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Speaker Willis: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs, please. We shall be led in prayer today by Anjum Fasih, who is with the Islamic Community Center in Elgin. Anjum Fasih is the guest of Representative Moeller. 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."

Anjum Fasih: "Honorable Representatives, AsSalamoAlaikum wa rahmatul-la-hi wa-barakatoh.

May peace and blessings of Allah be upon you. I will recite some Arabic text of the Noble Quran and present the translation. First, a few verses from the chapter Maryam, the Virgin Mary, mother of prophet Jesus, may Allah's peace be upon him. A'oothu billaahi minash-Shaytaanir-rajeem. I seek refuge with Allah from satan, the outcast. Bismi-llahi r-rahmani r-rahim. In the name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the Very-Merciful. [Recited in Hebrew.] Spoke he, the baby Jesus: and he has made me good to my mother, and he did not make me oppressive or ill-fated. And peace is upon me the day I was born, and the day I shall die, and the day I shall be raised alive again. [Recited in Hebrew.] So when Abraham went away from them and what they worshipped besides Allah, we blessed him with Isaac and Jacob and we made each one of them a prophet, and we bestowed on them a great deal of our mercy, and caused them to have a good name at a high level. [Recited in Hebrew.] And mention in the Book, the story of Moses. Indeed he was a chosen one and was a messenger, a prophet. And we called him from the right side of the Mount Sinai, and we brought him close to communicate in secret. [Recited in

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Hebrew.] And, out of our mercy, we granted Moses his brother Aaron as a prophet. And mention in the book, the story of Ishmael. He was indeed true of his promise, and was a messenger, a prophet. [Recited in Hebrew.] Those are the people whom Allah has blessed with bounties, the prophets from the progeny of Adam, and of those whom we caused to board the Ark along with Noah, and from the progeny of Abraham and Jacob, and from whom we guided and selected. When the verses of the All-Merciful Rahman were recited before them, they used to fall down in sajdah/prostration, while they were weeping. To end, a few verses from the chapter [55] Al-Rahman, the All-Merciful. [Recited in Hebrew.] And for the one who is fearful of having to stand before his Lord, there are two gardens,... So, which of the bounties of your Lord will you deny... both having branches? So, which of the bounties of your Lord will you deny? In both there are two flowing springs. So, which of the bounties of your Lord will you deny? In both there are two kinds of fruit. So, which of the bounties of your Lord will you deny? Sadaqal lah ul Azeem. God Almighty speaks the truth."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you very much. We shall be led in the pledge today by Representative Liza Hernandez."

Hernandez, L. - 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 Willis: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

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Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. There are no excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle today."

Speaker Willis. "Thank you. Representative Butler is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please let the Journal reflect that Representatives Bryant, Frese, and Reick are excused today."

Speaker Willis: "Have all who recorded themselves who wish? Clerk, please take the roll... record. There are 115 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports, please."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 11... correction, Senate Bill 111, Senate Bill 174. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 211, Senate Bill 1529. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1381; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolutions 46, 58, 59, 61, and 62. Representative Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1116, Senate Bill 1239, Senate Bill 1797; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 248. Representative

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Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 56, House Resolution 7, and House Resolution 221. Representative Lilly, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1657, Senate Bill 1758. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 83, Senate Bill 1273, Senate Bill 1806; do pass as amended is Senate Bill 1149; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 52, and House Joint Resolution 53. Representative Slaughter, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Criminal reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 156, Senate Bill 482, Senate Bill 1294, Senate Bill 1411, Senate Bill 1610, Senate Bill 1627, Senate Bill 1699. Representative Hurley, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 109, Senate Bill 1258, Senate Bill 1319, Senate Bill 1808, Senate Bill 2087; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1791, Senate Bill 1889; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 4, House Joint Resolution 23 and House Resolutions 127, 196, 210, 253, 296, 298; and recommends be adopted as amended is House Resolution 216. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short

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Debate is Senate Bill 72, Senate Bill 1917. Representative Mussman, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: School Curriculum & Policies reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 28, Senate Bill 117, Senate Bill 1250; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 60, House Resolution 213, House Resolution 244. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 87, Senate Bill 944, Senate Bill 1183, Senate Bill 1256, Senate Bill 1344, Senate Bill 1894, Senate Bill 2038, Senate Bill 2050, Senate Bill 2117; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 1343. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 167, Senate Bill 1133, Senate Bill 1135, Senate Bill 1291, Senate Bill 1715, Senate Bill 1841, Senate Bill 1965; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 284 and Senate Joint Resolution 14. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1213, Senate Bill 1460. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2024; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 241; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 266. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson

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from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 725, Senate Bill 1289, Senate Bill 1332, Senate Bill 1387, Senate Bill 1712, Senate Bill 1857, Senate Bill 1915; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 35, House Resolution 243, House Resolution 273, House Resolution 274, Senate Joint Resolution 28, and recommends be adopted as amended is House Joint Resolution 49. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on May 1, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 172, Senate Bill 1907. Representative Conroy, Chairperson from the Committee on Mental Health reports the following committee action taken on May 2, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1165. Representative Martwick, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on May 2, 2019: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 194, Senate Bill 1265, Senate Bill 1582, Senate Bill 1584, Senate Bill 1670, Senate Bill 1765, Senate Bill 1787, Senate Bill 2030. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 341, offered Representative Ammons and House Joint Resolution 68, offered by Representative Welch are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Costello is recognized."

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

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Costello: "Yes, I would like to have the Body's attention. On this, the first Thursday in May, we celebrate and memorialize, unfortunately, many fallen officers across this country, but

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unfortunately, a number of fallen officers here in the State of Illinois in this past year. I think it's extremely important that we realize that these men and women get up in the morning, go to work not knowing if they'll come home to their families. I think it's extremely important that we understand that these families have a shared sacrifice. These people put their lives on the line to protect us, protect our families. At night when we're at home sleeping safe and sound, they're out on the streets, protecting us from those in our society that, unfortunately, do not choose to follow the law. And as I said before on this House Floor, unfortunately, in this day and age I believe law enforcement has gotten what I would call a bad rap and we have to realize that the vast, vast, vast majority of men and women who put on the uniform, put on the badge, protect our state and our country. They're great people and they do it for the right reasons. So I would ask that we take a moment of silence to remember those who have fallen and given the ultimate sacrifice to protect us, our laws, and our constitution."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Cabello, I believe you have a similar comment."

Cabello: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today is a bittersweet day. We recognize and memorialize the people that gave the ultimate sacrifice. But we should also celebrate the way they lived their lives, because law enforcement is not a job, law enforcement is a life style. We can't just stop when we go home. We can't just stop when we're in the grocery store. Our life's work is to protect the citizens of this great state. Each year I try to

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give you a story as to what took place in my career. And since there's so many new Members, I'm going to repeat one in which I still have nightmares on so that you can get a small glimpse into what we deal with. I received a call during shift change. Myself and Kevin Gulley were the only two still out while shift change was taking place. Received a call from a Motel 6 on 11th Street in Rockford, Illinois. The call came from the worker at the front desk saying that a lady ran into the office area and said someone just shot her child. I get to the scene, the person in the office said that this person was covered in blood. I look around and I don't see any blood droplets, I see nothing. It's a hotel in which all of the doors are on the outside, there is no indoor hallways. I go through, I'm looking, I'm listening, and I don't see anything. I get to the end of the hotel, to the back of it. And I had my radio in hand saying slow everyone down, I'm not finding anything when I hear a blood curdling scream. I look up to my left, I see a door open. I run up the stairs. I run into the room and I see a lady hovering over a doll covered in ketchup. I look to my right, I see a man with a major gunshot wound to his head. I look back and I realize it wasn't a doll. I will end the story there. We do this job to make sure and try to prevent that. We understand that we can't. What I would hope that this General Assembly does from here on is remember the days like this when we honor the men and women of law enforcement who see horrific things every single day. We understand that we need to do some reforms. We understand that there's some bad cops out there, but we should not be legislating just for those bad cops because all the good cops

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are doing everything they can to get the bad cops off the street. So as we are moving forward, let's please be mindful of the good men and women of law enforcement and honor our fallen today. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "The Body will take a moment of silence, please. Thank you. Representative Marron, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Marron: "I would like to take a brief moment to introduce behind me in the gallery, a good friend and my successor as the Vermilion County Board Chairman, Chairman Larry Baughn. Please welcome him to Springfield."

Speaker Willis: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Mah, for which do you wish to be recognized?"

Mah: "Point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Mah: "Thank you. Yesterday was a busy day in the chamber so I didn't get a chance to share my remarks, but I wanted to make sure I had a chance to remind everyone that May is recognized around the country as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. It's important to acknowledge the presence and contributions of Asian Americans to Illinois. With a population of more than 600 thousand in our state and for the past several decades, the fastest growing demographic group in both our state and our nation, people of Asian ancestry comprised of dozens of ethnic backgrounds are undeniably integral to the fabric of American society. The month of May was chosen as the month the celebrate Asian American Heritage

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for a number of reasons. The month holds significance because May 7, in 1843 marked the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States. May 10, 1869 is the date marking the completion of the Transcontinental Rail Road which relied upon imported Chinese labor for it to be accomplished. In fact, 80 percent of the western regions workforce was made up of Chinese immigrant workers. This year we will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the rail road's completion. Again, a feat that could not have been accomplished without the work of these Chinese immigrants. In the years after the completion of the rail road, a darker chapter of our history transpired. On May 6, 1882 Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act which was the first time a specific racialized group was singled out for immigration exclusion and barred from entry to the United States. This law was on the books until 1943, and together with laws that prohibited Asian immigrants from becoming naturalized citizens, set the Asian American community back almost irreparably in terms of gaining parity in political power and representation. While designating a single month each year is surely not adequate to recognize and honor all of the contributions of the Asian American and Pacific Islander community to our state and nation, it is nonetheless important as an opportunity to reflect and learn. I'm proud to stand here with a growing caucus of Legislators of Asian ancestry including my colleague Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz here in the House and Ram Villivalam in the Senate and a growing set of colleagues whose districts comprise Asian American populations that make up more than 10 percent of their

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districts. Together we make up the Asian American Legislative Caucus in the General Assembly and we hope that this is a positive development that will help Asian Americans in Illinois have a stronger voice in decision making processes in our state. Next Wednesday, we will have a community reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m., location to be announced, to celebrate Asian American Heritage Month. And with that, I wish everyone a very happy month of May, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you wish the recognized for?"

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

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Caulkins: "I rise today to announce that today is the National Day of Prayer. Since 1952, the President of the United States has set aside an annual day for prayer and in 1988, President Ronald Reagan designated the first Thursday in May as the day we observe the National Day of Prayer. Today millions of Americans across our nation will simultaneously and extraordinarily pause to acknowledge God and seek him in prayer. This... this theme for this year's National Day of Prayer is Love One Another. I think that is an appropriate theme for this year and for this Body. And I encourage all of you to pray today for our nation, our people, and our leaders. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you, Representative. Representative Skillicorn."

Skillicorn: "I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

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Skillicorn: "One of the real blessings about doing this job and being part of this Body is the fabulous members of staff that we get to deal with. And today I want to celebrate one, not just a member of staff but it's also one of my constituents. So I want to wish a happy birthday to Cheryl Meyer. But I also want to say thank you to all the staff members that make this job special and make the job of serving the people of Illinois productive and fruitful. Thank you."

Speaker Willis: "Happy birthday. Representative Pappas, for what do you wish to be recognized for?"

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

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Pappas: "I'd like to welcome today some constituents from my district who are here in the gallery. They are in Springfield for the Illinois State History Fair. And we have in the gallery, Jason Hunt, Lauren Hunt, Wendy Johnson, Joseph Johnson, Robin Copeny, and Jason Copeny. Please give them all a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Willis: "Welcome to the Capitol. Representative Thapedi, for which do you wish to be recognized?"

Thapedi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Thapedi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have a special guest with me here today. This young man grew up in the racist regime of Apartheid South Africa. He sold oranges at the train station, he became a reporter, he studied hard, he came here to the United States and he became a neuro surgeon. Members of the

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House, I'd like for you to welcome my father, Doctor Isaac Thapedi to the House Floor."

Speaker Willis: "Welcome to the floor. On page 3 of the Calendar, under Order of Agreed Resolutions, we have House Resolution 323, offered by Leader Turner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: House Resolution 323, offered by Representative Turner. Be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate the Providence St. Mel High School boys basketball team, the Knights, on winning the 2019 Illinois High School Association Class 1A State Championship; and wish them many more successful years."

Speaker Willis: "Leader Turner is recognized on the Resolution."

Turner: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Members of the Body. If I could draw everybody's attention to the Speakers Gallery, we have the 1A State Champ Providence St. Mel Knights here and let's give them a round of applause. I'm an alumni of Providence St. Mel so this is a really, really, really special day for me. And we have the... we have principal and we doctor... I'm just so excited I can't even get it all out right now. We have Doctor Paul Adams with us here today and we have the Knights basketball team. And I'd like to just run off the members of the team. The Knights are coached by Head Coach, and my neighbor Tim Ervin. And assistant coaches are Corey Allen, Eric Marshall, Reggie Murray, Andre Williams, and Sam Smith, another neighbor. And the Knights are... the team comprises of Tim Ervin II, Eric Jordan, Titus Ervin, Jordan

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Green, Jason Mason, Deion Jackson, Tyriel Nelson, Corey Brooks II, Jonathan Gregory, Samuel Herenton, Keir Butts, Micah Alexander, Avonte Thomas, and Taeyon Neal. And they blew out Cissna Park by a score of 52 to 29 at Carver Arena in Peoria on March 9, 2019. These guys are the real deal. Hasn't been since 1985 since the Knights have won a championship but we did it right here in 2018. So I'd like to just welcome them to the Capitol today, give them a big shout out. Providence St. Mel produces... 100 percent of their students go on to a university, a four year institution and do great things. I'm an example of that, these guys I'm sure are going to do the same thing. Let's give them a round of applause."

Speaker Willis: "Welcome to the Capitol, and great job guys. Representative Conyears-Ervin... oh I'm sorry. Leader Turner moves for the adoption of House Resolution 323. 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 adopted. Thank you. Back to... Representative Conyears-Ervin, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

Conyears-Ervin: "Thank you so much, Madam Chair... Madam Speaker. I just wanted to also acknowledge and congratulate Providence St. Mel Basketball Team. I'm so honored that my colleague, my seat mate, Representative Leader Turner who is actually an alumni of Providence St. Mel. This is actually a school that is in the 10th State Representative District where I so proudly represent. So I'd like to say congratulations as well to Doctor Adams, Principal Butala, I said it correct, and all of the young fine men of Providence St. Mel Basketball team.

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Thank you and congratulations. And I'd also like to acknowledge Alderman Jason Ervin who's the Alderman of the 28th Ward who also happens to be in the House chamber today where Providence St. Mel also resides. Congratulations."

Speaker Willis: "Thank you. Representative Conroy, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

Conroy: "Thank you, Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Conroy: "Today is a very bitter sweet day. Today we are going to say goodbye to a colleague of ours who I have found to be a very dear friend. Today will be Melissa Conyears-Ervin's last day. It has been a privilege to work with Melissa. It has been one of the things I will never forget, from being here that she was my co-chair for the first ever Women's Caucus. And because of her I think we have built a very strong foundation that I'm very proud to continue on. So today I am a little sad, I'm very sad to say goodbye to her, but I'm very proud to tell you that we are going to watch her become the next Treasurer of the City of Chicago. So help me say goodbye and congratulations to Melissa Conyears-Ervin."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Lilly, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

Lilly: "I, too, would like as a celebratory day on a number of occasions. As we say goodbye to Melissa, we say congratulations to Melissa. We know that you are going to represent us well. We know that you have the heart for people. And as the Chair of the Black Caucus, and as I say on their behalf, you will be missed. Go forth and be you and represent the people the way you know God would have you to do so.

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Congratulations to you and your family. Your beautiful daughter, the handsome man in your life, and your family. Use the money of the people to the best of your ability. God bless you and go forth my friend."

Speaker Willis: "Representative Conyears-Ervin."

Conyears-Ervin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Okay. Well that was her first debut. Okay. So the baby is just like me as you can see, so just give me a second. It's time for daddy to come and get the baby. Okay. Madam Speaker, I rise to just say thank you to our Speaker of the House, Mike Madigan."

Speaker Willis: "We'll come back to you. All right. Representative Swanson, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Swanson: "Thank you. I'd like to take this time to remind everyone of a big event coming up here at the Capitol next week. It's the Illinois Fire Service Institute will have some live training exercises going on that we can all participate in. There will be some training props, and it will be an opportunity to see what our firefighters are willing to do to support us 24 hours a day and protect us in our homes. They're going to be here from 10 a.m. to 12:30 on the Capitol grounds, north side. And as I said, they're going to have a lot of displays on hand for us and even give us an opportunity to do some hands on training with them. So once again, I want to remind everyone next May 15, from 10 to 12:30 on the Capitol grounds, the Illinois Fire Service Institute will be here. Thank you."

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Speaker Willis: "Representative Pappas, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

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

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Pappas: "Thank you. Tomorrow is May 3. May 3 is a holiday in Poland in recognition of the May 3 Constitution of 1791. It was a constitution that was adopted in Poland that is widely considered to be Europe's first modern constitution and the world's second after the United States Constitution. And it's a holiday celebrated not only in Poland, but also in Polish communities worldwide, especially here in Illinois. Where in Chicago we do have one of the largest Polish American populations in the world, sorry. So, I just wanted to commemorate that and encourage everyone to go to the Constitution Day parade in Chicago on Saturday. And that's it, thank you."

Speaker Willis: Thank you, Representative. Representative Conyears-Ervin, can we try again? Thank you."

Conyears-Ervin: "Thank you so much, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to say, on my last day to be here in the House chamber for the Illinois House of Representatives that it has certainly been my honor and I am so proud to have had the opportunity to serve as the 10th State Representative District of this great State of Illinois. I would like to personally thank our Speaker of the House, Mike Madigan as well as all of my colleagues on the Democratic as well as the Republican side of the aisle. Thank you for all of the support. Thank you for allowing me to be me. When I came to the General Assembly, my daughter Jeneva was six months, I'm so proud that at the time

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when she was six months I was actually a nursing mother. So one of the pieces of legislation that is so important to me, which is why I love the Women's Caucus, as I mentioned the Democratic Caucus, is the initiative that we put forth which was to provide a nursing room for mothers in the State Capitol. I thank them for that. I thank the General Assembly for being able to increase child care assistance. I thank the General Assembly for being able to provide an increase for education funding, and all of my colleagues that work so diligently to do that. As I come to the General Assembly over two years ago, being here really reminded me how important it is that every community is represented, especially those at underserved communities whom you know I proudly represent on a daily basis and I am very bold about that. But it's important to me that as I depart the General Assembly and I embark on my new journey as the next City Treasurer of Chicago that we all remember on a daily basis whom we are to serve. It's not for ourselves, but for the people that sent us here. So I thank you, I appreciate the experience. I'd like to give a special shout out as well to my family, the Black Caucus of the House of Representatives. The Black Caucus family is so dear to me. They are my friends. They've been with me from day one, to walk with me step by step. They've supported me. When I've said yes, they said yes. And when I've said no, they've said no and I appreciate that. And I believe that this is the beginning of the Black Caucus of the House of Representatives, how we will just continue to go forward even as I leave on this day. I'd like to also thank my husband, Alderman Jason Ervin, who's with me today for all of his

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support. My daughter Jeneva Claudette Ervin whom you heard earlier, who's just like her mommy. And I'd just like to say thank you and please, please don't let this be the last day that we talk, that we see each other. I am just down the road. I look forward to supporting you throughout your career and I hope you would continue to support me. Please keep myself and my family in your prayers, and thank you again for the support and the service that has been provided. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Willis: "All the best to you, Representative. Representative Welch, you are recognized. Representative Welch, for what do you wish to be recognized?"

Welch: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. For a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Willis: "Please proceed."

Welch: "Madam Speaker, Members of the House, I'd like to introduce to all and ask for a warm Springfield welcome to our friends from Mannheim Middle School who are up in the gallery. Can we give them a warm round of applause please?"

Speaker Willis: "Welcome students, thank you for coming down to the Capitol. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions. We have none. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until , May 7, at the hour 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. Drive safely everyone."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 104, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act

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concerning finance. Senate Bill 171, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 471, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 651, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 664, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 687, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 689, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 690, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1839, offered by Representative Conroy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1901, offered by Representative Bennett, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2027, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 2, offered by Representative Mason. Senate Joint Resolution 13, offered by Representative Stuart. Senate Joint Resolution 26, offered by Representative Turner. Senate Joint Resolution 27, offered by Representative Mason. These are referred to the Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading in full of Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1, offered by Representative Martwick. Be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be

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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 IX of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IX

REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the state. In any such tax imposed by corporations, the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is 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 Senate Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #1. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."