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Speaker Lang: "The Fourteenth Special Session of the House will come to order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. 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. Padget."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, we commit this working day to You. May we engage with each task with faith and perseverance. May we manage each situation with wisdom and value. May we speak and serve with integrity and purpose. Lord, we invite You to work within us today. These things we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We shall be led in the Pledge by Mr. Wheeler."

Wheeler, K. - 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 show that Representatives Manley, Halpin, Soto, Dan Burke, and Carol Sente are excused. Each of these either has illness of his or her... his or her own, of a family member or is attending a funeral for a loved one."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record show that we have excused absences for Representatives Batinick, Cabello, Demmer, Hays, McSweeney, Sosnowski, Stewart, and Barbra Wheeler. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 90 Members present. There is a quorum of the Fourteenth Special Session. Mr. Clerk, please read the Governor's Proclamation."

Clerk Hollman: "Proclamation from the Governor.

WHEREAS, the Illinois Constitution establishes that providing a free, high-quality public education is a fundamental goal of the State; and,

WHEREAS, honoring this fundamental goal has always been a primary concern of this administration; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Illinois depend on schools that are appropriately funded and start on time; and,

WHEREAS, many school districts depend on funds appropriated by the State and cannot operate throughout the full upcoming school year without those funds; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Illinois deserve adequate and equitable education funding regardless of their zip code; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly chose to make appropriations for education in its Fiscal Year 2018 budget contingent on passage of revisions of the State's school funding formula; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, in fact, passed a revised school funding formula in Senate Bill 1 on May 31, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, since Senate Bill 1 passed, I have repeatedly requested the General Assembly send it to my desk; and,

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has ignored my repeated requests to send Senate Bill 1 for review; and,

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WHEREAS, the General Assembly has instead delayed for 54 days since it passed Senate Bill 1 by using an internal legislative maneuver to avoid presenting Senate Bill 1 to me; and,
WHEREAS, until the General Assembly ends its procedural antics and sends me Senate Bill 1, I cannot consider it; and,
WHEREAS, the acts of the General Assembly are creating an artificial crisis for school funding across the state; and,
WHEREAS, this artificial crisis is causing an unnecessary atmosphere of statewide fear in the minds of parents, educators, and all involved with the State's education system; and,
WHEREAS, this delay is unacceptable gamesmanship with the students of this State; and
WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education is required to begin making payments to school districts across the State by August 1, 2017; and,
WHEREAS, a new education funding formula must therefore be adopted by July 31, 2017, to ensure that school districts receive the money they need to open; and,
WHEREAS, we must provide certainty to parents with school-age children, educators, and all Illinois citizens who care about education and the future of our State; and,
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1 as passed by the General Assembly does not ensure fair funding and outcomes for all our children, and failure to enact a school funding bill will negatively impact those children in need of a high-quality education and will have devastating and long-lasting ramifications for our state; and,

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WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 1, a single school district unfairly receives hundreds of millions of dollars in extra funding beyond the amounts received under the funding formula by the other 851 school districts in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, our State's current school funding formula is inadequate and inequitable for our children's education needs and has not been appropriately managed for decades; and,

WHEREAS, this administration, through the Illinois State Board of Education and the bipartisan Illinois School Funding Reform Commission, studied at great length the current disparity in school funding across the State and developed a framework for reforming the current school funding formula; and,

WHEREAS, this administration, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the bipartisan Illinois School Funding Reform Commission worked tirelessly to achieve what many other funding commissions have not: a comprehensive framework that aims to adequately and equitably fund our schools while prioritizing the needs of individual students; and,

WHEREAS, both the General Assembly's behavior and the inequitable legislation they have propounded will prevent schools from opening, to the detriment of this State and Illinois families who trust and expect their children to be adequately and equitably educated on time; and,

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution empowers the Governor to convene a special session of the General Assembly;

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THEREFORE, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(b) of the Illinois Constitution, I, Governor Bruce Rauner, hereby call and convene the 100th General Assembly in a Special Session to commence at 12:00 Noon on July 31, 2017, for the purpose of considering appropriate legislation to ensure that all school districts in Illinois are equitably and adequately funded to provide a high-quality education for all Illinois students. The Secretary of State shall take whatever reasonable steps are necessary to notify the members of the General Assembly of the purpose, date, and time set for convening this Special Session pursuant to 25 ILCS 15/3. ISSUED: July 24, 2017 by Bruce Rauner, the Governor of State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, introduction of Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Fourteenth Special Session House Resolution #1 and Fourteenth Special Session House Resolution #2 are offered by Representative Currie."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the suspension of applicable House Rules to allow for the immediate consideration of Fourteenth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read Fourteenth Special Session House Resolutions 1 and 2."

Clerk Hollman: "Fourteenth Special Session House Resolution #1.

RESOLVED, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly be adopted as the Rules of this Fourteenth Special Session, so far as the same may be applicable, and that the Committees of the House of Representatives of the One Hundredth General Assembly, and

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their membership, shall constitute the Committees of the House during this Fourteenth Special Session. Fourteenth Special Session House Resolution #2.

RESOLVED, that the Clerk inform the Senate that a majority of the House of Representatives has assembled, pursuant to the proclamation of the Governor, convening a Fourteenth Special Session of the General Assembly, and are now ready for the transaction of business."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of Fourteenth Special Session Resolutions 1 and 2. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "Fourteenth Special Session House Joint Resolution #1, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE FOURTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION THEREOF, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on the 1st Legislative Day and the Senate adjourns on the 1st Legislative Day, the House shall remain in continuous session and stands adjourned until the call of the Speaker, and the Senate shall remain in continuous session and stands adjourned to the call of the President."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Jimenez on a point of personal privilege."

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Jimenez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have just three quick into's today. First, my Page for a day is Charlie Yockey who is also serving as an intern in our office this summer. Charlie, if you could stand up and give a warm welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Hello, welcome."

Jimenez: "And I also have two very important people in the gallery today. My Dad Ed and my Uncle Ted who has baptized me gave me, my First Communion, was involved in my wedding and has baptized the twins, all of which my dad was also there too. If we could them a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, Ed and Ted, right? Representative, you said Ed and Ted? All right, I'd have dressed better, if I known they were going to be here. Mr. Ford is recognized."

Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Two points of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I invite you all to wish Representative, Leader Flowers a happy birthday. Today is her birthday. So, let me be the one to announce that today. And I also... have a point of personal privilege for the Governor. I want to say that I'm here today for the Governor's Fourteenth Special Session at the call of Governor Rauner. I appreciate the Governor's concern about fairness in the funding in education and his fight to better fund education across the state. I'm here to urge the Governor to sign a Bill that does good for public education in Illinois. I urge Governor Rauner to sign Senate Bill 1 because businesses look for communities that have good education. I urge Governor Rauner to sign Senate Bill 1 because the business community

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is looking at Illinois and if you want to grow businesses in Illinois, improve education. Improving education will do that. As a realtor, I know people look to move in cities and states with the best public education. It is hard to have a Bill that has something good in it for every part of the state. Most Bills in Springfield either does good for one region, but hurt another. Not Senate Bill 1. Senate Bill 1 does good for every region in Illinois. Senate Bill 1 is only the beginning of the state's responsibly to improve public education in Illinois. Signing Senate Bill 1 makes you a hero, Mr. Governor, a hero to the students and families and communities across the State of Illinois. Signing Senate Bill 1 hurts no one; signing Senate Bill 1 helps students and families across the state and puts the State of Illinois on the right path to improve educational outcomes in every school district in Illinois. Vetoing Senate Bill 1 would be equivalent to President Trump's call to repeal Obamacare. There is no reason to veto Senate Bill 1, given the fact that school districts across the state have provided evidence that Senate Bill 1 would improve their ability and improve education in their schools. Senate Bill 1 hurts no school district; it helps every school district. This Bill should become law and does good for every school district in Illinois. I urge Governor Rauner to be the hero for school children in Illinois, sign Senate Bill 1 and continue to fight to make Illinois the best place to come for a quality education for school children. I urge Governor Rauner to sign

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Senate Bill 1 for the people of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Mr. Durkin is recognized."

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

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Durkin: "I appreciate the previous comments those scripted and prepared remarks, and but let's just go back and take a very basic civics lesson. The Governor cannot take action on a Bill until it's actually released from the chambers, placed on his desk. So, as of right now, 12:11 in the afternoon on Monday, the Senate still has not sent SB1, Senate Bill 1 to the Governor. So there's nothing for him to sign. But let's be perfectly clear that the men and women on this side of the aisle are prepared to work, and I know that they began the negotiations over the weekend, to fulfill our obligation to make sure that public schools will open on time, but even more importantly, the public schools will get additional funding, fair and equitably throughout the State of Illinois. So throwing this Obamacare nonsense into the equation doesn't help move things forward. Let's get our work done; let's go about this in a peaceful, respectful, professional manner. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Harper is recognized."

Harper: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Harper: "I would like to introduce everyone to a very special guest my daughter Sophia Harper. This is her first time in

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the Capitol today so please welcome her. She's very happy to be here with her mommy."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome, we're happy to have you here with us as well. Thank you, Representative. Mr. Harris."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed, Sir."

Harris, D.: "Thank you. I'm not going to introduce anyone, and I'm not going to talk about education. But I would like to put something in the record. Last Thursday, the *Chicago Tribune* wrote about... wrote an editorial about the fact that Foxconn you probably know Foxconn has agreed to open up a facility in Wisconsin that's going to put apparently as many as 3 thousand maybe 13 thousand jobs in southeastern Wisconsin... and the editorial in the *Tribune* was critical of the Speaker and the President of the Senate saying that, well, because of their policies over the past number of years, that's why Foxconn went to Wisconsin. Now, I'm not going to stand up necessarily and defend the Speaker and the... and the President of the Senate for all the policies that may or may have not been enacted over past number of years, but I'd like to make just a couple of observations if I can about this. Number 1, there were seven states vying for Foxconn... Foxconn location, seven states. And one of the states was the anti-Illinois, that paragon of everything that Illinois is not, Indiana. And Indiana didn't get it either. So, son of a gun, I guess the leadership in Indiana wasn't as good as... as the leadership in Wisconsin, so goodness gracious. The other

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observation that I'd like to make and if the editorial writers in the *Tribune* read their own paper, it said, the decision to build the plant in Wisconsin also stemmed from 3 billion, that's billion with a 'b', 3 billion in state economic incentives, \$3 billion in state economic incentives. Now, we often get criticized for our EDGE tax credit here in Illinois that, you're giving these benefits to corporations. This just tells you the competitive nature among the states. Three billion dollars in economic incentives, so that's an observation. And one final observation and we have with us here a distinguished Member of the Illinois Senate. And I'd like to draw to her attention this final fact. We maybe could offer incentives through our EDGE tax credit as well. Wait a minute, we don't have an EDGE tax credit anymore because it expired on June 30. We have no competitive program to offer any company because it expired. And it didn't... it didn't expire because of the work of the House because the Chairman of the Revenue Committee, and the distinguished Representative from the 50th District and I had a little hand in it. We actually passed an EDGE tax credit continuation Bill that made... made some changes that made it better. but it languishes over in the Senate. So our distinguished colleague from the Illinois State Senates, hopefully we can send a message back to them, pass the EDGE tax credit and maybe then we could offer \$3 billion and get Foxconn or a company like it in Illinois. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Sir. Do you have that 3 billion with you, Sir? Mr. Ford is recognized."

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Ford: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed, Sir."

Ford: "Mr. Speaker, the previous Leader... speaker spoke about scriptive language. I have to say that I took my personal time to come to the chamber to write my thoughts about Senate Bill 1. I didn't really need anybody to write the words that I said. They were not that profound. And so, I find it pretty offensive to think that I couldn't think of those small words and little speech on my own. And I also, find it offensive to think that I brought up the word Veto. The Governor is the one that started the talk of Veto. I'm actually surprised that he would even talk about vetoing Senate Bill 1 because he likes the Bill. And so, I did not bring up Veto and I understand the process that it takes for the Governor to have the ability to veto the Bill. It has to go to his desk. But he already said that he plans to Veto it. So I drove down here to do my job, to be prepared for the Governor's veto, if that's what he wants, but the majority of my message to the Governor wasn't about him vetoing it, it was about him signing it. And I think that he would be a hero to the State of Illinois, if he signs Senate Bill 1. And so, it wasn't my words, it was the Governor's words that he would veto it. How could he say he's going to veto something he doesn't have. He said it, not me. So, once again I ask the Governor to be the hero for the State of Illinois and sign Senate Bill 1."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Pritchard on a point of personal privilege."

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Pritchard: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the House and Senate have a Joint Commission that deals with Government Forecasting and Accountability. The director of COGFA is retiring as of today. And I've invited him on the House Floor so that we could express our thoughts and appreciation for his nearly 40 years of service. And do we have a partial Resolution that we might highlight some of his accomplishments?"

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, we cannot adopted this Resolution, but please read parts of it."

Clerk Hollman: (sic-House Joint Resolution 76)

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we thank Dan Long for his almost four decades of public service, climaxing in his tenure of more than 16 years as the Executive Director of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we mention and praise the role of Dan Long, and COGFA's permanent staff, in providing guidance to the Illinois General Assembly during the challenging fiscal climate that has marked the history of Illinois since the events of 2001; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we wish Dan Long a full life upon his retirement, with the support of his friends, children, and family."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "So, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dan Long started with State Government and various agencies back in 1975 when he was fresh out of the University of Illinois. And he stated at that time

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with the Comptroller's Office, that was just created with Constitutional Convention and that office started in 1972. Following his service with the Comptroller's Office he also worked in the Governor's Office. He worked with the former Commerce or DCEO as we now know it, but Commerce and Community Affairs. He worked in the Department of Central Management Services and was active in the House Republican organization for a number of years. Through these nearly 40 years about half of that time was spent in the Executive Branch, and about half of that time was spent in the Legislative Branch. Today he completes the cycle and also is servicing as Page on the House floor. So, I think he's covered just about every job. And when Dan Long came to COGFA, he really came at very troubling time when the news that he brought the Legislature on fiscal affairs was not a positive mention. And yet when he gave those pos... those negative reports, they were received positively because of the accuracy of his staff and his leadership in that organization. I think we have been the bearer of good service from an individual that is at the front of the chamber and I invite you to come up and meet with him after this Resolution. But also, to come over to 200 North in the Stratton Building, if you're still here at 3:00 this afternoon, where we will have refreshments and another opportunity for you to visit with Dan and hear some of his stories about the things that have accomplished and transpired over the last 40 years. So, it is my honor as cochair of COGFA and the other eight Members here in the House to thank Dan Long for many years of service and some positive,

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very authentic reports that he's issued not only the State Legislature, but also state agencies and the citizens of Illinois. So, our congratulations to Dan and thank you for your service."

Speaker Lang: "Congratulations, Dan. Good luck to you in all you do. Mr. Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. And just very briefly, there are those of us who go back way too far and we remember something known as Ec and Fisc which is the Economic and Fiscal Commission which preceded the Commission on... on Government Forecasting and Accountability. And I have to say... we can't say enough good things about Dan Long. What he has done with COGFA, with the reputation for excellence, the outstanding reports that they put out, it's a service to us. It's one of the best state agencies that we have around. We look to them and we turn to them when we want accuracy in numbers whether it's for revenue or for... for spending. And he's absolutely done a great job. Dan, thank you very much for everything you've done. We all owe you great debt of gratitude. Thanks a lot."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Proceed please."

Bellock: "I would just like to echo what Representative Harris just said. I was cochair of COGFA for several years or however long the term was, but I can't say enough about Dan Long is of the most wonderful people ever work with since I have been

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here. And we were together the year that Governor Quinn decided to close the institutions, so we... Jeff Schoenberg was the other cochair. We spent seven hearings together throughout the state for the first half of the year, and then the Governor wanted to close more. So, together we spent 14 hearings that year throughout the State of Illinois. And Dan was as nice with the first hearing... most of those hearings were 5 to 7 hours long. And so, I wanted to thank Dan for all his professionalism. He is one of the most congenial people I've ever met, but also one of the most professional that got the job done and made COGFA what it is today, a very, very respectful agency in the State of Illinois. So, thank you again, Dan, for all your work."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. And once again, thank you to Dan. Leader Durkin is recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you. Dan, I also want to express my... my great thanks for the many years of service you've done to the State of Illinois, not for the Republican Party, but for this Body and also for this building. Know that your work is not... hasn't... it's not in vain. That you can reflect on those many years and know that you've done your job to make Illinois a better place, and I want to thank you. But there's also an expression that we often say whenever... when a door closes, a new one opens. So, Dan, thank you and I wish you well in retirement, but to my left I want to announce that the next Executive Director of COGFA is our own Clayton Klenke. And Clayton, I want to thank you for your service to our caucus, but also to this chamber. To those of you that know Clayton,

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Clayton is... he works for us, but he is not a partisan. He's someone who works day in and day out; he's been doing it for decades. And I couldn't be more proud of him, but happier for him in this new role he's going to be taking, which is a very important role, a very responsible role. But know full well that Clayton his door is open for not just Republicans, but for everyone in this chamber. So, Clayton, thank you much for what you've done for our chamber but... for our caucus, but also for the chamber. And we wish you well, as well as Dan. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you and congratulations, Clayton. Leader Currie moves that the Fourteenth Special Session adjourn 'til the call of the Speaker. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Fourteenth Special Session is adjourned."