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Speaker Turner: "Members are asked to be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Dr. Mike Fogerson, who is with Chester's First Baptist Church in Chester, Illinois. Dr. Fogerson is the guest of Representative Costello. 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."

Dr. Fogerson: "Let us pray. Almighty God, we come before You today in boldness and confidence through Your son Jesus to seek Your blessing and favor for the State of Illinois, her elected Leaders, and the communities whom they represent. We know that every seated official in this House of Representatives and the State Senate, across the way, and the Governor's Office, just down the hall, are all here according to Your plans to fulfill Your purpose and for Your glory. I ask for Your wisdom to be upon this government because You are wiser than us, and the decisions that must be made are not easy. I ask for Your strength for this government because You alone are our strength and our shield. And the tasks at hand are arduous, and these times are full of peril. I ask for Your courage upon this government because You have not given us a spirit of fear, but rather a spirit of courage to do not only that which is good, but to do that which is right in Your eyes. Bless these assembled Leaders as they get about effecting real change in Illinois. I pray that their debatin' and deliberatin' will lead to cooperatin' and negotiatin' for the working families that are struggling in our hurting state. God, I know that I am not alone in knowing that You are the one 'G' we can't afford to drop. We need You, Your blessings,

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Your favor, Your wisdom, courage, and strength in this trying and testing hour. Shall we pray as our Savior taught us? Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

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

Gordon-Booth - 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 Representatives Flowers, Harper, Hernandez, Jones, Rita, Slaughter, and Tabares are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Demmer."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Andersson is excused for the day."

Speaker Turner: "With 108 Members present, a quorum is established. Mr. Clerk, Supplemental Calendar #1. Mr. Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Today, I move that the House override the Amendatory Veto of the Governor's... or excuse me... I move that the House override the Governor's Amendatory Veto of Senate Bill 444."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis, please explain the Bill."

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Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Last August, the General Assembly passed historic school funding reform to close existing equity gaps and give our neediest students the resources they needed to succeed. Unfortunately, our schools have yet to receive a penny, not one dime, of the over 350 million in new funding we promised them. And of course, this is absolutely unacceptable. Senate Bill 444 makes the State Board of Education recommended cleanup changes to allow funds to flow as intended by the bipartisan agreement on school funding reform. Let me remind you that this is... that this measure initially passed the House unanimously on a vote of 109-0. Absent the technical corrections in Senate Bill 444, the state board has provided that 178 school districts will lose funding and that the release of new funds could be delayed even further. The Governor's Amendatory Veto did not change any of the provisions of Senate Bill 444. Rather, the Veto added a provision to expand the pool of private schools receiving taxpayer funding by removing any requirement for the school for student safety or education. Thankfully this issue has been resolved through information sharing between the State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Revenue. Even the Governor has now said the Veto is now unnecessary and has encouraged the General Assembly to pass any cleanup changes needed to implement the new funding formula. I encourage a 'yes' vote to override the Governor's Amendatory Veto of Senate Bill 444, so we can begin to distribute new funding to our students as soon as possible. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Members. Excuse me, Members. Can we please bring the noise level down in the chamber? Thank you. Representative Pritchard is recognized."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "The Sponsor will yield."

Pritchard: "Representative, as we look at the Veto message from the Governor, he was really concerned about some of the private schools that weren't able to access the scholarship program for Every Student Succeeds that we put in the Bill. Is that correct?"

Davis: "That is correct."

Pritchard: "And what he was trying to do is say that there are school districts on the registered list, that when they moved to recognize, have to wait a whole year, or perhaps longer, to get on that list. Is that correct?"

Davis: "I believe that process does take that long."

Pritchard: "So, that was the issue that he identified in the Veto. And subsequent to the Veto, there has been an agreement with ISBE. Is that correct? Where ISBE will move people from the registered list to the recognized list and publish them on their website, so that they can immediately then apply for the scholarship applications?"

Davis: "I believe... I believe ultimately what happens is that when they reach that status, they're immediately put on the list so that they can subsequently apply for those resources."

Pritchard: "So, through negotiation, which we sometimes don't always do here on the floor, we've been able to reach an agreement or a compromise with an issue that was raised that is of concern to some of the Members on your side of the

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aisle. So, I think this Veto has accomplished something good. And now we come back to the basic issue of what we tried to do when we passed, almost unanimously, in the House and Senate, Senate Bill 444 and that is to correct some of the writing omissions, or lacks of commas, or whatever in the Bill, that really were part of our discussion and were part of past practice and were part of what we had agreed as we negotiated 1947. Is that correct?"

Davis: "Without getting into a... a protracted diatribe about the Amendatory Veto, yes, you are correct."

Pritchard: "So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we are at a point where overriding this Veto is appropriate so that we can get the corrections that are necessary, ISBE can get the numbers right, and then get the money dispensed as soon as possible. And I will add one other point that was made in committee this week that the Governor's Amendment delayed school districts getting the additional \$350 million. ISBE testified in committee, Ladies and Gentlemen, that that's not the case. That they have been trying to get the numbers right and they've identified 90-some schools where the numbers don't seem to be right, from the modeling they're doing, and they're having conversations with those districts. Some of them, perhaps in your district, you might want to talk with. And let's get the numbers right, let's get this money distributed. And it starts with passing this override vote. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Members. Representative Bourne is recognized."

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Bourne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Originally, when this Bill was called on the floor, it got a unanimous vote. These are two very simple fixes to the school funding formula change that we passed last year. These are needed calculations in order for our school districts to get the money... the new tier money that they need throughout the formula. This was a bipartisan Bill. This will not take money from certain districts or send it to other districts. This is a clarification and purely a cleanup Bill. I would urge all of my colleagues to vote 'aye'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Appreciate the comments of the previous speakers. But again, let's just be clear, the Amendatory Veto was not necessary. Clearly a discussion could have been had amongst the same parties that met to make the compromise to deal with the... the register to be recognized schools. And so, the Veto, unfortunately, did delay this process a little bit. We are happy to be able to address it quickly, so we can get to the task at hand which is ultimately distributing the \$350 million that we voted for as a result of passage of Senate Bill 1947 that the Governor did sign. Hopefully in the future, if we have those kinds of challenges, the Governor would be willing to meet with us, and sit down and talk, before he issues an Amendatory Veto, that kind of puts a monkey wrench in things. So, we're happy that we're able to get this done. And I urge a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 444 pass the Veto of the Governor, notwithstanding?' The Motion requires 71 votes. This is final action. All those in favor signify by

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voting 'aye'; opposed by voting 'nay'. 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. With a count of 90 voting 'yes', 18 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', this Motion, having received the required Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails. And Senate Bill 444 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. Representative Ann Williams, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Williams: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Williams: "Just want to acknowledge that today many of us are wearing black. And the symbolism of today's wearing of black is to show solidarity and support for the women in Illinois, not just under the Capitol dome, but in all areas of the state, who have been faced with harassment and discrimination. I want to acknowledge the young women around the rail that came up with the idea and suggested we wear black as a show of solidarity and support. I particularly want to thank our male colleagues for standing in support as well including Speaker Madigan and Leader Durkin. Thank you. And to all the women of Illinois, we stand with you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Mitchell, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Mitchell, B.: "In the balcony behind me, I'd like to introduce, one, my Chief of Staff, Missy Wooters. Missy has been with me

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for the whole 19 years I've been here, and this was... will be our last State of the State. So, Missy, please rise. And let's, everyone, welcome Missy Wooters to the Illinois House."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol."

Mitchell, B.: "In addition... in addition, I have Randy Keith. Randy's from Monticello in Piatt County. He's the Chairman of the Piatt County Board. So give everyone an Illinois House welcome to Mr. Keith."

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

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Like my cousin, Representative Ann Williams, I am proud of this Body for standing in solidarity against sexual harassment and sexual abuse. We all recognize that it doesn't matter who the oppressors are, whether they be corporations, individuals, or organizations. The oppression and the abuse should be identified and eliminated and the oppressors, identified, held accountable, and punished. I'll wait 'til everyone's ready to listen. A few weeks ago, the Sexual Harassment Task Force heard testimony from several women who worked for Ford Motor Company. Ford Company's CEO, Jim Hackett, recognized what he described as gut wrenching accounts, and more importantly promises, to 'learn from this and we will do better.' Since hearing such graphic and shocking testimony before the task force, I've been in contact with the Director of Community Relations of the Chicago Planet Ford Company and they are working through policies and procedures to ensure a

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safer, better work environment, and we are holding them accountable. However, there is another side to this story, a much more complex and darker side. And because we all stand in solidarity against abuse and harassment, no matter from where it comes, I am confident that we will remain steadfast and resolve. When the task force questioned these employees about how their union leadership responded to their member's complaints of harassment and abuse, they responded 'the union reps a lot of the time are the ones who were the predators.' In the record, in fact, one employee further illustrated just how pervasive the abuse was within the union leadership in the company. She retold the horrific account, 'when I asked the union plant chairman for assistance, he said that if I wanted his help, I would have to get down on my knees.' I think we all will agree, this is outrageous. How do we help these women when their own UAW union leadership, the union to whom they pay dues and expect protections, are the abusers and are the harassers? Because of the allegations, the abuse, and the corruption that runs deep within these Chicago plants, within the UAW Union, and because it is within the purview of the Federal Government to regulate and oversee union activities, I have filed House Resolution 783 urging the Federal Government to launch a thorough investigation into this union, the UAW, and look into all aspects of alleged abuse described. Time is up. I ask that all Members read Resolution 783, and I ask that you all sign on so that, in solidarity, this House tells the Federal Government to investigate union leadership within the UAW. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Leader Bellock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bellock: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed."

Bellock: "I, along with my colleagues today, are wearing black. And an issue that we have been working on, along with the sexual harassment, is this Human Trafficking Task Force. I want to thank everybody in this chamber that is serving on that task force, but it has brought up about the victims of children and women in our state, which has become a national hub for human trafficking, that because we are a tru... we are a national port of transportation throughout the United States, and the world really. So, I want to draw attention to all the work that's being done on that. That issues that are important to women and children throughout the entire United States, and the world, but in Illinois, that we must protect the victims of these terrible things that are happening. Especially within our own City of Chicago with the heroin and opioid epidemic drawing women and children into living on the streets from day to day with no food or no one to take care of them. Thank you."

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

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On this wonderful day, I am standing to recognize my recent graduate, my son Jelani Saadiq, Who's up in the gallery here, right above me. If you'd stand. Just graduated with a degree in finance, and I have made him come home so that he can serve the great State of Illinois somehow, someway, and in somewhere. I got him working

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a lot right now. So, I look forward to his service, and I'm glad he's home."

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

Jimenez: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Jimenez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One of my favorite statues here at the Capitol is the statue of the woman on the first floor of the rotunda, who, at the right angle, looks like she's holding up the dome. The lovely tour guides told me this morning that it was this woman who welcomed the world to Illinois in the late 1800s during the Columbian Expedition. The guides say the only other woman who has a statue in her honor is on the second floor. Lottie Holman O'Neal, she was the first woman Legislator in 1922. She became part of this Assembly just two years after women got the right to vote. According to the guides, it wasn't exactly an easy time for a woman in this building, as they had to build a separate restroom for her. Her male colleagues called it, Lottie's potty. It wasn't easy for Lottie, and she helped pave the way for women sitting in our seats today. Time's Up and Me Too are not a moment; they're a movement. I'm grateful to my colleagues and Leader Currie for serving with me on the House's Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination. I think what we know is that some of our current processes have failed. We need to make sure that it's not riskier for victims to speak up than to remain silent. We have to remember that women listening in today, maybe more so than all of the

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folks in the chamber, they're hearing us talk about the importance of this movement, and turn that movement into action. We have the power to do that, Ladies and Gentlemen. We can't go through the motions, issue a report, and do nothing. That woman sitting at her desk today, afraid to say something, that little girl, watching us today, has high expectations that we're going to fix this. I am confident that we can, and I will keep pushing until we do. And let's remember Lottie and that statue of the strong woman on the first floor of the rotunda who welcomes the world to Illinois. The inscription on that statue in the rotunda commemorates the work of the women of Illinois. Let's add to that work, lead on this issue, and get something done. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Members, I know the doors are opening, it's a little loud in the chamber, but can we try to keep the conversations down to be respectful of our colleagues who are giving statements. There are many people seeking recognition. Thank you very much. Shhh. Thank you. Representative Wallace, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Wallace: "Thank you. I'd like to echo what we've heard so far in the chamber today in recognition of #MeToo and #UsToo, which is specific to blue collar women experiencing a number of harassment and abuse... harassment and abusive behaviors on the job. I think it's so important for us as we move into Black History Month and then Women's History Month that we continue

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to take on the fight for economic justice because that justice is what will allow for women to have a context safe enough for them to be able to speak out against the harassment they may experience. As has already been mentioned before, we have women who still suffer in silence because they cannot economically afford the ability or... they can't afford to speak out. They can't afford to call out their boss; they can't afford to call out their union steward, or the company that makes billions of dollars every quarter. So, we stand with those women who still suffer in silence today. I think we need to not only call out the UAW, as was said before, but we need to call out every corporation. We need to call out every small business. And we need to call out any person in power who is consistently going about their business promoting sexism and sexually harassing anyone. We must beat back misogyny. And I am so happy that we are all standing in solidarity in black today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, Members. Excuse me, Members. I know we're welcoming our friends from the Senate, and there are a lot of people in the chamber, but we still have Members seeking recognition. Can we please try to keep the conversations to a minimum and be respectful of our colleagues? Thank you very much. Representative Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative C.D. Davidsmeyer and I would like to welcome the students from the government classes of Meredosia-Chambersburg and Virginia High Schools that are here to join us today for the State of the State Address. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

Long: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Long: "Thank you, Speaker. Today, also for the State of the State speech, I also have my comms staffer sitting up here in the speaker... right above the Speaker box and her name is Laura Robinson. Please welcome her today."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Shhh. Representative Welch."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Welch: "Mr. Speaker, every year students from all across the country apply for the prestigious Truman Scholarship. Today, we have three wonderful students from the great university... Northwestern University in Evanston here in Springfield. They're going to be witnessing the State of the State address. Please welcome Meredith Belloni, who has shadowed me today, Jamilah Silver, and Thomas Ritz, who are here in the Capitol in the gallery on my right. Let's give them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Representative Sommer is recognized"

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Sommer: "I'd like to introduce two friends of mine who are in the gallery, up here to the right, if they'd stand. Jeff Kaufman, who's the mayor of the Village of Morton, and Craig

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Loudermilk, who's the Director of Public Works. Please welcome them to the Capitol."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol. Shhh. Representative Christian Mitchell is recognized."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Mitchell, C.: "Members, we will not be in Session tomorrow, but 50 years ago tomorrow, the deaths of two sanitation workers in Memphis that eventually sparked a large scale sanitation strike occurred. As was the strike that was eventually joined by Dr. Martin Luther King, who was assassinated the day after standing with them at a rally, I would ask that this Body join me in a nationwide moment of silence to commemorate the lives and deaths of Echol Cole and Robert Walker and to honor the 50th anniversary of the tragic events that sparked the 1968 Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike."

Speaker Turner: "Excuse me, can we have quiet in the chamber? And have everyone stand, please, for a moment of silence? Thank you, Representative Mitchell. Chair recognizes Representative Ives."

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Ives: "When we learned of the effectively off the book congressional slush fund, unknown to most Members of Congress, set up to protect Members of Congress by making accusers jump through a myriad of hoops to file a claim, and then quietly paid them off. And when they followed through,

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I and others, wondered if Illinois politicians might be doing something similar. When the horror stories about barbaric behavior mainly by men toward women in Hollywood, big media, and politics began to break at the end of last year, it was only a matter of time before the culture in Springfield came under scrutiny. And then, Denise Rotheimer came forward and told her story. And then 300 women signed an open #MeToo letter about the culture of sexual harassment in Springfield. Names were not named, but specific examples of unethical behavior, at minimum, were provided. Yet, only Denise Rotheimer had the courage to come forward and tell her story. And her case may have been decided, and I make no comment on that, but justice has not been given to Denise Rotheimer. I urge the Legislative Ethics Commission to have Ms. Rotheimer in, to listen to her story, to have her testify as to the process... the broken process in Springfield of having... of handling inspect... Legislative Inspector complaints. That's what needs to happen in Springfield for accountability to occur. We have elections in March and November, and it's because of the failures of Legislative Leaders, and the Ethics Committee, and really the Governor at this point, they failed to do their job and ensure that a Legislative Inspector General was in place, and the complaints were handled in a timely manner. The voters should not have to pay the price. Given the political gamesmanship, it is appropriate to give these complaints the opportunity to be adjudicated in the court of public opinion. And so, I call for the other complaints that were ignored for as long as three years to be

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immediately released to the public with the names of the accusers redacted. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Winger, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Winger: "Thank you. I, too, sit on the Sexual Harassment Task Force, and I will be signing on to HR783, and I encourage all Members to do so as well. And I encourage the Body to talk to task force members and ask what did you hear that day with the testimony from Ford Motor employees? And you're going to hear some horrific statements. You're going to hear women that were thrown to the ground 'cause they failed to submit to the sexual overtures of their peers and had to call the police, in the plant, just to protect themselves. So it is times up for Ford Motor Company. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Members, again, can we please try to keep the noise level down in the chamber. Representative Cavaletto is recognized."

Cavaletto: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Cavaletto: "I'd like to introduce my wife, Connie, who stands today, and my Legislative Aide, who's been so loyal to me throughout the years, Tabitha Meador. Thank you for all you do."

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

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Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "I'd like to introduce... first time in the House... I don't know where he went... Senator Elgie Sims, I don't know where he's at, but congratulate him. I have two staff members here from Aurora. We have staff member Kenny Ponquinette, if you could stand up. And Mr. Hugo Nunez, Army. Thank you for your service. If we could acknowledge them. And then last but not least, you know, what we're talking about earlier about sexual violence, it also happens to men. Okay. So, what I'd like us to be is sensitive also in that arena because a lot of men will not come forward because they feel demasculated. So, it's very important that we see this, yes, as a female issue, but it also happens to men throughout this country whether it's divorce proceedings, custody of children, things like that. So, let's be a little sensitive towards men that go through this, so we're willing to listen and not make them feel lesser than they are. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Finnie, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Phelps Finnie: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you. I want to recognize in the gallery, today, I'm so happy to have Professor Matt Lees, from Southeastern Illinois College, if they would stand. He has several with him from SIC, which is where I started my educational career, and we are so proud of that college. And we thank Senator Dale Fowler in the chamber today for his invitation. Thank you."

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

Scherer: "Thank you very much. Today I have a little piece of history that I would like to share with everyone. It'll be at my desk if anyone wants to see it. But I found a little book at a door when I was knocking on doors, and the man said this was an original walk sheet from 1939. It's got the people's names and a little hand drawn map and how many people are voting in the house and such. So, if anybody's interested in it, I'll have it here. I'll probably share it with the State Library down the road, but just wanted people to know if they want to see it. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Bennett, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bennett: "Point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Representative."

Bennett: "Thank you. Up in the gallery here today are two folks that are on my staff from Pontiac and from Watseka, David Littlefield and Angel Crawford. So, please help me give them a warm Springfield welcome, would you please. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Please proceed, Sir."

Brady: "Thank you very much. I, too, just want to acknowledge from my district office, who's here today, Miss Allie Breen.

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Allie, if you'd step up. If we could give her a nice Springfield welcome here to our Capitol. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, and welcome to your Capitol."

Speaker Madigan: "Speaker Madigan in the Chair. Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats. The time has arrived for the Joint Session. Please take your seats. Would all Members take their seats? Would Senator Collins... Senator Collins, would you take a seat? The regular Session will stand in recess. The Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Honorable President Cullerton and Members of the Senate are at the door and seek admission to the chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Honorable Senators. As designated in House Joint Resolution 96, the hour of 12 noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 100th General Assembly will now come to order. Will the Members of the House and our guests from the Senate please take their seats? Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Bolin: "A quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present in this chamber?"

President Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Madigan: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. We'd like to recognize some special guests who have joined us today. The Lieutenant Governor of the State of Illinois, Evelyn Sanguinetti. The Attorney General, Lisa Madigan. The Secretary of State, Jesse White. The Comptroller, Susana

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Mendoza. The First Lady of Illinois, Diana Rauner. The Chief of Staff to the Governor, Rodger Heaton. Chair recognizes the House Majority Leader."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move for the adoption of Joint Session Resolution #4."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read Joint Session Resolution #4."

Clerk Bolin: "Joint Session Resolution #4. Be it

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 Governor Bruce Rauner and invite him to address the Joint Assembly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Currie has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to the Resolution, the following are appointed as a Committee of Escort to escort the Governor. The appointments from the House will be: Representative Guzzardi, Representative Chapa LaVia, Representative Marcus Evans, Representative Bellock, and Representative Pritchard. President Cullerton."

President Cullerton: "The appointments from the Senate are: Senator Emil Jones, Senator Steve Stadelman, Senator Patricia Van Pelt, Senator Dave Syverson, and Senator Pamela Althoff."

Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please convene at the rear of the chamber and await the Governor. Mr. Doorkeeper is recognized for an announcement."

Doorkeeper Crawford: "Mr. Speaker, the Governor of the State of Illinois, Bruce Rauner, and his party wish to be admitted to this chamber."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Doorkeeper, please admit the Governor. Mr. Governor."

Governor Rauner: "Good afternoon. President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leader Brady, Leader Durkin, Lieutenant Governor Sanguinetti, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Mendoza, Treasurer Frerichs, Members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests, and members of the media, welcome. To the members of our National Guard, our service men and women, and our veterans, thank you on behalf of a most grateful state. Thank you. God bless you. To the citizens, the taxpayers of Illinois, it is an honor to serve you. My report on the State of the State, this bicentennial year, begins with a reflection on what has been born, built and grown in Illinois. Our history is rich. We were the first state to ratify the Constitutional Amendment to abolish slavery. Presidents Lincoln, Grant, Reagan, and Obama called Illinois home. We taught the world how to rebuild a city when we scraped the sky after the Chicago Fire. We invented the Twinkie and started the first nuclear chain reaction. With 36 Fortune 500 companies, 1.2 million small businesses, and 72 thousand of the nation's greatest farms, we are the world's 17th largest economy. We are a top bioscience and medical center. Eighty-two foreign consulates help connect us to the global economy. Our institutions of higher learning are world-renowned, world-connected. Most important, our people lead the world in hard work and innovation. You name the field and we'll name the pioneers. There's poet Gwendolyn Brooks' record of our most personal struggles. Nobel Laureate Robert Millikan's work with electrons in orbit and James Lovell's

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moon-orbiting Apollo 13. There's Benny Goodman's big band and Walt Disney's big-eared mouse. Jane Addams' heroic social work. Butch O'Hare's Congressional Medal of Honor. There's Marshall Field on that great street and John Deere's steel plow. Media moguls Robert McCormick and William S. Paley. Athletes Michael Jordan and Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Authors Ernest Hemingway and Edna Ferber. Today, we produce 10 percent of our nation's computer scientists. We graduate more engineers than MIT, Stanford and Caltech combined. Illinois grads have started YouTube, Oracle, CDW, PayPal, Tesla Motors, and so many more. This is where Illinois comes from. These are the people on whose shoulders we stand to envision our future. This is the lofty vantage point from which we now look ahead. Throughout our history, Illinois has been a magnet. If you wanted to till the soil, lay a brick, build a building, make a deal, super-compute, you name it, you can find work in Illinois, afford a home, and rely on the public schools to educate your children. Today, we have an opportunity to turn yesterday into tomorrow and make Illinois the powerhouse job creator we should be. We can do it. We united last fall to bid for Amazon's second headquarters. Governor, Mayor, General Assembly, City Council, businesses and nonprofits, Republicans and Democrats collaborated to compete for 15 years of growth with 168 thousand potential jobs and \$129 billion in cumulative new GDP. The fact is there is another, even bigger Amazon-like opportunity for us to pursue. This request for proposal comes from an enterprise called the State of Illinois. We have the assets, and we certainly have the incentives: 12.8 million fellow citizens

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who want us to ignite our economy. But this is not a prize one wins alone. It takes a collaborative effort, a forget-about the politics and roll up our sleeves kind of approach. It requires a laser-like focus on economic development and job creation, and a bipartisan dedication to restore public trust. This Legislative Session is a chance for us to put in place the policies, the changes, the fiscal discipline, to recruit many more Amazons. United, we can create thousands and thousands of jobs, attract billions of dollars in investment, and set millions of Illinoisans free to make more, buy more, and build more. So today this report on the state of our state will focus on the places where we agree, and where we can start to build to the future. The state of our state today is one of readiness: readiness born of unprecedented frustration with our political culture, but with the firm belief that we have tremendous, but as yet unrealized, economic potential. The place to start is with a joint effort to restore public trust, to tell truth to power, to stand up against the establishment without fear of recrimination. These notions of democracy and social progress too often seem lost in Illinois government. Where once we joined to address our problems, we now divide to conquer the other side or worse, we legislate for expediency rather than effect. When the MeToo movement struck Springfield last fall, the outcry for ethical reform turned into legislation in a Hollywood minute. Unfortunately, many believe that transparency and accountability were sacrificed for optics and speed. So today, I will sign an Executive Order to strengthen the policies that ensure all government employees,

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under my office's jurisdiction, have reliable and responsive outlets for reporting acts of sexual misconduct. The order makes the Ethics Act supreme over all other laws and agreements in the state, even those in collective bargaining agreements. The Order creates a Chief Compliance Office in the Executive Branch, stipulates reviews of allegations in 10 days or less, and requires training on best investigation practices by the end of this year and every two years after that. These are powerful protections that the Legislature should emulate. Further, we will introduce legislation this Session to make the Ethics Act the prevailing law of the state in all matters involving misconduct. Every man and woman here today, and every man and woman in our state, we are all unified in the expectation that we will act on our complete intolerance of, and utter revulsion for, sexual harassment. It is protection all must have and we must give. We will also ask you to come together for another important cause. Two and a half years ago, our Departments of Public Health and Veterans Affairs responded to a tragic outbreak of Legionnaires' disease at our Quincy Veterans Home, claimed the lives of 13 veterans. Our Leadership team and our medical and caregiver staffs took all the right steps to deal with the crisis. We discovered the true cause of the outbreak through our pro-active tests. We partnered with the CDC, took each of their recommendations, installed a \$6 million new water treatment system, and instituted best practices for water flushing and purification. According to the CDC, the effort has resulted in a substantial reduction in cases of Legionnaires' disease and detectable Legionella in the water

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systems. Even though research shows that Legionella unfortunately is everywhere, including this very Capitol, our goal is to prevent Legionella infections at the Quincy Home. The CDC says it is impossible to completely eliminate the bacteria, but we will fight against it as hard as our veterans fought for us. The latest CDC recommendations are being implemented. But we're going beyond the recommendations of experts, and we are investigating the possibility of entire system replacements, and perhaps even an entirely new facility. Some of my friends from the Quincy Home are here with us today. Residents Ivan Jackson and Carol Jardine and family members Marty and Vicky Fleer. Please stand. Thank you for your service. Please stand. Thank you for your service. God bless you. I know all of us share a passion to do everything we can to keep our veterans safe and healthy. I know I can count on all of you to support the improvements that are needed. The men and women who reside there put it all on the line for us; we must now do the same for them. No one in Illinois is happy with our property tax assessment system. Ordinary people, the ones without clout, or connections or money to pay high-powered lawyers, none of them, they're all victims of a rigged system rigged against them. For too long, big businesses and the well-to-do have gotten huge tax breaks while little guys and little businesses take it in the pocketbook. Home values in some parts of our state are half what they were 10 years ago, yet property taxes are twice as high. Small businesses often have to cut staff to pay their taxes. Elderly couples on fixed incomes are too often pushed out of their homes because they cannot afford

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their property taxes. Christine Wilson is here today. She is one of thousands of homeowners in Illinois that have property taxes that are unfair, unaffordable, and crushing their quality of life. Christine, thank you for your passionate advocacy to deal with the property tax relief. It is a vicious form of oppression. The system traps people in their homes, vaporizes their equity, drives mortgages under water, and in some cases, pushes people out of our state. It is time to put a stop to the corruption. Two weeks ago, we issued an Executive Order that prevents Legislators from practicing before the state Property Tax Appeal Board. And today Senator Oberweis and Representative Wehrli, I thank you both, will introduce Legislation that asks you to apply this same reform to every Legislator who might practice before an assessment appeal board anywhere in the state. And once again, we will ask you to pass legislation that brings true property tax relief, giving people the ability to lower their property taxes through a simple voter referendum. These are reforms we must enact if we want common sense to win out over corruption. There is one more step we need to take to regain public confidence. Eighty percent of Illinois's voters want term limits. The other 20 percent, it seems, are seated in this chamber and in elected Illinois courts. It is past time to make this good governance move. Put term limits on the ballot and let the people decide. As quick and decisive as we need to be on ethics, we need to be just as aggressive on jobs and the economy. There is no question we need the economic spark. News of population declines and slow business growth have effects that go far beyond troublesome headlines. They cost

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us jobs and rob us of tax revenue. I don't know anyone in this chamber, or in the entire state, who isn't frustrated when we spend beyond our means, or borrow to cover deficits, or let pension issues go unresolved. Yet, there is example after example of what can be done on a bipartisan basis to reverse the trend. Rhode Island reformed their pensions. California enacted term limits. Massachusetts changed their group health plan and lowered workers' comp insurance rates. We have the power to take similar steps. The question is whether we have the will to take them. But there is no question about this. We have planted the seeds of growth in our economy. We've put 120 thousand people to work here in Illinois. We've brought and kept business here: Amazon, General Mills, Nucor Steel, Brandt Industries, and many more. We signed a Future Energy Jobs Act to preserve the state's energy options and create thousands of jobs in our energy industry. Because we are a recognized leader in the energy sector, job holders in Clinton and Quad Cities and all over the state reap the benefit. We helped launch the Illinois Innovation Network and the Discovery Partners Institute, a U of I - led effort to link the power of great research to entrepreneurship and new business formation. What Stanford and Berkeley and Harvard and MIT are to the coasts, partnerships of the U of I, U of C, and Northwestern can even surpass for Illinois. We've given our state tools to compete. We've cut red tape. We've slashed fees for small business by 70 percent. Signed EDGE tax credits into law to help stanch the outflow of businesses to our border states. We established Intersect Illinois to focus on business development. We

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traveled to Asia and Israel to bring more jobs to Illinois. And we declared a harvest emergency last fall to help farmers get crops to market. The key to job creation is education and training and we have started to transform education in our state. During our time in the Executive Branch, funding for K-12 schools has increased \$1.2 billion, and that includes record levels of funding for early childhood education. We enacted historic reforms, together, to end one of the most inequitable school funding formulas in the country. For most districts, it will be a welcome and long overdue infusion of new money for their programs. Now, need dictates resources, not zip codes. We achieved historic parity in perpupil funding for charter schools. And we created Invest in Kids, the state's first ever tuition tax credit scholarship program. And now, with more than \$45 million already contributed to the program, good students in low-income families will have a way to attend schools that meet their needs. Scholarship granting organizations have experienced unprecedented demand for the new program. One in Chicago received more than 11 thousand student applications on the very first day. We created a task force to find ways to overcome the shortage of agriculture teachers, a critical need in a state with 27 million acres of prime farmland. These steps are designed to achieve one goal; prepare our children to be prosperous participants in the 21st century workforce. When we create the jobs, Illinois's young people will be ready to fill them. In a truly bipartisan effort, we have made historic, nationally acclaimed, criminal justice reforms together. Fairness, responsiveness, and jobs are center points of our

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effort. People's lives should not be dictated by a mistake or by the failure of bureaucracy to deliberate and process. So, the backlog of 2,200 clemency requests left on my desk by my predecessors is now gone. Today, we deal with requests in real time. The state's prison population has been safely reduced by nearly 15 percent. We do everything we can to help non-violent offenders and young offenders learn in prison, so they don't go back to prison. Offenders can now train and test for professional licenses while they're serving in prison. I'd like you all to say hello to a guest here today, Landus Jackson, he's our first licensee. Landus, could you stand and say hello? Landus. Next time you're in Cairo, and I hope you'll go visit, visit his barber shop as I did, and he'll show you the license he earned while he was in prison, and he'll tell you with pride about the business he's building. There is now a division in the Department of Corrections to help women, many of whom are moms, and 30 percent of whom end up back in prison within three years. We want to cut the recidivism rate so these mothers can be there to raise and love their children. Yes, thank you. On the enforcement side, to keep families safe, we've successfully joined with local and federal authorities to combat gang violence as well as gun, drug, and human trafficking. Illinois State Police will have graduated three new Trooper classes by the end of this summer. We're fighting the opioid epidemic. Our 24/7 Helpline has steered hundreds of victims to the resources they need to begin recovery. Drug prescribers must now register in our Prescription Monitoring Program, so we can check potential abuses at critical points in the

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distribution cycle. We made it possible for first responders to use medication to block overdoses. We are determined to reduce projected opioid deaths by more than one-third in the years ahead. We work every day to help our agencies provide better service at lower costs to the taxpayers of Illinois. We now have 19 innovative new labor agreements in place to pay our hardworking State Government employees based upon a 40-hour work week, rather than 37 and a half hours, and pay on merit and productivity, not just seniority. We have launched technology initiatives to streamline our interface with taxpayers. The objective is to get online so we can facilitate customer service and business growth. We want government to work for people, not against them. Our Health Care Fraud Elimination Task Force, in collaboration with Inspector General Maggie Hickey, has helped to root out Medicaid fraud to the tune of \$450 million in taxpayer savings so far. We are also careful stewards of taxpayer dollars. What we spend isn't ours. It belongs to our taxpayers, and we think they deserve better value for their money. We have vetoed unbalanced budgets that would push us deeper into debt. We have vetoed tax increases that Illinoisans could not afford. And we vetoed the 32 percent income tax increase enacted last summer. In 2019, our pension costs will rise another \$600 million. Ask anyone in this room if they think this trajectory of pension expense can be sustained. Most will say no, but most lack the courage to break with the status quo so we can change our path to the future. On this point I think we can agree. It is time we do what the people of Illinois want: halt the advance of taxes, stop spending

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money we don't have, get our pensions under control, and give power back to the people of Illinois. The surest road to economic vitality and job growth is a collaborative effort to regain our financial integrity. To that end, I will submit a balanced budget proposal next month. It will... and I hope this year you guys will pass it instead of ignoring it. It will offer a path to reduced spending. And it will show the way to surpluses going forward, so we can cut taxes and start to push back against the assault on middle-class bank accounts. We have significant challenges ahead, but the opportunities we have are so extraordinary. So much like multiple Amazons, we must rally around the cause of job growth for all Illinoisans. The simple truth is of our shared experience, we cannot tax and borrow our way into prosperity. We can and must grow our way into a more prosperous future. We all know that the people of Illinois are taxed out. So, just as we reversed the flow of the Chicago River, it is time to change the flow of money in Illinois. Let's curb our spending and work together to give people the capital they need to build and grow. If that happens, we will produce more good paying jobs, higher personal incomes and income growth, and attract talented taxpayers to our economy. Abraham Lincoln once said, 'The best way to predict the future is to create it.' It is within our power to produce an Illinois that lives up to our resources. The seeds are planted. The work has begun. Now is the time to finish the job. Thank you all. God bless our veterans. God bless the people of Illinois. And God bless the United States of America. Thank you."

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Speaker Madigan: "Will the Committee of Escort please come forward to escort the Governor from the chamber? The President of the Senate is recognized for a Motion."

President Cullerton: "I move that the Senate... I move that the Joint Session, do now arise."

Speaker Madigan: "The President of the Senate has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "The Adjournment Resolution. Senate Joint Resolution #53, offered by Representative Currie. Be it RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 06, 2018 at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the President; and the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, February 02, 2018, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 05, 2018, in perfunctory session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 06, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Currie moves that the House adopt the Adjournment Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 781, offered by Representative Reis. House Resolution 782, offered by Representative Rita. House Resolution 785, offered by Representative Davis. House Resolution 786, offered by Representative Riley."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves that we adopt 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. On page 5 of the Calendar, in Motions in Writing. Is there leave to use one Motion... is there leave to use one vote to adopt the Motions on page 5? Leave being granted, all Motions, House Bill 2368, House Bill 3052, House Bill 4251, House Resolution 231, House Resolution 515, House Resolution 647. Sponsors are moved to table these Bills. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Motions carry. On page 4 of the Calendar, we have House Resolution 757, offered by Representative Conyears-Ervin. Representative Conyears-Ervin is recognized."

Conyears-Ervin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I rise today to congratulate Colonel JoAnn Johnson on her retirement as the first African-American woman to reach the rank as Colonel with the Illinois State Police. She has served in many capacities as an Illinois State Trooper including but not limited to, patrol, Master Sergeant, Lieutenant, Chief of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, Lieutenant Colonel, and now Colonel. And that's just to name a few of her assignments. After 28 years of serving our great state as an Illinois State Trooper, being the first African-American

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woman to reach the ranking of Colonel, we salute Colonel JoAnn Johnson on her retirement from the Illinois State Trooper. Colonel JoAnn Johnson, thank you for your service. And I ask that my colleagues will stand with me as we wish you well on your future endeavors."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Conyears-Ervin moves that the House adopt House Resolution 757. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 762 is on the Order of Agreed Resolutions."

Speaker Turner: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of House Resolution 762. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House adjourn until Tuesday, February 6 at 12 noon; Tuesday, February 6, 12 noon. 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. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4411, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4412, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4413, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4414, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for

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an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 4414... correction... 4415, offered by Representative Costello, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4416, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4417, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4418, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4419, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4420, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4421, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4422, offered by Representative Cavaletto, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4423, offered by Representative Cavaletto, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4424, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4425, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4426, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4427, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4428, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4429, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 4430, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 4431, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4432, offered by Representative

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Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 4433, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 4434, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4435, offered by Representative Wehrli, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4436, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4437, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 4438, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4439, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4440, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4441, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4442, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4443, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 4444, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4445, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 4446, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4447, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4448, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4449, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 4450, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill

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for an Act concerning health. House Bill 4451, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 4452, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4453, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4454, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4455, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4456, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4457, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4458, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4459, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4460, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4461, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4462, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4463, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4464, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4465, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4466, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4467, offered by Representative Hurley, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill

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4468, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 4469, offered by Representative Stratton, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4470, offered by Representative Halbbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4471, offered by Representative Daniel Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4472, offered by Representative Stewart, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 4473, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 4474, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4475, offered by Representative Fine, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 783, offered by Representative Barbara Wheeler, and House Resolution 784, offered by Representative Evans are referred to the Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson to the Committee on Cities and Villages reports the following committee action taken on January 30, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4242. Representative Christian Mitchell, Chairperson from the Committee on Economic Opportunity reports the following committee action take on January 30, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4163. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on January 30, 2018: do pass Standard Debate is House Bill 4222. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy reports the following committee action taken on

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January 30, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4135. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on January 31, 2018: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4142, House Bill 4223; recommends to be adopted is House Resolution 755. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."