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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come in to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following Committee action taken on April 9, 2018: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 4237, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 4870; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 1132, House Bill 1336, House Bill 1472, House Bill 1592, House Bill 1620, and House Bill 1671."

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Nimish Jani who is with BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Bartlett. Mr. Jani is the guest of Representative Mussman. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Jani."

Nimish Jani: "Thank you. So I'll be reciting prayer which is about five thousand years old from (unintelligible). First I will recite in Sanskrit and then I will explain in English.

AUM dyauh shantir antarikshagwam
shanti Prithivi shanti rapah,
shanti roshadaya shanti vanapastayah shantir,
vishwe devah shantih,
brahma shantih
sarvagwang shantih
shantireva sama shanti redhi.

AUM SHANTI SHANTIH SHANTIH

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asato ma sadgamaya
tamaso ma jyortirgamaya
om shanti shanti shanti

Now I will recite in English.

May there be peace in Heaven
Peace in the atmosphere
Peace across the waters
May there be peace on Earth
May peace flow from herbs, plants and trees
May peace all the celestial beings pervade
May peace pervade all quarters
May that peace come to me too

May there be peace peace and peace everywhere

From the unreal lead us to the real
From the darkness lead us to light
From the death lead us to immortality
May there be peace peace peace everywhere.
Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. We'll be led in the Pledge by Mr. Evans."

Evans - 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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Currie."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Kelly Burke, Drury, D'Amico and Gabel are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. We have 110 Members answering the roll and do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 5, 2018: do pass Short Debate for House Bill 2511, House Bill 5286 and House Bill 5599; and recommends be adopted House Resolution 802."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bennett is recognized."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Bennett: "Thank you. Thank you very much today. And it's the start of another day. A start of another week here in Springfield. I'd like to introduce my Page today. Her name is Claire Bossong. Claire, stand up. Claire. She comes to us as a freshman from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign and glad to have her. She's from Iroquois County, the great town of Watseka. And she is studying animal science and political science at school. So, would you please help me give her a warm welcome in Springfield, please."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. Welcome to the House chamber. Mr. Wehrli is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Wehrli: "Thank you. I'd like to introduce my Page for the day.

His name is Matthew Schneck. He is a sophomore at Naperville Central High School where he is active in the marching band and the jazz band and also plays baseball. He is joined here today by his parents Steve and Kelly and his sister Kelsey. So, if we could extend a warm House welcome, I would greatly appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Glad you're here with us today. Mr. Sauer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed, Sir."

Sauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in the spirit of sportsmanship. The last time we were all together there were several speeches made on the floor, before March Madness officially began, and there were a lot of Loyola Rambler folks that were out there making floor speeches. If you recall, we did a bracket challenge last year. We did a General Assembly bracket challenge this year. There were many people in the General Assembly, the House and the Senate, that participated. There were three individuals who were our top three for the trophy. Representative Theresa Mah, notable mention. Nice job. A rookie this year, Representative John Connor, nice job as well. But the defending champ, Avery Bourne, won again. So congratulations to Representative Avery Bourne on the trophy in the bracket challenge. Great job."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Representative. I'm sure you're buying food for all of us. Mr. Harris is recognized."

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Harris, D.: "Thank you... Thank you, Speaker. Good to be back. Good to see you. A point of personal privilege, if I may?"

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir. Is this where you tell us something good about Illinois?"

Harris, D.: "I am going to give you a point of good news about Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "We're listening, Sir."

Harris, D.: "You're listening closely. And you know, the National Guard has been in the news a lot recently because of actions that are being taken at the Washington level, but the Illinois National Guard, and specifically the Air National Guard, deserves two notes today. One, the 126th Air Refueling Wing down at Scott Air Force Base was awarded an Outstanding Unit Award by the Air Force for its participation and its actions and its readiness to support activities throughout the world in refueling aircraft. And at any given time, if a aircraft needs to be refueled, 50 percent of the time they're going to be refueled by a National Guard tanker. And the other Unit in the Air National Guard that deserves recognition today is 183rd Airlift Wing up in Peoria. The 183rd Airlift Wing in Peoria was noted the best... the best Airlift Wing in the Air Force. Active, Reserve, National Guard, the 183rd in Peoria. Two good news for the Illinois Air National Guard. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. We appreciate the good news. Representative Bellock, do you have good news?"

Bellock: "Yes. Well, just on... to follow up with the March Madness. I just thought all of us would want to give a round of applause to the fabulous Loyola team that went all the way to the Final Four and for the example that they set, not only for their

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school, but for the City of Chicago and the whole State of Illinois. So, could we all give them a round of applause."

Speaker Lang: "Well said, Representative. Congratulations to the Ramblers. Ladies and Gentlemen, moving to the Calendar. House Resolution 888, Mr. Hays."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 888, offered by Representative Hays.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of former Illinois State Representative Tom Berns, and extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him."

Speaker Lang: "Please rise, Members. Mr. Hays."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with great sadness that I rise today as we learned of the death of former Illinois State Representative Thomas B. 'Tom' Berns who passed away on February 19, of this year, at the age of 72. Representative Berns graduated from the University of Illinois in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering and began work as engineer. He founded his own firm that's located on Main Street in Urbana today, Berns, Clancy and Associated (sic-Associates). Which is regarded as one of the premier engineering firms in East Central Illinois. Representative Berns taught surveying at the University of Illinois as an adjunct instructor and around the state for the Engineering Extension Service. In 2000, Representative Berns was appointed to the Illinois House of Representatives to fulfill an unexpired term of then State Representative Tim Johnson and after completing that term, he was reelected and

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served one term. During his brief time here, he sponsored 64 House Bill, 20 Senate Bills, 27 Resolutions. Throughout his career, Representative Berns earned many awards including Young Engineer of the Year, Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association, and the list goes on and on and on. Tom Berns was a gentleman's gentleman. He was a professional's professional. I don't think I ever had the privilege of interacting with Representative Berns when he did not have a smile on his face, when he did not have a good word for everyone in the room. He served with enthusiasm and distinction in his home community of Champaign-Urbana for many, many years. He was a longtime member of the Urbana Rotary Club and its past President. He was team manager for the Prairie Little League for years. He served on boards of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. He was on the board of the Urbana Schools Foundation, the Champaign County Bell Tower Committee. And he served on the board of the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Foundation, the Urbana Park District Foundation. And again, it's a list that is very, very extensive. Representative Berns was a member of the St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Congregation in Urbana for over 50 years. He was a lifelong and enthusiastic Illini sports fan and enjoyed playing golf, tennis, fly fishing, and spending time with his beautiful family. There are still a few Members of this august Body that served with Representative Tom Berns. And I'm sure you will agree with me that I don't know that I've ever met a nicer man than Tom Berns. He was here for the right reasons. He was positive. He was positive even in

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defeat. I think it really reenergized him into becoming even more active in the community and sharing his good will, sharing his very substantial knowledge in the profession of civil engineering. So, to Representative Tom Berns' family and friends, I'd like to take a moment of silence, Mr. Speaker, as we remember a remarkably good man."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you. A point of personal privilege in response to the passing of Mr. Berns."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Ammons: "I had the distinct honor, as a former Champaign County Board member, to work with Mr. Berns at Berns and Clancy for five years consecutively on multiple projects in Champaign County throughout Champaign and Urbana as well as throughout the county in general. And I concur with Representative Hays in that he was a) always smiling and b) always helpful. I believe at one point I looked at his career in Champaign County and he had worked on almost every project for probably 40 years in Champaign County. One building or another has had his footprint on it. And so he will truly be missed. To his family, certainly our deepest sincerest condolences. And I will ask my colleague to add me to this Resolution as we move it to his family and recognize the work of Mr. Berns."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Durkin."

Durkin: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed."

Durkin: "I'm one of those few that did serve with Tom Berns. And I think Representative Hays and Representative Ammons say it very eloquently, he was one of the nicest men I've ever met,

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probably a little too nice for this job and this chamber. But I think it's something that we can learn from Tom Berns is that he always approached his job with enthusiasm, with respect for all no matter what the issue was. He was, as Chad said, a gentleman's gentleman and I really enjoyed my time with him. He lost an election, but the fact is he acquitted himself with great, great honor and respect and never looked back and said that I could of done this or that. He enjoyed life. He enjoyed giving back. There's an expression that we've all heard over the years is that good guys finish last, not in this case. Tom Berns was a good guy and he finished first. And if you read his accomplishments, you realized that he did cross the finish line with grace and dignity and honor. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Body will take a moment of silence. Thank you, Members. This Resolution has already been adopted. House Resolution 943, Representative Finnie. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 943, offered by Representative Phelps Finnie.

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Goreville High School boys basketball team, the Blackcats, on their historic 2017-2018 season, and we wish them many more successful years."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Finnie."

Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're so proud of the Goreville Wild Blackcats down in Goreville, Illinois. They were State Champions this year which is a huge honor. And we are just very proud so. We're just proud of Goreville. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirements so that House Bill 4113 can be heard in Restorative Justice Committee, House Bill 4234 to Agriculture & Conservation, House Bill 4404 in Executive, House Bill 4755 in Labor, and House Bill 5122 in Appropriations-Higher Education. I know of no opposition. I'd appreciate your support."

Speaker Lang: "You heard the Lady's Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 908, offered by Representative Keith Wheeler. House Resolution 909, offered by Representative Mah. House Resolution 917, offered by Representative Halpin. House Resolution 918, Representative Brady. House Resolution 921, offered by Representative Spain. House Resolution 922, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 923, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 924, offered by Representative Stuart. House Resolution 928, offered by Representative Parkhurst. House Resolution 929, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 930, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 931, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 934, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 935, offered by Representative Reick. House Resolution 937, offered by Representative Greenwood. House Resolution 938, offered by Representative Finnie. House Resolution 939, offered by

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Representative Hays. House Resolution 940, offered by Representative Pritchard. House Resolution 941, offered by Representative Welch. House Resolution 942, offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 944, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 945, offered by Representative Zalewski. House Resolution 946, offered by Representative Zalewski. House Resolution 947, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 948, offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 951, offered by Representative Meier. House Resolution 953, offered by Representative Unes. House Resolution 957, offered by Representative Finnie. House Resolution 958, offered by Representative Wallace. House Resolution 961, offered by Representative Butler. House Resolution 962, offered by Representative Swanson."

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. Members, upon adjournment the Republicans will go to caucus in Room 118. The Democrats will not have a caucus. And Committees will be delayed until 1:30 to accommodate the Republican Caucus. Republicans, an immediate caucus in Room 118. Committees will start at 1:30. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Tuesday, April 10 at the hour of 1 p.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned 'til Tuesday, April 10 at 1 p.m."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come in to order. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5853, offered by Representative Bennett, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5854, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5855, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5856, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5857, offered by Representative Stratton, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 910, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 911, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 912, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 913, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 914, offered by Representative Moeller. House Resolution 915, offered by Representative Carroll. House Resolution 916, offered by Representative McSweeney. House Resolution 919, offered by Representative Greenwood. House Resolution 920, offered by Representative Costello. House Resolution 925, offered by Representative McSweeney. House Resolution 932, offered by Representative Stuart. House Resolution 950, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 959, offered by Representative Harper. House Resolution 960, offered by Representative Bellock. House Resolution 965, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Joint Resolution 116, offered by Representative Lilly. House Joint Resolution 117, offered by Representative Costello. House Joint Resolution

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118, offered by Representative Spain. These are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."