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Speaker Harris: "Good afternoon, Illinois. 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 the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Most gracious and most sovereign God, the giver and the sustainer of life, health, and strength, we thank you for another day that you've allowed us to be amongst the land of the living. We pray today, God, that your goodness, your love, and your blessings, will be amongst this august Assembly. May your blessings be upon the Speaker of this House, upon all of its Members, and upon all of their families that may have concerns while they are away. God, bless this gathering with wisdom. Bless this gathering with unity, hope, and vision. I pray, God, that you would unify them. That they may work as one. They may work with a common decency and a respect amongst one another. I pray that you would bless them with hope. That they may go forth with great expectation of a bigger and brighter day. That not one of them would have a sense of hopelessness. I pray today, God, that you would grant them vision. That even in the face of undaunting odds, even in the midst of dark times they will see clearly your purpose, your plan, and your will. This we pray in your precious son's name, Amen."

Speaker Harris: "We shall be led in Pledge today by Representative Moylan."

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

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the Democratic side we have Representatives Andrade, Representative Evans, and Representative Kalish as excused."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Spain is recognized for absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Cabello, Miller, Reick, and Wehrli are excused today."

Speaker Harris: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 107 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 8, 2021: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 2966."

Speaker Harris: "The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. If there is leave, we will take these Motions together in one Motion. Is

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there leave? Leave is not granted. Leader Hoffman on the Motion."

Hoffman: "Speaker, I move that the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard. House Bill 2944 in Human Services, House Bill 4386 in Revenue & Finance, House Bill 4945 in State Government Administration, House Bill 5024 in State Government Administration, House Bill 5025 in Appropriation-General Services, Senate Bill 1379 in Revenue & Finance, House Resolution 696 in Higher Education, House Resolution 909 to Judicial - Criminal, and finally, Senate Bill 3027 to Pensions."

Speaker Harris: "Is this relative to this Motion, Leader?"

Durkin: "No."

Speaker Harris: "We'll come back to you as soon as we..."

Durkin: "Well, my light has been on before that Motion was made. But, while we're on that Motion, maybe Representative Hoffman would like to explain to the Members what exactly these Bills are about because we are not in the position to waive it. But if he gives us a briefing of what the substance of these Bills are, we might change our mind. Representative Hoffman, would you like to be able to... Representative Hoffman, would you be willing to explain, give a summary of the Bills that you're seeking to have waived, have the posting requirement waived?"

Speaker Harris: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "The Bills vary on various subjects."

Durkin: "All right. I'll ask the question again. Do you want to give us an explanation of the Bills that you are seeking this Body to waive?"

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Hoffman: "We're simply asking that the posting requirements be waived and then they will be going to committees to be heard."

Durkin: "All right. Okay. Well, if that's the best it is then our position hasn't changed and we object to the waiving of the posting requirements."

Speaker Harris: "So, there is a Motion on the floor. One Motion to waive the posting requirements per the Motion of Leader Hoffman. All those in favor of waiving the posting requirements please vote 'yes'; those opposed please vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On a vote of 66 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', the Motion is sustained. Leader Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Leader Harris. It's good to be back and good to see you. And I'm glad we're all back here back to work. It's long overdue. These are very interesting times everywhere, but particularly here in the State of Illinois and also in State Government. Now, as I look around in this cavernous building I see thousands of empty seats, but I see five bodies up there on the right, five members of the press. And I think that we can ask, we can do a little bit better. I know that we did pass rules last May, which states that no more than five members of the public who are representatives of the press, except as otherwise authorized by the Speaker, are allowed in. As authorized by the Speaker. If there... we talk often about our issue and this whole concept of checks and balances that we have with the Executive Branch and Judiciary, but let me just say this, there's another area of checks and balances. That's between the Legislative Body and

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the public. And the one group that is in the proper place to make sure that the... our public is aware of what we're doing, it's our press corps. So, I am going to make just a request through you and also through the Speaker to allow more than five members, for all members off the press corps to have access to this building over the next many days as we are in Session. And I hope Members of this General Assembly will join me in that request."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Yingling, for what purpose do you seek recognition? Representative Yingling. We will... we will come back to you. Representative Spain, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of introduction, please."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Spain."

Spain: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's my privilege to introduce three new Members of the House of Representatives on the Republican side of the aisle. Joining us for the remainder of the 101st General Assembly is Representative Gary Daugherty. Gary, wave your hand so every can see you. And we have two Members who were successfully elected in November and are joining us for an early start. That's Representative Tim Ozinga, who takes the seat of former Representative Margo McDermed. Representative Ozinga, welcome. And Representative Jackie Haas who joins us, taking the seat of now Judge Lindsay Parkhurst. Representative Haas. Welcome to these new Members. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Welcome, Ladies and Gentlemen. Representative Welch, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

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Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Welch: "I'd like to also do a point of introduction for our two new Members of the 101st General Assembly. They just so happened to also be joining us in the 102nd General Assembly in a few days. First, joining us, the latest Member from the great West Side of Chicago, the 9th District, is Representative Lakesia Collins. Let's give her a warm welcome. And also joining us here for lame duck Session, the newest Member sworn in from the North Side of Chicago, the home of historic Wrigley Field and the Chicago Cubs, let's please welcome Representative Margaret Croke. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Welcome to the General Assembly. Representative Manley, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Manley: "Check. There we go. Please excuse Representative Connor for today."

Speaker Harris: "The record will so reflect that Representative Connor is excused. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just rise on a point of personal privilege. I've been thinking a lot about what we can do to show our sympathy, our empathy for some of us, and a heartfelt thank you to our teachers and our first responders who are going through such trying times. I had the opportunity... I chose to do this. I wanted to see what it was like to be a working mom and have a dog barking and a baby crying and 2 kids in 2 different rooms trying to do Zoom school. And it was... well, to be honest with you, it was worse than anything I'd ever experienced in 35 years of teaching.

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So, this is as the parent's side. And I now see what parents are going through and what teachers are going through. And I just think that our robust Assembly here needs to let them know that they are in our hearts and in our prayers. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Willis is recognized for an announcement."

Willis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the end of this, meeting of the general Session we would like to have a Democratic caucus downstairs. It is in room, I believe, B11."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Spain is recognized for an announcement."

Spain: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Likewise, at the conclusion of Session today, the House Republicans will caucus in the area we were at last spring."

Speaker Harris: "Mezzanine."

Spain: "In the mezzanine. Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "So, Republicans will caucus in the mezzanine, Dems in the lower level immediately upon adjournment. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 863, offered by Representative Buckner. House Resolution 864, offered by Representative Buckner. House Resolution 865, offered by Representative Buckner. House Resolution 867, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin. House Resolution 868, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 869, offered by Representative Davidsmeyer. House Resolution 870, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 871, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 872, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 873, offered by Representative Jones. House Resolution 874, offered by

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Representative Didech. House Resolution 876, offered by
Representative Buckner. House Resolution 877, offered by
Representative Moeller. House Resolution 878, offered by
Representative Severin. House Resolution 879, offered by
Representative Hammond. House Resolution 882, offered by
Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 883, offered by
Representative Crespo. House Resolution 884, offered by
Representative Murphy. House Resolution 887, offered by
Leader Durkin. House Resolution 888, offered by
Representative Didech. House Resolution 889, offered by
Representative Davis. House Resolution 890, offered by
Representative Mason. House Resolution 891, offered by
Representative Stephens. House Resolution 892, offered by
Representative Robinson. House Resolution 895, offered by
Representative Mazzochi. House Resolution 897, offered by
Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 898, offered by
Representative Crespo. House Resolution 899, offered by
Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 900, offered by
Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 901, offered by
Representative Windhorst. House Resolution 902, offered by
Leader Durkin. House Resolution 904, offered by Leader
Durkin. House Resolution 908, offered by Representative
Crespo. House Resolution 910, offered by Representative
LaPointe. House Resolution 911, offered by Representative
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Morrison. House Resolution 914, offered by Representative
Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 915, offered by Representative
Wehrli. House Resolution 916, offered by Representative

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Resolution 952, offered by Representative LaPointe. And House Joint Resolution 127, offered by Leader Durkin."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Manley moves the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. And a reminder that upon adjournment Republicans will meet in the mezzanine for caucus and Democrats will meet in the lower level for caucus. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Manley moves that the House stand adjourned until Saturday, January 9, at the hour of 12:30 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House now stand adjourned."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on January 8, 2021: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2527; do pass as amended Short Debate is Senate Bill 54, Senate Bill 145, Senate Bill 1140, Senate Bill 1199, Senate Bill 1215, Senate Bill 1317, Senate Bill 1480, Senate Bill 1510, Senate Bill 1608, Senate Bill 1621, Senate Bill 1792, Senate Bill 1829, Senate Bill 1980, Senate Bill 2779, Senate Bill 3071. Second Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 54, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Senate Bill 145, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 1140, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Senate Bill 1199, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1215, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1317, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1480, a Bill for an

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Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1510, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1608, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 1621, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1792, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1829, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 1980, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2527, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 2779, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 3071, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2759 (SIC 2795), offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. First Reading of this Senate Bill. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 5863, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5864, offered by Representative Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5865, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5866, offered by Representative Greenwood, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5867, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5868, offered by Representative Williams, Ann, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 5869, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5870, offered by Representative Andrade, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5871, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5872, offered by

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Representative Windhorst, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5873, offered by Representative Butler, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5874, offered by Representative DeLuca, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5875, offered by Representative Meyers-Martin, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 859, offered by Representative Spain. House Resolution 860, offered by Representative Bryant. House Resolution 862, offered by Leader Durkin. Resolution 880, offered by Representative Robinson. House Resolution 881, offered by Representative Stava-Murray. House Resolution 885, offered by Leader Durkin. House Resolution 886, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 893, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 894, offered by Representative West. House Resolution 896, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 903, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 905, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 913, offered by Representative Carroll. House Resolution 917, offered by Representative Pappas. House Resolution 923, offered by Representative Barbara Hernandez. House Resolution 925, offered by Representative Stuart. House Resolution 931, offered by Representative West. House Resolution 936, offered by Representative Evans. House Resolution 941, offered by Representative Greenwood. House Resolution 950, offered by Representative Villa. House Joint Resolution 126, offered by Representative McSweeney. And House Joint Resolution 128, offered by Representative Ammons. These are referred to the

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Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House
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