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Speaker Hoffman: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Curt Fleck, who is with the Civil Servant Ministries. Pastor Curt Fleck is the guest of Representative Morrison. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off their cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Fleck."

Pastor Fleck: "Pray with me. Father in Heaven, we are so grateful for another opportunity today to serve. Lord, you... our service to you is the ultimate pursuit of our hearts. Service to You is what creates blessing in our lives. It's that pursuit that even brings us happiness. Father, I thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Illinois that is in this room as a gathering of nearly... of Representatives of nearly 13 million people. Lord, I just lift our state up to you and those people that are being represented, Lord. I lift... I want to... may they be humble. May they repent. May they seek you, the living God, Lord. And I pray in that that you would bless them, that you would draw them to yourself, that you would prosper them. For the Representatives in this room, I pray the same thing but add to you... add that you placed them here in the service of their district. And as Proverbs 21:1 says, the king's heart is like channels of water in the hands of the Lord, he turns it wherever he wishes. We don't have kings, of course, but the spirit of the passage applies here today as our Representatives will take up the business of the State of Illinois. The point is, is that your sovereignty is over every aspect of our lives, including those you've placed in these position of authority and there's a weight to that, a

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responsibility that comes with knowing that each one will incur stricter judgement. And I pray that they would feel that gravity and seek your wisdom and I'm grateful that they are here and that you placed them here to do this work. Father, I pray for their families back home. One thing that everybody can agree on they love their families, their loved ones, and there is a distance there as they... as our Representatives are here working. I pray you prosper them as you keep them safe. I also pray for today's session, for those in the gallery today. We're grateful for the freedom that we have that they can be here, and we can participate. And I pray that their day in the Capitol would be blessed. I pray for our staff, our security, everyone that helps this process, I pray you bless them and their families as well. And for our Members, that you would just encourage them in their rhetoric in the way that they interact with one another and that you would be pleased with it. In Jesus name, Amen."

Speaker Hoffman: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Gong-Gershowitz."

Gong-Gershowitz - 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 Hoffman: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representatives Barbara Hernandez, Mussman, and Williams are excused on the Democrat side of the aisle."

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

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the Journal reflect that Representatives Sosnowski, Spain, Wehrli, and Welter are excused today."

Speaker Hoffman: "Thank you. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 108 being present, we do have a quorum. Representative Bennett, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Hoffman: "Please state your point."

Bennett: "Thank you, Sir. Ladies, if you would please, stand up. With me today are two wonderful Pages to be with us throughout the morning. We're glad to have them with us. The first one is Riley Klump. She's age 14. She's from Crescent City, in the grade school, eighth grade. Favorite subjects are math and P.E. Along with us, also, is Rachel. So, Riley's over here and Rachel's over here, along with us. With Rachel, she's age 16, Iroquois West High School, tenth grade. Favorite subjects: all Ag classes, FFA. Fantastic all the way around. Also with us today are dads, Scott and Joe, up in the gallery. So guys, if you would please. So they're back up there with us, and glad to have you with us in Springfield as well. So, would you please help me give them all a warm Springfield welcome, please."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome to Springfield. Representative Ramirez, for what reason do you rise?"

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Ramirez: "Good morning. I've been talking about my family since I got here, since January. So, it is my honor to and my privilege to welcome my mom, Maria Ramirez Guerra, and my dad, who... they're back there somewhere... Luis Ramirez and my little sister, Iris, who are here visiting for the first time and watching what we do. So, thank you."

Speaker Hoffman: "Welcome. On page 23 of the Calendar, on the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 73, offered by Leader Hammond. Leader Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 73 designates a portion of old highway 136 between Macomb and Colchester as the Lieutenant Colonel John Stein Memorial Highway. Lieutenant Colonel Stein was commissioned into the U.S. Army and transferred to the U.S. Airforce. During his military career, he flew over 3900 missions, and he volunteered for a rescue mission on March 23, of 2003. During that mission over Afghanistan, he was killed in service to his country. I appreciate your support of the Resolution and request a moment of silence in his name."

Speaker Hoffman: "We will have a moment of silence. Thank you. Seeing no further discussion, Representative Hammond moves for the adoption of House Resolution (sic-House Joint Resolution) 73. All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, 107 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. The Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 384, offered by Representative Walker. And House Resolution 388, offered by Representative Madigan."

Speaker Hoffman: "Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, please read the Adjournment Resolution. Remove that. And now, allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Monday, May 20, at the hour of 3:00 p.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned. Everyone have a good weekend."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of Resolution. House Resolution 385, offered by Representative Thapedi. House Resolution 386, offered by Representative Yingling. House Resolution 387, offered by Representative Hurley. House Joint Resolution 78, offered by Leader Durkin. And Senate Joint Resolution 16, offered by Representative Mayfield are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."