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Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Gabel, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: recommends be adopted, referred to the Order of Resolutions is Senate Joint Resolution 33; approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 579."

Speaker Evans: "The House shall be in order. The House shall be in order. Members should be in their chairs. We'll be led in the prayer today Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off cell phones, and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance."

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Dear heavenly Father, you are the pillar of strength and shield. You are our shepherd who internally guides us. Father, as we start Session today, be with us and guide our thoughts and actions. With your help, good things and new beginnings will happen to this great state. Father, we have faced many challenges in our state, some with impossible odds and others that were simply unbelievable. But still, throughout both of them, you come through for us. Lord, finally, we stand before you today because we hope for a better future. We pray that our investments, plans, and relationships will come to fruition. Walking in your light has taught us, by your power, we will persevere and win. Thank you for this Session, and you deserve nothing less than eternal glory. These things we pray, Amen."

Speaker Evans: "Going to be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative... Leader Manley."

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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 Evans: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Gabel is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

Gabel: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Crespo, Davis, and Jones are excused today."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Keicher is recognized to report any excused absences on the Republican side of the aisle."

Keicher: "Good morning, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that all Republicans are here to conduct the business of the people today."

Speaker Evans: "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 115 Members answering the roll, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Walsh, Chairperson from the Committee on Public Utilities reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 76 and Senate Bill 1673. Representative Harper, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 203, Senate Bill 1883; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 149 and House Resolution 164. Representative Moylan, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation:

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Regulations, Roads & Bridges reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 63; recommends be adopted is House Joint Resolution 10, House Joint Resolution 25, and House Resolutions 148, 167, and 170. Representative Costa Howard, Chairperson from the Committee on Adoption & Child Welfare reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1999. Representative Jones, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 101 and Senate Bill 1494; and recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 1068. Representative Ann Williams, Chairperson from the Committee on Energy & Environment reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 40; and recommends be adopted is House Resolution 169. Representative DeLuca, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 1570. Representative Meyers-Martin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 328 and Senate Bill 1440. Representative Moeller, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate is House Bill 2911, and Senate Bill 67, Senate Bill 1665, and Senate Bill 1826; recommends be adopted is House Resolutions 125 and 163. Representative Gong-Gershowitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary - Civil reports the following

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committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 55, Senate Bill 201, Senate Bill 216, Senate Bill 283, Senate Bill 380, and Senate Bill 4... correction, Senate Bill 1748. Representative Morgan, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 199, Senate Bill 218, Senate Bill 303, Senate Bill 759, and Senate Bill 2059. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 46, Senate Bill 325, Senate Bill 1065, Senate Bill 1861, Senate Bill 1897, and Senate Bill 2406; recommends be adopted is House Resolution 17. Representative Andrade, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 19, 2023: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 273. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 203, offered by Representative Slaughter; and House Joint Resolution 26, offered by Representative Harper, are referred to the Rule Committee."

Speaker Evans: "On Supplemental Calendar #1, under the Order of Resolutions, we have Senate Joint Resolution 33, offered by Leader Gabel. Leader Gabel is recognized on the Resolution."

Gabel: "Mr. Speaker, this Bill will allow us to have the Joint Session, and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 33. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes'

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have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Speaker Welch in the Chair."

Speaker Welch: "The regular Session will stand in recess. Would the Members of the House and our guests from the Senate all please take your seats? Please take your seats, everyone. As designated in Senate Joint Resolution #33, the hour of noon having arrived, the Joint Session of the 103rd General Assembly will now come to order. Mr. Clerk, is a quorum of the House present?"

Clerk Hollman: "A quorum of the House is present."

Speaker Welch: "Mr. President, is a quorum of the Senate present?"

President Harmon: "A quorum of the Senate is present."

Speaker Welch: "There being a quorum of the House and a quorum of the Senate in attendance, this Joint Session is convened. Ladies and Gentlemen, it is my tremendous honor to welcome to Springfield, into the floor of the Illinois House of Representatives, the 57th Mayor of the City of Chicago. Please stand and come to your feet and welcome Mayor-Elect Brandon Johnson."

Mayor-Elect Johnson: "Thank you. Thank you. Wow, thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you. Speaker Welch, thank you so much. Thank you. And I'm so honored and humbled to be with you all this afternoon. And that reception is just the way my seventh graders would greet me when I came into the classroom. But, you know, there was always a few that didn't stand and clap. So, I appreciate for making me feel right at home. Look, we're uniting this entire state. Illinois, our best days are ahead, so give yourself a nice round of applause. To Speaker Welch, and to President Harmon, and Members of the General Assembly,

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and all of my fellow Illinoisans, thank you all so much for having me today. This is truly humbling because it wasn't too long ago that I was teaching middle school in a classroom or before assisting in constituent services for an up-and-coming State Senator by the name of Don Harmon. And to the Senate President who gave me my first job, you are responsible for what happens to the City of Chicago. Thank you. I'm not going to tell y'all how much he paid me per hour. And I got to treat Senate and House staff a little better, though. But... but now today... I think there was one applaud there. That was probably the one union member in here. Now, today, I stand before you though, of course, of someone who was just teaching middle school and working part time for this Body, I now stand today as the Mayor-Elect of the City of Chicago. Thank you. But make no mistake about it, I'm here today to establish a productive, collaborative, and energetic partnership to invest in the people of Chicago and the engine of this economy here in Illinois. I want to take a moment to lay out, in a very specific way in front of all of you, my vision for how Chicago and Springfield can work together to deliver for the people of Illinois. Because pundits and cynics don't always see it that way, do they? But it's a new day for Chicago, and it's a new day for the State of Illinois. For years, they've told us that this is a zero-sum game, that if something is good for Chicago, well, that means we're taking something away from Peoria. They tell us that the challenges that we face in the City of Chicago and families like mine on the West Side of Chicago aren't the same challenges shared by families from Rockford to Carbondale, from East St. Louis to

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Champaign, and everywhere in between. Our challenges are not that unique. They are challenges that we recognize in every corner of this great state. They've tried to frame this as a choice, but I'm here to deliver an empathic message today. It is a false choice. No one has to lose at the expense of someone else winning. There's more than enough for everybody in the State of Illinois. Because, in Chicago, the food that we eat in our world-renown restaurants come from farms all over Illinois. The solar electricity that we use to power O'Hare Airport will come from one of the nation's largest solar farms being built right here, near Springfield. Wherever you live in our great state, we are all connected. Not just those in a very concrete way, but because we all want the same things for our families, good paying jobs, health care, safe streets with quality schools. We all want it. And I all know too often that many times that the challenges that we face and the divisive of nature of our politics want to divide us when it is very clear that we are connected in a very meaningful way. You know, it is often said that a... that a budget is more than numbers on a spreadsheet. It is a reflection of our values. In order to have good health care and safe streets and quality schools, we have to be committed to our values. And our values have to be very much committed and aligned with our investments. Now, some of you all know that I am a son of a pastor, which means this address is going to go on for the next 45 minutes. Thank you. I got one witness. Clearly has nowhere else to go. But as a son of a pastor, I'm reminded of a scripture, Matthew 6:21, 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be

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also.' See, I believe we can show every community in Illinois that in our hearts we treasure the lives, the safety, the economic security, and the rights of all Illinoisans. So, I feel a sense of comradery and companionship today because your body of work has shown it's possible for lawmakers to take bold action to lift up the people of the State of Illinois instead of just pitting people against one another. This Body has united this state. And here's what it looks like, the fact that we could take it one step further. In my view, the State of Illinois, led by Governor Pritzker and this Legislative Body, has become the vanguard for progressive policy all over this country. You've done it. Labor rights are being strengthened here in Springfield as we create new, good-paying union jobs. Yes, Chicago is a union town, and Illinois is a union state. Just look at our State Constitution, where we guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to collectively bargain right there in our Bill of Rights. That's a remarkable testament to what a dreamer once said. He said that the enemy of labor is the enemy of the negro, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. And we have made it a part of our Bill of Rights. God bless the State of Illinois. You've invested nearly a half a billion dollars into public safety, including \$250 million for the Office of Gun and Youth Violence, new state investment in Chicago Public Schools that helped us engage with disconnected youth. You got them (unintelligible) to successfully re-engaging, not just in our schools, but with the wraparound services and programming that we need in our school communities. Young people were lifted up, were lifted up in every single



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neighborhood in the City of Chicago because of this Body. Seventy million dollars for domestic violence prevention and two million dollars for expanding trauma recovery centers. And not only money well spent, but it was also a smart investment that saved lives. That's what this Body has done. That is the marker of the politics that comes right out of this Body. And again, thank you for your progressive effort to bring the type of transformation that the State of Illinois deserves. And along with all of that, you've raised the state's credit rating and you directed 1 billion dollars towards a once-depleted Rainy Day Fund. This Body has done such a remarkable job. There are policy analysts in California and New York and even at the Federal Government who are studying what you've done here to replicate it nationwide. This approach has been recognized in Chicago as well. My mission in Chicago is to bring about the same smart, responsible, bold approach to budgets that have delivered here in Springfield. When my administration arrives on the fifth floor of city hall, we stand ready to work with everyone of this Legislative Body and, of course, throughout the State Capitol. Together we hope to build on all of these accomplishments and, of course, to continue to deliver for working people. Throughout my campaign for mayor and in my time as Mayor-Elect, I've called to build a better, stronger, safer Chicago. Chicago, as you know, is the economic engine of Illinois. When our economy grows, it drives widespread prosperity across our state. Businesses of all sizes, small to large, are essential to that prosperity. We must work with the entrepreneurs and the business community to grow the

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industries of today and attract the industries of tomorrow. And we will do that. We'll do it together by leveraging our strength, a dynamic workforce, a world-class cultural and educational institutions, robust infrastructure, and progressive values that embrace everyone. It's no coincidence that the progressive values led President Joe Biden to select Chicago, Illinois to host the Democratic Convention in year 2024. Now, I know there are other elected officials that take credit. I'm just saying. But it is estimated that at least \$150 million will be activated in our economy. And we also get to highlight our state's role as the foundation of the blue wall that has delivered the White House for strong Democratic Presidents, including our own brother, President Barack Obama. Together city hall and the General Assembly will not only have shared interests in driving economic growth in Chicago, we will also have shared, collective interests for our legislative goals. But public safety is a prerequisite to the prosperity of Chicago. And the voters have sent a clear message that they want to get smart, not just tough, on crime. We have a mandate to make bold, necessary investments that address the root causes of violence. And we must do a better job of supporting, of course, our law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line every single day. And right now we are asking them to do too much and failing to support them through the enormous mental health challenges that come with one of the most dangerous jobs in America. And under a Johnson administration, that will change. And here's what that change looks like. That's why we are going to expand mental health services for police officers. We will continue

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and we will keep investing in reforms that build trust in law enforcement in working hand in hand with you and our Attorney General, Kwame Raoul, to ensure that that happens. We will invest in promoting 200 more detectives to improve clearance rates and, of course, disincentivize crime by actually solving crime when it happens. But we're going to go one step further to address the root causes of crime, you all. Our city currently faces youth employment rate of 19 percent for those 16 to 19 years old, and 12 percent for those 20 to 24 years old. As a result, too many young Chicagoans feel there is nowhere to turn. Instead of lagging behind other major cities on youth summer jobs, Chicago will look to aggressively expand the number of jobs for young people. We'll do it by bringing government, philanthropy, the private enterprises together around our common interest to invest in people, particularly young people. And that is the future of the State of Illinois, our young people. Building a stronger, safer Chicago, it also means starting earlier. A better Chicago, a stronger economy here in Illinois demands stronger public schools. And as a teacher, I stand ready to continue to make those strong investments and to deliver on the promise of fully-funded neighborhood schools. Public education at the expense of the state, after all, is a negro idea. A revised school funding formula will not only help every community across the state, but it will also help ensure there is a nurse and a social worker in every single school in Chicago. For these investments, the city will build a comprehensive trauma response network at the schools most impacted by violence. We will be able to offer a range of social services

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to students and families to help them process this trauma and heal, while also interrupting the cycle of violence. These are investments in ourselves, in our children, and in our economy. Investing to create 200 more jobs in the Chicago Public Schools can yield incredible dividends going forward. In addition to lifting up the young people and the most vulnerable in Chicago, I believe we also have a responsibility to address those who are new to our communities. In an attempt to divide Americans, State Legislators and executives in other states have seized on the influx of asylum seekers often fleeing violence and economic devastation at our border and sought to make them a political football. But in Illinois, we recognize human rights and respect human dignity. Chicago is proudly a welcoming city. Illinois is a welcoming state. And with your support, we can prove that our city can both welcome people seeking asylum while also investing in communities that have faced disinvestments for decades. Now, there those that are trying to divide our communities. You're going to have a mayor that's always going to be honest with you and tell you the truth. The attempt to divide the black and brown community, not under a Johnson administration. Of course, with your continued help, we will also build a healthier city. As far-right federal judges tried to strip away abortion rights, Chicago stands with the rest of Illinois in protecting reproductive health care and maintaining our place as a safe sanctuary for those seeking abortions. While living in the neighborhoods... and, of course, neighboring red states that wish to divide us, Chicago and Illinois will always be a safe space for women reproductive rights. But, of course, building

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a healthier city also means supporting mental health care. We're going to reopen our mental health centers in the City of Chicago. But this will allow us to build on the support for mental health care that Springfield has provided for years. All of these investments for youth employment, stronger schools, investing in mental health care, and welcoming asylum seekers, it helps us build a stronger Chicago because those kids that are seeking asylum and those children who are seeking housing and our ideas and our hopes should not divide us. That whether you came from Sallis, Mississippi, like my family, or Central America, the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois is prepared to embrace every single family that wishes to thrive and grow in one of the greatest states, if not the greatest states, in this entire union. Because it's the kinds... these kinds of investments are exactly why the Local Government Distributed Fund was established. By increasing funding, this Body can help provide Chicago and cities and towns across the state with the resources that are needed to build from the ground up. And when we build a better, stronger, safer Chicago, we are building a better, stronger, safer Illinois. We can show that relationships between political leaders in Chicago and Springfield, we can show that we can build our communication, we can build our trust, and of course, we can demonstrate what collaboration really looks like. We can do that, you all. I'm confident. I've felt so much love being here in Springfield. I wonder where you all get all that from. Just tell me where that establishment is, and I'll order two of them. But Chicago and Springfield can work together. It doesn't mean that we always

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get along. You all know I have nine brothers and sisters. My parents were foster parents. Our home looked like the House of Representatives, and we survived that home with one bathroom. I know, even Republicans are cheering for me now. Like, that brother can do it. My father had one goal, for everyone to leave the house clean. Now, how you figure it out and get there, he counted on us. The people of Illinois are counting on us to figure it out and to do it together. So, I want to be a partner in this incredible, progressive Body that is delivered for people to cross this state. We want to make sure that businesses grow, thrive everywhere in Illinois because we want the major events to be here. From the DNC to conventions of all sizes, I want them to choose Chicago to spear the type of incredible economic activity across this state. And the truth is, we do have shared values and shared challenges. We have seen the kind of crime and violence that has torn families and communities apart for too long. We have seen the impact of disinvested schools. I've seen them first hand as a teacher. We have seen the disparities in our economy between different communities across our state. And for too long we have failed to reach our full potential because of those challenges. Our core values have to be front and center. We believe that every single family, no matter where you live in our state, deserve economic opportunity and affordable housing and good schools. We can, you all, and we will come together as one state to deliver for all of God's people. We can and we will come together as a state to deliver for every single Illinoisan across this state, no matter where you are, from Rockford and, yes, I know where Tamms, Illinois. We are

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building a political infrastructure to ensure that we do not leave it to chance that families will have access to health care and transportation and good-paying jobs. We have to make it a guarantee that every single family in the State of Illinois has access to the very fundamentals that my people, in particular, fought for at the end of emancipation, descendants of slaves. So, General Assembly, I say this today with deep belief and conviction, that our best and brightest days are still in front of us. As we emerge out of this unprecedented global pandemic with all of the devastation and the economic hardship and the social dislocation, we have seen, as a result... I believe we have seen, as a result, what's possible when we come together. We can build a stronger Illinois for everyone. We can lead Chicago and Springfield and our entire state to a new era. We will govern not out of fear but with hope. We can lead Chicago and Springfield to a place where not just a blue wall is an example for how we build progressive political politics across the State of Illinois and across this region. I'm talking about shared values. That it doesn't matter which god you worship, it doesn't matter who you love, it doesn't matter where you lay your head at night, you get to have an economy that works for you. Together we can build a better, stronger, safer Chicago. Together we can build a better, stronger Illinois. God bless you, General Assembly. I look forward to working together. Thank you all very much. Thank you."

Speaker Welch: "Members, as is customary, our honored guest has agreed to stand in the well and take photos with Members. President Harmon is recognized for a Motion."

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President Harmon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the Joint Session do now arise."

Speaker Welch: "President Harmon has moved that the Joint Session do now arise. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all opposed signify by saying 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Joint Session will now arise. The regular Session will come to order. Leader Evans is back in the Chair."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Slaughter is recognized."

Slaughter: "All right. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Slaughter: "Can the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated please stand? Everyone, Ladies and Gentlemen, please direct your attention to the visitors gallery, straight forward. It's a special point of personal privilege because, yes, that's right, it's Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the Capitol. Were founded on December 4, 1906 on the campus of Cornell University as the first intercollegiate Greek-letter organization established by and for African Americans. And make no mistake about it, Alphas have always been at the forefront of leadership in our country. We have a long story, legacy of advocacy and service as it relates to uplifting African Americans and communities of color. Our mission is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, and provide service and advocacies for communities. This is exemplified through our many local and national programs. I'll highlight just a few of our programs. Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College, which focuses on the educational achievements of students in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary



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schools and has given thousands of dollars in scholarship funds to deserving students. Project Alpha, which teaches teenage pregnancy prevention and sexually transmitted disease prevention to young males. And my favorite, a Voteless People is a Hopeless People campaign, a voter registration and education program through which thousands of voters have been educated and registered. Our fraternity also focuses on providing service towards strategic partnerships with Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Boy Scouts of America, the March of Dimes, the American Heart... American Stroke Association, and the American Cancer Society. For over 116 years, Ladies and Gentlemen, Alpha Phi Alpha has played a fundamental role in the positive development of the character and education of more than 200 thousand men around the world. Members of Alpha Phi Alpha include many noteworthy leaders in the areas of government, business, entertainment, science, and higher education, including, and many of us associate our fraternity with these historical figures and icons, Dr. Martin Luther King, Thurgood Marshall, W.E.B. Du Bois, John Hope Franklin, just to name a few. Its membership also includes federal, state, and local elected officials, including U.S. Representative Danny K. Davis; former U.S. Senators Edward Brooke and Roland Burris; former State Senator Don Trotter, who many of us know; former State Representative Al Riley; former State Representative Art Turner, Jr., who I believe is in the gallery today; former Cook County Board Presidents John and Todd Stroger; and former Mayor of Chicago Eugene Sawyer; among countless others who have long stood at the forefront of the fight for civil and human rights and social

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change for all of Americans. Ladies and Gentlemen, we also have a tremendous impact on our work here today. All of us collaborate with Alphas at the Capitol every day. Many of us are staffers, lobbyists. We hold senior level positions within our state agencies. We're also Legislators, like myself, Senators Sims, and, yes, Representative Emanuel 'Chris' Welch, who is the first black Speaker in our 204-year history. And, Mr. Speaker, I know you're listening in. We're proud to serve. We love to serve. Our dedication and commitment is anchored in our motto, which is, 'First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All.' We're going to keep leading, keep advocating, keep inspiring, keep empowering. Ladies and Gentlemen, please give the great men of Alpha Phi Alpha a warm Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gordan-Booth, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Gordon-Booth: "Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker. A moment of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Gordon-Booth: "Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to stand in recognition of the distinguished gentleman of Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated. And, more specifically, I want to stand and recognize a couple of folks who are from my local community of Peoria, Illinois. I stand to recognize Brother Leon Hendricks; Brother Frank Stacy, who also happens to serve as the midwestern regional vice president; Dr. Leonard McKinnis, who was the Illinois district director; and Mr. Reggie Birris, the photographer extraordinaire. So, thank you, gentlemen, and welcome to your House."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative McLaughlin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

McLaughlin: "Mr. Speaker, I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Speak your point."

McLaughlin: "I'd like to welcome a number of gentlemen that are in the Speaker's Gallery. If you guys would stand, I would appreciate it. I'd like to recognize these individuals for being some of the bravest men in the State of Illinois. Why they're so brave? They own businesses in the State of Illinois. They are continuing to operate these businesses. And even more importantly, my friends, they are manufacturers. Think about what I just said, that these gentlemen are putting their life's treasure on the line every day to support and hire people in the State of Illinois and to manufacture goods that we all need. I want to thank them for visiting today. Greg Vrablik from the Presidents Forum; Bryan Vrablik, Presidents Forum; Todd Stukenberg from the Presidents Forum. And some phenomenal brave gentlemen, Tom Becker from ImageWorks Manufacturing; Steve Varon from Crown Metal Manufacturing; Barry Willey from National Cycle, Incorporated; and Chris Spatz from Schold Manufacturing. As I mentioned last week, let's make sure manufacturers are welcomed, supported, and policies on this floor help them to do their jobs so that we don't end up with manufacturing deserts in the State of Illinois. Gentleman, welcome to Springfield. Thank you for everything you do for your families and for all the people that you employ. Thank you for being here today. Please join me in a round of applause."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Didech, what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Didech: "Thank you. I am very pleased to introduce to the Body my Page for the day. Her name is Riley Ozan. She is a student of Half Day School in Lincolnshire. She tells me her favorite subjects are math and Spanish, and she wants to be an author when she grows up. So, please, everybody, please give a very warm welcome to Riley. Welcome her to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Weaver, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weaver: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Weaver: "Yeah, I'm really proud to welcome in a Page for a day. Will Rumbold is here with me. I got a call from a local superintendent about a month ago, and he said, 'I got a young man who's interested in law and wants to learn about how the law is made.' And so, I'm just really proud of Will for coming down today and trying to be proactive about his future and seeing how things get done here. Thanks so much for coming down today, Will."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Elik, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Elik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to call attention to a special guest on the floor. We are so blessed to have in our presence former Representative Mark Batinick on the floor. Welcome back."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Severin, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Severin: "It's my honor today to have my 114th Page... no, not actually that many, but we're getting there. But Lora Judge, she's from Mount Carmel. Her father actually is the Mayor of Mount Carmel, Joe Judge. She's an SIU, University of Carbondale sophomore. She's majoring in law. Her... she's an honor... she's an honor's program student. She's an Alpha Gamma Delta pre-law student and will be enrolling in the law... in August of 2025. She's a volunteer as a student teacher at the Mount Carmel Grade School. So, we're proud to have on the House Floor today, on this day, Lora Judge from Mount Carmel. If you'll welcome her, I would appreciate it very much. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst, what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Windhorst: "I'm pleased to have today the Illinois Prevention Network, which advocates for safe, healthy, drug-free communities in Illinois. They've visited with many Representatives and Senators in the Capitol today and just want to welcome them to Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mason, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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Mason: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mason: "Thank you so much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have some very special guests here who are attending the Illinois Municipal League events this week. And I'm hoping that you will help me welcome Mayor Dr. Michael Bruno from Winthrop Harbor; Mayor Glenn Ryback of Wadsworth; Mayor Dominic Marturano of Lindenhurst; Mayor Billy McKinney of Zion; and also, Tim Nearing from... the Superintendent of Public Works at Winthrop Harbor; Robert Marabella, the village trustee of Winthrop Harbor; and David Alarcón, village administrator of Winthrop Harbor. Please welcome them."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Hammond, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Hammond: "You know, we all have such a great diet when we're here, and we have three squares a day and it's very nutritious, but I would like to thank both Dave Sullivan and Mark Poulos for Local 150 for providing Poe's chicken to all of us here in the chamber today. Thank you, gentlemen, very much. Appreciate you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Kifowit, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Kifowit: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Kifowit: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to make a quick announcement about Go Blue 2023. Tomorrow, April 20, 2023 is

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Go Blue for child abuse prevention. I encourage all colleagues to wear blue tomorrow to bring awareness to the thousands of children who have been affected. So, tomorrow in the rotunda, in the morning, CASA of Cook County will be on hand to pass out blue ribbon pins to help bring awareness. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Thank you. Returning to Representative Hammond."

Hammond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a correction that our lunch was provided by Molina Healthcare. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representatives, we will return to the Calendar. Under House Bill-Second Reading on page 2, we have House Bill 3524, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3524, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Faver Dias, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on the Amendment."

Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am tabling both Amendments and running with the original Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please withdraw Amendment #1."

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3524, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias on House Bill 3524."

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Faver Dias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am pleased to present House Bill 3524, which seeks to create a task force to address an important public health issues in our schools. In order for children to learn and thrive in our public classrooms, students need and deserve to breathe clean air. The majority of U.S. schools do not meet the minimum ventilation standards set by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. Poor ventilation increases the concentration of carbon dioxide in school classrooms, often to levels that impair cognitive function. Illinois needs a plan to ensure its schools are meeting minimum ventilation standards. We are creating a task force that will issue recommendations for elementary and secondary schools related to best practices to better access current ventilation systems and identify potential infrastructural needs. The recommendations will also identify potential state and federal funding sources that could be used to improve these ventilation systems. This task force will provide recommendations that will support our districts as we seek to improve physical and academic environments and outcomes for our children. Task force members will serve without compensation. I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Representative, does the State Board of Education have a position on this Bill?"

Faver Dias: "Yes. We have been in ongoing productive talks. They are not a proponent or opposition. We had two Amendments



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originally, based on their feedback. But then, in our most recent conversation, they actually want to go back to the original language of the original Bill."

Windhorst: "So, the withdrawal of the Amendments was based on their request?"

Faver Dias: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Earlier in the... this Session, we passed House Bill 3713, which is Representative Lilly's Bill. Do you recall that?"

Faver Dias: "Yes, I do."

Windhorst: "And it appears that, that Bill is designed to address the issue that this task force is going to explore. I guess our question is, why both of those options going forward?"

Faver Dias: "We really see these as companion Bills and see the... and Rep. Lilly is a chief cosponsor of this Bill as well. So, it was working together with the task force looking to find funding, state and federal funding sources. We specifically did not put an end date due to the... on the report to allow flexibility to give the task force time to kind of address the needs of Rep. Lilly's Bill."

Windhorst: "And back to the State Board of Education. Have they expressed whether they have the staff and personnel to be able to support this task force?"

Faver Dias: "Yes. I mean, through our ongoing conversations, yes, they've... we've... they've gone neutral and moved it back to the task force."

Windhorst: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Faver Dias to close."

Faver Dias: "I would encourage an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative... the question is, 'Shall House Bill 3524 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. 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 88 voting 'yes', 24 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Continuing down page 2 of the Calendar, under House Bill-Second Reading. We have House Bill 3690, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3690, a Bill for an Act concerning education. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mussman, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman on the Amendment."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Committee. The House Committee Amendment #2 to House Bill 3690 is basically a technical change replacing the reference to 'the Federal Americans with Disability Act' to 'working with exceptional students'."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman moves the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3690, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman is recognized."

Mussman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is an effort to streamline and consolidate the unstructured collection of mandated professional development and training requirements of those with professional educator licenses, educational support personnel, and nonlicensed school personnel. It decreases the amount of time it takes these educators to complete the trainings by aligning the time frame to a five-year cycle renewal and providing portability between school districts. We do not add hours or content, but we do combine duplicative and related subjects into key professional development groups, which will also create a framework so that future topics passed by the legislation can be located together in the School Code. As we look for opportunities to ease the pressures experienced by our educational professionals, creating a more manageable and streamlined system for professional development that increases compliance and frees up their time to focus on trainings they are more interested in or are more applicable to their work is a benefit to everyone. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicates she will."

Keicher: "All right. Representative, thank you for bringing this. This is long overdue. We need to... we need to work on this. So, a couple quick questions 'cause I've had this come up in prior discussions. I don't see any feedback from any of the

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teacher's organizations in our analysis. Have they weighed in on the issue?"

Mussman: "Yes. They were at the table extensively during the development of this over the summer. And you're right, I didn't see that they had weighed in specifically either. But they are happy to have their trainings reorganized, consolidated, and made more easier for them to actually be in compliance with."

Keicher: "Okay, thank you. And can you tell me how this unifies or is it in concert with their existing certificate renewal calendar?"

Mussman: "So, our current goal is to... is to kind of put it on a cycle of the five-year licensure renewal. I believe that you will still see some Amendments come out of the Senate as we make some tweaks with ISBE, the refinement of some last-minute details. But yes, the goal is to make this make sense basically."

Keicher: "And finally, if you're like me, you've heard from a lot of educators about the frustrations in dealing with this. So, this is... this is a welcomed change. One of my persistent fears is that we will see another proposal for another mandate on more continuing education over the course of the remainder of this General Assembly. What type of assurances do we have that what's here will be allowed to play out and kind of fully grown into something before we start changing it again?"

Mussman: "I don't know that I can give you entirely an assurance of... again, I think all of the stakeholders are committed to creating a more comprehensive process going forward. We know that the General Assembly, in all of its wisdom, will continue

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to come up with new ideas for trainings as time evolve and issues continue to develop. Things that are important to us, you know, 10 years ago or, you know, need to be reconsidered and things that we cannot yet anticipate will want to be considered. But if we can put in a framework that makes sense for how you can evaluate things that become duplicative over time, or... or, again, maybe you're already mandated under federal requirements and, therefore, don't need a state requirement, it helps us to keep the process tidy."

Keicher: "I love it. And thank you for bringing this. I hope that any future ones that we have or consider we put into this framework and don't add back on top of what we're correcting today. Thank you very much."

Mussman: "Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Mussman to close."

Mussman: "I am glad to have bipartisan support for this Bill. It's something that we've spent considerable time working on, and we're very hopeful that it will have a positive impact on our teachers and education professionals."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 3690 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those 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 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Leader Hernandez is recognized."

Hernandez, L.: "Yes. Speaker, please excuse Larry... Representative Larry Walsh for the remainder of the day."

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Speaker Evans: "Moving forward to page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading. We have House Bill 2820, Leader Flowers. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, please read... bring this Bill back to the Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2820, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Flowers, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers on the Amendment."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of Amendment #2 to House Bill 2820."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2. All those in favor say 'aye'; all the opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments, Mr. Clerk?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Please read the Bill on Third Reading."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2820, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers is recognized."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 2820, as amended, adds birthing centers as defined in the Birth Center Licensing Act. And it also removes the specific requirement that educational... education be done yearly by educational modules. Instead of yearly, I want it to be done on a regular basis. And it also adds the requirement that these policies and education address airway

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emergency experience during childbirth. It has been discovered that a lot of deaths may occur with mother and child because of the airway passage not being cleared. And if there was more attention paid to the way that the airway is... I'm sorry. If there's more attention to the air... how the airway is put in the throat of the parent, the mother and the child, lives could be saved. So, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote on House Bill 2820, as amended."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Windhorst is recognized."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Evans: "She indicated she will."

Windhorst: "Leader Flowers, what is... or do we know the Department of Public Health's position on this Bill?"

Flowers: "The Department of Public Health is in support of the Bill."

Windhorst: "You had mentioned there was a removal of the yearly education requirement to on a regular basis."

Flowers: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Is that correct?"

Flowers: "Yes."

Windhorst: "Is it the intent that regular basis be more frequent than yearly or less frequent than yearly?"

Flowers: "More frequently. More frequently."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Appreciate you. Appreciate those answers."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Flowers to close."

Flowers: "I would appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Evans: "The question is, 'Shall House Bill 2820 pass?' All those in favor vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted

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who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the top of page 3 of the Calendar, House Bills-Third Reading, we have House Bill 2317, Representative Rita... Leader Rita. Leader Bob Rita. Out of the record. Representative Weber, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Weber: "Personal point of privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Weber: "I just want to recognize a few of the mayors that came all the way down here from up in Northern Illinois. Mayor Donny Schmit from Fox Lake, Mayor Scott Gartner from Antioch, and Scott Nickles from Round Lake Beach. Just like to give everyone a round of applause, welcoming them to Springfield."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel is recognized."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Democrats will caucus at 2 p.m. in Room 114."

Speaker Evans: "The Democrats will caucus at 2 p.m. in Room 114. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 201, offered by Representative Didech. House Resolution 202, offered by Representative Wilhour. House Resolution 204, offered by Representative Didech. House Resolution 205, offered by Representative Nichols. House Resolution 206, offered by Representative Didech. House Resolution 207, offered by Representative Didech. House Resolution 208, offered by Representative Didech. House Resolution 209, offered by Representative Jed Davis. House Resolution 209, offered by



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Representative Hoffman. And House Resolution 210, offered by Representative Stuart."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel 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. Mr. Clerk, read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Hollman: "House Joint Resolution #29, offered by Representative Gabel.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, April 20, 2023, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2023, or to the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2023, or to the call of the President."

Speaker Evans: "Leader Gabel moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, April 20, at the hour of 11 a.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 4031, offered by Representative Ammons, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4032, offered by

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Representative Evans, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 4033, offered by Representative Nichols, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4034, offered by Representative Avelar, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 4035, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4036, offered by Representative West, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4037, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 4038, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 4039, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."