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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Wayne Kuna, who is with Soul Priority in Elmhurst. Reverend Kuna is the guest of Representative Morrison. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Kuna... Reverend Kuna."

Reverend Kuna: "Please join me. Well, good morning, Father. First of all, thank You so much for the blessing, Lord, of letting me pray for my Legislators. I just really appreciate it. And Lord, I always pray about them as Legislators and politicians and today, Lord, I want to pray for them as just regular people. I got two things to ask, Father. First of all, Father, these people have people who love them and... and therein, I'm certainly encouraged by them. But I'm sure just as many people who love them maybe even come close to hating them because of what they stand for. And Father... and other people they just know them for what they want from them. I don't know how the human soul can handle that Lord. So, Father, as the first request, as their good Shepherd, would You restore their soul, would you bring healing, that they are a great value apart from their legislative work, and that... that they actually serve You? Would You restore their soul? And the second thing, Lord, you know, their husbands, their wives, their moms, their dads, they have all loved ones at home and they spend a lot of time here. I don't know how they can handle being away. I... I'm going to ask You, Father, as their good Shepherd, that You would go ahead and open up some wider margins for them and set healthy boundaries for them so that they can be around

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the ones they love and love the ones they love, and that those relationships would become vital and rich. And now, Father, I just simply ask You that You would answer this prayer in bigger and better ways than I was able to pray it, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "Be led in the Pledge by Representative Reick."

Reick - 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."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Moeller and Tabares are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Frese is excused for the day."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 110 Members in attendance, we do have a quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2835 (sic - 2853), Senate Bill 2877, Senate Bill 3036, Senate Bill 3240, Senate Bill 3394. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1901, Senate Bill 2254, Senate Bill 2606, Senate Bill 2903, Senate Bill 3217, Senate Bill

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3503. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3031. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 09, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2559, Senate Bill 2927, Senate Bill 2969. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Counties & Townships reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2299, Senate Bill 2313, Senate Bill 2488, Senate Bill 3009. Representative Tabares, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2223. Representative Martwick, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2884. Representative Willis, Chairperson from the Committee on Fire & Emergency Services reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2297. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Special Needs Services reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2265, Senate Bill 3225. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Tollway Oversight reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2291. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass

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Short Debate is Senate Bill 2278, Senate Bill 3191, Senate Bill 3192, Senate Bill 3193. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2018: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2637, Senate Bill 2644. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 1058, offered by Representative Jimenez and House Joint Resolution 129, offered by Representative Moeller are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Stewart is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Stewart: "If Members of the House would welcome the Fox family who are here visiting Springfield from Roselle: Tom, Michelle, Tommy, and Johnny up in the gallery to the left."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to the House of Representatives. Mr. Jones."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead Sir."

Jones: "So, I'm standing with my colleague Representative Davis, who represents half of Homewood as I do. This week is Techweek. And I would like the body... Body to join me in... in the gallery we have from James Hart School we have students who have displays in the gallery. We have the teacher, if you guys want to stand up. Stand up, Cheri. We have Cheri Pesina. We have students: Aaron Latman, Ellie Wojcikowski and Jessica Lyseng. Let's give them a round of applause and thank them."

Speaker Lang: "Good to see in the House chamber today. Thank you. Mr. Pritchard."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Pritchard: "In the balcony today we have the winner of my art contest along with her family. Sadie Marks, and her dad Marty, her mother Krista, her sister... or brother Carter, and sister Chloe. We had an art display and still have it down on the first floor for middle school. And what we're focusing on is how art helps with concentration, creativity, problem solving, attention to detail, and of course, focus. Please welcome the Marks family to the House."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome aboard. We're glad you're with us today. Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Harris, D.: "Now Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, in keeping with good news for the State of Illinois. I know that nobody's moving into the State of Illinois and everybody's moving out and pretty soon the whole place is going to be nothing but a vast wasteland; however, at the end of last year, the City of Chicago was named the top major city for foreign direct investment strategy. Chicago leads all major cities in the Americas for foreign direct investment according to a magazine *The American Cities of the Future 2017/2018*. This follows a recognition from IBM *Global Location Trends* report which ranked Chicago number one in foreign direct investments for four consecutive years. Chicago was the only North American metro area ranked in the top 20 cities in the world. So despite all of the gloom and doom about Illinois and

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Chicago, I think all is not as you might hear. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Davidsmeyer."

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

Speaker Lang: "Go right ahead."

Davidsmeyer: "I would like to have everyone welcome my Page for the day, Esmaralda Von De Stouwe. She's from the Netherlands and she's here with her host parent Denis Daniel up in the gallery right here. If we could give her a warm Springfield welcome, I'd appreciate it."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to our chamber. Thanks for joining us today. Mr. Brady."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Brady: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to introduce my Page for the day, Mr. Jackson Adams, who's a sophomore at Normal Community High School back in my district. Please give him a nice warm welcome to Springfield today."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome. Thank you for being here. Mr. Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "Rise for point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Skillicorn: "Thank you, Sir. I just wanted to speak out today for this silent majority that we all talk about and share stories of homeowners and people who've bought homes all over the State of Illinois but specifically the collar counties up in northeast corner of Illinois. There's plenty of families and people who've bought homes that have seen their home equity decline. They've seen that their property tax bills have gone

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up and many of these people... I had a situation today they bought 10 years ago, their home is still less in value than it was 10 years ago. Many of these people have lost there down payments. These people have spent 50, 60, 70, 80 thousand dollars in property taxes in the past 10 years yet they don't see many... see any home equity out of it. There are people who are still upside down in their home mortgages in the past 10 years. And I... this is specific of interest to me because this story is about me. I bought a home 10 years ago. That home, right now, is currently still 60, 70 thousand dollars less than what it was valued at 10 years ago. I have, again, spent tens of thousands of dollars in property taxes. I have prepaid my mortgage to the number of over \$25 thousand. Yet, if I sold today, I'd still have to take a 60 or 70 thousand dollar loss for what I paid for. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is not a good investment. The people of Illinois are suffering. The people up north are seeing that buying property here in Illinois is not a good investment. So, we are... we canceled Session tomorrow. To my knowledge, we haven't solved our problems. To my knowledge we do not have a revenue estimate. To my knowledge we haven't passed a budget yet. We have 15 working days to pass a budget. I hope that we can work together. I hope that we can work all together the next 15 days to pass a revenue estimate and pass a budget. Thank you very much for your time and your attention. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1040. Representative Finnie. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Resolution 1040, offered by Representative Phelps Finnie."

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate Sheriff Robert Crow on his many years with the D.A.R.E program, and we recognize his commitment to providing the youth of Hamilton County with the knowledge and tools they need to resist drugs, alcohol, and other high-risk behaviors."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Phelps Finnie."

Phelps Finnie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sheriff Crow of Hamilton County is one of the longest serving D.A.R.E teachers in the United States. This year marks his 30th year of teaching young children to resist drugs, alcohol, and other dangerous substances. Sheriff Crow has dedicated his life to public service and I thank him for protecting our children and the community of Hamilton County. Sheriff Crow is a great man and he's quite the legend in Hamilton County. So, we honor him today. 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. Congratulation, Sheriff Crow. Page 8 of the Calendar, under the Order of Resolutions, there appears HJR100, Mr. Meier. Out of the record. House Joint Resolution 108, Representative Willis. Please proceed."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is an initiative of... from the Chicago Public Schools requesting that they have an open rulemaking process put into place. I urge the Body to vote 'yes'."



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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. HJR110, Representative Winger. Please proceed."

Winger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HJR110 urges the FAA to allocate a larger percentage of dollars collected from the existing passenger facility fees already charged and to be allocated to airport noise mitigation and air quality monitoring."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR114, Mr. Philips. Please proceed Sir."

Phillips: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This actually is kind of a remake of *Hacksaw Ridge*. This was a medic that was from my district. His name was Specialist Michael Flood. Began his service to our country on April 3, 1968. This gentleman was a combat medic assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion of 506 Infantry of the 101st Airborne. They actually spent time in the field with the aligned Companies. He was killed in action on Good Friday, April 4, 1969, while on routine patrol outside a first... firebase above the Ashau Valley. His commander at the time, Lieutenant Robinson, indicates Specialist Flood died trying to provide medical aid to Sergeant Jenkins, who had also been mortally wounded in action. Such extraordinary bravery under fire warranted award of the Silver Star, America's third highest award for valor. He was also awarded the Bronze Star for his action. His family is actually requesting a small tribute in Cumberland County between highways to put his name up. And I'm proud to be able to sponsor this. I appreciate everybody's vote for this. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the 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? Please take the record. There are 110 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HJR115, Representative Harper. Representative Harper. Please proceed."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we... I ask that you vote 'aye' for this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Can you give us a just quick explanation of the Resolution, Representative?"

Harper: "Sure. This Resolution just asks that we follow the school discipline guidelines according to the federal guidelines that have been laid out here in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR683, Mr. Olsen. Please proceed, Sir."

Olsen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR683 designates a week in February, February 5 through 9, 2018 as National School Counseling Week. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR702, Mr. Ford. Please proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. HR72... 702 urges the Illinois Supreme Court to require training for prosecutor judges and defense attorneys about racial discrimination and profiling."

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

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HR707, Mr. Arroyo. Out of the record. HR727, Representative Barbra Wheeler. Please proceed."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to pass House Resolution 727. It passed unanimously out of committee and it talks about the dangers of pornography. 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. HR729, Mr. Bennett. Please proceed."

Bennett: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. House Resolution 729 has to do with Fibromuscular Dysplasia. And the Fibromuscular Dysplasia Society of America was founded in March 2003. And because of that month, they would like to designate March of 2018 as... Thank... thank you, Sir... 2018 as a Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month in the State of Illinois. I move for aye vote, please."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR735, Mr. Ford. Proceed."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. HR 30... 735 urges Congress of the United States to enact legislation that we will require gunmakers of toy guns to make them clearly distinguishable between real guns and fake."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR741, Mr. Davis. You may proceed, Sir."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, House Resolution 741 is an initiative of the Republic of China Taiwan a country that I have a great relationship with. What

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I... when I do these Resolutions for them, and if you read them, what you'll notice is that as a country in the Pacific Rim all they desire to do is to actively participate in the organizations that are setting policy and dictate what happens in their region. This is what these Resolutions are for. We know that there are some challenges with a neighboring country in that area. But again, if you read these Resolutions that we do on behalf of Taiwan, you'll see that we are simply trying to affirm our sister-state relationship with them. Many of us have traveled to Taiwan. It's a beautiful country, beautiful place to visit. And then to encourage those that have the ability to allow them to, to encourage their participation in those organizations involving trade, involving policies that are set in the Pacific Rim. And so I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Scherer. Are you speaking to this?"

Scherer: "No."

Speaker Lang: "We'll get back to you. Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Now, Representative Scherer."

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, I'm very excited today. I have the... up in the gallery to my right we have the third graders from Maroa-Forsyth Grade School, which is the grade and class that I taught for 34 years. Well, part of that was third grade. So, if we could give a huge Statehouse welcome and they'll wave back. Welcome to the Capitol. So glad you're here."

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Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. Welcome to the House chamber, everyone. Representative Phelps Finnie is recognized."

Phelps Finnie: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Finnie: "Thank you. I wanted to introduce my Pages for the day. So I think most of you in this chamber will remember Liz Brown Reeves behind me in the gallery. Her son Henry Reeves is in third grade at Farmingdale here in Springfield. And his friend Isaac Brewer. So please welcome them to the chamber."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you and welcome. HR752, Mr. Brady. Please proceed, Sir."

Brady: "Thank you very much, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Resolution 752 simply declares February 18 through the 24 of 2018 as National Grain Bin Safety Week. And I certainly ask for your vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Gentleman's Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR755, Representative Gabel. Please proceed."

Gabel: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill addresses one of the problems that we have with Medicaid Managed Care in the nursing home setting. It's a Resolution that calls for that when there is a conflict with State or Federal Law that the... that should... needs to be resolved in the provider contracts. And this... this Resolution asks that Managed Care... the healthy choice program for Managed Care be postponed

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until... until a number of these issues can be worked out. 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. HR756, Representative Chapa LaVia. You may proceed."

Chapa LaVia: "Sorry. My screen's not up. How are you doing today, Speaker?"

Speaker Lang: "Representative Chapa LaVia is going to present from Representative Sente's... no, Representative Bristow's desk."

Chapa LaVia: "My computer's not working. I'm so sorry, Members. House Resolution 756 is similar to House Resolution 56 in the 100th General Assembly. It was assigned to Human Services Committee, adopted by the committee. It... what it does it makes June 27, 2018, Illinois Post-Traumatic Injury Awareness Day. And I ask for its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Returning to HR707, Mr. Arroyo. Please proceed, Sir."

Arroyo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to call House Resolution 707. This was a Bill that was for cite 1917. The House... House Resolution 707 designates November 30, 2017, as AIDS Healthcare Foundation Day. And I want to adopt the Resolution. This is for CALOR. I know it's passed the time, but they still want the Resolution so... a hard copy of the Resolution. 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. HR759, Mr. Evans. Proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and the great Members of this Assembly. This Resolution... House Resolution 759 encourages all residents to visit our *cancerscreenweek.org* for scanning... screening resources and to continue the message of what we did yesterday. I had all the volunteers down. We welcomed them. Even our own Sister Jean from Loyola spoke about the importance of helping those with cancer and supporting families. It was great to have her down advocating. This is a continuation of that. So please, if you can, on your social medias and websites share *cancerscreenweek.org*. Again so, we continue to show that we're advocating for those affected. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR755... 765, Mr. Greg Harris."

Harris, D.: "No."

Speaker Lang: "Sorry. It's Representative David Harris. Please proceed, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, HR765 recognizes the importance of the agricultural export market in Illinois and urges our congressional delegation to work to ensure that any modifications made to the North American Free Trade Agreement do not endanger or harm the strong export market that Illinois enjoys with our neighbors throughout North America. I ask for your support."

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Speaker Lang: "Those is favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR783, Representative Barbra Wheeler. Proceed."

Wheeler, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thrilled that this House Resolution is on the floor today, hope I get everyone's support. This is in response to the sexual harassment allegations that are at Ford and that the Federal Government do an investigation of the occurrences there. Please, I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those is favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR784, Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans. Proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill... as you all know, I'm the Chair of the Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges. I think it's important for us to look at all of our regional transportation system and think about ways to make them better. The Red Line is a very important piece of the Chicago Transit Authority. It covers the south side of the City of Chicago. It's also utilized by the... our south suburban communities and, quite frankly, our southwestern suburban communities. And I believe that it's important that we look to other regions and other places around the world and not just see it as a piece for the south side of Chicago but how can we extend this important hub of public transportation and encourage and spur public transportation and growth. We need to extend it. We need to have the Federal Government to, again, to see our transit authorities as... as regional, all of them, even the ones in the City of Chicago, to extend out into the end of the city to connect all people. So, I'm



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encouraging our Federal Government to step up to the plate, support the Red Line Extension, support the Chicago Transit Authority, quite frankly, support all of our transit authorities around the state so we can move people, create jobs, spur economic activity, and again, just make our transportation spaces much, much more robust. So, I ask for your support for this very important economic growth activity for the City of Chicago and quite frankly, the entire State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR790, Representative Mayfield. No running, Representative, but hurry. You may proceed."

Mayfield: "Thank you so much. This Resolution just asks that we bring home economics back into the schools. It just urges the schools to consider it as a curriculum item. It is not a mandate or anything like that. It's just that our kids are graduating, they can't boil an egg, they can't sew a button, they have zero life skills. Home economics will help them to do that. Recommend 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "They can't boil an egg? Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The vote... excuse me. Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The Resolution is adopted. HR792, Representative Harper please proceed."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask for the adoption of House Resolution 792, which declares Rare Disease Day in the State of Illinois."

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Speaker Lang: "Those is favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR795, Representative Harper."

Harper: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I ask that we adopt the Resolution that urges the State of Illinois to make school climate and culture a priority."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR802, Mr. Rita. Out of the record. HR803, Mr. Demmer. Please proceed."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 803 declares August of 2018 as Shingles Awareness and Improvement Month in the State of Illinois. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR812, Mr. Harris, Greg Harris. Out of the record. HR816, Mr. Ford."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 812... 816. It directs an audit of the general... the Audit General to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Central Management Services."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is opened. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 104 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HR818, Representative Sente. Out of the record. HR826, Mr. D'Amico. Please Proceed."

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D'Amico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR826 just urges the Secretary of State to implement the statewide electronic lien and title system."

Speaker Lang: "Those is favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR828, Mr. Demmer. Proceed, Sir."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe there's an Amendment."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me, Sir. Yes, there is an Amendment. So, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Demmer, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Demmer on the Amendment."

Demmer: "The Amendment's simply a technical change to remove a few words."

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

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 828 urges the ARDC to look into a rule... Supreme Court Rule that requires Illinois attorneys to disclose whether their malpractice insurance has lapsed. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR830, Mr. Demmer. Proceed, Sir."

Demmer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 830 urges the Department of Natural Resources to explore new ways to finance the renovation of the Eternal Indian Statue. This is a statue that sits in Lowden State Park overlooking the beautiful Rock River Valley in my district just outside the community of

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Oregon. And it's a historic statue that was sculpted by Lorado Taft, a well-known sculptor. It's fallen into disrepair in recent years. The community has gone through great lengths to raise money to help with the restoration and preservation of the statue. We salute their efforts for that. And we look forward to finding ways that the State of Illinois can be a proactive partner in supporting this wonderful work of art, a cultural and economic engine for the area and really, something the State of Illinois should be proud of. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR835, Representative Cassidy. You may proceed."

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Quite simply, HR835 extends the deadline for a task force we created last year to look into the needs of aging youth in care. It took some time to get folks appointed to the task force and this will allow the task force to do its work."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the 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 105 voting 'yes', 1 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. HR837, Representative Hernandez. Please proceed."

Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. House Resolution 837 urges the U.S. Census Bureau to not reinstate the citizenship question to the 2020 census. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who

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wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 54 voting 'yes', 46 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And the Resolution is adopted. HR838, Mr. Evans. Proceed, Sir."

Evans: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The prior reality is whether you're at Michigan Avenue in Chicago or you're on Main Street throughout the State of Illinois a lot of our retailers are taking a hit because of technology. You know, we are ordering things online, whether it be through Amazon, eBay you name it. And the reality is our front porch is becoming the front of a retail store. So, with this Resolution what I'm asking for, and quite frankly demanding, from some of our delivery services whether it's UPS, whether it's even with the Postal Service. And keep in mind that we order a product, it can be something as simple as a cell phone charger before you go on a trip, or it could be your medical device, or it could be, quite frankly, pharmaceuticals that we need to have strategies to get your product and to get your package to that front door which is now like a retail store when you look at kind of where commerce is going with ecommerce. So, we have to keep that in mind and make it better so I can get our products and have them safely delivered to our households for our enjoyment. So, we ask for them to please work on the strategies, whether it's in neighborhoods where packages are being stolen or just getting it there in a timely manner because in this new day and age we need our products in a timely manner. So, request your support."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

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Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, you're... you're calling on the Postal Service, Amazon, FedEx and UPS to try to make sure the packages they deliver are not stolen. Have you detected some feeling on their parts that they want our packages to be stolen?"

Evans: "Yeah. And I think... I'm trying to deliver this in the best possibly way."

Breen: "I'm sorry. We just... we're..."

Evans: "I think it's clear that I'm not trying to do that."

Breen: "...if we're going to start voting every Resolution, then I want to make sure that we get all of the information about every Resolution that we do."

Evans: "Yeah. I think realistically that we know that packages are being stolen from every community, from Waukegan, down to Watseka, down to Metropolis. People are stealing packages off of people's porches. I think this is about understanding that as we increase with online shopping that we have to stay on top of the criminals as far delivering these packages. So not telling them that... of course, people will participate in criminal activity. But this is about staying on top of strategies to get those packages delivered to us in appropriate manner."

Breen: "But... Representative, don't you find it a little bit ironic for the House of Representatives to be chastising private businesses about theft when we are probably the number one entity that steals from the taxpayers in this state?"

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Evans: "Yeah. And if... and if you take this as chastising, I truly apologize for that. That is not the intention. I think the intention for us to work together and understand the issue. I think it is our responsibility to bring like concern. I think there's concern that I'm getting from my constituents, and constituents in your community, constituents all over their packages are being stolen. I think that if we can take the approach that you're mentioning and make it about chastising or we can take the approach saying that we ought to figure this thing out because it's the future. The future is online shopping, retail delivery to our houses. So let's figure it out together."

Breen: "It doesn't help these companies at all to have their packages stolen. I mean, there's no... there's no reason these companies... like somehow they're not doing something to stop the theft of packages. There's no indication anywhere that somehow, you know, Amazon is encouraging people to steal packages. I mean, when a packages is stolen by... from FedEx or UPS or the Postal Service, you know, they're hurt just as much as the consumer is. I mean, they've got to cover that. They've got all these return claims and things like that. So what's the point of urging these businesses to do the thing that they do already?"

Evans: "And I think there's more..."

Breen: "What new thing are you asking them to look at?"

Evans: "Yeah. I think that's why we come together. Once we identify a problem I think collectively we come together, we talk about issues. I think here, we, as an advocacy part of what we do, discussing issues. Packages being stolen is a

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problem. I think we can work with businesses, work with our communities to kind of lead the way to help solve this problem. So, you can make this Resolution into something that it is not. But what it is, is about us working together with businesses so we can get our packages."

Breen: "To the Resolution. You know, this is yet another place. Again, this... this House has stolen more money and property from the people of Illinois than thieves will ever steal from poor... front porches. So, it's hypocritical for us to somehow tell some of the biggest businesses and the most successful businesses in the country their business and somehow insinuate that they're not doing their work."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Wallace."

Wallace: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Wallace: "So, after that thorough discussion, in which we were erroneously accused of stealing from our own citizenry, I'm... doesn't the Resolution also end or the second to last paragraph of the Resolution say that we urge the citizens of Illinois to take additional measures to make sure that their packages are not stolen from their front doors or porch... porches? It says citizens and companies, right?"

Evans: "You know, of course, I think it's a team effort. I think we have identified a problem. I think there's been news stories about this issue. It effects every single community. Probably affluent communities even more because they order even more and the commerce activity is higher. So I think it's a problem. We got to get on top of this problem. I think the spokesperson is bringing up some points that he's



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concerned about, but it has nothing to do with this Resolution. So I would ask folks to kind of pull back and let's just focus on this Resolution. We have time to argue the larger issues, what's wrong with the State of Illinois. But this Resolution is focused on package delivery and how we engage with those companies."

Wallace: "Absolutely. I want to say thank you for this good consumer protection piece of legislation. It's also a great piece of... or a great Resolution for business climate and culture in our state. We just want to make sure, as you stated, that everyone's working together, making sure that our online businesses are as successful as others, and that people get the products that they believe... or get the products they ordered. So I encourage everyone to support this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR841, Representative Conroy. Please proceed."

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. HR841 simply recognizes February 2018 as School-Based Health Center Awareness Month."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR843, Mr. Jones. You may proceed."

Jones: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR843 is a Resolution that directs the Auditor to perform an audit of the Ford Heights Library. The district has agreed to not only pass a Resolution from this board, but this is due to the actions of the previous board. The library received some state funds. So this Resolution will work in conjunction with the Auditor and also

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allow the school district, the current board, to have a healthy audit."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "Representative, how much is this going to cost.. this audit?"

Jones: "Well, the school dis... well, the library has agreed to pay for the audit. The reason that this is, is the library in the past has received some state funding. So, the correct authority will be to have the Auditor look at those accounts that they received from the state and see if there's been any issues with the... those fundings and misplaced funds."

Breen: "And... at least my analysis says something about the library board collected \$8.7 million, I guess, from '08 to 2012, but they weren't actually a library or possessing even a physical library. So, is the point of this audit to figure out where all the money went?"

Jones: "Correct."

Breen: "Okay. And we're going to trust the Auditor General to find all of those moneys that have been improperly spent or squirreled away?"

Jones: "I have confidence that the Auditor General will... will find it and work to and in conjunction with the Library District."

Breen: "Fair enough. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Ives."

Ives: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And thank you, Mr. Jones for bringing this Resolution. I think it's really important that

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we find out what's happening with these municipalities, especially with their funding. The *Southtown* just did an entire report on what's happening with the Harvey Library District. And they're... they issued bonds, \$6 million worth in 2015 and they don't have enough money to make the debt service and they're literally thinking of closing their doors. And apparently, the same thing has happened nearby in Riverdale. So, we've got ongoing problems in our municipalities, none of them... many of them can't afford to operate services that residents expect and many of them are nearing bankruptcy. They could be de facto bankruptcy. And this is one of the pressing problems that this General Assembly has failed to address. So, I... I assure you that this is not going away. This problem's not going to be solved on its own. And we need to allow restructuring of debt from any municipalities so they can continue to operate. So, I applaud Representative Jones for listening to what happened with this particular... in this particular case with missing money plus potentially. But also what's really happening to the services down in south suburban Cook County where property taxes are approaching 5, 10, 15 percent of property values. And you... you see a continuing decline of services including police and fire protection. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess I'll kind of speak to the Resolution. So, the Representative is raising some questions about a taxing body in his district, which he's well welcome to do so, and ask questions, and provide the transparency that he seeks. But the previous speaker mentioned her

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community and several communities in my district about what she calls the financial problems and their inability to make payments. And part of the reason why they can't do that is because Representatives like her don't vote to help fund programs in communities like mine to give them the opportunity. She can sit in her ivory tower in Wheaton where they have ton of businesses and a lot of opportunity, but unfortunately, when it comes time to help communities in my district, she won't stand up for them. All she does is talk about them and talk about how bad they are. She's never even been to the communities. She doesn't know the problems that exist in those communities. So I wish that she would leave my communities out of her mouth. I really wish she would do that unless you're willing to help me to fix them. All you do is talk about them. All you do is downgrade them. All you do is say the people there don't deserve what your communities have. So, until you're ready to come to the table and really talk about helping the communities, leave them out of your mouth. Would you... can you do that? Well, you know what, I don't think you can 'cause you can't help yourself. But unless you're really willing to work to make this Body help communities like that because they don't have the investment because they invest in your communities. My people have to drive two hours to get to your jobs. Help me to build them in my community. And until you are willing to help me do that, leave them out of your mouth."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bristow. Do..."

Bristow: "I have a point... personal point of privilege, Sir."

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Speaker Lang: "After this... put your light back on. We'll get right back to you. Mr. Jones to close."

Jones: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Libraries are an essential part of our communities. Libraries in my district, Representative Davis's district are suffering. They're not receiving tax revenue. It's important that we provide essential services to the residents. This Resolution is simply trying to get to the... the issue at hand to make sure that we have a healthy library. I would ask for your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the 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? Please record yourselves. Please take the record. There are 109 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Chair recognizes Representative Bristow."

Bristow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Personal point of privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Bristow: "Behind me in the gallery I have students from East Alton Middle School. They're part of TECH 2018. And their project is the East Alton District 13 news station. Those students are Adrianna Ulrich, Ronnie Myers, Riley Randolph and Alyssa Smith. And they're behind me in the gallery and give them a warm Springfield welcome."

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

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

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Halbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I also have some students from the district here, Sullivan School. For TECH Day I have somewhere in the... right up behind my left shoulder here, from Sullivan School, I have with us today, with a display in the south hall, we have Atticus Harris, Kaitlynn Snelling, and teachers Valerie Kalagian and Annie McClellan. Let's give them a warm Springfield welcome today."

Speaker Lang: "Glad you're with us. Thank you. Enjoy your day here. Mr. Batinick."

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

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Batinick: "I want to thank nurses Ann, Denise and Leonna Burnham for taking care of the accident I had this morning with a knife and an avocado in a timely fashion. They did a great job."

Speaker Lang: "We want to hear more about that, Sir. HR844, Mr. Turner. Out of the record. HR846, Mr. Olsen. Please proceed, Sir."

Olsen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR846 declares June 15, 2018, as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the State of Illinois. This is an important issue and we want to bring attention to it on June 15. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR847, Mr. Olsen."

Olsen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR847 urges Governor Rauner and Secretary of State White to direct all state agencies to explore ways to reduce energy consumption, particularly by

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turning off lights in buildings on non working hours. I think this is an important way to save money and help the planet. I ask for your support."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR849, Representative Bristow. Please proceed."

Bristow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR849 designates the month of April 2018 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Resolution will say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. HR850, Representative Flowers. Please proceed. Understand there's an Amendment, Representative Flowers. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Flowers on the Amendment."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would appreciate the passage of HR850. And basically, it's calling for a Medicaid Task Force to oversee the changes that we're going through in regards to Medicaid because a lot of people are now forced into Medicaid HMOs. And I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen, do you... are you speaking to the Amendment or the Resolution, Sir?"

Breen: "To the Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Amendment say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Flowers on... excuse me. The Amendment is

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adopted. Mr. Clerk, sorry about my error. Representative Flowers now on the Resolution."

Flowers: "I move for this passage or adoption."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Breen."

Breen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Sponsor yields."

Breen: "And then, Representative, I just want to make sure. Are we creating a task force here? Is that what we're doing with this... this Resolution?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Breen: "And why? So, it'd be the Medicaid Managed Care Oversight Task Force."

Flowers: "Sir, a few years back we had managed care here in the State of Illinois. We ran into lots of problems. And now, people on Medicaid are forced to be into a managed care. And we need to know that the rules and the quality of care is adhered to because these people are on Medicaid. And it's the taxpayer's money. And we want to make sure that the proper care and attention is being given."

Breen: "And then, who are the members of this task force?"

Flowers: "Whomever the Governor and the appointed Leaders so decide. So, it could be you and I."

Breen: "Well and I... I just... I think the task force is three Members appointed by the Speaker of the Illinois House, three Members appointed by the Minority Leader of the Illinois House..."

Flowers: "Yep."

Breen: "...and 4 Members appointed by the Governor. Does the Senate get any Members on the task force?"



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Flowers: "Did we leave the Senators off?"

Breen: "I think we did. And I'm not..."

Flowers: "Well, we..."

Breen: "...that's not necessarily a bad thing, but it's just... it's something to at least be aware of."

Flowers: "Well... well, we could... we could figure that out later, you know."

Breen: "And I was wondering. Who is going to administer the task force and pay for everything, all the administrative time?"

Flowers: "It will... it'll probably be the Department of Human Services or one of those social services agencies."

Breen: "Okay. So, we don't... we don't have a cost estimate or... and I guess I should ask. What does the... I think it's the Department of Healthcare and Family Services..."

Flowers: "Well, I think in regards to the cost, Representative, that is what we're supposed to do to make sure that the Bills that we passed and the implementation is done properly on behalf of our constituents."

Breen: "And as well, I see that... that was brought to my attention. You had HR232 in the 99th General Assembly, which the House adopted unanimously. What happened with the... the task force from the 99th General Assembly?"

Flowers: "You... I think the Governor did not appoint the Members. And so, therefore, I'm determined to make sure that it... the appointment is made and the task force is done. And maybe had we done it back then, we wouldn't be wondering about what's going on now."

Breen: "Interesting."

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Flowers: "It's about safety, it's about quality, it's about access."

Breen: "Okay. So, there... there's no... I mean, yeah. So, this is just a Resolution. It's not a... a piece of legislation that would order... order the creation. It just..."

Flowers: "Well..."

Breen: "...if each of these entities decides to appoint."

Flowers: "...no, it's... it's not a Bill. So it's not a 'shall', but I think it's something that's necessary that... so we'll know how the taxpayer's dollars are being spent to make sure that the managed care companies are doing exactly what it is that they're supposed to do, living up to the letter of the law from the legislation we have passed already."

Breen: "Okay. And then, are there any opponents to your... to your Resolution?"

Flowers: "Not a one."

Breen: "Okay. Thank you, Representative."

Flowers: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the 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? Please record yourselves, Members. Please take the record, Mr. Clerk. There are 98 voting 'yes', 2 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "You may proceed."

Lilly: "Thank you. At this time, I'd like us to take a minute to recognize our former Representative Debra Graham, who's with

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us in our General Assembly today. Can we give her a round of... and welcome home, Debra."

Speaker Lang: "Good to see you."

Lilly: "We love you. We miss you."

Speaker Lang: "Good to see you, Debra. Thanks for joining us.

Chair recognizes Representative Manley on a point of personal privilege."

Manley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was talking to a young woman recently who came up to me to advocate for the Equal Rights Amendment. I asked her why she cared so much about the ERA when we already had laws like Title IX for students and workplace protections against sex discrimination. Her answer was that laws can be changed and repealed. In recent months, we have seen several attempts at the federal level to roll back Title IX, which impacts the funding for programs like the ones that support survivors of sexual assault on our college campuses. Policies change over time; that's democracy. But equality for women should not be dependent on who is in the White House or Congress. It should not be left up to interpretation. Equality for women should be the law of the land and we need to ratify this Amendment now. Let's talk about what the ERA is and is not. The ERA is not an expansion of abortion rights. It is access to comprehensive sexual education and contraception that would prevent many of the unplanned pregnancies that often lead to abortion in the first place. It is giving women equal pay they deserve and reasonable workplace accommodations they need to provide for themselves to... and take care of their families. The ERA is not about sharing bathrooms. The ERA is not about the military

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draft. It is about putting women on equal footing with men for the first time in American history. And we cannot continue to allow fear to stop us from doing the right thing or allow fake news to cloud our judgment and dictate how we conduct business here in Illinois. We have a long way to go to achieve equality for everyone. And this Amendment is a step in the right direction. On Monday, Governor Rauner stated publicly that he supports equality for everyone. And I was so glad to hear that because the equal treatment of women should not be a partisan issue. This week the Capitol was full of people advocating for the ERA. The *Tribune* reported on this and social media exploded with words of encouragement for the Governor to use the power of his office to guide his caucus to follow his lead and to support rights for all women. I expect, based on his words, that the Governor will be calling upon his caucus to support the ERA. As we all know, the Governor himself can't vote or sign the ERA, but I'm sure he will ask House Republicans to do their part in this important moment in our history. Let's get this done once and for all and together stand up for women all over this country by becoming the 37th state in the union to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Demmer is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1057, offered by Representative Bristow. House Resolution 1059,

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offered by Representative Unes. House Resolution 1060, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell. And House Resolution 1061, offered by Representative Arroyo."

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. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Tuesday, May 15 at the hour of noon. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned. Happy Mother's Day."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. A Member statement offered by Representative Terri Bryant concerning the Southern Illinois University system."

Bryant: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you very much. Today I rise to speak in defense of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. As the State Representative of SIUC, I've been disturbed by a pattern of behaviors and attitudes towards the campus that I've witnessed in recent months. We all recognize that the state's multiyear budget impasse has a tremendously... had a tremendously negative impact on the entire higher education system in our state. But as a result of July 2017's budget action, some sense of financial stability has begun to take hold in the state university system. However, in the last couple of months just as SIUC Carbondale started to implement a long-term plan for reorganization a scheme to divert more than \$5 million from SIUC to SIU-E rapidly bubbled to the surface. Thankfully, a bipartisan coalition of Legislators from Southern Illinois joined area leaders and

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came out in strong and very public opposition to the funding shift. To my relief and to the relief of thousands of students, teachers and small businesses that are positively served and impacted by SIUC, the SIU Board of Trustees narrowly voted down the proposal. It seemed for a moment that the Carbondale campus had dodged a proverbial bullet, but just when SIUC Carbondale felt that one of the threats they were facing had ended, three Members of the House Democrat Majority began moving legislation that would split the Southern Illinois University system in two. On Thursday, April 19, I attended a hearing of the House Higher Education Committee where a package of four Bills: House Bill 1292, House Bill 1293, House Bill 1294, and House Bill 5860, brought for consideration by Representative Hoffman, Stuart and Bristow were brought to that committee. Both Republican and Democrat Members of the committee helpfully identified the legislation as a direct attack on Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Sponsor of the Bill was not able to sufficiently answer as to the economic impact that such a drastic measure would have on the City of Carbondale, to the Southern Illinois economy as a whole, or to the SIU system as a whole. SIU Carbondale is a nationally accredited research university, one of only two in Illinois. The loss of that accreditation would be devastating, leaving the University of Illinois as the only accredited higher education research facility in Illinois. I believe that the Democrat-sponsored attack on SIU Carbondale willfully ignores the importance of the research that is performed at SIUC. My Republican colleagues and I also pushed back against claims that SIU

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Edwardsville has had an explosion in enrollment growth over the last seven years. SIU Edwardsville enrollment has actually stagnated over the period of the last seven years. So, if the argument is that SIU Edwardsville is growing so fast that it needs more money, then let's do a study of that. Let's do a study not... not a biased study from either campus, but a study that is independent, unbiased and external. And that should bear out whether or not a shift needs to be done in the funding. But I believe that the third party should provide that independent analysis of the effect that this move would make on the... not only the SIU system but also in... as... to the region as a whole. While the fiscal impact to the entire southern-most region of Illinois may not be fully known, there would be a negative fiscal impact to the state from the legislation. By creating another university income fund, there would be costs associated to the Auditor General's Office for conducting another audit, by creating another Board of Trustees there would be costs associated or incurred for reimbursement of board members, for expenses and to transfer records, books, papers, documents and property. All four Bills I would call an... the attack Southern Illinois Carbondale package, did pass the Higher Ed Committee against Republican opposition. Now, these Bills are sitting on Second Reading. Thankfully, the deadline to pass substantive Bills through the House have passed, but as we all know, no bad idea is ever truly dead in Springfield. As a Murphysboro resident, as a proud... supporter of SIUC, as a Member of the House Higher Education Committee, I firmly believe that Southern Illinois University will be healthier and more

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attractive as a cohesive unit. And I believe splitting the system apart will weaken the entire system. To the hundreds of constituents that contacted me in opposition to splitting up... splitting up SIU, to my colleagues of the House Higher Education Committee, and to the members of the SIU Board of Trustees that rejected the transfer of \$5 million away from Carbondale, I want to say thank you. It's my sincere pledge that I will continue to fight against this effort. And I've said on the House Floor before, I urge my colleagues in the House and Senate to end the attacks on SIUC, help me restore the Carbondale campus to its rightful place as the economic powerhouse and flagship research institution that we all know that it can be. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Report. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue & Finance reports the following committee action taken on May 02, 2018: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 1025. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5876, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5877, offered by Representative Wallace, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 560, offered by Representative Halpin, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2341, offered by Representative Bourne, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 2447, offered by Representative Drury, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2522, offered by Representative Wallace, a Bill for an Act



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concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2591, offered by Representative Meier, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. Senate Bill 2598, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2707, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2804, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2808, offered by Representative Demmer, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2898, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 2907, offered by Representative Wheeler, Barbara, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 3027, offered by Representative McDermed, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 3033, offered by Representative Jesiel, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 3085, offered by Representative Jesiel, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3103, offered by Representative Mah, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 3141, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3185, offered by Representative Jesiel, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Senate Bill 3488, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 47, offered by Representative Hammond; Senate Joint Resolution 63, offered by Representative Winger; Senate Joint Resolution 67, offered by Representative Moeller; and Senate Joint Resolution 8, offered by Representative Bennett are referred to the Rules

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