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Speaker Evans: "The House shall be in order. The House shall 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 Pledge of Allegiance."

Assistant Doorkeeper Padget: "Let us pray. Lord, help me to remember that there's little I need to say and a lot I need to hear. Help me to remember that I have a little to teach and a lot to learn. Help me to remember that sometimes the most important thing I can give is simply my presence, and sometimes nothing more is even wanted. Help me to remember all my education, all my training, all my experience must always be secondary to my presence. Help me to remember that I must accept and reaccept and reaccept the uniqueness of the individual before me. And finally, Lord, help me to remember that I'm not here for me, I am here for others. These things we pray, Amen."

Speaker Evans: "We'll be led in the Pledge of Allegiance today by Representative Costa Howard."

Costa Howard - 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 Buckner is recognized. Leader Buckner is recognized to report any excused absences on the Democratic side of the aisle."

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Buckner: "Speaker, let the record show that Representatives Avelar, Ladisch Douglass, Flowers, Mayfield, Rashid, Syed, and Jones are excused today."

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

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There are no absences on the Republican side."

Speaker Evans: "Have all recorded themselves who wish? Have all recorded themselves who wish? Mr. Clerk, please take the record. There being 110 Members answering the roll call, a quorum is present. Attention, Members. Attention, Members. Speaker Welch in the Chair."

Speaker Welch: "Members, good afternoon. It is an honor and a privilege to be before you today. This afternoon, it is my pleasure to welcome to the Illinois House of Representatives the Honorable Consul General of Japan. The Honorable Jun Yanagi. Over the course of his distinguished career, Consul General Yanagi has taught law, international relations, and economics. He has traveled the world as a diplomat, leading Japan's missions in Nigeria, Australia, Russia, Canada, Vietnam, and Vienna before coming to Illinois in 2023. I am particularly grateful for Majority Leader Robyn Gabel's work to bring Consul General Yanagi to join us today. Illinois' bonds with Japan drive our economy and enrich our culture in so many ways. So, I am extremely pleased to further those bonds today by welcoming the Honorable Consul General Yanagi to our House chamber. Members, please put your hands together

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and give a warm welcome for the Honorable Consul General from Japan."

Consul General Yanagi: "Speaker Welch, Minority Leader McCombie, esteemed Members of the Illinois House of Representatives, let me express my deepest gratitude for the privilege of addressing you here in the capital of the great State of Illinois, crossroads of a nation, Land of Lincoln. Today, at this historical turning point as international order has been challenged, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida is making an official visit to the United States. Tomorrow, he will address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C. At such a significant moment, I am honored to underscore the enduring significance of the alliance, mutual trust, and deep friendship between the United States and Japan. Serving 10 Midwestern states, I have had the privilege to meet many wonderful people across the region from diverse backgrounds. I have been consistently heartened by the strong bipartisan support for the U.S.-Japan alliance. Japan's robust relations with the United States as a close ally have been nurtured and endured over decades, testifying to their strengths. Today, we face complex geopolitical challenges and economic uncertainties: Russia's aggression in Ukraine, the situation in Israel and Gaza, and security concerns in East Asia. In a globally integrated world, these international turbulences affect economic and social life here in Illinois. In response to these geopolitical challenges, Japan has bolstered its national security architecture and has been fundamentally reinforcing its defense capabilities and committed to doubling its defense budget to two percent of GDP by 2027.

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Japan has also intensified its diplomatic efforts in forging a broader network of partners around the world, including G7 presidency throughout the last year, Quad U.S.-Japan-India-Australia, trilateral partnership among U.S.-Japan-Republic of Korea, and Global South countries. In response to economic uncertainties, the United States and Japan are taking the lead in upholding rule-based economic order throughout the Indo-Pacific Economic Partnership, IPEF. The United States and Japan are also intensifying our cooperation in economic security, not to completely decouple us from China, but de-risk, de-risk our vital economic interests. Today, against these backdrops, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida holds a summit meeting with President Biden and attends the State Dinner, demonstrating the strong friendship and trust between the two leaders. This visit demonstrates to the world that the United States and Japan stand united, stand united as global partners in upholding and bolstering the free and open international order, based on the rule of law, in a time when such an order is being challenged at an unprecedented level. The visit also reconfirms that the United States and Japan are now indispensable partners for one another in leading sustainable and inclusive global economic growth, by maintaining competitiveness in advanced technologies and by overcoming the vulnerability of supply chains. For this, the two leaders will chart the course of cooperation in advanced technologies, such as outer space, AI, semiconductors, quantum, clean energy, 5G. In short, the U.S. and Japan have become truly, truly global partners, beyond regional sphere, indispensable to the peace, stability, and prosperity of the

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international community as a whole, not only for us, but for our children and our children's children. Beneath this robust global partnership lies *KIZUNA*, the strong bond of trust and friendship that unites our two peoples. This bond has been nourished not only at a national level but at a state level by a vibrant network of people-to-people interactions and business partnership. In Illinois, over 15 thousand Japanese nationals live in harmony with their local communities. Illinois and Japan have established nine sister-city relationships. Among them, Chicago and Osaka celebrated its 50th anniversary last year. Turning to the business partnership, Japan has been the world number one investor to the United States for four consecutive years, creating one million U.S. jobs. In Illinois alone, 650 Japanese business facilities provide 44 thousand U.S. jobs. One of them is J-Power USA, an electric company which owns two large power stations, ensuring efficient, cost-effective generation and reliable power supply to all sectors across the state. Japanese companies that invest in the United States and Illinois have been making efforts to coexist and prosper with local communities as good corporate citizens. They are supported by the local governments and admired by residents and local workers. Today... sorry. All of these, all of these are the foundation of our strong global partnership. At home, Japan has been transforming socioeconomic structural challenges, like climate change, energy, and demographic changes, into opportunities for economic growth. To advance cutting-edge fields, Japan has been intensifying public-private investment and attracting oversea investors. Japan

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can see the beginning of the end of three decades of economic stagnation and deflation. Its economic indicators show this: the highest nominal GDP growth rate among major developed countries, record-high domestic investment, highest wage gains in 30 years, and record-high stock prices. Indeed, Japan is back on the U.S. radar. A lot of Japanese content have been widely accepted here in the United States, including anime, manga, sushi, sake, sport stars like Seiya Suzuki and Shota Imanaga of the Chicago Cubs. Japanese companies are also reliable business partners of your most trusted allies. Japan's strong economy makes it an attractive destination for U.S. investment. Japan's competitiveness in cutting-edge technology offers new opportunities for U.S.-Japan collaboration. In addition, the strong U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen makes Japan even more attractive than ever as a tourist destination. 2024 has been designated as U.S.-Japan tourism year. The 2024 Osaka-Kansai Expo is also coming soon. I encourage all of you to take these opportunities to visit Japan. In closing, I remain optimistic about the future of U.S.-Japan global partnership. It is because we share the same basic values of democracy, freedom, human rights, and rule of law. It is because our partnership has been built from the ground up, supported by multiple layers of human connections and a wide range of groups in the society of both nations. Any bilateral relationship ultimately hinge on human connections. The Japan-U.S. relationship is no exception. Thank you so much, once again, for giving me this opportunity to address this esteemed audience. Thank you so much indeed."

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Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Consul. And on behalf of every Chicago Cubs fan, we want to specially thank you for Shota Imanaga and Seiya Suzuki. If you have more ball players you want to share with us, we'll take 'em. The Consul General has graciously agreed, Members, if we want to take a pause in action for a moment, he will stay and take photos with each and every one who would like to take a photo with him. So, at this time, in the well the Consul General will take photos. Leader Evans back in the Chair."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Windhorst: "Thank you. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the General Assembly, I'd like to welcome my Page for the day, Emersyn Clark from Herrin, Illinois. Emersyn is a sophomore at Agape Christian High School, where she is very active as a student as well as an athlete. She is a catcher on the softball team, plays on the volleyball team, and is a member of the cheer squad. Her other school pursuits include Student Senate member, Beta Club, newspaper editor, yearbook, and she will be competing at the end of this month in the state history competition. Emersyn's goal is to earn an associate degree in political science before graduating high school and then continue on to a four-year university to study law. Emersyn has served previously as a Page for me and for State Representative Dave Severin. Her experience here at the House should serve her well in her future endeavors. If you could, join me in welcoming Emersyn here to our House. Thank you."

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

Coffey: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Coffey: "If I could draw your attention to my two Pages for the day. I'd like to introduce Harrison Gray and Ian Klockenga. Harrison is a senior at Springfield High School and a student member of... for District 186 school board. He's very involved in his school activities and the community. Ian is a senior at Rochester High School and helped the Rochester varsity football team win the Class A... 4A state championship. Ian was just here a couple weeks ago with the football team. So, if you could give them a... please give them a warm... warm welcome. Thank you."

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

Cassidy: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Cassidy: "I'd like to direct your attention. I've got some guests up in the gallery on the other side of the aisle. The Rogers Park Girl Scout Troop 25781 representing Kilmer Elementary and Disney Magnet School are here. They're here working on their democracy badge. I don't think they were expecting to get a lesson in international relations too, but they got a little bonus out of being here today. So, welcome to the Capitol, y'all."

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

Katz Muhl: "Point of personal privilege."

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Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Katz Muhl: "I would also like to direct attention to the gallery behind me to the right, where I'd like to welcome 14 school board members and administrators to the Capitol as they attend ED-RED Advocacy Day. ED-RED advocates for suburban school districts throughout Cook and Lake Counties. They are joined today by their chair, school board member, Joel Finfer; vice chair, Dr. Susan Coleman; and executive director, Bridget Peach. I, myself, am an ED-RED alum. And so, I'm very excited to have them here with us today. So, welcome to the ED-RED team. And also, I'd like to acknowledge the team sitting with me here today, which is my family. My daughter, Sarah Muhl, who is off for today. It's SAT day at her high school. So, the sophomores got to take a field trip, and hers was here today. My parents, Abe and Kate Katz, are also with me in the chamber. Thank you to everybody who has welcomed them. Thank you, Leader."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

West: "I just want to introduce my Honorary Pages on today. I have two Pages with me. I have Isaiah Shelton with me, and I have Candance Neely. They are both the son and bonus son of my good friend and predecessor, who we all know, the honorable Dr. Litesa Wallace is on the Democratic side of the aisle. And for those of you who have got the chance to meet them, I asked you to provide words of wisdom. So, I asked them what has resonated so far. And Isaiah to my right said that don't

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wait for your turn, even if it means to take the stairs. And then Candance told me that what resonated with him is having a clear conscience and someone to trust is important in every line of work and to stay open and true to yourself. These are 20-year-old gentlemen who have their whole life ahead of them. If you have words of wisdom, no matter... on both sides of the aisle, if you have words of wisdom, come see us 'cause we want to hear from you. Thank you so much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 453, Representative Ammons is recognized."

Ammons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to present House Resolution 453. House Resolution 453 is the first of its kind in the United States, where we have paired research capability and genealogy with higher education and research for the descendants of those who are descendants of the enslaved. And I wanted to present the Resolution not by reading the entirety of the Resolution, but the words of those researchers and doctors who have helped us to get to this point. I want to start with Dr. David, who is the principal investigator for House Resolution 453. And pulling from her comments in committee, Dr. David said the following words, she said, 'Extended family members'... Mr. Speaker, if we can have a little quiet in the chamber. This is quite difficult to do. The importance of this Resolution certainly goes beyond me as an individual African descendant of those who were enslaved. It will live beyond me and all of us in this chamber. But the importance of the Resolution, about 10 years ago, I could not do this Resolution. I could not connect my family genealogy beyond my grandmother and just her mother. But because of

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technology and the research of people like Dr. LaKisha David at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, we will be able to do just that. And I want to read her words about the importance of this Resolution. Dr. David presented in committee, and she said, 'House Resolution 453 facilitates this reparative work by appointing my research team to provide these genetic genealogy services for residents of the State of Illinois. I will compare the DNA profiles of those who participate in this pilot program to reference individuals to their basic African relatedness, information that was separated during the transatlantic trafficking period. Many African Americans in the United States have been unable to find their ethnic homes because of the transatlantic slave period. But because of technology, we can answer that question today, and I'm a descendant of those who have asked for the question to be answered.' We also heard from the head of the Department of Anthropology at Urbana-Champaign, and I want to bring her words to the floor. She said, 'The Department of Anthropology fully supports Dr. LaKisha David's cutting-edge research and use of genetic genealogy in restoring family narratives following the transatlantic trafficking period. Dr. David's innovative approach combines both biological and social cultural anthropology, and she speaks directly to the psychological and social significance of her research.' The purpose of this pilot in this Resolution is to work with the department and university of our land-grant university to engage in scientific research for the benefit of society. Number two, through its public engagement and research, collaborate with other researchers to provide African

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Americans in Illinois a connection to their ethnic home and all of their generations between the transatlantic period of 1619 up and to this period, and we can go back 11 generations to do that. And finally, the importance of this pilot came home to me. My family, and many of our members in this chamber, took a trip to Ghana in January of 2023 as an official delegation. Many of us have never stepped foot on the African continent until that point. That was a turning point for me as a descendant. I realized, by walking through the slave dungeons at that time, that reclaiming our history, healing our understanding, preserving our cultural heritage, documenting our contributions, and empowering our community are part and parcel to correcting the wrongs of the past. I want to take a moment, Mr. Speaker, and thank our caucus, the Legislators of the Black Caucus, who have stood in the gap for African Americans in this state and across this country. And this will live beyond all of our service. So, I want to take a moment and thank a few other doctors that we know. I want to thank Dr. Ron Daniels, who's been doing this work for over 40 years in Chicago and leading the nation in this work. I want to thank Kamm Howard, who's a member and former director of N'COBRA. I want to thank Siphwe Baleka of Guinea-Bissau, but originally from Illinois, who established the Balanta B'urassa Society of Genealogy and Research from Yale University. I want to thank again Dr. LaKisha David and Dr. Jeff Trask, who have been working on this for a number of years and have coalesced around finding the genealogy of Illinois residents. And lastly, I wanted to thank Dr. Brenda Farnell of the anthropology department, the head of the

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Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who stood behind us from the very beginning as we began to research this pilot. This pilot would be available for up to 900 African Americans in Illinois, once it is launched, to enter into the pool to establish not only their genealogy, but also their ethnic home. I have learned that I am from Nigeria of the Esan people of the Igbo Kingdom. And the Igbo Kingdom is important to us because many of the artifacts that you see in our Field Museum in the Museum of Science and Industry come from the Nigerian kingdom from the Oba, the king of Nigeria. With that, I ask for the passage of House Bill... I mean, I'm sorry, House Resolution 453. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons, would like to adopt the Amendment? Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Ammons, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Ammons moves for the adoption for 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."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no further discussion, Representative Ammons moves for the adoption of House Resolution 453. 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. Representative Reick, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Reick: "Back in 2021, the Cary-Grove Trojans and the East St. Louis Flyers produced an instant classic in Illinois high school 6A football, where Cary-Grove walked away with a one-point victory. In November of this past year, I had the privilege of sitting in the stadium at Illinois State University to watch a rematch of these two fine teams. And I think it might have topped the 2021 game. Cary-Grove overcame a 5-point 4th quarter deficit with a 19-play drive that covered 71 yards and took 10 minutes and 41 seconds off the clock. Bears fans, take note. Ending with a touchdown and 2-point conversion by Logan Abrams with 1 minute and 19 seconds remaining, and the game was sealed with an intercepted pass with 52 seconds to go. In the end, it was Cary-Grove's triple option offense that made the difference. The Trojans racked up 199 yards on the ground on 54 rushing attempts, an average of 3.7 yards per carry, and were led by 87 yards and 2 touchdowns from Abrams, while Peyton Seaburg, the quarterback, threw one pass for a touchdown. Fifty-four running plays, one pass. Somewhere, Woody Hayes is smiling. Cary-Grove won the game 23 to 20 on those last-minute plays. I offer up House Resolution 644 today to congratulate the Cary-Grove Trojans on their second state title, 6A title in the past three years. This is a very, very good football team, and they beat a very, very good football team in East St. Louis. Sorry, Kevin. Today, we have with us in the Speaker's Gallery Brad Seaburg, the head coach of the Cary-Grove team; Dean Schlueter, the assistant coach; Ryan Ludwig, the

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athletic director; and Brady Seaburg, who is a senior member of the team. The rest of the team today, many of them are taking the SAT and all that and couldn't attend. But, coach, I only have one thing to say. Triple option, it's like watching Navy play football. They do have a thing called the forward pass. It's catching on all over the place. You might want to try it. The people up in the stands, we were very nervous with about a minute and 20 seconds to go in that game. So, I'd like to offer up House Resolution 644 to commemorate and congratulate the Cary-Grove Trojans for their 2023 6A state championship. Congratulations, guys."

Speaker Evans: "Representative McLaughlin is recognized."

McLaughlin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to second the elder statesman, Representative Reick. Gentlemen, I used to have you as my Representative District. I've got about eight houses left. But as a former Cary Trojans girls softball coach, you guys, not just this team, but the last couple of years, have been absolutely fantastic. Greatness and accomplishment and excellence comes in many forms. I thank you guys for bringing pride to our region and our area and please pass on the best from the 52nd District and those eight houses. Hopefully one of those members were in there. But well done, guys, and congratulations."

Speaker Evans: "Seeing no... seeing no further discussion, Representative McLaughlin moves... Reick moves for the adoption of House Resolution 644. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

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Clerk Hollman: "Rules Report. Representative Gabel, Chairperson for the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 10, 2024: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment(s) 2 to House Bill 5543. Introduction of Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 66 and House... offered by Representative Faver Dias; and House Joint Resolution 67, offered by Representative Friess, are referred to the Rules Committee."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Weber: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, please join me in expressing our deepest gratitude to the Illinois Optometrist Association for their generous donation of the eclipse glasses to our offices and to be able to share them around our districts. The thoughtful contribution was essential in allowing students, residents, and everyone around the State of Illinois to witness the celestial event safely and with clear vision. Thank you for helping us protect our eyes and enjoy the wonders of the universe. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Representative... Leader Mah, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Mah: "A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Mah: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to direct the Body's attention up to the gallery behind me and introduce my Cook County Commissioner, Alma Anaya. She has been honorably

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serving the 7th District on the Cook County Board since 2018. And she's here with her colleagues on the county board, along with President Toni Preckwinkle, for Cook County Lobby Day. So, please give them a warm welcome."

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

du Buclet: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am... point of personal privilege."

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

du Buclet: "I would like to introduce my former colleagues from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. I believe they're up in the gallery. We have President Kari Steele, Vice President Theresa Flynn, Commissioner Eira Corral Sepúlveda, Commissioner Cam Davis, Commissioner Precious Brady-Davis, Commissioner Dan Pogorzelski, and Commissioner Yumeka Brown. Hopefully I did not forget anybody. If they could stand and we could recognize them."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Croke: "I just wanted to take a moment to welcome the members of the Junior League of Chicago, Rockford, and Springfield who are in the Capitol today. The Junior League was founded in 1901 and is one of the oldest, largest, and most effective women's volunteer organizations in the world. Their mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. If members swing by your office from the Junior League today,

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I hope you can take the opportunity to speak with them. Thank you."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Stuart: "Thank you. And this is really meaningful to me, so if I could have everyone's attention. I just want to take just a minute or two, talk about some important things that happened over the last few weeks and especially over this past weekend. First, I want to say congratulations to NC State and UConn and especially the South Carolina Gamecocks on a phenomenal tournament, a phenomenal Final Four, and for just making the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament must-see television. But I just want to take a minute to focus on a particular player from Iowa, and it's not the one that you're thinking of. I want to bring to your attention the marvelous Kate Martin. And I've got... I don't have her here in person because she is back in Iowa with her studies, but if you want to read more about her, I have lots of information here. Kate is a 2018 graduate of Edwardsville High School. She's someone who has brought more to this community in just her last few years than she probably will ever really realize she did. She is not our first former Tiger to go on to acclaim in college or even professional sports. We've had Olympians. We have some alums who are actually currently playing in the NFL. We've had players in different stages of the MLB system, and we've had them play professional leagues overseas as well. And they're all impressive, but the Edwardsville... and the

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Edwardsville community is really proud of them all. But I don't think any of them have been a part of something that was so meaningful and such a moment in time. This incredible moment that we've had that's spoken to women and girls across the globe. This moment when a women's sporting event eclipsed attendance and viewership records. A moment when young girls are finally seeing idols that look like them. Idols that people across the board, men and women, are being championed and respected for what they're doing. And I don't think you could pick a better representative for this moment than Kate Martin. It's not just that Kate's the first Iowa women's basketball player to have amassed over 900 points, over 500 rebounds, over 400 assists, over 120 steals, over 60 blocks, there's just so much more to Kate than that. I want to share the words of just a couple of her old high school teammates. 'She's never going to be outworked, and she always accepts her role. Even in high school basketball days, I don't remember how many points any of us scored, but I remember how good of a teammate she was and how hard she worked and how fun she was to be around.' Another teammate, 'She cares about everyone else and their success. There was never any animosity or jealousy. She wants what's best for her teammates, even over herself sometimes. From a team aspect, you need that type of person on the team who's able to bring everyone together, be friends with everyone, is able to communicate and give feedback.' Her old high school coach, Lori Blade, when she found out that Kate was named the seventh most impactful player by ESPN, her response was not surprised because of the work ethic she's always had. She's a grinder

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and one that doesn't back down. But I think especially it came from her Iowa coach, Lisa Bluder, who nicknamed her 'the Glue' during a 2023 press conference. She got to the essence of Kate when asked about Kate having to leave the floor during a game against UConn after taking an elbow to the nose. 'Kate Martin, what a warrior. That poor kid has broken her nose I think every single year she's been at Iowa. She's a leader. She's the heart and soul of our team.' And, Kate, I just want to tell you that, for especially over the past few weeks and really for the past few years, you've been the heart and soul of the Edwardsville community. Your former coaches, teachers, and old friends have been traveling hours to watch you play. People who you've probably never met are actually gathering at local restaurants for watch parties. It tells you something when a local bar will switch the channel from a Blues game or a Cardinals game to put on a women's basketball game. It's all... it all is to cheer you on, and it all goes beyond basketball. I think Kate said it the best herself during a press conference after that heartbreaking loss at that final game of her career. 'Honestly, I just hope we've brought a lot of people joy and we've brought a lot of people together.' And I can tell you, Kate, you certainly have, and we really thank you for it. So, if we could give a round of applause to the wonderful Kate Martin of Edwardsville, I would appreciate it."

Speaker Evans: "Under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 685, offered by Speaker Welch. Speaker Welch is recognized."

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Speaker Welch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House, I rise today to honor one of the great treasures of the Illinois State Capitol. And I'm just so honored that he's able to be with us here today. Down in the well near the page bench, please welcome the honorable Mr. Lee Milner. Anyone who has served in this chamber has undoubtedly seen Lee in the press box, the gallery, in committee hearings, the Blue Room, or simply milling about the halls of this beautiful building. Honestly, the guy has been everywhere. I'm pretty sure you know spots in this building that we still haven't figured out. Most of the time, he's peering through the lens of his camera capturing our government in action. Always, always, always with a smile on his face. Lee has had quite the career since he began working as a photojournalist for the *Effingham Daily News* after he graduated from SIU in Carbondale. That's... that's a clap point. Who said yeah? Yeah. He joined the U.S. Army and proudly served two years during the Vietnam era. After he was honorably... after he was honorably discharged, he began a career in public relations and became a photographer for Memorial Hospital right here in Springfield. In 1974, Lee was recruited to serve as the media and legislative aide to Congressman George Shipley in Washington, D.C. But thankfully he returned to Springfield to marry his beloved wife, Cindy, who is here with us today. Let's welcome Cindy. And he began working as press secretary to Illinois House Speaker William 'Bill' Redmond in 1975. After I became Speaker in 2021, he said it was a little easier for you. Since then, Lee has built a storied career in public service. He's brilliantly documented many guests of this great chamber and beyond, and

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he managed the Capitol Bureau of the *Illinois Times*, capturing us lawmakers in action for years. Beyond his work, Lee is one of the kindest humans and purest souls I have had the chance to encounter here in Springfield. He is a friend to everyone, and his bright spirit reminds us all what an absolute privilege it is that we get to stand on this floor and serve the people of this great state. He's down to earth. He's the epitome of a hard worker. He's a proud father to James and Leanne, who are here today. Let's give James and Leanne a warm welcome. And he's the grandfather of Clayton, a Cubs fan. You know, Clayton is here today. And he's someone who radiates positivity and kindness. I also want to thank his wife, his children, and everyone who loves him for sharing him with us for so many years. Members, Lee was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in 2019 and he recently learned that it's sadly returned. But if you know one thing for certain, you've got an entire chamber, Lee, that's full of prayers and love behind you each and every day. We love you, we care for you, and you will constantly be in our prayers. We are all better people for having known you being around this Capitol, and this entire state is better because of your work and service. You are a true gift, and we are so grateful for you. I'd like to ask the Members to give you another round of applause, please. Before... before the Honorable Leader McCombie speaks, I've also been asked to let everyone know there will be a reception for Lee down in the basement press office beginning at 1:30 today. I don't know if you can fit us all down there, but we'll try. All are welcome and encouraged to join us to celebrate our friend, Lee Milner.

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Mr. Speaker, thank you, and I would ask that everyone join us in support of this Resolution."

Speaker Evans: "Leader McCombie is recognized."

McCombie: "Thank you. And thank you, Speaker Welch. That was wonderfully said. I appreciate that, and I know Lee does as well. I also want to thank Lee for all of the... the hard work and how you've done it with integrity and passion for all of these years. I want you to know that it has not gone unnoticed. The press corps does not always get its recognition and praise that they deserve, and I know it's... we're not always easy to work with, but we are forever grateful for your service here. We see you. We appreciate you. And, Lee, you have been such an important part of the press corps here at the Capitol. We just want to say thank you and we miss you."

Speaker Evans: "Speaker Welch moves for the adoption of House Resolution 685. All those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Leader Manley is recognized."

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Manley: "Lesson number two on autism awareness. April is Autism Acceptance Month. Autism spectrum disorder, otherwise known as ASD, is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a developmental disorder because symptoms generally appear in the first two years of life. So, the

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first... that's a repeat because I want you all to put that to memory. Supporting an individual with autism spectrum disorder costs a family about \$60 thousand a year on average. The most recent study on the lifetime cost of autism was done 10 years ago. According to that study, a lifetime cost of autism averaged 1.4 million to 2.4 million. Now, this cost of lifetime care can be reduced by two-thirds with early diagnosis and intervention. That's lesson two to help educate, inform, and grow your understanding, and I want to end every lesson with 'I love somebody with autism.' Thank you for listening."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Keicher is recognized."

Keicher: "Mr. Speaker, I think all of us who come down here on a regular basis understand how important it is that we have loving support back home, and I want to introduce everybody to the woman who still makes my heart skip a beat, my wife, Karen."

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

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

Speaker Evans: "Please speak your point."

Ammons: "My point is in relation to the great loss the State of Illinois has experienced by losing our clerk of... Cook County Clerk, Karen Yarbrough. We were all surprised and shocked by her recent passing. My family and her family, we traveled and vacationed together just a year ago. And it has been so devastating for us to hear of her passing away last week. I do hope that people will certainly keep her family in their prayers. Our Speaker will present the Resolution tomorrow.

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Unfortunately, I will not be here to stand in solidarity with the Body. But I wanted to acknowledge her and ask for a moment of silence for the loss of our clerk, Karen Yarbrough. And Mr. Speaker, the moment of silence will conclude my comments. Thank you very much."

Speaker Evans: "Please take a moment of silence at the request of Representative Ammons. Thank you all. We'll be heading to the Calendar... of page 2 of the Calendar, House Bills under Second Reading. We have House Bill 220, Representative... Leader Burke. Out of the record. Continuing down page 2 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading... moving forward to page 3 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1075, Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly. Out of the record. House Bill 1147, Representative Meier. Representative Meier. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1147, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down the Calendar, page 3 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1168, Representative Syed. Out of the record. In the middle of page 3 of the Calendar, House Bill 1377, Representative Norma Hernandez. Norma Hernandez. Out of the record. We have House Bill 1605, Representative Hirschauer. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1605, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 1672, Representative Windhorst. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1672, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. This Bill was read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment 1, offered by Representative Windhorst, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst is recognized on the Amendment."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill. It transfers the National Guard armory located in the City of West Frankfort to the city government of West Frankfort."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Windhorst 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to page 4 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2093, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Out of the record. We have House Bill 2232, Leader Rita. Leader Rita. Out of the record. We have House Bill 2323, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2323, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House... we have House Bill 2458, Representative Canty. Representative Canty. Out of the record. We have House Bill 2472, Representative Morgan. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 5 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2601, Representative Niemerg. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2601, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to... moving down page 5 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2900, Representative Moeller. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2900, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 3241, Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly. Out of the record. We have House Bill 3286, Representative Ness. Out of the record. We have House Bill 3288, Representative Ness. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 6 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3763, Representative Guzzardi. Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 3763, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. At the bottom of page 6, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 3908, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Out of the record. Page 7 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4075, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill... House Bill 4075, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4108, Representative Mason. Representative Mason. Out of the record. House Bill 4112, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4112, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendments 3 and 4 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #3 is offered by Representative Croke."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke is recognized on the Amendment."

Croke: "Thank you, Speaker. The Amendment addresses concerns about how honestly just the Bill was written and makes it more concise."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. 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?"

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Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #4 is offered by Representative Croke and has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke on the Amendment."

Croke: "I believe this Amendment just addresses the effective date, which was a concern of CMS."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Croke moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #4. 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. Continuing down page 7 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4130, Representative Yang Rohr. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4130, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Yang Rohr, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr on the Amendment."

Yang Rohr: "This Amendment makes the effective date September 2024. Thank you."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Yang Rohr 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 7 of the Calendar, House Bill 4125, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4125, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. At the bottom of page 7, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4139, Representative Fritts. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4139, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Fritts, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Fritts is recognized on the Amendment."

Fritts: "Thank you, Speaker. The Floor Amendment brings Med Society into agreement on the Bill, and it also aligns IMRF with the other state pension systems. I ask for a favorable adoption."

Speaker Evans: "All those in favor say... Representative Fritts moves for 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. On the top of page 8 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4169, Representative Vella. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4169, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing on page 8 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4175, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4175, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4196, Representative Moylan. Representative Moylan. Out of the record. We have House Bill 4206, Representative Huynh. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4206, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions were filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. House Bill 4207, Representative Chung. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4207, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor... Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Chung, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung on the Amendment."

Chung: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe this Amendment is just very technical. It just changes a very small typo. Thank you."

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Speaker Evans: "Representative Chung moves for 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. At the bottom of page 8 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4236, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4236, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4237, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4237, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. At the top of page 9 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4249, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4249, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. At the top of page 9 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4251, Representative Croke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4251, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4261, Representative Olickal. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4261, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4271, Representative West. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4271, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4282, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4282, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments 1 and 2 have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Amendment 1 was a technical cleanup to be consistent with the Genetic Counselors Act."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan 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?"

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Clerk Hollman: "Floor Amendment #2 is offered by Representative Morgan."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan is recognized."

Morgan: "Floor Amendment 2 was just further clarification as request of committee discussion about making sure it was consistent with existing professional licensing acts."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Morgan moves for 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. House Bill 4284, Representative Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4284, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. House Bill 4293, Representative Morgan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4293, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4295, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4295, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4321, Representative Kelly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4321, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4338, Representative Mussman. Out of the record. Moving forward to page 10 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4348, Representative Will Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4348, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4350, Representative Jed Davis. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4350, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. House Bill 4351, Representative Gong-Gershowitz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4351, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Gong-Gershowitz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz is recognized."

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Gong-Gershowitz: "Mr. Speaker, Floor Amendment 2 is just a technical cleanup that makes clear that service of process in this section refers to summonses."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Gong-Gershowitz moves for 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. House Bill 4359, Representative Canty. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4359, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. House Bill 4360, Representative Harper. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4360, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. House Bill 4375, Leader Keicher. Keicher. Out of the record. House Bill 4407, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4407, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4409, Representative Cassidy. Cassidy. Out of the record. Moving down page 10 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4410, Representative Guzzardi. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4410, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4415, Representative Walsh. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4415, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4416, Leader Barbara Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4416, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. At the bottom of page 10, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4417, Representative Johnson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4417, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving on to page 11 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill

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4426, Representative Elizabeth Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4426, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4439. Representative Gonzalez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4439, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4441, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4441, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4442, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4442, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4446, Representative Didech. Out of the record. At the bottom of page 11, House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4451, Representative Andrade. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4451, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Andrade, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade on the Amendment."

Andrade: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 narrows the scope to... to include just the camera and just the school that's next to the camera."

Speaker Evans: "Representative Andrade 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 Hollman: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Continuing down page 11 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4460, Representative Gill. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4460, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to page 12 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4488, Representative Didech. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4488, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4491, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4491, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4498, Representative Meyers-Martin. Representative Meyers-Martin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4498, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 44.. 4504, Representative Faver Dias. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4504, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4508, Representative Kifowit. Representative Kifowit. Out of the record. At the bottom of page 12 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4562, Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4562, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to page 13 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4566, Leader Lilly. Leader Lilly. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4566, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No.. Amendment 1

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4568, Representative Hanson. Representative Matt Hanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4568, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4570, Representative Severin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4570, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4581, Representative Mussman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4581, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4588, Representative Ann Williams. Representative Ann Williams. Out of the record. We have House Bill 4590, Representative Benton. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4590, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4594, Leader Buckner. Kam Buckner. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

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Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4594, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving forward to page 14 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 4615, Representative Yednock. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4615, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4633, Representative Avelar. Out of the record. We have House Bill 4634, Representative Delgado. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4634, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4643, Representative Costa Howard. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4643, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4645, Representative Hanson. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4645, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 4650, Representative Stuart. Representative Stuart. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 4650, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Returning to page 3 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 1377, Norma Hernandez. Norma Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 1377, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Moving back to page 4 of the Calendar of House Bills-Second Reading, we have House Bill 2458, Representative Cauty. Mr. Clerk, please read the Bill."

Clerk Hollman: "House Bill 2458, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendments 1, 2, and 3 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Evans: "Third Reading. Leader Windhorst is recognized for an announcement."

Windhorst: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans will caucus in Room 118 upon adjournment."

Speaker Evans: "You know how long your caucus will be, Representative?"

Windhorst: "I would say about an hour to an hour and a half."

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Speaker Evans: "Immediately after Session, the Republicans will caucus in Room 118 for one hour. Representative Will Davis is recognized."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to welcome to Springfield, to our chamber, to the gallery today... right in front of me, if they would please stand. If they would all please stand. Today, we have the SIU Carbondale and the Paul... Paul Simon Public Policy Institute held their annual Women in Leadership Day, public service engagement visit to the Illinois Capitol here in Springfield. The annual event is an initiative of the Paul Simon Institute and brings women student participants to the State Capitol and promotes the contributions of women Legislators and public sector leaders and is designed to encourage and foster the continued development of women's leadership and involvement in public affairs. As you can see in front of you, what you have is a very diverse group of women who are trying to learn and understand exactly what Springfield is about and what we do here in Springfield. I had the opportunity to share and speak with them earlier today and to hear what their career interests are, and they asked some pretty good questions. But as we talk about what the future of us here is, we're looking at it right up here in the chamber, Ladies and Gentlemen. So, these young ladies are smart, they're intuitive, they're thoughtful, they're energetic, they're eager, and they're ready to serve. So, please welcome them to the Capitol, along with Dr. Linda Renee Baker, as well as Dr. Pam Smoot, who are here with... well, you guys can stand up if you want to as well so people can see

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you. But they have been leading this effort to bring women here to the Capitol for many years. They had a chance to talk to women lobbyists, women staff on both sides of the aisle just so that they get a sense and be immersed in exactly what we do here in Springfield. So, I'm excited to have them here today. And would you please join me in giving them a great Springfield welcome."

Speaker Evans: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "The following committees will be meeting this afternoon: At 3:00 we have Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education in Room 118, Transportation: Regulations, Roads & Bridges in D-1, Adoption & Child Welfare in Room 122B, Insurance in C-1, Ethics & Elections in Room 413, Revenue & Finance in Room 114. Note that the Agriculture & Conservation Committee has been canceled for 3:00. Meeting at 4:00 is Veterans' Affairs in Room 413, Appropriations-General Services in D-1, Appropriations-Public Safety in C-1, Consumer Protection in Room 115. The 4:00 Energy & Environment Committee was canceled, and the 4:00 Financial Institutions & Licensing Committee was canceled."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 679, offered by Representative Gordon-Booth. House Resolution 680, offered by Representative Coffey. House Resolution 681, offered by Representative Gabel. House Resolution 682, offered by Representative Hoffman. House Resolution 683, offered by Representative Elik. House Resolution 684, offered by Representative Smith. And House Resolution 686, offered by Representative Lilly."

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Speaker Evans: "All those... 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, please read the Adjournment Resolution. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Gabel moves that the House stands adjourned until April 11, 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 5807, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5808, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5809, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5810, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5811, offered by Representative Elik, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 56, offered by Representative Morgan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 275, offered by Representative Spain, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House (sic-Senate) Bill 2597, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill... correction, these are Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2597, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Senate Bill

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2643, offered by Representative Gill, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2644, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Senate Bill 2662, offered by Representative Lilly, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Senate Bill 2665, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Senate Bill 2683, offered by Representative Vella, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 2704, offered by Representative Moeller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 2959, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 3098, offered by Representative Manley, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bill 3182, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Senate Bill 3237, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 3342, offered by Representative Faver Dias, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Senate Bill 3362, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3426, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Senate Bill 3463, offered by Representative Slaughter, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Senate Bill 3479, offered by Representative Kifowit, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 3771, offered by Representative Olickal, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."