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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 315, offered by Representative Nichols, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Children and Family Services. Senate Bill 317, offered by Representative Costa Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 525, offered by Representative Halpin, a Bill for an Act concerning labor relations. Senate Bill 672, offered by Representative Ann Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 740, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 814, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 928, offered by Representative Greenwood, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1040, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Senate Bill 1096, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1138, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1139, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 1231, offered by Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1232, offered by Representative Halpin, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1305, offered by Representative Jacobs, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1655, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill 1767, offered by Representative Greenwood, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 1822, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning local government.

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Senate Bill 1823, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2043, offered by Representative Bourne, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2090, offered by Representative Greenwood, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2109, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 2110, offered by Representative Barbara Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2122, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 2133, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning demographic data. Senate Bill 2137, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2390, offered by Representative Stoneback, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Senate Bill 2486, offered by Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Senate Bill 2494, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2563, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. First Reading of these Senate Bills."

Speaker Harris: "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."

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Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Almighty and sovereign God, who art the giver and sustainer of life, you, oh God, are the only true and righteous lawgiver who grants it justly, full of mercy, and with compassion. We come before you, asking your blessings upon this august Assembly. May your blessings of strength and guidance be upon the Speaker of this House, upon its Leaders, upon its Members, upon all of his staff. We pray today that you would grant them wisdom to make wise and thoughtful decisions. Decisions that help us, not hurt us. Heal us, not harm us. Uplift us, not lower us. Unite us, and not divide us. May they all be divinely inspired to rightly execute your judgement and laws to be ethical and fair. May they represent your truths properly in all matters. May they legislate effectively. May they govern with all humility. This we pray in your son's name, Amen."

Speaker Harris: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Morgan."

Morgan - 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 Ammons is recognized for excused absences on the Democrat side of the aisle."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please excuse Representative Marcus Evans and Representative Omar Williams today."

Speaker Harris: "The record shall so reflect. Leader Welter for the Republicans."

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Welter: "Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect that on the Republican side of the aisle Representative David Friess and Tim Ozinga are excused for the day."

Speaker Harris: "Thank you. The record shall so reflect. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. 114 Members being present, we have a quorum and are ready to conduct business. Yeah, Members, an announcement. This is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers nose and mouth, except when necessary for eating or drinking. This includes when speaking on the microphone at your desk. Again, please remember to wear a face covering, including while speaking on the microphone, pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Representative Caulkins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Caulkins: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Caulkins: "Good morning. I rise today to recognize two Members of this House. Last Sunday, ABATE of Illinois held their annual Freedom Rally, or protest this year, here on our campus. About 350 of their members rode to the Capitol from all parts of Illinois. As I'm sure many of you know, each year ABATE honors one of us as their Legislator of the year. Last year, due to COVID, they were unable to honor their winner. So, on Sunday, two of our Members were so recognized. The honoree of this very coveted award for 2020 is Representative Stephanie Kifowit. The honoree for 2021 is Representative Tim Butler. Please join me in congratulating both of them on being selected by ABATE of Illinois as their Legislators of the Year."

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Speaker Harris: "Representative Lewis, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Lewis: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Lewis: "This week, as we all know, we have struggled through a year where our schools have been shut down. Our teachers have been doing the best they can to teach the next generation remotely. Our administrators have been working hard. And having being married to an educator for almost 25 years, I'd like this Body to celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week."

Speaker Harris: "Representative Ramirez, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Ramirez: "Point of personal privilege, Speaker."

Speaker Harris: "Please state your point."

Ramirez: "I would like to ask the Body to help me celebrate one of our own. As we know, this work is hard and many of us put in very late night hours while we're also doing other things. So, I want to celebrate today, that on Saturday, one of our colleagues, Representative Hernandez, graduated with her master's degree in public administration from Aurora University. Help me give her a round of applause."

Speaker Harris: "And, Representative Collins, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Collins: "Yes, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Harris: "Please..."

Collins: "I want to suggest asking my colleagues to stand for Jaslyn Adams, a young seven-year-old girl who was shot down at a McDonalds in my district in Homan Square on April 18.

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She was a very vibrant young lady. She was with her father, and someone took her life too soon. Luckily they do have the suspects in custody, but this is something that has been happening in our community for far too long. There is a Stop the Violence rally today at 5:00, being hosted by Earth's Remedies, which is an organization that I work with on the West Side of Chicago. But I just want everybody to take a moment of silence for her family and for this young girl who has lost her life way too soon."

Speaker Harris: "The Body will take moment of silence. Thank you, Members. Representative Scherer, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Scherer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Today Representative Stuart and I would like to say a shout out to all of our peers for Teacher Appreciation Week. Representative Stuart and I both were teachers before we left that position to come here. And we continue to fight for... we continue to fight for the needs of our students and our teachers. We have Bills that we're working on every day, trying to make education better. We're not the only two. There's Representative Carroll that was a teacher. We've got... Representative Ford was a teacher. And I'm sure there are others that I'm just not thinking of. Oh, Representative Hirschauer was a teacher. So, we all know what it's like to be in the trenches. And from the deepest part of our heart, we all want to say thank you to our teachers. You don't hear it often enough, but we in the General Assembly appreciate everything you do and everything you have been through with COVID. And please ignore the naysayers and know that we have your back. Thank you."

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Speaker Harris: "Leader Ammons for an announcement. Leader Ammons for an announcement."

Ammons: "Thank you. Sorry, Mr. Speaker. The Democratic Caucus will convene as regular, immediately upon adjournment. Thank you."

Speaker Harris: "And Leader Welter for another announcement."

Welter: "The Republicans will also caucus after Session."

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

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 261, offered by Speaker Welch. House Resolution 262, offered by Representative Evans. And House Resolution 264, offered by Representative Welter."

Speaker Harris: "Leader Ammons moves for 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 Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, leaving perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Ammons moves the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 5, at the hour of noon. All those in favor say 'aye'; 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 481, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 1711, offered by Representative Hirschauer, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these Senate Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4075, offered by Representative Buckner, a Bill for an Act concerning finance."

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First Reading of this House Bill. Introduction and First Reading in full of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #34, offered by Representative Evans.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be 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 the Illinois Constitution in Article I by adding Section 25 as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

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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 House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #34. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 259, offered by Representative Butler. House Resolution 260, offered by Representative Costa Howard. House Resolution 263, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 265, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Joint Resolution 39, offered by Representative Meier. House Joint Resolution 40, offered by Representative Meier. House Joint Resolution 41, offered by Representative Marron. House Joint Resolution 42, offered by Representative Windhorst. These are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."