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Speaker Crespo: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Imam Nazir Chahin who is with the Islamic Society of the Northwest Suburbs in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Imam Chahin is the guest of Representative Walker. 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. Mr. Chahin."

Imam Chahin: "[Recited in Arabic] In the name of God, the most merciful, the mercy giving. [Recited in Arabic] All praise is for God alone. Lord of all the worlds and the most merciful, the mercy giving, master of the day of judgement. [Recited in Arabic] It's you alone we worship and it's you alone we ask for help. [Recited in Arabic] Guide us along the straight way, the way of those upon whom you have bestowed grace and not those upon whom there is wrath, nor those astray. Our Lord, we praise you, we thank you for all that you have bestowed on to us. Indeed nothing but good comes from you. Our Lord, we the descendant and followers of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, and all other Godly teachers, we ask you to help us bring peace to our communities, our homes, our country, and the world. Our Lord, make us follow their teachings of justice and prosperity. Help us persevere our right, our rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We pray that we use our power and liberty to serve and protect all people, the rich and poor, the majority groups and the minorities. Our Lord, you see us and you hear us, accept our communal prayer and help us draw the policies that empowers our communities and strengthens our families. Let us

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stand for truth and justice no matter who it may be against. Guide us community members, State Representatives, and all officials to just decisions. To put aside our egos and partisan and to choose reconciliations and unity for the benefit of our country and a better world. Amen."

Speaker Crespo: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Leader Manley."

Manley - 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 Crespo: "Roll Call for Attendance. And Leader Harris is recognized to report any excused absences of the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Jones, Mah, Mayfield, and Ramirez are excused today on the Democratic side."

Speaker Crespo: "Thank you. Leader Butler is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Butler: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since Representative Spain is an excused absence today, I'm very happy to offer our excused absences today. So please let the Journal reflect that Representatives Batinick, Spain, Stephens, and Unes are excused today."

Speaker Crespo: "Thank you. Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 102 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Representative Hammond, for what reason do you rise? Representative Hammond."

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

Speaker Crespo: "Please state your point."

Hammond: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to introduce my Page for the day Makaila Hootman. Makaila is a junior at United High School in Manmouth. And she is also the constituent of Representative Dan Swanson. She is the 2019 Mercer County Fair Queen. So welcome, Makaila, and thanks for being here."

Speaker Crespo: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports.

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Scherer, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education: Administration, Licensing & Charter School reports the following committee action taken on March 4, 2020: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4382. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on April 4, 2020: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 3865, House Bill 4452, House Bill 4506; recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 2480, House Resolution 719. Representative Kifowit, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on March 4, 2020: do pass as amended Short Debate is House Bill 3934; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 677. Representative Ammons, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education reports the following committee action taken on March 4, 2020: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4615; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 646, House Resolution 688, House Resolution 694. Representative Thapedi, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade &

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Commerce reports the following committee action taken on March 4, 2020: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 699. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Human Services reports the following committee action taken on March 5, 2020: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2541. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on March 5, 2020: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 4323. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 813, offered by Representative Yingling; House Resolution 814, offered by Representative Mussman; and House Resolution 815, offered by Representative Carroll, are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Crespo: "Representative Costa Howard, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Costa Howard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Crespo: "Please state your point."

Costa Howard: "Thank you. Today I have honor of sharing a women... for Women's History Month. And if you recall, last year shared the story of Ellen Martin... last year I shared the story of Ellen Martin, a woman who lived in my district from Lombard. And if you recall, Ellen Martin was the woman that who was the woman to ever vote in an Illinois election. However, on April 6, 1981 (sic-1891) when she cast her ballot she was not alone, 14 other female Lombardians marched with her to the polls and demanded that they be allowed to exercise their right to vote. Now one of the women who was with Ms. Martin that day was a women by the name of Ada Sweet, and Ada was

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another first woman of that era. Ada Sweet was the oldest of 4 sisters, 1 of 4 children also to be born to Colonel Benjamin Sweet. Her father lost the use of his right arm during a battle. And when he was assigned to command Camp Douglas in Chicago, Ada lived there with him and literally became his right hand, assisting him in all areas of his work. Now the family later moved to Babcock Grove, which is now Lombard, Illinois. And when General Sweet became the U.S. agent in Chicago in charge of pensions for veterans, again Ada became his right hand and learned the system and the business of the pension system for our veterans. General Sweet was also the individual who helped write that now famous town charter for Lombard that read, 'All citizens above the age of 21 years shall be entitled to vote.' And he wrote that with his daughters and many others in mind, so that they would be able to exercise that right to vote. So, I'm sure you're asking, so how is Ada another first? Well, when her father passed away President Ulysses S. Grant... excuse me... Ulysses S. Grant appointed Ada Sweet as the pension agent in Chicago. Again, this was the first time a woman was... had been appointed as a pension agent who was continuously responsible for our veterans. And when she was reappointed to that position by 2 more Presidents, she served in that role until 1885 when she was asked to step down for political reasons. Truth is the commander didn't like Ada's position on government corruption, which was to clean it up. And when she resigned she said, 'Since the time I was requested to resign last April by Commissioner Black, I have desired to become independent of the whims of political schemers. At that time there was

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something due my friends and myself and I refuse to comply with the demand which seemed to me to be most unjust.' Now in addition to her work fighting government distrust and corruption, Ada Sweet was also the woman who organized the first ambulance core in Chicago. She continued her fight to do... be the first of many things, and she severed as the President of the Chicago Women's Club, she was the first President of the Municipal Order League, and she was a member of Civic Federation. I'm proud to honor another amazing female Lombardian whose grit and determination changed the landscape for women today in Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Crespo: "Thank you. Representative Davis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Davis: "Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Ladies and Gentlemen of this House, it is that time again where we ask you to bring out your bowling shoes, dust off your bowling balls, and head to the Strike 'N Spare Lanes, west, with us to celebrate our efforts to impact diabetes here in the State of Illinois. So we are announcing the Illinois Legislative Diabetes Caucus' annual bowling tournament to take place on April... Wednesday, April 1. So get your teams together, get your balls out... okay, bowling balls out, sorry. And let's go roll... whatever... sorry. So, yeah, I need to... yeah. So anyway, hopefully you'll join us and we've got registration forms here for your participation. So hopefully you'll come help us raise some money to support diabetes, Cancer Kids, among other things. So, I don't know if I should have it off to Representative Butler... I don't think he wants to follow that. So nevertheless we've got registration forms. We'll make them available

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today. We'll drop one off at everybody's desk. And hopefully you'll come out and support our effort. I'm so sorry, Ladies. I am so sorry. I apologize, sorry."

Speaker Crespo: "Okay. Thank you, Representative. Representative Weber, for what reason do you rise?"

Weber: "A point of personal privilege, Sir."

Speaker Crespo: "Please state your point."

Weber: "So, I would just like the... bring it to the Body's attention that the Weber family is helping to add to the numbers of our census this year with the arrival of my first grandchild. A beautiful baby girl. Eldwin Laura Weber who was born this week. So..."

Speaker Crespo: "Congratulations. Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Cassidy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Crespo: "Please state your point."

Cassidy: "So for many, many years the... there's been a wonderful tradition of Members of the Sullivan Caucus throwing a party. But for several years we haven't had an actual Sullivan in either chamber, and I've found myself the designee, the designated Sullivan. But a recent conversation with one of our colleagues suggest that there is someone with a greater claim to the title. So I'm going to toss it to my fellow Sullivan Caucus Member, Representative Butler, to give you the details of our event."

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

Butler: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Crespo: "Please state your point."

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Butler: "I don't know if I can top Representative Davis' previous remarks though. That's for sure. So, as the grandson of an immigrant from Ireland whose last name is Butler, I feel I have full... I don't know, I'm in the Sullivan Caucus just by being Irish, I guess. So since we have no Sullivans, Sullivan Caucus is always a great event annually here in Springfield. I would encourage everyone, it's the day after St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, the 18th of March at the Gin Mill at 5th and Monroe. It starts at 5 p.m. and goes until probably the 19th of March would be my guess. We would encourage everybody to show up for the Sullivan Caucus. It's always a great time."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Agree Resolutions. House Resolution 808, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 809, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 810, offered by Representative West. House Resolution 811, offered by Representative Edly-Allen. And House Resolution 812, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin."

Speaker Crespo: "And Leader Harris moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, March 18, at the hour of noon, 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."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill

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3066, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 3069, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. Senate Bill 3096, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3097, offered by Representative Willis, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 3144, offered by Representative Guzzardi, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Senate Bill 3151, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning property. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."