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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 147, offered by Representative Harper, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 517, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 769, offered by Representative Stuart, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 921, offered by Representative Carroll, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 930, offered Speaker Welch, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 1078, offered by Representative Walsh, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1089, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 1542, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1545, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 1672, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2112, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2663, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. These will be referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "The House will come.. will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in pray today by Lee Crawford, Pastor Crawford. He is the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops,

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turn off all cell phones, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Almighty God, the giver and sustainer of life, and that life more abundantly, you, oh God, are sovereign in all your ways and have given us grace today and given us grace at this time. Our prayers of one accord are to make our suffocations today known unto you, asking for your blessings to be upon this august Assembly, the Speaker of this House, all of its Leaders, all of its Members, and upon all of his staff. You, oh God, have promised us, through your sacred word, that when two or three are gathered together in your name, you then would dwell in their midst and you would grant their requests. Fulfill within us, oh God, our desires and the petitions that they may be the best for us. God of all mercies, we ask you to have mercy upon us, for we need you. We need your peace that surpasses all understanding to stabilize us. We need your protection to guard our hearts and our minds to keep us sound. We need your presence to be our refuge and our cover to be our safe place. We need your power to be our strength and our weaknesses and at our weak moments. We need your spirit to be our guide and to lead us, order our steps. We need your precious word to be the lamp unto our feet and that light unto our path in dark moments and in dark times. We need your hand to touch us. We need your hand to hold us up to do what you have called us to do. Most of all, we need you to be today, oh God, our very present help in the times of our trouble and in the times of our dire need. This we humbly pray and humbly ask in you precious son's name, Amen."

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Speaker Hernandez, L.: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Gonzalez."

Gonzalez - 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 Hernandez, L.: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Harris is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Harris: "Madam Speaker, I know of no absences on the House side... House Dem side of the aisle."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Leader Welter is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Welter: "Madam Speaker, let the record reflect that all Republicans are present and ready to work."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 118 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on May 11, 2021: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 for House Joint Resolution 33, Floor Amendment(s) 2 for Senate Bill 1646, Floor Amendment (s) 1 for Senate Bill 2107; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 690, and House Bill 1091; and approved for consideration, referred to Consideration Postponed is House Bill 1092."

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Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Members, an announcement. There is a reminder of House Rule 51.5. Please remember to wear a face covering that covers the 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, as pursuant to House Rule 51.5. Thank you. Leader Butler, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Butler: "Thank you, Speaker Hernandez. You look good up there. An inquiry of the Chair, please, since you're in the Chair."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Please state your inquiry."

Butler: "Last week, I received a nice letter from Senate Democrat staff saying the deadline for public submission of redistricting maps was yesterday. I'm wondering, and I noticed... I don't see anything on the redistricting Web site about maps. I'm wondering if maps will be posted. Also, I noticed that while written testimony is on the Web site of redistrict hearings, I see no... none of the transcripts are listed on the Web site as well. I'm wondering when those two things will be posted on the redistricting Web site."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "We will look into the matter, Rep..."

Butler: "I've heard that before. Thank you, Madam Chair."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Thank you. Representative Murphy, for what do you seek recognition?"

Murphy: "I'd like a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Please proceed."

Murphy: "Yes, I'd like to congratulate my seatmate, Representative Butler. Last Saturday, he was selected to give the commencement speech at Eastern Illinois University for two of

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their three graduation ceremonies. Everybody in this Assembly knows what Tim thinks of Eastern Illinois. And I got to listen to one of the speeches, and I can honestly say I was moved to tears. He did an unbelievable job, and I'm so proud of him. And he really represented the General Assembly very well last Saturday. And I wish everyone would congratulate him with a round of applause."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Leader Harris, you seek recognition?"

Harris: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'd just like to take this opportunity to welcome to the House Floor the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, Susana Mendoza. And I'd like to her for the work she's done and her staff to bring our backlog of bills down to the lowest point it has been in many, many years in this state. And also to say how much we look forward to working with her to implement our next balanced budget that we will enact in the next couple of weeks, and also, to enact and implement the General Assembly's priorities on the federal funds, which we'll also be discussing in the next several weeks."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Leader Ramirez is recognized."

Ramirez: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Please proceed."

Ramirez: "Madam Speaker, is this your first time on the Chair?"

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "On the well, yes."

Ramirez: "Well, I want to say to you that you look absolutely amazing up there. So, on behalf of the entire Latino Caucus, we are so inspired and so grateful for you. Thank you."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Thank you. Representative Sosnowski, do you seek recognition?"

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Sosnowski: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Please proceed."

Sosnowski: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Speaking of backlogs, wanted to give a quick update on a Resolution, a bipartisan Resolution that I introduced a couple weeks ago regarding our unemployment office. As many of us know, we received calls every day, every week regarding unemployment claims. Sometimes from fraudulent issues. Sometimes it's just people trying to apply for unemployment for the first time. Other times they have a more complicated issue. I've gotten calls just in the last week with unemployment claims that are dating back to February that have yet to be fixed. We had Chrysler employees, UAW employees who are claiming for the first time and who aren't getting calls back. And as many of you know, there's over 20 people that have signed on to House Resolution 226, asking for unemployment offices to reopen immediately. Why they are not open still befuddles me. I got some information recently regarding the Secretary of State, Jesse White's office has over 122 local agency offices. And my understanding is just about every single one is open for in-person appointments. Some have been closed for various reasons temporarily. A couple have taken appointments only, but they're still open to the walk-in customers, our residents, our citizens of Illinois. In fact, just two weeks ago, I stopped by a Secretary of State office to renew my driver's license and there was 30 people in line taking care of issues that they needed through the Secretary of State. I was happy to have my 16 year old, his birthday is today. He went in person and got his license, his very first license,

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and there was 50 people in line with him. Why are unemployment offices... are still closed? There's no excuse for it. I don't know if this Body needs to do a draft Jesse White, since he's heading into retirement, but maybe we can ask Jesse to take over the unemployment offices so that we can get them operating again for in-person. I'd encourage everybody in the Body, if you'd like to sign on to this Resolution to open up our unemployment offices, please do so. Just one last comment. We don't even have a date. The director of the unemployment office, the Governor's Office hasn't even said when unemployment offices are going to open. I had a member of the media reach out to me, and they said, 'Well, we heard some comment that sometime later in the summer the unemployment offices might open.' Us, as a legislative Body, as a coequal branch of government, need to demand more. Let's get together and open up our unemployment offices now. Thank you, Madam Speaker."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Attention, Members, for an announcement. The deadline to file Committee Amendments to Senate Bills will be next Wednesday, May 12, at 3 p.m. This Wednesday, sorry. Committee Amendments filed after 3 p.m. next.. this Wednesday will not be considered for assignment by the Rules Committee. Once again, Members, the deadline for filing Committee Amendments to Senate Bills is Wednesday at 3 p.m. That's this Wednesday, 3 p.m. Thank you, Members. Leader Ammons is recognized for an announcement."

Ammons: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. You look well today. The House Democratic Caucus will meet immediately upon adjournment. Thank you."

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Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Leader Welter is recognized for an announcement."

Welter: "The Republicans will also caucus immediately following adjournment."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 280, offered by Speaker Welch. House Resolution 282, offered by Representative Yednock. And House Resolution 283, offered by Representative Ness."

Speaker Hernandez, L.: "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 for the House and... stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 12, 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 House Bills. House Bill 4077, offered by Representative Welter, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 4078, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2411, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 2520, offered by Representative Caulkins, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. First Reading of these Senate Bills. These will be referred to the



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Rules Committee. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 281, offered by Representative Haas, is referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."