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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 Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge. Mr. Padget."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear Lord, may you bless this House and all who serve here. Amen."

Speaker Burke: "Amen. We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Croke."

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

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Connor, Robinson, Andrade, and Omar Williams are excused today."

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

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Reick, Wehrli, and Weber are excused today. And 'Bear Down'."

Speaker Burke: "Have all recorded themselves? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 109 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

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Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Evans, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor & Commerce reports the following committee action taken on January 10, 2021: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 1 to House Bill 782. Representative Welch, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on January 10, 2021: recommends be adopted is House Resolution 950 and House Resolution 954. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 957, offered by Representative Scherer. This is referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Batinick, for what reason do you rise? One second. We'll check it out."

Batinick: "I know it's been a while. Oh, there we go. Point of personal... Madam Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Batinick: "Earlier this week, the Glenbrook North High School senior, Dylan Buckner, who was a star football athlete and adored by his classmates and teachers throughout his life, took his own life. He had received at least nine football scholarships and had his entire life ahead of him, which was clearly destined for success. His parents said that he had been battling depression for the last few years but that it got significantly worse with the pandemic. I can't count all the number of times I've had parents and people talk about the mental health aspects and the financial stress and everything that's been going on with this. Just a few weeks ago, I had a mother in my foyer of my home, actually in tears, talking about her freshman in high school... high school son. I had been very vocal from the beginning of this pandemic

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that the effects of COVID-19 go much farther than the physical effects of the virus. And as elected officials in this state, it is our responsibility to be addressing all the issues regarding COVID, everything that's going on. But for the last nine months, this Body has been basically vacant. And we've turned, with no oversight, to all the Executive Orders for nearly a year now, really. We haven't met. We haven't discussed these. And it doesn't look like we're going to be dealing with these things now. It's just appalling that we haven't had the oversight and public hearings on everything that is happening to people in this state. So, it's time for all of us to come together and help the people of Illinois who need us. People like Dylan Buckner, his family, and those who are struggling to put food on the table, keep their businesses open, and just try to get out of bed every day. And with that, I'd like to now ask for a moment of silence for Dylan Buckner."

Speaker Burke: "The Body will observe a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Representative Ford, for what reason do you rise?"

Ford: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, want to join my colleague on the other side in calling for us to do everything that we can to deal with this pandemic, but we also have to recognize the pandemic of racism. It's something that we have been dealing with in the Legislature before I got here. And it, too, continues to kill a lot of people in our society. Let's just think about what's happened over the past week in Washington, D.C. We've had people follow a President of the United States down a black hole that has put shame on our

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country. And let me remind you who those people were. Those were people that live the American Dream. White men that's got a home to live in, a car to drive, and a good life, but they were upset with something that didn't go right for them. Now, just think about black people. Just think about people that look like me, that have been denied the true liberty that those white men have been granted. I would think that I have every right, as a black man, to be angry. But what we do here, as a Black Caucus, is we ask for support to deal with racism in Illinois, to not allow it to continue to harm all of our neighborhoods. And so, yes, there is a pandemic, COVID, but there is also a pandemic of racism that's been killing more people and costing us more in the state than the pandemic that we are dealing with in the world today. And so, if we really, really want to do something, the Black Caucus has a solution. The pandemic that we're dealing with, COVID, it's a struggle on how we're going to get it under control. How much is it going to cost? Can everyone get a shot? Can everyone get two shots? Today is Sunday, and many people use it as reflection time. I would ask that you reflect on racism. I would ask that you reflect on me, and people that look like me, being your brother, your sister. And ask yourself, if you were treated the way George Floyd was treated, the way little Rice was treated, the way Laquan McDonald was treated, the way Anjanette Young was treated, or anyone in your family, what would you do? Would you come to Springfield and say we must have change, or would you ignore it? And it's not just the Republicans. I want to let you off the hook. You're not alone. There are Democrats that also don't understand that

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change must happen. So, I'm just asking all of my white brothers and sisters to challenge yourselves to really dig deep. And if you're Christian, do the right thing. If you are a believer of anything good, then I would tell that you should really look at the black agenda. It may sound like it's just for black people, but it's really not. It's calling on us to do exactly what we raised our right hand to do. So, take a look at your oath of office, take a look at the good in you, and don't follow the lobbyists that just have a job to do. When I read what the lobbyists are saying about the black agenda, I'd say, well, they just got a job to do. When I look at the way peopled followed Donald Trump and now they're regretting it, will you regret the day that you vote against what's right? I hope not. This is your chance. This is your moment. And I ask that you continue to not just say 'no', but you really, really reflect on what we're trying to do for the people of Illinois. And so, Miss... Madam Speaker, I'll just ask that we... and so, Madam Speaker, I would ask that we have a moment of silence right now for all things good."

Speaker Burke: "We'll just pause for a moment, take a moment of silence. Thank you, Representative. Leader Durkin's recognized."

Durkin: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just for the caucus... for the Body's information, Representative Bailey has been experiencing some gastrointestinal issues over the past few days. He hasn't eaten today, which prompted his passing out on the floor. He hit his head. I think he's going to fine. I know he's going to be fine. He's just going to rest up. Nothing more than that, but let's just make sure that we have

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him in our thoughts. We have our disagreements on many issues, but at the end of the day we are a family. And let's remember that. We wish well to everyone. This is a time in which we have to consider and we have to put the priority of one's health before anything, as we do for our constituents. So, I would just ask that you say a silent prayer and wish Representative Bailey a quick recovery so that he can rejoin this august Body. Thank you."

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

Slaughter: "Madam Speaker, please let the record reflect that I am present for today's Session. Thanks."

Speaker Burke: "You're on the roll, Representative. Representative Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Just to make it official, will the record please reflect that Representative Bailey is excused for the rest of the day?"

Speaker Burke: "We will do that. Representative Mayfield, for what reason do you rise?"

Mayfield: "I would just like to wish my beautiful daughter, Iyana, a happy 18th birthday. I couldn't be home with her but we did have a birthday wish video. So, thank you so much for that."

Speaker Burke: "Well, I hope she's listening in on her 18th birthday."

Mayfield: "She's definitely listening in. She was waiting for her shout out."

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Speaker Burke: "Happy birthday, Iyana. Under the Order of Second Reading... we're going to proceed to Bills on Second Reading. We have House Bill 570, Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Could you please move this to Third Reading?"

Speaker Burke: "Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 570, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. The Bill was read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Burke: "Mr... Representative Hoffman, you need to adopt the Amendment."

Hoffman: "Yes. I ask that you adopt Floor Amendment #1. It contains TIF extensions for the City of Highwood, City of Flora, the Village of Cahokia, and the City of Charleston."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hoffman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Burke: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 570, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hoffman's recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you. As indicated on Second Reading, this is House Floor Amendment #1, which becomes the Bill. It is a TIF extension for the City of Highwood, City of Flora, Village of Cahokia, and the City of Charleston. This is something that

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we do every year, and there are letters of support from every taxing district that would be affected by the TIF extension."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you. Representative Butler, do you wish to speak?"

Butler: "Yes. To the Bill. Thank you, Madam Speaker. I would just like to thank the Majority, thank Jay. There are two TIFs in here in Republican districts and actually in Flora, Representative Bailey, Charleston, my college home, Representative Miller's district. And I appreciate the opportunity to get these in. So, Jay, thank you. And that is all."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Morgan."

Morgan: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I just want to thank Leader Hoffman for bringing this together. This is for the City of Highwood, as well. And this will allow a new affordable housing complex to be built in a part of my district that will help disability housing and affordable housing and is incredibly important for the City of Highwood. So, I want to thank the Leader for bringing that today, and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hoffman to close."

Hoffman: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Burke: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 570 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? On this question, there are 100 voting in 'favor', 1 voting 'opposed', and 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Bolin: "Rules Report. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on January 10, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for Senate Bill 458."

Speaker Burke: "Going back to Order of House Bills on Second Reading, we have House Bill 782, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 782, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. The Bill was read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Hoffman."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hoffman to explain the Amendment."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. We just heard this in the Labor Committee. This is simply a sunset extension of the Workers' Compensation Act that we passed in May. As I indicated in the committee, this is an agreed Bill. An agreed Bill between business, labor, Republicans, Democrats, House, and the Senate. It does three things. It provides for a rebuttable presumption if an individual is a frontline first responder, police, fire personnel, emergency medical technicians, et cetera, and if you are an essential worker, that you would be entitled to a presumption if you contract COVID-19 and you're in the workplace. The presumption is rebuttable. We were hoping in May that this pandemic would be receding and we wouldn't have to extend this. However, we are having to extend it through June 30 of 2021. In addition, it would extend the death benefit presumptions for Chicago Police Officers,

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firefighters, and paramedics who contract and die from COVID-19. That also will be extended to June 30, 2021. And finally, we would extend the Illinois Public Employee Disability Act to June 30, 2021, by providing a 60-day extension of the Illinois Public Employee Disability Act benefits for eligible employees. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Wheeler."

Wheeler: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Burke: "He indicates he will."

Wheeler: "Thank you. Leader Hoffman, I just want to reiterate what we mentioned earlier in Labor Committee for the entire Body, that this is truly an agreed Bill. This is something that we worked on, business labor, Republicans, Democrats, across the board that extends better protections for our frontline workers. At the same time, providing a reasonable balance for business and employers in whole. I just want to just make sure I had that covered accurately for you. Is that true?"

Hoffman: "That is correct. And I would like to thank you for your leadership. And it was great working together because this is such an important Bill for injured workers."

Wheeler: "Yeah, and it's true. There are a lot of good people to thank here. Both the AFL-CIO, IMA, IRMA, all the Representatives. I know Representative Ugaste was definitely involved in this on our caucus as well. But again, thank you for your leadership as well, and I very much encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Burke: "So, we're still on the... moving to adopt the Amendment. So, Representative Mazzochi, if... let's adopt the

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Amendment and I'll recognize you when it's on Third Reading. Representative Hoffman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Burke: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 782, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Hoffman is recognized."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Once again, as I indicated on Second Reading, this is simply an extension of the Workers' Compensation Act that we passed in May to address the issue of COVID-19 related illnesses as a result of... under the Workers' Compensation Act. I also would like to thank the AFL-CIO. Tim Drea, who is the head of the AFL-CIO, who led the negotiations on their side. Mark Denzler, who was the head of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, who led the negotiations on their side. I ask for a favorable roll call."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Chairman. I just want to make clear for purposes of legislative intent that this Bill originally proceeded through an agreed Bill process. It was intended to protect workers and employees. It was never part of the discussion to reflect this Legislative Body's approval of any activity by the Governor or the Illinois Department of Public Health, or to otherwise discuss the appropriateness or propriety of the Governor's efforts to exercise authority under the Illinois Emergency Management Act. Consequently,

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our extension of the sunset, as is happening in this Bill, should also not be construed by any court for legislative intent purposes to mean that the Governor has lawful authority to issue successive disaster proclamations stemming from an ongoing disaster under the Illinois Emergency Management Act or that those orders are enforceable. Again, when this Bill was originally passed, neither this Bill in its original form nor the subsequent legislation was ever intended to provide or bless the notion that it is lawful for the Governor to issue successive 30-day proclamations or that the Governor had the lawful authority to enforce any Executive Order after the original 30 days issued back in the early 2020 time frame. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Tarver is recognized."

Tarver: "Thank you, Madam Chair. Jay, I just want to make sure I understand this 'cause I wasn't here for the committee. So, you said this is something that was negotiated with AFL-CIO?"

Hoffman: "Business and labor."

Tarver: "Okay. Is this the same AFL-CIO that came out and opposed the black agenda, the criminal justice pillar? That... I just want to be clear. Is it the same one?"

Hoffman: "Well, it's the AFL-CIO."

Tarver: "Okay. So, when you say Tim Drea and whoever else negotiated, the same people who came out and opposed the criminal justice pillar for the Black Caucus, that's who you're asking us to support right now. Is that correct?"

Hoffman: "They... this was an agreed Bill."

Tarver: "I understand what agreed is."

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Hoffman: "It's an agreed Bill process... I'm not trying to... I get what you're saying..."

Tarver: "Yeah."

Hoffman: "...but if you get COVID and you're an injured worker, this would make sure that there's a presumption that you could receive compensation. It was an agreement between business and labor. And if they came out against your Bill, I don't share their belief."

Tarver: "No, I appreciate that. I know what it does. It extends benefits for individuals. At the same time, we don't have the right to walk down the street. We're not being extended that courtesy for them to support our Bill while they give lip service and fain support to black people. So, I just want to be clear on the record. Second to that, is this the same Chicago Police Department and FOP who opposes the criminal justice pillar of the Black Caucus? I just want to know if this is the same group we're talking about. Is it the same group?"

Hoffman: "This..."

Tarver: "I understand what the Bill is, Jay. I'm just asking a simple question. I just want to make sure we're talking about the same group."

Hoffman: "It's an agreed Bill between business and labor. And so, part of that would be all members of the AFL-CIO, as well as the Manufacturers' Association, the Realtors' Association, the Real Estate Association, et cetera."

Tarver: "Okay. I don't..."

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Hoffman: "So, it's an agreed Bill between business and labor, and Republicans and Democrats to help people receive compensation if they get COVID at work."

Tarver: "No, I understand that. And that's important 'cause COVID kills. We understand that. But police shoot unarmed black people in the back and that kills as well. So, I don't want to minimize the issue, Jay. I don't know what she's whispering in your ear, but I don't want to minimize the issue. I want to be very clear that if Democrats, and manufacturers, and realtors, and everybody can get together to have an agreed Bill, they should find a way to support the criminal justice pillar for black people. That's all I'm saying. So, I'm trying to make sure when I understand when you're talking about who we're supporting and who we're helping while they're actively permeating false information about a Bill. 'Cause we can't get to an agreed Bill because of their lies. So, I want to make sure we're talking about the same AFL-CIO, the same Chicago Police Department, FOP, who are actively... actively permeating lies. And you tell me that a Bill is agreed doesn't matter to me. I don't care what people agree to. I care about the fact I have to drive my black behind home and worry about... the same things I have to worry about yesterday, I don't want to have to worry about on January 13, and 14, and so on. So, to your Bill, fine. But why don't you go back to Tim Drea and everybody else who can find the political muster to extend benefits to people under a pandemic... you know what a pandemic is? A pandemic is driving in your own district and getting pulled over by six police officers 'cause you're not Barbara Flynn Currie. That's a pandemic. Thank you, Madam Chair."

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Hoffman: "Madam Speaker, I would remove the Bill out of the record."

Speaker Burke: "Okay. Bill... House Bill... next up is... on Second Reading, is House Bill 4945, Representative Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4945, a Bill for an Act concerning urban problems. The Bill was read for a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Burke: "Third Reading."

Davis: "Is he going to read the Bill a third time or has it been read a third time?"

Speaker Burke: "That was second to third and there were no Amendments. There's no Amendments, Representative. It's ready to go to Third."

Davis: "Oh. Oh, this is the Brownfield Bill. I'm sorry. I got the..."

Speaker Burke: "It's okay. Take your time. So, it's 4945. Are we talking about the same Bill?"

Davis: "We're good. Yeah, we're good."

Speaker Burke: "Okay."

Davis: "This Bill. We want this Bill."

Speaker Burke: "Okay. So, it's moved from Second to Third. So, we're on Third Reading."

Davis: "We're on Third Reading. Thank you very much."

Speaker Burke: "Mr. Clerk, please... Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4945, a Bill for an Act concerning urban problems. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Burke: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Madam Chair and Members of the House.

House Bill 4945 is an effort to repeal a provision that currently exists in statutes that gave kind of an unlimited authority to deem areas blighted in an effort to steal property, particularly from minority communities, under the guise that they would be then redeveloped, but that redevelopment never took place. What I learned yesterday when I presented in committee and I was graced... it was great to have Curt Mosby, who actually is the section director of what is called the Budgeting for Results section out of the Office of Management and Budget, come on to testify. And he shared information that suggested that this effort was used in order to be able to steal land from minorities, again, under the guise that the land would be redeveloped, but in many cases that land was never redeveloped. And for those of us that live in the Chicagoland area, the property that was taken from individuals actually led the way to the current expressway system that we see in the City of Chicago that many would offer, obviously... offer separation amongst whites and blacks in different parts of the City of Chicago. So, the idea here is to remove this statute from our books so that it cannot be used. Also, what we learned yesterday is that a particular municipality had to have a land use commission in order to invoke this principal. We were told yesterday that the last land use commission was taken out of commission back in 1990. So, it just represents, now, an obsolete, unusable section of our statutes that we are going to move out. And so, the other backstory to this Bill is that I have been

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serving on what is called the Budgeting for Results Commission. I was appointed under Quinn, reappointed under Rauner, and subsequently reappointed under Governor Pritzker. The Budgeting for Results Commission, overall, is an effort to kind of examine how we spend our state money and to make sure that we are getting the best bang for our buck within our state spending. There's a section... or a subcommittee of the BFR Commission called the Government Mandates Commission. And what we examine every year are asking agencies to tell us what statutes that, again, are obsolete, unused, maybe they were put in place with the thought that they may be funded at some point down the road but have never received any money. So, it's an effort to clean up our statutes, clean up our books. And every year, we submit a piece of legislation to the General Assembly reflecting the information that we get from state agencies in order to help clean up their particular statutes in State Government. So, this particular area, the blighted areas... Blighted Areas Act, represents something that we have been trying to take out of state... take off the books for quite some time, but every year it kind of gets removed out of our omnibus package. So, we just thought, so we could make sure we had a very specific conversation about it, that we move it as a stand-alone Bill. What you see here today is a result of that stand-alone Bill. With that being said, Madam Chair, I'll be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you. Representative Halbrook is recognized."

Halbrook: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. And to the Bill. Yesterday in committee, Representative Davis and his witness did a great

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job of explaining this Bill and it went out of committee unanimously. I think it's a Bill that we need to pass. Thank you."

Speaker Burke: "Oh, excuse me. Representative Mazzochi is recognized."

Mazzochi: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. To the Bill. I actually believe that it is improper under the 5th Amendment in our takings provision to actually say that near blight alone is something that can qualify as an appropriate public purpose to justify taking private property. So, because of that reason, I would support this Bill. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Burke: "Representative Davis to close."

Davis: "Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Thank you to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that spoke in favor of this. I don't have the legal background that Representative Mazzochi has, but she has offered us an opinion, a professional opinion, presumably. So again, thank you very much for supporting this effort. I ask for a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Burke: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 4945 pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; all opposed vote 'nay'. 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 this question, there are 106 voting in 'favor', 0 voting 'against', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Cassidy, for what reason do you rise?"

Cassidy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

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Cassidy: "Madam Speaker and, frankly, the other Members that serve in the Chair, might I respectfully request that we reinstate the 'bing' that Representative Davis used that helped us all remember that it's time to vote?"

Speaker Burke: "Will do. The Clerk is in receipt of Motions in Writing to waive the posting requirements for several Bills. Is there leave... if there is leave, we will take these together in one Motion. Is there leave? Leave is granted. Leader Harris on the Motion."

Harris: "Madam Speaker, I move the posting requirements be waived so the following Bills can be heard: Senate Bill 1302, in Executive; and House Resolution 957, in Executive."

Speaker Burke: "Leader Harris has moved to waive the posting requirements. All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. We're having a roll call vote. Ding, ding, ding. 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 this Motion, there are 66 voting 'yes', 39 voting 'no'. And the Motion prevails. Representative Willis, for purposes of an announcement."

Willis: "The Democrats will caucus upon the end of Session this afternoon, downstairs on the lower level."

Speaker Burke: "Thank you. Representative Spain, for purposes of an announcement."

Spain: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. The House Republicans will also caucus upon adjournment in the upstairs mezzanine area."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 958, offered by Representative Severin."

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

Murphy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Burke: "Please proceed."

Murphy: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the Democratic Caucus, I welcome all of you back to Springfield. I want to remind you as my friends, before you head to your caucus today at the Bank of Springfield Center that's serving as a House chamber this week, in the room downstairs, B11, is serving as a House committee room. That means that any discussions you may want to have, as you discuss your leadership vote, about politics, fundraising, donors, 13 Ward precinct workers is off limits due to the ethics rules that we have in place. Thank you very much."

Speaker Burke: "And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Harris moves that the House stand adjourned until Monday, January 11, at the hour of 12:30 p.m. 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 House Bills. House Bill 5877, offered by Representative Villa, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2481, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act

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concerning revenue. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."