the State of Illinois. It was a very successful day. It was the first veteran's flight out of Veterans Memorial Airport in southern Illinois. And I ask for an 'aye' vote on that House Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege. So, we've just ran through probably 10, 15 maybe 20 Resolutions..."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative, we're in the middle of a Resolution."

Ives: "Okay."

Speaker Lang: "I'll get right back to you."

Ives: "Thank you. I appre..."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of Mr. Severin's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Ives for a point of personal privilege."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, we've just ran through probably 15 Resolutions. I'd like to know why my Resolution, HR139, is still bottled up in the Rules Committee? HR139 was a very reasonable, bipartisan Resolution that would... that asked that we actually do a task force related to property taxes. Now, I filed this Resolution back in February, but I've been working on the Resolution for over two years, over two years. And I have spoken about elements of how unfair property taxes are and the assessment property for three years. And only now have you seen a number of Democrats, high... high level Democrats come out and talk about the unfairness of the system based on the *Chicago Tribune's* review of property taxes in Chicago. Now, some of the headlines that came out of the *Tribune seminal* work are Cook County property tax system helped wealthy homeowners at others' expense. The appeals process made Cook County property tax system even less fair. Under the last assessor, property valuations failed to meet legal requirements and on and on. The headlines are devastating. And it now seems that every Democrat Governor candidate is concerned about property taxes. And yet, my

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Resolution... a very reasonable ask to look at our assessment system, understand that it needs to be modernized, brought into the electronic area where we're not doing things on slips of paper shoved into a... a back drawer that can't be found or verified or vetted. How we need to do this. So, I'd like everybody's help on both sides of the aisle to get my Resolution out of Rules Committee so that we can discuss modernizing our property tax system so that it is fair. It's fair for everybody. Whether you're in downstate Illinois, where there's also a court case going on now over property taxes and how they were assessed because they used an assessor... or they hired an assessment consultant that didn't know what he was doing, to Chicago where you've got wealthy individuals getting tax breaks at the expense of lower income individuals that are literally getting taxed out of their house in south suburban Cook. I'm concerned about this. As a matter of fundamental fairness we need a task force to look across the state at our property tax system and I'd appreciate support from your side of the aisle on getting on my Resolution and getting it out of Rules Committee so that we can vote on it today. We've done another... a number of other Resolutions today that, quite frankly, are not as impactful for the citizens of Illinois as my Resolution, would be. So, I'm just inviting you to be... join that... maybe you didn't know about my Resolution but it's HR139. And I'd like to get bipartisan support on it. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock is recognized."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I'd just like to reiterate what Representative Ives said about getting that

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Resolution out about the task force. As we've seen in the *Tribune* over the last couple of weeks, it is a huge issue. And also... and it's a bipartisan issue, it strictly isn't a partisan issue. I think people on both sides of the aisle would like to have the property tax issue addressed by a task force that can spend some time looking into it. Especially since we've talked about, in the grand bargain and in the compromise bargain, that we have the second highest property taxes of any state in the United States. So, it's certainly worthwhile, a task force to look into this issue. And I thoroughly agree with Representative Ives on trying to get that Resolution out of Rules on to the floor. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "HR350, Representative Mussman. Representative Mussman. Please proceed."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I am pleased to bring House Resolution 350 on behalf of my constituent James Cook. He is a strong advocate for increased public awareness and increased public funding for research into Lyme disease. We encourage our residents to take appropriate precaution to protect themselves this year from bites, not only in wooded areas but also in areas that... with any natural elements to them including golf courses, their own backyards while they're mowing their lawns and actually inside their own homes as ticks are transported by mice. The numbers are on the rise due to changing weather patterns and changing... changing areas of development with wooded areas. And we do encourage Congress to consider supporting grant funding to improve the diagnosis, the treatment and the prevention of Lyme disease. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Ives, what's the number of that Bill? Mr. Clerk, would you state for the Members of the House the status of HR139?"

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 139 is... was assigned to the Revenue Committee. It's been... it's been also assigned to the Property Tax Subcommittee of the Revenue Committee."

Speaker Lang: "So, Representative, your concerns about the Rules Committee seem to have been misplaced. Now, you can go to a subcommittee and state your case on your Resolution. Representative Ives is recognized."

Ives: "Thank you very much. I stand corrected. I'm used to my stuff being bottled up in Rules. You're right. It's bottled up in the Property Tax Subcommittee. And I've asked for a hearing on it and I've not received that. And I think, again, I'd just like to reiterate this is a very important task force. It's probably the most important task force that we could do on behalf of property owners around the state. This is bipartisan and it's really... unfortunately, it's really low-income property owners that are getting hurt the worst from a property system that has run amok. And if you have not read the trilogy of reports coming out the *Chicago Tribune*, I encourage you to do so. This is something important. It's something we need to get right. And I would appreciate the Speaker's support in getting my Resolution out of the Property Tax Subcommittee and on to the House Floor, eventually, simply so we can have a vote on it. Can we have a simple vote on a

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property tax task force? That's not too much to ask. Thank you. And I stand corrected."

Speaker Lang: "Well, I'm quite sure you'll go to the chairman of that subcommittee. Just as long as you're no longer blaming the Rules Committee. Leader Currie is recognized on a point of personal privilege."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I believe that yesterday part of this quote was repeated on the House Floor. I think it's a quote that should be repeated today, tomorrow and every day going forward. It's a great quote; my favorite quote of the week. It comes from House Leader Jim Durkin. It starts like this, it says, there will be a Governor's election in a year and a half, let the chips fall where they may. But listen up, Members, there's the important part coming along. But the fact is, everybody needs to lay their arms down for a little bit, put things aside, think about the welfare of the state. I'm here to tell you, Speaker and Members of the House, I put my arms down. I don't even have any arrows left in the quiver. I am not armed for battle. I am here to do the work of the people. I am here to find a sound, responsible, comprehensive solution to the state's fiscal ills. I am here to find a reasonable solution and craft a responsible budget. And I think most of my colleagues feel the same way. But there is one person in State Government who I think needs to hear Leader Durkin's quote again and again and again. This is someone who spoke to us on Tuesday and told us that he was inviting the Legislature to come to Springfield not as Republicans, not as Democrats, but as people who should work for unity, work with one another to

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find a comprehensive solution. Well that person, the person who occupies the office on the second floor has managed to flood the airwaves... flood the airwaves with millions of dollars in advertising against one of the Leaders in this chamber, not of course Leader Durkin, and our mailboxes are stuffed as well. Representative Manley, Representative Yingling, Representative Scherer, Representative Mussman, even as recently as yesterday the anti-Manley flyers were flooding people's mailboxes. I don't think it's responsible to say we should be searching for a reasonable solution to our fiscal ills while... while organizing trench warfare on the other side of the equation. So, I... I would ask Leader Durkin... Leader Durkin, it's a great quote and I'm perfectly happy to repeat it wherever I am and however often I can find an excuse. But I would like it if you would take your quote right now down to the second floor. I would ask you to take your quote to the Governor of the State of Illinois and ask him... ask him, please, cut it out. Let's work together. Let's work for a comprehensive, responsible budget. The time is now. This is a Special Session, day two. We have until midnight June 30 before the state's fiscal year is over. Leader Durkin, go talk to the Governor. Tell him what he needs to do in order that we may move forward. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Leader Currie... Leader Currie, I second, third and fourth your Motion that we get busy and talk about the budget. And that we put down our rhetoric, especially in this chamber and especially in the Capitol and start dealing with the issues. This is something that both



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sides of the aisle are engaged in right now. And we need to call a truce. We had a committee meeting this morning where we invited parents and teachers to come down to the Capitol to talk about the impact of the budget. It turned into a name calling contest. We shouldn't do that in this Capitol. We should be focused on the issues and the divisive issues that are evident around the state and try to come to a compromise. You indicated a willingness to work on the budget, I accept that. Are we going to entertain a Motion here in Session today to deal with a Bill dealing with the budget? Is there something that you're going to bring forward today that we can vote on and debate? The silence is deafening. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have Bills, both Democrat and Republican, that can deal with a budget. Let's bring them forward. Let's debate them here. Let's stop making accusations. This is only prolonging the agony that we heard in committee this morning of citizens that are desperately concerned about their schools, about their families, about the economies in their communities that are deteriorating as businesses leave. We need a budget; we need it today. Let's start talking about the budget."

Speaker Lang: "The House is prepared to recess until 2:00 for a Committee of the Whole. Democrats, upon recess will caucus in Room 114. Republicans, I don't think are caucusing. The House... and so, the House will stand in recess until the Committee of the Whole at 2 p.m."

Speaker Hoffman: "The House will come to order. The Chair recognizes Majority Leader Representative Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move that the House of Representatives now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of a subject matter hearing on House Bill 4068, workers' compensation with guide.. and we will operate under guidelines established by the Speaker."

Speaker Hoffman: "You heard the Lady's Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the House hereby resolves into a Committee of the Whole."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Lang in the Chair in regular Session. Mr. Andersson is recognized. For what reason do you rise? The answer is, I don't know, Sir."

Andersson: "Well, I wasn't going to ask a question. I was going to try something. And now... Ladies and Gentlemen, I tried."

Speaker Lang: "It's the same way of asking the same question, Sir. The Chair reluctantly recognizes Representative Wehrli. For what reason do you rise, Sir?"

Wehrli: "Inquiry of the Chair, Sir. Is a Motion to adjourn always in order?"

Speaker Lang: "No. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Friday, June 23 at the hour of noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the regular Session stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4072, offered by Representative Breen, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. First Reading of this House Bill.

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There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."