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Speaker Burke: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Pastor of Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Oh Gracious God and our Heavenly Father, we come humbly to you today asking for your blessings, asking for your guidance, asking for your wisdom, and asking for your support as they begin the business of this day. May your blessings be upon this august Assembly, the Speaker of this great House, upon all of its Leaders, upon all of its Members, and upon all of their families. Oh God, help them to engage today, each other, and to embrace in meaningful discussion. Allow them, oh God, to grow closer as a group, and to nurture the bonds of a beautiful community. Fill them today, oh God, with your grace as they make decisions that might and will affect all of the people of this great state. Oh God, today I pray that you remind them that it is all that they do here today, and it is all that they accomplish that it is for the pursuit of your truth, and that it is for the pursuit of your greater glory, and that it is for the pursuit of your greater service of all humanity. This we ask, in your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Burke: "We'll be lead in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative West."

West - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Burke: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd like the record to reflect that Representatives Ammons, Arroyo, Conyears-Ervin, Costello, D'Amico, Gabel, and Jones are excused today."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Butler is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And its's wonderful to see a different fellow Irish American in the chair, up there. Please let the Journal reflect that Representative Sosnowski is absent today."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you, Representative Butler. Speaker let the record... I'm sorry, have all recorded themselves who wish? With 106... Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 106 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Scherer: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. Today, Ladies and Gentlemen, I have a Page for the day here from Springfield. Right here, in his own backyard. If you'll please stand, Russell Moore III is my Page for the day. And he is an outstanding youth that we hope to see great things from. So welcome to the Capitol."

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

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Gordon-Booth: "Moment of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Gordon-Booth: "If the floor would please join me in wishing my seatmate, Representative Lamont Robinson, a very happy birthday on this getaway day. This is his first time spending his birthday here with us here on the House Floor. He has treats here, so please come by because I don't want to eat them all."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Connor, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Connor: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Connor: "I would ask the Members of the Body to turn their attention to the Speakers Gallery. I have two very special guests here today. One is my sister, Darcy Martin, who is in from Oregon and the other is my mother, Alice Connor. I'd ask for you to give them a warm Springfield welcome. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Madam Speaker, I used the wrong verb earlier, please let the Journal reflect that Representative Sosnowski is excused today."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you. Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mason: "Point of personal privilege, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Mason: "I want to welcome the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence here today. They and their member organizations are here visiting Springfield and Christine Raffaele, Director of

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Policy and Systems Advocacy, is up the... here with us. And I just want to thank them and thank them for all the hard work that they do for the domestic violence community."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you. Representative Villanueva, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Villanueva: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Villanueva: "Madam Speaker, I would also like to give the happiest of congratulations and also happiest of birthdays to State Representative Theresa Mah because today is her birthday. So we have two February babies today."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Buckner, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Buckner: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Buckner: "I'm delivering today's black history moment. Alexander Lane was born in pre-Civil War Mississippi. His mother, a slave, sent him north with the Union Army with the purpose and the promise of an education. He was raised on a farm in southern Illinois and in 1876 became the first African American male student at what was then called Southern Illinois Normal University, which we now know is SIU Carbondale. Lang became an educator, serving as the first principal of Carbondale's Eastside School of Negroes, which later became Attucks School. He moved to Chicago where he graduated from Rush Medical College in 1895 and was appointed as the Cook County assistant position. In 1906, he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives making him just the ninth African American elected to the State Legislature. He

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was re-elected in 1908. Lane died on November 13, 1911 and is buried in Carbondale. This assess is a testament to the institutions earliest efforts to create a sustained and diverse student body, a tradition that has continued since 1869. At the... at SIUC, they have the Paul Simon Institute and Alexander Lane Scholar is here with us today, Nakia Hall, should be somewhere in the gallery. There she is. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "On page 6 of the Calendar, under Motions in Writing, appear Motions to Table House Bill 200, House Bill 273, House Bill 2539, House Bill 2543, House Bill 2820, House Bill 2864, House Bill 3057, and House Bill 3560. With leave from the Body, we will consider those Motions in a single Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Sponsors have moved to table the House Bills. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Bills are tabled. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports. Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 10. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2019: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 252, House Bill 834. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2019 do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1659; recommends be adopted is House

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Resolution 12. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2019: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1581; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 18, House Resolution 50. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on February 20, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 18, House Resolution 34. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Cybersecurity, Data Analytics, & IT reports the following committee action taken on February 21, 2019: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 816. Representative Martwick, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on February 21, 2019: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 1472, House Bill 1580. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 132, offered by Representative Skillicorn. House Resolution 133, offered by Representative Skillicorn. House Resolution 134, offered by Representative Skillicorn. House Resolution 135, offered by Representative Skillicorn. House Resolution 136, offered by Representative Skillicorn. And House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Hammond are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Burke: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 131, offered by Representative Wilhour. And House Resolution 137, offered by Representative Mayfield."

Speaker Burke: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed

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say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 26 at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinions of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. A Member's statement, offered by Representative Caulkins, concerning the Illinois State Budget."

Caulkins: "Mr. Speaker, good morning. Yesterday, we heard Governor Pritzker propose a budget for fiscal year 2020. It was an eloquent speech and he again expressed his desire to work with the Democrats and the Republicans. It is in that spirit I raise today, to offer this Body and our Governor an insight, a perspective, if you will, into my interpretation of this proposed budget and what it means to the citizens of Illinois. During the last 18 months, and including yesterday, Governor Pritzker promised to turn this disastrous financial situation around. He promised to run this government with an austere budget. He promised to finally resolve the crushing pension problem with real reforms. I've prepared this illustration that will hopefully allow everyone to understand the relationship between our proposed spending and income. Please let me illustrate his spending proposals. The Governor proposal adds up to almost \$39 trillion dollars... billion dollars... excuse me. And this is how it breaks out. We have \$10.8 billion in education. We have \$1.9 billion in economic development and public safety. We get \$6.5 billion in human

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services, \$7.2 billion in health care. The environment, culture, and government services is \$3.5 billion. And pensions, he proposed to spend \$7.1 billion. Last year's budget was \$39.5 billion. Now, we've been told by this administration that were about \$2.5 billion in the red. So, what's the story about this year's budget? How did they come up with a balanced budget? To start \$2.6 billion of income is estimated. That's unicorns and puppy dogs. We are going to be taxed in order for this budget to be balanced. The people of Illinois will be taxed an additional \$2.6 billion. This includes money for additional cigarette taxes, e-cigarette taxes, a plastic bag tax, more taxes on video gaming, taking more from our retail merchants, and almost \$900 million extending the pension wrap. Yes, this budget is balanced, but it's balanced on the backs of the taxpayers of Illinois to the tune of \$2.6 billion. Now let's be honest, what we really need to do is to be funding our pensions. The extended ramp is going to add over \$100 billion in interest and fees to our budgets over the next 10 years. That's unacceptable. What we really should be doing is adding another \$2 billion to this budget to help cover the unfunded mandates that we've occurred. Mr. Speaker, what I've shown this Body today is Governor Pritzker's austere budget. What it really is, is another year of over spending and taxing. I urge everyone involved to take a hard look at this proposal and do the right thing for the taxpayers. Cut spending and properly fund our pensions. Mr. Speaker, thank you."

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Clerk Hollman: "Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #29, offered by Representative Skillicorn. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 3 of Article 9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IX

REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

No tax on or measured by income shall be imposed.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was first reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #29. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."