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Speaker Gordon-Booth: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Silas Johnson who is with Calvary Baptist Church in Springfield, Illinois. Pastor Johnson is a guest of Representative Sue Scherer. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Johnson: "Good afternoon. You all ought to know better not to give a Baptist Preacher a mic with this many folks in the house. Let's bow our heads in prayer. Oh God our Father, the maker and the creator of this Heaven and this Earth. Lord, we gather today in the House Chamber to conduct business that will affect all of the people across the State of Illinois. We pray Lord that the decision they make, the vote that they make will be for the betterment of each other. We pray, oh God, that you will direct the Governor and his decision and his making that all things may work together for good. Every Legislator, Lord, give them the understanding, the heart that they may know what I do for each of my constituents, oh God, that it may be beneficial to everybody. In the name of Our Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ we pray, Amen. Amen."

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

Welch - 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."

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Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Harris is recognized to report any Democratic absences today."

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. On the Democratic side of the aisle today I would like to request that Representative Curtis Tarver be excused."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Representative Butler is recognized to report any absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And first let me say it is so nice to see an African American woman from our home town of Peoria in the Chair today, congratulations. You do the River City proud, thank you very much. Please let the record reflect there are no excused absences on the Republican side today."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Thank you. Have all recorded themselves? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 117 Members answering the call, a quorum is present. The Gentleman from Lake County, Representative Morgan, is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Please proceed."

Morgan: "Madam Speaker... thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand today in honor of the life and legacy of fallen Illinois State Police Trooper Christopher Lambert. On January 12, 2019 of this year, Trooper Lambert was assisting citizens on the scene of a three vehicle crash on I-294 when he was fatally struck. In fact, Trooper Lambert was on his way home to Highland Park and went out of his way to assist those in danger. Trooper Lambert was raised in Dayton, Ohio. He loved baseball, he was a big fan of the Chicago Blackhawks, he began his career with the Illinois State Police in 2013, and he served honorably in

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the United States Army for eight years. He is survived by his wife Haley and his one year old daughter Delaney. Trooper Lambert served our nation and our state with dignity and integrity. While there are many noble professions that we can all choose and many of us have, I sincerely cannot think of anything more important and honorable than a career that keeps all of us and our families safe. I ask that we as Members of this Legislative Body honor Trooper Lambert and all of our fallen first responders with a moment of silence."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Thank you, Representative Morgan. The Body wishes to recognize the Gentlelady from Champaign County, Representative Ammons."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. You look fantastic. I would like to share with the chamber that the Fighting Illini won their game last night. We just want to try to congratulate our students at the University of Illinois and they are really working hard this season and we wish them very much success."

Speaker Gordon-Both: "Go Illini. The Gentlelady from Cook County, Representative Hurley."

Hurley: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Congratulations to you. I do want to say... give a little announcement to my seatmate, who does not need any more presents or accolades because he got to say the pledge, but it is Christopher... Emmanuel Christopher Welch's birthday today, my seatmate for six years and also the next two. So happy birthday to Chris Welch."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "The Gentlelady from Lake County, Representative Mayfield, why would you like to... you are recognized."

Mayfield: "Personal privilege please."

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Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Proceed."

Mayfield: "I'd like to bring everyone's attention to this, today's black history fact. As you know this is Black History Month and we will be honoring our black history heroes. Fanny Jackson Coppin was born a slave in Washington, D.C. on October 15, 1837. She gained her freedom at the age of twelve. In teen years, Fanny enrolled at Oberlin College in Ohio. Oberlin College was the first college in the United States to accept both black and female students. While attending Oberlin College, Fanny enrolled and excelled in the men's courses of studies. She was elected to the highly respected Young Ladies Literary Society and was the first African American student to be appointed to the College's Preparatory Department. As the Civil War came to an end she established a night school in Oberlin in order to educate freed slaves. And upon her graduation in 1865, Fanny became a high school teacher at The Institute for Colored Youth in Philadelphia. Within a year she was promoted to principal of the ladies department and taught Greek, Latin, and Mathematics. In 1869, Fanny became the principal of the entire institute making her the first African American woman in the country to receive the title of school principal, a position she held until 1906. In addition to her African American Youth with Education, Fanny founded homes for poor and working women. She was also an influential columnist who defended the rights of women and blacks in the local Philadelphia newspaper. In 1881, Fanny added missionary work to her long list of accomplishments and founded the Bethel Institute, a missionary school which emphasized self-help programs. Fanny Coppin died January 21, 1913 at the age

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of seventy-six. In 1926, Coppin State University in Baltimore, Maryland was named in her memory. Perhaps her greatest accomplishment was her influence on her students. She prodded them towards excellence, she made them dream, she made them become more than ever that they thought they could. Fanny Jackson Coppin was indeed a model of academic excellence both in her life and in her heritage and that she bequeathed to those who followed. Thank you."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Beautiful. On page 2 on the Calendar on the Order of Resolutions, we have Resolution 80, Representative Butler."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am very proud to be from Illinois and my family's history in this state goes back every single day that we've been a state. My mother's side of this family has now been in Illinois for now over 200 years. I was proud to serve as the... the cochair of the Illinois Bicentennial Commission this past year which was a great honor for me, but today, today is a very proud day, this week is a proud week for the people of Illinois, especially for this Body. The Legislative Branch leads the way in Illinois. We were the first branch of government that was seated in Illinois, before the Executive Branch, before the Judicial Branch. We have a tremendous history of doing great things in this Body. All you have to do is look up to the painting on our side of the aisle of Abraham Lincoln to know that man served in this very institution. Two hundred years ago Monday, what we have down in the well, that document in the well, two hundred years ago Monday, the first Public Act was enacted in the State of Illinois. That is the actual first Public Act

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that's on display down there. Signed by Governor Shadrach Bond, Lieutenant Governor Pierre Menard, and Speaker of the House John Messinger the Act basically says all the common laws of England apply to us. As I said this... my family's history goes back 200 years and if you look at House Resolution 80 you'll see that I listed the Senate first which was very hard for me, but the reason I listed the Senate first was my fourth great grandfather was a guy named Lewis Barker, who served as the first State Senator from Pope County and actually voted on the legislation right down there. So this is really personal to me to be able to honor this today. I'd like to recognize some of the cosponsors on this Bill, Representative Wheeler and Representative Connor who have family members who served in the 1800's in this General Assembly. We've got people like Representative Costello, Representative McAuliffe, Representative Turner who've had family members serve in the General Assembly as well. I'd like to give a special thank you to Clerk John Hollman and our Assistant Clerk Brad Bolin for allowing this document to be displayed today. It's a really intricate part of our history. And I'd certainly like to thank, back over our shoulder here on the Republican side, the staff from the Illinois State Archives are here. Kathy Popovich, Alex Dixon, Shannon Murphy, Dave Jones. Dave Jones is the Executive Director of the State Archives. And you have... if you haven't been to the building just to the south of this, to go to the State Archives, I would encourage you to do it, it's a great building. Dave Jones has been my muse for a lot of this bicentennial stuff over the last year and I appreciate the

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work that he has done. So Ladies and Gentlemen, I appreciate the opportunity to let you all know that you can see the very first thing that this Body acted on in front of you today and I would encourage you to take a look and celebrate the great history of this State of Illinois. Thank you very much, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Representative Butler moves for the adoption of House Resolution 80. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the... Resolution is now adopted. Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Reick: "Point of personal privilege please."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Please proceed."

Reick: "To my colleagues on the floor, your first day here last month you found a copy of a book that I put on your desk as a welcome to the 101st General Assembly. I hope you accept it in the spirit in which it was presented to you. The book called *Fixing Illinois* was published in 2014 and served as a great motivation toward my decision to try to run for this job. It contains a bunch of policy provisions and a bunch of problems that plague Illinois and unfortunately many of them still exist from 2014. We're an incredibly diverse state, we come from different parts of a state that has many different attitudes about many different things but I think we all come here for the same reason. I think we come here to try to make our state better. I came here for reasons of my own and they deal with the fact that I want to see a better state of Illinois, I want our government to succeed, I want our debts

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to be paid, but more importantly I want to see progress. And the way I define progress is the fact that I don't want to have to ride across three states in order to visit my grandchildren because my kids felt that they had to go there to get a better life. If we work together during the 101st General Assembly we can do this without sacrificing our principles because we all want to be at the same place. We want to be from... we want to go from here to there. We want to come to a place where Illinois is respected again in this country. Principles are a compass, they are not a straitjacket. They point the way toward where we want to go, but they do not tell us exactly how to get there. Some of us go in one way, some of us go in the other, but we all want to end up in the same place. To my new colleagues on the floor I would say this, as you go around the building you're going to see pictures of past General Assembly's staring back at you... we're going to have our picture taken in a week or so I think. You are going to see past General Assembly's looking back at you, people who have sat in these chairs and are no longer here and many of whom are no longer remembered, but in 20, 30, 40 years when our picture is hanging on that wall, I hope, I hope that those who are looking at us looking back at them will say, that was the General Assembly that began fixing Illinois. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Representative Wheeler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'm going to use a point of personal privilege to thank Representative Butler for all of his work regarding our State's Bicentennial, for



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understanding the historical aspect of how Illinois is and always will be a great state. I want to say thank you to Dave Jones and his team. If you've never been to the State Archive, Representative Butler is 100 percent correct, it is an amazing place with great people who give us things from our history that we would never otherwise have, so please take advantage of that. And with that I would like to say thank you to Butler and all my colleagues for the Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon. Meeting this afternoon at 2 p.m. is Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter Schools in Room 115, Labor & Commerce in Room 114, State Government Administration in Room 122, Economic Opportunity & Equity in C-1. Meeting at 4 p.m. is Appropriations-General Services in D-1, Higher Education in Room 118."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 81, offered by Representative Harris. House Resolution 82, offered by Representative Durkin. House Resolution 83, offered by Representative Bennett. And House Resolution 84, offered by Representative McAuliffe."

Speaker Gordon-Booth: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And all Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, February 7, at the hour

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of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 85, offered by Representative Moeller, is referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2092, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2093, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2094, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2090... correction, House Bill 2094, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2095, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2096, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2097, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2098, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2099, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 2100, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2101, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2102, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2103, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House

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Bill 2104, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2105, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2106, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2107, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2108, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2109, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2110, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2111, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2112, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2113, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2114, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2115, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2116, offered by Representative Skillicorn, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2117, offered by Representative McSweeney, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2118, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2119, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2120, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2121, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning

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transportation. House Bill 2122, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2123, offered by Representative Carroll, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2124, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2125, offered by Representative Moylan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2126, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2127, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2128, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2129, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2130, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2131, offered by Representative McDermed, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2132, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2133, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2134, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2135, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2136, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2137, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2138, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2139, offered by

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Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2140, offered by Representative Wheeler, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2141, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2142, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2143, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2144, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2145, offered by Representative Grant, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2146, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2147, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 2148, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning care for persons with developmental disabilities, which may be referred to as the Community Disability Living Wage Act. House Bill 2149, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2150, offered by Representative Scherer, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2151, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2152, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2153, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2154, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2155, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2156, offered by Representative Mah, a Bill for an Act concerning

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business. House Bill 2157, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2158, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2159, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 2160, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2161, offered by Representative Mazzochi, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2162, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2163, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2164, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2165, offered by Representative Murphy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2166, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."