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Speaker McPike: "Representative Tuerk, are you ready? House will come to order. We will be led in the invocation today by Representative Rice. Guests in the balcony may wish to rise and join us for the invocation. Representative Rice."

Rice: "May we bow our heads. We've gathered here in the presence of our neighbors, our friends and the citizens of this great state, to make a positive decision about the acts that we are asked to do. We ask Thee, oh Lord, to watch over us and guide us and help us in these deliberations. We ask this in His name. Amen."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Tuerk, would you lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Tuerk - 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 McPike: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Mr. Speaker, would the record reflect that Representative Hensel has an excused absence today?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hensel. Thank you. Representative Matijevec, do you have anyone?"

Matijevec: "Mr. Speaker, no excused absences on this side."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. Take the record. One hundred and sixteen Members answering the Roll Call. A quorum is present. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Joint Resolution 183, DeLeo. House Joint Resolution 229, Daniels, et al. House Resolution 210, Panayotovich. House Resolution...that's 2010, Panayotovich. 2012, McGann. 2015, Daley. 2016, Bob Olson."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevec."

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Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, these are congratulatory and I move the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Death Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2011, offered by Representative Morrow. With respect to the memory of Robert A. Williams. House Resolution 2013, offered by Representative Shaw. With respect to the memory of Eugene Samuels. House Resolution 2014, offered by Representative LeFlore. With respect to the memory of Crystal Walker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich moves the adoption of the Death Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk, an announcement."

Clerk O'Brien: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker McPike: "Supplemental Calendar #1. Supplemental Calendar #1, under Conference Committee Reports. House Bill 3024, Representative Steczko."

Steczko: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I would move that the House adopt the first Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3024. This Bill originally dealt with clinical psychologists. The first Conference Committee Report deleted everything after the enacting clause and inserted a provision relating to the Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act. It simply provides that anyone licensed as both a private detective and a private security contractor, shall have up to thirty days after the expiration of the...after the effective date of the Act rather, to apply for a license as a private alarm contractor and that those applicants should be required to pay all fees and meet all requirements and licensure for

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such licensure. I would answer any questions, Mr. Speaker. Would mention that we've done this previously for electrical contractors and would appreciate an affirmative vote by the House."

Speaker McPike: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion and on that, Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Mr. Speaker, we don't have a copy of this over here. Has it been distributed?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Clerk. No, it has not. We'll take this out of the record, Mr. Steczo. It's not been distributed. On Motions, on Supplemental #1, appears Senate Bill 998. Representative Mautino, for a Motion."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move that the House nonconcur with the Senate Amendment."

Speaker McPike: "Representative, you have to make a Motion on this. On the Supplemental under Motions."

Mautino: "Oh, I see. I apologize, Mr. Speaker. I move to suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Calendar on the Order of Nonconcurrency, Senate Bill 998."

Speaker McPike: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there any opposition? No discussion. The Gentleman asks leave to use the Attendance Roll Call. Leave is granted and the Motion carries. Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move that we nonconcur with the current posture of Senate Bill 998 and a Conference Committee be appointed to resolve that situation."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves to refuse to recede from House Amendment #1 and asks that a Conference Committee be appointed. All in favor of the Gentleman's Motion say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion carries. Conference Committee will be appointed. Representative Leverenz on a Motion on Senate Bill 1836."

Leverenz: "I move that Senate Bill 1836 be taken from the Table

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and placed on the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker McPike: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there any objection to the Motion? Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Thank you. Is there an agreement on this Amendment now, or what will be the Amendment? And have we seen it, has it been circulated?"

Leverenz: "I believe you have seen it. I'll double check that whole thing before we get to move the Amendment."

McCracken: "Alright. Well, Mr. Speaker, thank you. I think because we have not yet seen the Amendment, we're going to have to oppose the Motion to take from the Table at this time."

Speaker McPike: "Well, the Gentleman will withdraw the Motion then. Representative Steczo, we're returning to House Bill 3024. It's now been distributed. Would you make your Motion again, please?"

Steczko: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'll renew my Motion to adopt the first Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3024. Just to reiterate, this amends the Private Detective, Private Alarm and Private Security Act, to allow that anyone licensed as both a private detective and a private security contractor may have up until thirty days from the effective date of the Act to apply for such licensure and meet such fees and requirements that are necessary. I'll answer any questions or move for it's adoption."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman's first Motion is to suspend Rule 79(d) and ask for immediate consideration of the Bill. Any objections to that Motion? Hearing none, the Attendance Roll Call is used, the Motion carries, the Bill is before the House. Representative... And Representative Steczo has moved for the adoption of the first Conference Committee Report. And on that, Representative McCracken, is there any discussion? There being none, the question

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is, 'Shall the House adopt the first Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3024?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 81 'ayes', 26 'nos', 4 voting 'present', and the House does adopt the first Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3024. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Jones."

Jones, S.: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to go on the record as 'aye', please."

Speaker McPike: "What did you say again, Representative?"

Jones, S.: "I would like to go on the record as 'aye'."

Speaker McPike: "Let the record reflect that Representative Jones, Shirley Jones, would have voted 'aye' on that Bill. The House will stand at ease. If the Chair could have your attention for an announcement; the House will stand in recess until the hour of 2:30 p.m. If I could have your attention for just a minute. We're going to continue in the recess, probably, until 3:30; however, we are waiting on Senate action. So if the Senate finishes action on a few Bills, we will convene immediately."

Clerk O'Brien: "Could I have your attention, please. We will extend the recess until 4:15. The House will stay recessed until 4:15. Thank you. May I have your attention, please? The House will convene in approximately 10 minutes. The House will convene in approximately 10 minutes. Please return to the chamber, the House will be ready to go in about 10 minutes."

Speaker Giglio: "Is Tuerk in the chamber? On a Motion to House Bill 4293."

Tuerk: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, there is a Motion on Supplemental #2. I move to take House Bill 4293 from the

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Table, suspend the Rule 79(a), (d) and (e) and place it on the Order of Concurrences. And also to include the suspension of the need to print that Bill because it's a revisory Bill for the Reference Bureau and it's very thick and would take an awful lot of time and nobody would read it anyway. So I'd move to suspend the appropriate rules and take from the Table and bypass the printing of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. Any discussion? Gentleman moves to take from the Table and suspend Rule 79(a), (d) and (e) and place on the Order of Concurrence. On that question, the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Why do you want to take this from the Table, Fred?"

Tuerk: "We want to move it out."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it, Motion carries. On the... Leave for the Attendance Roll Call? Leave is granted. On the Order of Concurrence appears House Bill 4293, Representative Tuerk."

Tuerk: "You want to hold that just for a second, until I get that?"

Speaker Giglio: "Take it out of the record for a minute, Mr. Clerk. Representative Capparelli on Senate Bill 959, on a Motion."

Capparelli: "You have a Motion on Senate Bill 959. I move to suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Calendar on Order of Conference Committee Reports, please."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. Any discussion? Gentleman moves to suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order...on the Calendar on the Order of Concurrence, Committee Reports. Leave for the Attendance

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Roll Call? Hearing none, leave is granted. Bill is now on...Order on Conference Committee Reports. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 959, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Housing Development Act. First Conference Committee Report."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Conference Committee Report on 959; the Senate Bill 959 makes a technical change in IHDA Act and makes clear that the sale of taxable short-term commercial paper, the IHDA Board may provide for the same variable terms as it provides in the case of tax-exempt commercial paper. I'd ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Giglio: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. Representative Keane. On that question, the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Klemm."

Klemm: "Well, I just want to explain my vote if I could, because many of us didn't have an opportunity to speak on the Bill, but I guess this is the vote on the Bill itself. And I'd really had some concerns on page 4 about the allowing members of the authority to only have two members now, any two of the chairman, treasurer, director or in the director's absence, the deputy director, the power to authorize the issuance of notes and bonds at whatever interest they really feel appropriate within the scopes of the legislation, and to bearer the interest and the length of time and it really gives sole discretion to any two members. And it just seems to me that we have the authority as it is, where the members shall by Resolution adopt that and I think that's a safeguard. Now to

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eliminate that, just say there's any two people can do it without the approval, without any resolutions of the board, except those two, then I think that we open ourselves up and open the agency and the authority up to possibly public scrutiny that would maybe be embarrassing. And I think we should have the safeguards there and that's the reason I'm voting 'no' on this particular Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Ropp."

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In an effort to get over here in time after we were delayed for quite awhile, could the Sponsor just briefly say what the intent of this Conference Committee Report is to do again, please?"

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Capparelli."

Capparelli: "I understand this is a compromise worked out between IHDA and the state and all...what it's doing is, instead of the state's credit through more obligation, IHDA has arranged for a better enhancement of it through insurance company INA. So they can now borrow money from INA, instead of the state guaranteeing it. I understood it was agreed, I have no idea why there's any opposition. And I don't care."

Speaker Giglio: "Have all... Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, I want to address the Bill and explain my vote."

Speaker Giglio: "Proceed."

McCracken: "I'm voting in favor of the Bill. Representative Capparelli is correct, there had been discussions with both sides of the aisle. The Governor's Office has come to us on this side of the aisle and asked for our help in passing this...this Bill. The Bill is made necessary by the result of federal tax changes which would cause bonds issued by the authority to either be uneconomical or more costly than they would otherwise be. Being able to use these variable



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rate instruments gives them an ability to market these bonds for a lesser cost and in the long-run, saving the State of Illinois money. I understand questions, reluctance over these issues. There's a lot of money at stake. Bonds are always a controversial, political subject. But, there is no more to it than what I've said. The tax law has...the tax law changes require that in order to get the most advantageous rates, that the variable rate instruments be made available for the Housing Development Authority's use. That's the reason for the Bill. And I would ask our friends on this side of the aisle to vote 'yes' on this matter."

Speaker Giglio: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there's 69 voting 'yes', 27 voting 'no', 18 voting 'present', and the House does concur with...on House Bill...on Senate...does adopt the first Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 959. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the regular Calendar on page 2, Senate Bills Third Reading, appears Senate Bill 1978, Representative Hallock. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1978, a Bill for an Act to release easements and restore access rights in certain described lands. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I would move to move this Bill back from Third to Second Reading for purposes of an Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman asks to move the Bill back to the Order of Second Reading for the purposes of an Amendment. Does the Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is

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granted. The Bill is on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Hallock."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "Withdraw 4, please."

Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw Amendment #4. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #5, offered by Representative Hallock and Phelps."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hallock on Amendment #5."

Hallock: "Yes, I would move to adopt Amendment #5. What this does, in essence, is incorporate numerous cleanup purposes, different parts of the statutes from different parts of the State of Illinois. It affects essentially some needs that were addressed by the trucking industry, the Illinois New Car and Truck Dealer's Association, DOT, the State Police, the Historic Preservation Agency, the Secretary of State and others. In most cases, it is in fact dealing with the easement question, which we deal with traditionally down here at the end of Session. And I would ask for the adoption of this Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor of the Amendment signify by saying 'aye'. Any questions on the Amendment? All those in favor of the Amendment #5 signify by saying 'aye', 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it, Amendment num...Amendment #5 is adopted. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #6, offered by Representative Hallock."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "I would move to withdraw #6."

Speaker Giglio: "Withdraw Amendment #6. Are there further Amendments?"

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Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #7, offered by Representative Hallock."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "Yes, Amendment #7 would allow clean construction debris, such as bricks and so on, to be sorted out and utilized for purposes of constructing aboveground berms. And I would ask for your support on this Amendment."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion on the Amendment? All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair... Gentleman from Warren, Representative... All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment #7 is adopted. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Giglio: "Third Reading. Gentleman asks leave now, to move the...move the Bill to the Order of Third Reading for immediate consideration by the Attendance Roll Call. Does the Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 1978, a Bill for an Act concerning activities regulated by and properties owned by the State of Illinois. Third Reading of the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I would now ask your support in passing this Bill. What it does, basically, is clean up certain parts of the statute which Members on both sides of the aisle have requested of us in this Bill. We've used this for a kind of a catchall Bill, to make sure all of these provisions can be put in here before the Session ends. And I would ask for your support at this time."

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Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 1978 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 106 voting 'yes', none voting 'no' and none voting 'present'. Senate Bill 1978, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Lady from Cook, Representative Shirley Jones, for what purpose do you rise?"

Jones, S.: "I don't know if there's something wrong with my 'yes' button or not, but I pushed the button and it didn't come on. I would like to vote 'aye' and put it on the record, please."

Speaker Giglio: "Let the record so indicate that Representative Shirley Jones wants to be recorded as voting 'aye'. Representative Krska."

Krska: "'Aye' and Bob...how about Capparelli?"

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Krska and Representative Bugielski and Capparelli. Let the record so indicate that these Gentlemen wanted to be recorded as voting 'aye'. Representative Tuerk. Representative Tuerk on House Bill 4293, on the Order of Concurrence."

Tuerk: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, 4293 was a Legislative Reference Bureau Revisory Bill that we passed out of here last spring as a vehicle, to send it to the Senate so that the '88 Revisory Bill could be attached and that's exactly what has been done. And I move to concur in Senate Amendment to House Bill 4293."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question... Representative Jones. Vote 'aye'? Vote Shirley Jones 'aye'. On this question there are 113 voting 'aye', none voting 'no' and none voting 'present' and House Bill 4293 having received the Constitutional Majority Concurrence, the House does concur on...the House does concur on House Bill 4293. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the House Calendar Supplemental #2 appears House Bill 1072, Representative Giorgi. The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, House Bill 1072's second Committee Report deals with the state's attorneys pay raises and it deals with all 102 county state's attorneys. But in this Bill, unlike the first Bill, their salaries are not 'pegged' to the judicial salaries. In counties of less than ten thousand, their pay increase will be five thousand, in counties of less than thirty thousand, it will be a fourteen thousand dollar increase and in counties of thirty thousand plus, it will be fourteen thousand dollar increases. But in 53 of the counties where thirty thousand or less people reside, those state's attorneys can choose to stay in private practice as well as being a state's attorney and will only receive a five thousand dollar pay increase. Now, there is no money being appropriated for this pay raise because there is going to be a judicial interpretation as to whether the state's attorneys will be considered as part of the judicial system. So, I urge your support of this Conference Committee Report #2."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. On that question, the Gentleman from Warren, Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just a parliamentary inquiry."

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There was some question as to the number of votes that would be necessary for passage on this. Could you tell me how many that would require?"

Giorgi: "It has an immediate effective date."

Speaker Giglio: "Parliamentarian informs the Chair that 60 votes is required. Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Preston."

Preston: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise in support of this Conference Committee Report. A study conducted by the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin which is the widest read law...lawyers daily newspaper in Chicago, indicated that the starting pay for new lawyers in Chicago law firms, rose the past year by 13 percent, to a starting pay of some forty-three thousand dollars. That's for someone who has just begun with no experience to practice law in Chicago law firms. To have this modest pay increase to a livable, not quite livable, but almost livable rate for people who are in charge in the case of Cook County, the Cook County State's Attorney in charge of hundreds and hundreds of attorneys who in turn are responsible for what many writers have said is the most important office charged with the most important responsibility that any person could have, and that is the responsibility that one bears when they have the right to accuse another individual of wrongdoing. That power of accusation is a very serious one indeed and to pay the head of an office that has that responsibility, this amount of money is warranted and very long overdue. And I would urge people, the numbers look large, but they are small compared to the awesome responsibility that these individuals carry. And I would urge you to support this legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Klemm."

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Klemm: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to see if the Sponsor would yield for a question."

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Klemm: "Oh yeah. Representative Giorgi, I noticed that the effective date actually is December 31st, 1988 on these pay raises and I know many of the state's attorneys, in fact all of them in my area, have already taken office and already been sworn in. So in fact, because of the Constitution, I think requirement of not allowing a salary increase or pay increase during their term of office, is it true that these increases will not take effect until subsequently reelected or at the next election?"

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "They take effect now, except you're correct in that they can't be...their remuneration can't be increased during their term of office, but there's some question as to whether they're a part of the judicial...judiciary as well as being state's attorneys and whether that interpretation will mean that they will be treated as judicial persons."

Klemm: "So, that last part is what, they will get the raise even though they've been sworn in or they won't?"

Giorgi: "They get the raise. If we pass it here, they get the raise. But, your question I can't answer as to whether their...the result of the lawsuit will answer your question."

Klemm: "So, that's the question that's still being tested in court, that we haven't then resolved?"

Giorgi: "That's right."

Klemm: "Is that correct? Alright, thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Levin."

Levin: "Would the Gentleman yield for a question?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

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Levin: "Okay. Zeke, one of the concerns expressed was a previous version of this Conference Committee Report, was it not only provided for a specific increase, but it also in the alternative tied it to a percentage of the judicial salaries which could go up automatically. It is my understanding that is no longer in the Bill."

Giorgi: "It is no longer...so this is completely separate and apart."

Levin: "Alright, so the only increase they get is what we legislate here, so that if the pay commission comes in, within the future with an increase for judges, that will not affect the state's attorneys."

Giorgi: "They are not connected whatsoever."

Levin: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from McLean, Representative Ropp."

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Ropp: "Representative Giorgi, is this the only group that the Legislature has not authorized pay increases for this year?"

Giorgi: "Say that again, Representative Ropp."

Ropp: "Is this the only group left that the Legislature has not allowed for a pay increase this year?"

Giorgi: "I'm not...I'm not aware of any other wage increases this past year."

Ropp: "Well, I think when appropriations were passed, state employees got a pay increase, a number of people in education got an increase. Is this the only group that's not receiving a pay increase, now?"

Giorgi: "I was told...no, I was prompted to say that the Legislature didn't get a pay increase, the judges didn't get a pay increase, state officers didn't get a pay increase. Who are you talking about?"



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Ropp: "Well, I guess that's kind of a point. Why is it that this group now has to be singled out that they need a substantial increase..."

Giorgi: "Well, a..."

Ropp: "...and some of the rest of us, including judges and so forth, are not included? Why are we selecting just state's attorneys?"

Giorgi: "Gordy, some of them have gone eight years without a pay increase, that's one point, the other point is, about ten years ago we passed Class X legislation and as a result of the hard work of the state's attorneys in the field, we've had to build eight new prisons. Our prison population has increased almost sixty percent, because of the hard work of the state's attorneys that we've intrusted with keeping the community free of crime. So I think this is a small recompense for those people that are filling our prisons at our demand. We've demanded them to fill those prisons that we've built and they've done it."

Ropp: "I think the main problem is that we have not provided for adequate education, so they wouldn't have to build eight new prisons. I think our priorities are totally out of line and we ought to readjust those priorities before we start dealing in this matter, because you're not going to see anything but increased prisons under the current direction that we are moving as a Legislature and as a state, and I think this just continues to encourage the expansion of prisons by having these kind of 'raises' go for this particular pay. So I encourage people not to support this pay raise. As I understand it was increased four years ago and because of that increase at that particular time, it seems like there are other people that ought at least come in line for additional salary increases, rather than to get a few way out in front. It

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isn't fair, it's unjust. And as I understand it, the state's attorney in my own district isn't going to accept it or is going to give it to some charitable organization anyway, so, it isn't going to help in our particular district."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Stern."

Stern: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Stern: "Just to go back a moment to the question of whether this is a judicial office and will be receiving pay increases when the judges receive them, in the Democratic analysis, there is a paragraph on the back page which says this report contains a preamble expressing the Legislature's finding that state's attorneys are to be considered judicial offices, rather than executive or county offices, thereby authorizing a midterm salary adjustment. Now this Member of the Legislature does not concur in that and I don't know about the rest of them, but it sounds to me like they would, in fact, get increases every time the judges would."

Giorgi: "Yes..."

Stern: "That's correct, you agree with that."

Giorgi: "What's your question?"

Stern: "Well, I thought you had said that we had unhitched them from the judges pay increases."

Giorgi: "Yes, we did, from the judges pay schedule, yes."

Stern: "But if they..."

Giorgi: "Judges pay schedule. We unhitched them from the judges pay schedule. They were hitched to the judges pay schedule. They are not..."

Stern: "But the fact that we are saying that they are a judicial office does not re hitch them to the judges pay scale?"

Giorgi: "That's our own interpre...that's our..."

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Stern: "I see a lot of people shaking their heads. That does not mean that? Okay."

Giorgi: "No, it doesn't. No."

Stern: "So it is not the Legislature's intention to so hitch them? Well, I just have to say that I think in a year when we are not funding our schools and we are not funding our pensions, I think that this is a very poor way to spend the money."

Speaker Giglio: "Excuse me, would you give the Lady your attention. It's awful difficult, the sound in the chamber now is becoming unbearable and the other Members cannot hear what's going on. And those of you who are not entitled to floor, I would ask if you can't conduct yourselves accordingly, please leave the floor. Representative Stern, continue."

Stern: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I was just closing by saying that in a year when we are not funding our pensions or supporting education or our mentally ill, I think it is rather poor policy to be boosting our attorneys, state's attorneys, from a large figure to a larger figure. That is all."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harris."

Harris: "Question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Harris: "I notice in this Bill that, that we have...well previously, let me ask you, previously counties have paid two-thirds...previously counties have paid two-thirds of the state's attorneys salaries and the state has picked up one-third. Is that correct? And I notice, apparently in this Bill for this pay increase, the state is picking up the full..."

Giorgi: "The entire tab."

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Harris: "Why is that? Why are we decoupling."

Giorgi: "Well, that's one of the agreements that were reached in the negotiations, that the state would pay the entire tab."

Harris: "Now is that just for this pay increase, or does this go on..."

Giorgi: "Just for this pay increase."

Harris: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Giorgi, to close."

Giorgi: "Well, you've heard all the arguments and the contention is that the state's attorneys haven't had a pay increase in eight years. We do depend on them to keep...to keep law and order in the community and I feel that if there's any office that needs special attention, it's the State's Attorneys Office and I urge your support of this Conference Committee Report."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Gentleman from DuPage, Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to explain my vote on this Bill as well. There's been some tension as a result of a failure to include a pay raise for all of the public officials in the state, maybe the Legislature included. This Bill does not include those controversial issues. As Representative Giorgi said, there are a lot of state's attorneys in this state who have not had a pay raise for eight years. And if we do not act now, they will not have a pay raise for at least another four years. So I think it's very important that we take a cold hard look at this and acknowledge the fact that these prosecutors, these state's attorneys, are professional persons who have given

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up a lot to pursue prosecution as a...as a vocation. It is not easy to attract these people. It's difficult to keep them in for long periods of time. They perform a substantial and important service to our communities. The pay raise that we're talking about here brings it only to realistic levels, it does not gouge the public, it does not unduly reward those in public service. I think it's very important that we give this every consideration. Let's not let this fall to political paranoia. I don't think the public is going to blame us for giving these state's attorneys a long overdue raise to bring them into line with economic reality and that is all this Bill does."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Almost more than any other single subject matter that comes up and we discuss in the last days of the Session, in May and June and prior to that in the committee process, is the whole question of law enforcement, law and order, get tough on crime measures, that we deal with a whole variety of pieces of legislation that touch on the obligation of this General Assembly to assure that the streets are safe in Illinois. But we got to put our money where our mouth is and if we don't provide sufficient resources for able prosecutors to enforce the laws that we make, then all the laws that we make really go for naught in a very real sense of the word. Nobody likes to vote for a pay raise. Some pay raises are appropriate and some pay raises are not. The state's attorneys of the State of Illinois do a magnificent job with the resources that they have in assuring that the people of Illinois are safe. And to vote 'no' on this Bill or to vote 'present' on this Bill, to fail to vote 'yes' on this Bill, says that we're not willing to put our money where our mouth is. I'm one who

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in almost every case opposes pay raises, but in this case, I'm proud to vote 'yes' to vote for the state's attorneys of Illinois and their attempt to get resources to continue to do the good job they do of enforcing the laws in this state. I vote 'yes'."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Panayotovich. Representative Panayotovich, are you seeking recognition? Are you voting? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 61 voting 'yes', 45 voting 'no' and 9 voting 'present'. The House does adopt Conference Committee Report to House Bill 1072. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Messages from the Senate."

Clerk O'Brien: "A message from the Senate by Ms. Hawker, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I'm directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following Bills, together with Amendments and the adoption of which I'm instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives to wit: House Bills number 3542, 3870 and 4213, passed by the Senate as amended, January 10, 1989. Linda Hawker, Secretary.'"

Speaker Giglio: "Supplemental Calendar #3 on Conference Committee Reports, appears Senate Bill 998, Representative Mautino. Is Representative Mautino in the chamber? Are you ready, Sir? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 998, a Bill for an Act to amend the Liquor Control Act. First Conference Committee Report."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, Senate Bill...I'd like to move that we accept the first Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 998. What the

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Conference Committee does is only one thing. The Governor and the administration had requested that the Illinois State Museum be included with those other facilities that are allowed to serve food and beverages within the Liquor Code of the State of Illinois. The other facilities which have that same exemption are the Willard Ice Building, the State Armory, the Department of Transportation Headquarters and all of the state's larger local museums, including the Art Museum of Chicago, the Field Museum of Natural History, the Museum of Science and Industry, Shedd Aquarium, Adler Planetarium and others. What this Conference Committee does is allow the State Museum to fall in that same category and I move for its adoption."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. Any discussion? Question is, 'Shall the House adopt Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 998?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question... On this question there are 100 voting 'yes', 10 voting 'no' and none voting 'present', and the House does adopt Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 998, and this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental Calendar #3 on the Order of Motions, appears House Bill 3542. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Leverenz."

Leverenz: "I thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move to take House Bill 3542 from the Table and put it on the Order of Concurrence."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. And on that, Representative Mays."

Mays: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I believe

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there's...that we would like to go to conference on this side of the aisle at this time. We request a conference, Sir."

Speaker Giglio: "The Republicans have requested a Caucus in Room 118 and the Democrats will Caucus in Room 114. We expect to be back in approximately 45 minutes. 6:15. The House will stand in recess. ...Panayotovich, is the Republican Caucus finished? Oh, I noticed you're back, I thought maybe it was finished. Representative Leverenz. Representative Leverenz in the chamber? The House will come to order. On House Calendar Supplemental #3, appears House Bill 3542. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk O'Brien: "We're on the Motion."

Speaker Giglio: "Alright. On the bottom of the House Calendar of Supplemental #3 appears Motions. Representative Leverenz."

Leverenz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move at this time to take House Bill 3542 from the Table and suspending Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Concurrence."

Speaker Giglio: "You heard the Gentleman's Motion. Any discussion? Hearing none, the Motion is to take from the Table and suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Concurrence, House Bill 3542. All those... Leave to use the Attendance Roll Call? Hearing none, leave is granted. Bill is now on the Order of Concurrence. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 32...3542, a Bill for an Act making certain appropriations, together with Senate Amendments #1 and 2."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Leverenz."

Leverenz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I would move that we would adopt Senate Amendment #1...or concur, rather, in Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 3542. It would contain the supplemental appropriation requests from the various departments of state government. The amount of



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seventy-three million, eighteen thousand, four seventy-five in general revenue and one hundred thirty-seven million in other revenues, mostly federal funds. The total in the Bill is two hundred and ten million dollars and fifty-nine thousand, eight thirteen. I'd move to concur in Senate Amendment #1 and try to answer any questions any Member might have."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? Gentleman from... Representative Leverenz, Senate Amendments #1 and 2, correct?"

Leverenz: "We'll do them both at the same time then, that's fine. Senate Amendment #2, which I did not explain, would provide the following: Would remove a three hundred and fifty thousand dollar general revenue request that went to the State Board of Elections. I would now move that we would concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 at this time."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "He indicates he will."

Cullerton: "Is there any money in there for...in the supplemental, for the Department of Corrections?"

Leverenz: "That is correct."

Cullerton: "How much is in there for them?"

Leverenz: "Seven million, six hundred forty-seven thousand, six eighty-seven. Seven million, six hundred eighty-seven thousand dollars."

Cullerton: "You think that'll keep them happy for a while?"

Leverenz: "I understand that he would have cause not to lay anybody off and would make him smile through the end of this fiscal year."

Cullerton: "So that's another whole half a year?"

Leverenz: "A whole half a year."

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Cullerton: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? Hearing none, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3542?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 103 voting 'aye', 7 voting 'no', 5 voting 'present' and the House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3542, and this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Motions on Supplemental Calendar #3, Representative Breslin. Representative Breslin in the chambers? Motion, House Bill 3870. The Lady from LaSalle, Representative Breslin."

Breslin: "I move to take this Bill from the Table and put it on the Order of Second Reading...Third Reading, Third Reading."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady asks to take from the Table and suspend the appropriate Rule, 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Concurrences. Has the Lady..."

Breslin: "Concurrences."

Speaker Giglio: "...leave for the Attendance Roll Call? Hearing none, leave is granted. The Bill is now on the Order of Concurrence."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 3870, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code, together with Senate Amendments #1 and 2."

Speaker Giglio: "Lady from LaSalle, Representative Breslin."

Breslin: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, this Bill came back from the Senate not carrying my Bill on it. My Bill had already been taken care of on other TIF legislation. As amended, the purpose of the Bill is to

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permit territory within Norwood Township to incorporate. It only applies to Norwood Township. That doesn't happen to be in my area, it happened to be in, I think in, Representative McAuliffe's district, but that was the Bill when it went to the Senate. When it came back, they just took off that superfluous language and now it just contains Representative McAuliffe's legislation. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The question is, 'Shall the House concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3870?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'... Excuse me, Gentleman from DuPage, Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "I'm for the Bill. I just want to confirm that the TIF language is no longer a part of the Bill, is that right?"

Breslin: "Yes, that is correct."

McCracken: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 110 voting 'yes', none voting 'no', 1 voting 'present' and the House does concur with Senate Amendments #1 and 2 to House Bill 3870. And this Bill having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Calendar Supplemental #1, on the Order of Concurrence. Representative Granberg, Senate Bill 1377."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Bill 1377 incorporates four child abuse Bills that we passed unanimously in the spring. We passed them out of the House unanimously, we passed them out of the Senate unanimously and they went to the Governor. The Governor

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made one technical Amendatory Veto. In the House we accepted that Amendatory Veto, but unfortunately in the Senate they made a mistake and filed the wrong Motion. This Senate Bill just reflects the items that we previously passed out of this House and out of the Senate by unanimous vote. This Senate Bill was passed a few hours ago out of the Senate without a dissenting vote and I would appreciate a favorable Roll Call on this."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Anthony Young."

Young: "Why are you recognizing me? What am I suppose to... Oh. So why is he recognizing me? Oh, okay. Right. Yeah, I move for the adoption of Senate Bill 1377."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from DuPage, Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "I was just curious how Representative Granberg got that Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Granberg."

McCracken: "Now that... If Young is in Leadership, I suppose we have to move on to bigger and better things."

Granberg: "I'm just trying to learn from Representative McCracken."

Speaker Giglio: "Alright. Any further discussion? Alright. The Bill is on a Conference Committee Report. Alright. Any discussion on Senate Bill 1377? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by voting 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 112 voting 'yes', none voting 'no' and none voting 'present' and the House...and the House does adopt Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1377. And this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Olson."

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Olson, R.: "Mr. Speaker, on House Bill 3542, my 'present' button was inadvertently punched, and would you change my vote to 'green' in the record, please?"

Speaker Giglio: "Mr. Clerk, let the record so indicate. Let the transcript so indicate. We can't change your vote, but we could let the transcript show that you requested that that vote be taken in lieu of the 'present' vote. Representative Peterson."

Peterson: "Would you do the same for me, please?"

Speaker Giglio: "Let the record indicate Representative Peterson requests the same. Representative Klemm. Representative Olson."

Olson, R.: "That was on House Bill 3542?"

Speaker Giglio: "3542."

Olson, R.: "Correct. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Clerk O'Brien, on a Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2026, offered by Speaker Madigan."

'WHEREAS, The members of this body would like to take this opportunity to bid farewell to a distinguished friend and colleague, Representative John O'Connell; and

WHEREAS, A 1975 graduate of John Marshall Law School, Representative O'Connell was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in November of 1980, and he was reelected in 1982, 1984, and 1986; and

WHEREAS, Representing the 47th District, Representative O'Connell had the concerns and needs of his 90,000 constituents as his top priority; and

WHEREAS, Representative O'Connell has earned the respect of the members of the Illinois General Assembly through his hard work and dedication to principles; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Representative O'Connell had a distinguished record on issues that affect children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, During his last term, Representative John O'Connell was named Legislator of the Year by Attorney General Neil Hartigan; received the Outstanding Legislator Award from the Illinois State Council of Senior Citizen Organizations; received an Award of Appreciation from the Illinois Sheriffs Association and the Illinois Chiefs of Police; received an Outstanding Legislator Award of Merit from the Summit Police Department-Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 29; was named Legislator of the Year by the Illinois State's Attorneys Association; received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois Pro-Life Coalition and an Award of Appreciation for Outstanding and Dedicated Service from the Illinois Vietnam Veteran Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, Representative O'Connell was responsible for the passage of some of the toughest laws in the war against drugs; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his crusade as a Statesman, Representative O'Connell has been engaged in the private practice of law with emphasis in the areas of municipalities, zoning, real estate and business law; and

WHEREAS, The loving union of John and his wife, Celeste, has been richly blessed with 2 children, Heather and Timothy; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated effort of John O'Connell has touched the lives of each of us and made this State a better place to live; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we congratulate

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and commend the career of Representative O'Connell; that we recognize his vast contributions to his constituents and this State; and that we extend our very best wishes to him for continued success and happiness in his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to Representative John O'Connell, as token of respect and esteem.'

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Preston."

Preston: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I just want to add to that fine Resolution some words in support of it, as I know every Member of this chamber does in fact support it. I don't think that anyone in the Illinois House or its history has had more ability or worked harder or performed better on behalf of his or her constituents, than has John O'Connell. I think probably the one word that sums him up the best from my having the privilege of serving with him, is the word integrity. He not only is bright and not only is accessible and not only is eloquent, but he uses all those characteristics and has used all those characteristics in the highest manner that has served as a great example to the Members of this chamber and this General Assembly. I'm going to miss him very much, but I think far more than I'm going to miss him here in Springfield, his constituents and the people of Illinois will miss him. Illinois is going to in the next General Assembly have a weaker Legislative Body than it enjoyed with the membership of John O'Connell. He's a great loss and I wish him Godspeed. And to he and his family, every good and best wish, John."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from DuPage, Representative McCracken."

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McCracken: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I echo the Gentleman's remarks. John, you taught me courage, John. I came here a pro-life Legislator and was happy to vote for those issues whenever they came up, but frankly had shied away in my first Session from sponsoring those Bills. You were the guy in the whole General Assembly that had the courage to Sponsor those Bills consistently and stand up and take the heat for them. And I would like to think that your example has helped me in being willing to put my mouth...or put my money where my mouth is. Is that how it goes? You know, to stand up and do what's right regardless of the consequences and I thank you for that, John. And Representative Preston is right, we're going to miss a good friend of the institution."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Keane."

Keane: "John O'Connell, as the previous speakers have indicated, is a good...has been a great Legislator in spite of the fact that he's an attorney. He overcame that obvious failing and has worked out very, very well. It goes without saying, we're all going to miss him. He's become more than just a fellow Legislator to many of us, he's become a very, very close friend. And John, best wishes. And I know you'll go forward in your normal everyday work...hardworking fashion. We'll see you again."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from DeKalb, Representative Countryman."

Countryman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've had the distinction of being the Minority spokesman on the Criminal Law Committee, where Representative O'Connell's been the Chairman. Not only he's a very fine attorney and very knowledgeable in all the areas of law, not only those in which he practices, but those in which he's worked in the General Assembly, but he is a fine Gentleman. He always treated every Member who



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came before our Committee with the upmost respect and dignity, and I think that our Committee ran just as well as a Committee could run and it was because of the honor and integrity of John O'Connell. I think he's a fine man and I'm sorely going to miss him on this side of the aisle. And John, we wish you well and Godspeed."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Macon, Representative Dunn."

Dunn, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentleman of the House. As Representative Keane referred to, John O'Connell may have overcome whatever shortcomings he had as an attorney and I think he also has quite successfully overcome whatever shortcomings arose out of the fact that I was his first seatmate and gave him his initial training here in this chamber. And I'd think everyone would agree he has successfully outgrown my advice and did so quite quickly. And I am not yet dead, but will be some day. And John O'Connell is a great guy and I'm going to miss you, John. And we were reminiscing just the other day and pulled out a transcript of a debate we had. We were on opposite sides. It was a pretty darn good debate. I think we both enjoyed it and I will always treasure that transcript, because that's what this place is all about. John and I have been seatmates, we have cosponsored legislation, we have worked together to pass legislation, we have worked against each other and it really is what the process is about. John, you're a class act and we're going to miss you around here. And I shouldn't wind up comments to you without a little inside joke so, from...or inside comment, I guess, so from O.R. to Y.R. and Joyce from R and R, but not too much. Godspeed."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Barger."

Barger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It is with great regret on my part that John is leaving the Legislature. He and I have

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worked together in the Cities and Villages Committee on many Bills. That Committee is an excellent one that has worked harmoniously because of people like John. He has a great deal of knowledge in this field and if he has any Bills that he would like to present during the next Session of the Legislature, I'd be happy to carry them for him. Thank you very...John. Godspeed. We all enjoyed working with you."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Daley."

Daley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I stand to thank John O'Connell for his great friendship and loyalty to me. I had in the...short time that I've been here the honor of handling some of the State's Attorney's Bill of Cook County. There...they have been very hard, but John, you've made it easier. But above all, you've been a friend and the people of Cook County and your district...we'd lose a great man. Thank you, very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, these events are always somewhat sad, but I must say I rise to congratulate and wish John the best of luck on his new life. As a Member of an adjoining district, I had the opportunity to travel the campaign circuit and the circuit with John and found myself on opposite sides of the issues quite often with him, but I always admire John's ability to articulate his side of the argument very, very well and with class and with dignity. And John, you've always been a Gentleman. Good luck to you and good luck to your family."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative McGann."

McGann: "That's right, John. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly, there are many of us in our days here that have difficult days, but not too many of us have difficult

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evenings. This is a very difficult evening to say goodbye to a fellow Legislator who was an individual that stood out far above many of us in this Body. When I first came here to Springfield and until this day, he's been a great advisor, gave me great counsel, which I most appreciate. Representative Countryman alluded to the times in Judiciary II Committee and once in awhile they'd be short a Member and I would be asked to go and serve there. It was really a delight to see how well a well organized Committee was able to function. This we're going to miss. I don't think we're going to be saying goodbye to John, we're just going to say so long for awhile, because he's going to be amongst us in another area of professional activity. He will always be our friend. We are losers here in the General Assembly, because we are losing a great colleague, but the real losers, the true losers are the people of the 47th district. And I certainly attest to this Resolution. John, you're a great friend."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from Will, Representative Regan."

Regan: "Thank you. That's from Will County. Mr. Speaker, Members of the House and John, I can echo all the comments that are made. I served on Jud II under you as a perennial target in this organization. I want to say to you, thank you. A fair Chairman. Did give me the honesty to tell me when I could do something and when I couldn't ahead of time and I appreciate that. And I'm going to miss you, too. Sometimes Democrats go and I say thank God, but I'm going to miss you, John."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Madison, Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I just want to say to John that it has been a privilege for me to have been his seatmate for these past several years. And I

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think it's also been a learning experience for me, because I've had a chance to watch his dedication to the people in his district and to view the intensity that he has given to fulfilling his legislative responsibilities. I'll have to admit that there have been a number of times that I would rather have kept an appointment with a dentist rather than appear before the Judiciary Committee, but I would have to also admit that John O'Connell and his duties as Chairman made me, and I'm sure many other laymen on the floor of this House, very comfortable when we appeared before that committee, even though at times some of us were carrying legislation that we would have to admit...admit wasn't all that good. I know that John's going to be around here in another capacity in one way or another, but I would just like to wish him loads of luck and a tremendous amount of success. Good luck to you, John."

Speaker Giglio: "Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Stange."

Stange: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. My district goes up to John O'Connell's district. John and I've been friends for four years, a good friend on the Democratic side. We'd love to bring him on the Republican side. To share one episode with John O'Connell about a year ago down this magnificent river in a canoe. This river is about two and a half inches deep. We carry this canoe for about three and a half to four miles. John, I have a bill for tennis shoes, for my secretary and myself and we will be giving that to you shortly. John, best of luck to you and the family. Godspeed."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative O'Connell."

O'Connell: "Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much. Thank you all of you for the so very kind statements. I would like to just take

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a few minutes for a matter of personal privilege, which I don't think I've ever done. First of all, I'd like to make it clear and perhaps it's my legal training, but I've always considered the adversarial relationships that we've had to be 1) just on the issues or on the campaign. It will only take me about two or three decades to forget about the campaign, but I want everyone to know, particularly my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, that personally, I've had the great pleasure to have all of you as friends. The...the thanks that I have to express would take up a good deal of your time, but I would like to make it very clear that if I have lived up to your very kind words as to being an astute Legislator, I have to owe at least 80% to the staff of this General Assembly. And the staff, I think, is something... or somebody that we all should think about when we are at a stage that I'm at and some of my other colleagues will be tonight. And not just the staff in this General Assembly, I think I must commend Governor Thompson for the kind of staff that he has put together that I don't recall ever approaching a staff person in the Executive Office where my political affiliation in any way influenced the kind of dedicated response that I received. The Secretary of State, the Attorney General's Office, all of the...all of the constitutional offices and their staffs have been very kind to me. I would like to point out specifically the issues people that have worked with me both... both past, including Ed Fadden and Dave Weisbaum, and present, Pat Tyson, who's been my Issues person. I'd like to give special commendation to Jack Slingerland, who's primarily responsible for that Judiciary II Committee being run as well as it had. If I have been a compassionate and caring Legislator for my district, I owe 100% to my legislative

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aide who's sitting behind me, Betsy Delazer. She did so much for those people that nobody will ever know except perhaps me and them. But the heart that went into the office is her heart. And it might be breaking a little bit now, but we'll have the satisfaction of knowing that we did the best possible job. I wish to just share one more personal thought. Twenty years ago, and I was reminded of this when I found a note that I wrote to myself twenty years ago. It was the day before Christmas and I was on a mountain. And I believe it was in Cambodia, they didn't tell us. It was in Vietnam or Cambodia. And I put together my thoughts in this letter. And basically it was a recognition that I had at that point in time just gotten by. I just did enough to get by. I got through college, I had... blessed with a good family. I kept my personal life at a level that I thought was acceptable. But I didn't do the extra effort. I didn't put in the determined effort that I knew I needed to be a success. So I said in the letter and I... and I said to my God... I said if you let me off, if you let me home, I'll put in that effort and I'll do what it takes to be a success. And I was blessed and I did get home in one piece. And I did achieve certain goals. I did get through law school as many of our... my colleagues will attest is no easy matter. I did it at night. I worked, raised a family. I achieved some goals in just getting elected to this Body. It was no easy task in my district... as can be well attested to. But I never, ever felt that I had achieved the success that I thought I had to do. I could never just enjoy the satisfaction of those goals until the night of November 8th when I looked at a sea of faces, people, good people, that had worked on my campaign because of me. Because they were my friends. And these people ranged from very high-level executives,

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lawyers to just everyday people, truck drivers and laborers, but good, honest people. And I looked at their faces and I suddenly felt the sense of success, because success is not manifested simply in achievements. It's manifested by who you associate with. And I have been privileged and honored to have been associated with numerous people, many of whom who obviously who aren't here, but so many that are. And to you, the association is truly a reflection of success that I, in my deepest heart, feel. I would like to thank my wife and my two children who have been part of that success and have been reason for that success. I would like to simply read a statement, a quote, that I pulled out... I was going through my desk and I found a program from 1982. And many of my colleagues, Tom, you were in that class. Carl Hawkinson and so many of you, Jack, Andy was in that class of 1982. It was a new Members' Conference and I was asked to speak as a first term. Sam was in that class. And for some reason I kept my notes that I prepared for the speech and one of the quotes... the quote I want to read now I never did deliver then, but I think it's very appropos for me to say it... to say this now. It was attributed to Teddy Roosevelt. And I think it applies to all of you and the quote is as follows: 'It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or whether the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumphs of high achievement, and who at the worst if he fails, fails while daring greatly so that his place shall

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never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.' Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative McPike now moves that all House Members be added as Cosponsors of this Resolution. All those in favor of the Resolution signify by saying 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution's adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 1995."

'WHEREAS, Sam Panayotovich has served the people of his district and the citizens of the State of Illinois in an exemplary fashion throughout his distinguished legislative career; and

WHEREAS, Representative Panayotovich was first elected to serve the people of his district in 1983 and since that time has provided his constituents with exceptional service by listening, and more (sic - most) importantly, responding to their needs and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the 35th District have been well-served by Sam Panayotovich, who leaves behind a legacy of countless important accomplishments, including winning approval of a much-needed local Illinois Environmental Protection Agency office which will address the environmental concerns of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, Sam Panayotovich has been a trusted and dependable friend to the working men and women in this state, and has worked diligently to pass legislation that will provide security for the breadwinners and their families; and

WHEREAS, his expertise in labor issues, as well as his deep interest and concern for the well-being of working people, led to his appointment to the Republican National Committee's Republican Labor Council and to the National Conference of State Legislatures' International Trade Committee; and



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WHEREAS, numerous respected organizations and individuals have bestowed honors upon Representative Panayotovich in recognition of his exceptional dedication to serving his fellow man, (including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fraternal Order of Police, Ada S. McKinley Community Services, the Illinois Political Reporter and the Illinois Police Benevolent Association, both of which named him Freshman Representative of 1983, and most recently, the Save Our Neighborhoods, Save Our City Coalition which honored him with its 1988 Community Recognition Award;) and

WHEREAS, members from both sides of the aisle in this chamber have come to know, like and respect Sam Panayotovich for his warmth and humor and sincere dedication to serving the people of this state; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 85TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Representative Sam Panayotovich for his exemplary service to the citizens of Illinois and the people of the 35th District and we express our deep gratitude for his countless contributions he has made to improve the quality of life for every man, woman and child in this great state; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we extend our sincere wishes for tremendous success in all his future endeavors and great happiness to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution and Preamble be presented to Representative Panayotovich and his wife Cindy.'  
Speaker Giglio: "The Minority Leader, Representative Daniels."  
Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, today brings a day of reflection for all of the Members that will be leaving this chamber as elected individuals. But with it brings a notice of accomplishment by great people who

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have worked hard to achieve the successes that they have achieved. Representative Sam Panoyotovich has had the unique distinction of being friends of so many of us in this Assembly on both sides of the aisle. He joined us, opened his arms to us and taught us many new things, a love for some of the items that he had sought in his lifetime and the feelings that he had so adequately expressed on many times. Yes, many times those of us on this side of the aisle viewed him on your side of the aisle as an articulate, intelligent spokesman on issues of labor matters and issues of importance to his ward and his constituency. Through a decision of conscience that he himself feels was critically important to him and the integrity of his own decision, he made a decision to join us on this side of the aisle. And in that decision I think it represented much that Sam Panoyotovich stands for. Not in a critical nature of any one person or any belief, but a trueness of the integrity of the individual of his philosophy and his personal goals. Sam came to us, and yes, many of us welcomed him with open arms. Many of you on your side of the aisle never forgot the warmth and the expressions and the sincerity of his commitment as he left you and joined us. But at no time did he ever fail to forget his commitment to the people of the State of Illinois and to this Body and to the integrity of this organization, and yes, the integrity of his own personal beliefs. I can tell you like so many people that have crossed this assemblage, Sam Panoyotovich has brought a unique distinction to the Office of Representative in the General Assembly. He has brought to me a new faith, a continued faith, in the individual man and his dedication to serve his fellow citizen. He has brought to me and to all of us in this Body, the sincerity of belief, the trust

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in one's own's position and philosophy. And in so doing he has brought warmth and dedication to his own human person. Sam, along with all of the Members on this side of the aisle, and I'm sure if I might take the leeway of speaking on the Members on the other side of the aisle, we wish you continued success, continued enjoyment of life. We wish you the happiest of relationship with your charming wife Cindy, who will give birth to their first child on or about April 9th to be extended to April 15th in honor of my birthday and income tax day, of course. But with that birth, we hope that you will enjoy the successes, the true warmth, the true feeling of accomplishment and the true feeling of family. For, Sam, all of us here want to be part of your family, part of your feelings and part of your future. Please, Sam, always remember our love for you and with you and each and everyday carry with you that feeling of friendship, camaraderie and expression of faith and confidence in you and Cindy. The best to you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To our good friend, Sam, I would like to echo the comments by the Minority Leader and add a few of my own. Very few individuals make an impact to the community as they do on the House floor. Many people have made an impact because of their oratory, the difficulty in which they handle legislation, the difficult types of legislation and the controversial issues that appear before us. Sam, you served three terms in this General Assembly. I don't think I've ever seen an individual that had an impact on this adopted home that we have, where we live down here for a hundred days a year as you've had. That's a very unique talent, and most certainly a unique character association, because we do our

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battles on this floor, we make our friends on this floor, we eat and we drink together and we enjoy and it's always been a situation where when the battle was over, that smiling face and the beaten brow was always there with a good word. You made a decision that I admire. Because of certain loyalties, you had a word to keep. And when the time came, you made that decision, a very difficult one, one of which I'm sure you... as you look back at results, wonder why and how you did it. But believe me, there are those that feel that a man's word is worth gold. I compliment you on the impact you've had here, the friendships we've had and the loyalty that you've always purveyed. Good luck to you. You'll do well and we'll see you around very... very shortly, I'm sure."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from McLean, Representative Ropp."

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Sam, I don't suppose that there's ever been an issue that has drawn two people closer together, but being on opposite sides than Buy America Bill. I want to commend you for your enthusiasm and your interest in that particular issue. No person that I am aware of in this chamber has ever contributed more to making available a place for people to get rid of their frustrations, to enjoy fellowship, to relax and to be somewhat prepared hopefully for the next day as you have done here in this city, not only in that fashion but by bringing your band that you certainly, very cheerfully, always provided at many occasions. And I certainly want to commend you for that giving, that sharing of your heart that we will certainly long remember. I know that you will not be without something to do, because with the ball of fire and enthusiasm that you have, lots of people wish they had that same kind of drive. We're going to miss you on the third base side of the infield. I guess

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for the life of me I don't see why the Speaker ever wanted to screw up such an outstanding team, but nevertheless that so be it. To you and Cindy and to your forthcoming addition, God bless all three of you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Sam, we're going to miss you very much. I don't know anybody in this Body that's got such an outgoing, warmth of personality like you do. There's... nobody cannot be your enemy, you got to be friends with everyone in the entire City of Springfield. You've had a tremendous contribution to the Legislature. As your roommate, one who lives in the Taj Mahal so to speak, it's been a great opportunity and it's just been wonderful to be your friend. I know our friendship will continue. And best of luck to you and your wife and your new child coming, and we know as Dick Mautino said, we'll see you around. Good luck."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative DeLeo."

DeLeo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Sam, I'm not going to say good-bye. We're going to say hello and start a new career and go on to so many other things. I can tell Sam Panayotovich stories for hours and hours and hours. Cindy, his beautiful wife, and I were reminiscencing before and... in the aisle... and Sam and I go back a long, long time before I became part of this Body. Sam and I worked on other campaigns, which they weren't our own, never dreaming that someday that we'd be elected officials together while we're out advancing other candidates. I spent a lot of hours with Sam Panayotovich, sometimes it was more than I spent at home with my wife or with my family and sometimes I felt I was married to Sam. We had some great times. I came down to Springfield, I

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didn't know the routes and the ins or outs of Springfield and Sam took me around to every reception in town. And I met more lobbyists and more people and I thought, Sam, do we have to do this every night? I didn't realize he was promoting Sam's, not... not taking me around, showing me around. Sam, I wish you hours and hours of happiness and love with the new child coming into your life. It's a whole new era going to come into your life. You deserve happiness. Cindy, lots of love and we'll be looking forward to working together in the future. God bless you, buddy."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Normally, it's very difficult for me to get up and say so long to somebody or good-bye to someone whom I dearly love. Sam, we came in together, and I can remember the excitement of our first meeting and listening to what now Judge Greiman had to say and tell us how to go forth and serve the people. And I can only tell you that that has certainly been something that you have done, not only here in Springfield, Sam, in your district, throughout the whole State of Illinois, Sam Panayotovich is well known. Your dedication, your loyalty, what you have done, your major decision to come over to the Republican side certainly is something that shows you to be a very strong individual. You're not leaving us, you're going to join us in the future. I believe you're going to go a lot further. You'll have more, more days and more times to be here in Springfield. And Cindy, when you have your little boy, just remember that he's going to be cute and chubby just like Sam. Good luck to both of you and Godspeed. You're truly wonderful people."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Williamson, the Lady from Cook."

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Williamson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Sam, you're leaving this Body, but I can't help but stand here and tell you that I strongly feel that you and Cindy are going to go on in life, and you're going to spread the love and the joy that you've shown to every one of us here in another aspect of your lives. And you're going to be giving more to more people than you'll ever, ever know. I am personally going to miss you both very much. When I first came down here, Sam was one of the first friends from the other side of the aisle that I made. And I respect him and I love them both and I wish them nothing but love, health and happiness."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I also want to say not good-bye but just give my best wishes to Sam as he starts out on a new career. It's tough to be breaking in new seatmates all the time. First, we had Roger Stanley here and now he's gone. Now we have Sam and I'm sorry to see him go. Also, Representative Goforth and Representative Hensel, Wojcik and myself will have to order our own lunch from now on. Sam would always order lunch from his restaurant. He'd have a big supply over here so we never went hungry. But it seems like there's always a party with Sam and there's one more party tonight. He wants to invite all of his friends to Sam's Last Blast as State Representative, to be held at the Party Palace at 2122 Republic in Springfield, Illinois at the corner of Sangamon Avenue and Peoria Road from 7:00 til 10:00 tonight. Music by the Chicago Pub Band and Sam invites all of his friends for food and drink and I hope we see you all there. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Stange."

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Stange: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the House, the first week I was in Springfield four years ago, I went to the Labor Committee. Sam was vice-chairman. And Sam said to me... I asked Sam, I should say, 'I have this magnificent piece of legislation, I want out of Labor.' He says, 'What, you expect a Bill out of the Labor Committee?' Since that magnificent day, Sam and I, Cindy and Carol and our kids have been very, very close to Sam and Cindy. Lee Daniels was wrong. Lee Daniels says the baby was going to be born on April 15th, it's going to be on April 17th. Good guess. Sam, we are going to miss you. You will be around for many, many years down in Springfield. Anything you need from the Legislature, you certainly have our vote. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I obviously want to say good-bye to Sam and tell you a little story. When Sam first came down, we came down in the same class, and sometimes I felt like we were the opposite sides of the coin, one had a personality and the other didn't. And I thought Sam always got the better end of the deal, but... So, I was a little jealous of him. He was so popular when we came down. He was really the leader of our class, wouldn't you say? He was the leader of the freshmen in our class when we came down and there were about 29 or 30 of us. I finally went out to see Sam socially one night. I went to his bar in the 10th Ward. My wife loved it. We went to local landmarks. We went by Eddy Vrdolyak's house, we went by Wisconsin Steel that was closed, you know, we surveyed the area for a little while, went into the bar and had a drink and started to loosen up and enjoyed ourselves very much. Sam had a poker machine,



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you know, the video poker machine. And I was playing it with my wife; we're getting a kick out of it. Sam walks by and says, 'Hey, you got a pair, that pays. Go see the bartender.' I asked Sam. He said I could say this. Well, needless to say, we had a wonderful time, have been close friends...and have been close friends ever since. God bless, Sam."

Speaker Giglio: "My friend, my neighbor, my colleague, Representative Panayotovich."

Panayotovich: "First of all, we're still going to cash per diem checks at Sam's. Travel checks are a little too high sometimes, but we'll still be cashing per diem checks. Six years ago, I came here a tavern owner from the 10th Ward. I had a little more hair. I was twenty pounds lighter. I was single. Six years later I'm leaving this job, tavern owner of Springfield, twenty pounds heavier, as much hair as Fred Tuerk... and happily married. You think about everything as John said, John O'Connell was talking about what goes on down here and what we do and what we say and how we act, and I think about my first Bill that I passed, the Buy American Bill which Gordi, you pointed out so many times we were at different times. And then your first Bill that you pass that became into law. Then you think about your last Bill, the Bill that put an EPA office out in the southeast side because we need it out there. Those are some of the accomplishments that I have had here and I think we all have accomplishments. But one of the best accomplishments I got is... I met my wife down here too and we're going to have a baby... a short, bald-headed, mustached girl probably. She'll probably, you know, we'll find out, we don't know... we really didn't want to know... but to the people in this Body, to Mike Madigan and the people on that side of the aisle, which I sat for many

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times, I've learned something. I've learned that our busi... it's a business. And I talked to the Speaker about what happened to John O'Connell and Sam Panayotovitch's business. And we live with that. And I hope that we go on conducting business in this chamber and in both chambers in the state, but I hope that the future is not the kind of business that John O'Connell and I had to go through in our elections. I hope we all get a little higher levels in the future. And that's something we all have to live with. And to Lee Daniels and the people in my new party, the acceptance, damm glad I made the change, damm glad I made the change. For a long time the campaign was saying Sam's still Sam. And Sam still is Sam. Talked to Brother Rice the other day and he said what are you going to be doing? I said I'll be talking to you, Brother Rice. And Speaker Shaw, I tried to make Bill Shaw Speaker, but he wouldn't go for the deal. I had the deal cut, but Bill just wouldn't go for him. But we won't talk about you becoming a Republican yet, Bill, don't worry about it. I'm not going to say you're going to hear from Sam again. I'm just going to say that Sam's still here and I will be heard from again. Labels, as I said in the note that I sent to all of you, titles and labels will change... but friendship never will. And friendships will last forever. I say to you, God bless. I love you and I am your friend. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Rice."

Rice: "Sam, I'm always late for one reason or another, but it certainly... we came here together and in the vernacular of the street wisdom, Sam, you're still the man."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Daniels asks leave that all Members be Cosponsors of the Resolution. Gentleman have leave? Leave is granted. Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1999, offered by Representative Novak and Van Duyne."

'WHEREAS, It is with sadness that we say 'farewell' to Representative Ray Christensen, who has been a valued colleague and a good friend during his six terms in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Ray's efforts on behalf of the elderly have won him a wide following; for he sponsored bills that initiated a pharmaceutical assistance program and offered help to those with Alzheimer's Disease and their families; and

WHEREAS, He worked timelessly (sic - tirelessly) for issues close to his heart, such as agriculture, lower utility rates, and the well-being of the working men and women of the State; and

WHEREAS, Ray was... (sic - has) faithfully served the people of four counties—Grundy, Kankakee, Will and LaSalle, and has been a well-known figure on the General Assembly's committees on Appropriations, Agriculture, Aging (which he chaired), Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Cities and Villages, Counties and Townships, and Veterans' Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Morris, Illinois, Ray Christensen served in the 15th Air Force in World War II in Italy, then returned to Illinois to run a small business near his home town and served as an alderman for the City of Morris and as a school board member for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, Ray is married to Mary Christine (sic - Catherine) Curl Christensen, and they were (sic - are) the parents of five: Gary, Guy, and Gregg Christensen; Debora Curl Buchholz and Alan Curl; and grandparents of seven; and

WHEREAS, Ray took his seat in this chamber in 1977 and has been an outstanding member and a trusted friend ever since;

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therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we bid farewell to our honorable colleague, Ray A. Christensen, who has been an influential and compassionate Representative and a devoted friend to his constituents and his colleagues here in the House; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we wish Ray and his family all the best in the future and tell him how glad we are to have had the pleasure of his company all these years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to Ray A. Christensen with our appreciation and esteem.'

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Ray Christensen, his family is here today, Mary, I've known for a long time. I worked with her at Manteno Mental Health Center and I've know Ray Christensen for a long time. Ray has been a tremendous credit to the people of the 85th District. He served with distinction for a number of years in this Body. He fought for the rights of working men and women in the State of Illinois. He was a strong advocate of labor issues. He fought for the rights of senior citizens by sponsoring some very major legislation that now benefit our elderly people today in this state. Ray, you've been an excellent Democrat. You've been an excellent Legislator and a fine family man. We're going to miss you very much. You're a well-known person around this area. And the people of the 85th District are going to be... they're going to be the ones

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that are going to miss you the most. But we know you'll always come around and visit us, cause we'll always miss you very much. And I just want to extend my good wishes to you on behalf of this Body for all the work you've done for the people of the State of Illinois and for the people of your district. So my best wishes to you and your family and hope you catch hundreds of thousands of walleyes up in your fishing jaunt up North. And clean 'em and bring 'em back down here and we'll cook 'em at Sam's. But anyway, best wishes to all of you. Godspeed and the State of Illinois has lost a fine, fine Legislator. Best retirement."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's been my privilege and honor to be a colleague of Ray Christensen and a good friend of his and he of me. We have served on the Counties and Townships Committee. We have sat by each other the last two years and he's sat in the near vicinity ever since he's been on the floor of this House to my seat. I've enjoyed a lot of discussion about Bills being discussed on the floor and all sorts of other business which does not necessarily pertain to the Bill being heard at that time. I've enjoyed his friendship very much and I happen to be the person who served as a chairman of a panel in which he won the closest election in recent history. After he won that election, the Democrats found themselves in a dilemma where there was no place to seat one more Representative, and so Representative Richmond and I gracefully agreed to move our desk over into the aisle and make room for our good friend, Ray Christensen. And I would like to announce tonight, you know, you've heard of baseball players and football players

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whose number was retired, well, the Speaker's Office and the Clerk's Office has announced to me tonight that they plan to retire Ray Christensen's desk when he leaves and move us back out of the aisle. And Ray... Ray, we're sorry to see you leave, but... and it's not good riddance, but we'll sure be glad to get out of everybody's way over here. Ray and his wife have both promised that they'll come back and see us and we look forward to seeing them. It's been a real enjoyment and a pleasure to know such a great guy. I know we're going to see some more of him. And God bless you and enjoy your retirement."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Will, Representative Van Duyne."

Van Duyne: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Even though I share the billing with this Resolution for Ray, it's not really a pleasure for me. You know, I take... I take a very distinct dislike in seeing Ray go and I address myself to this Resolution in his absence with us with a kind of a heavy heart. If... if there was any saying in this House that two people were inseparable, it has to be a correct statement for Ray and I. I've known Ray for 35 or 40 years back home. And since we've been here, the 12 years that Ray has been here, we truly have been inseparable people. We've roomed together. We've sat together. We sponsored Bills together. We've argued together. We've ate together. We've went out to lunch together. We've drank together. We even... we even romanced Mary a little bit together. And when I say that somebody is going to miss a fellow when he leaves this chamber, I can say this without one fear or doubt in my mind, I am going to be a lonely guy in this chamber. Ray, over the last twelve years, has truly become a buddy to me. We have been absolutely inseparable. We even one night 'on this very floor,

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standing right here when Ray was my seatmate, take issue with each other on a House Bill that had something to do with the school district in his district and also in mine. And he won one and I won the other. And it never did really faze us, so it's with a heavy heart really, I can say this truthfully that I see Ray leave us. Even though the dirty rat did it voluntarily, he's going up to Chetek and he's going to try to catch all the crazy perch and walleyes with Mary and get... whatever they do up there. He was up there last week and he came back bragging about all the fish they caught and how it was nice and warm in the cottage. It was 55 when they got there and within a couple of hours, why it was nice and warm and they... well, what do they do, you know, when they go up there together? So anyway, my only feeling here is a personal one. I've sat with Ray. I've drank with him. We figured our legislation together. We even fought a few times. So it's with heavy heart that I see him go, but I just want to say to him I wish him a long, long, long life with Mary and Guy and all the kids and all the grandchildren over here wishing him well, and I do too. And I hope that he's going to come back here. And Madigan, you know, there's a couple of jobs around here for a guy like him. You know, put him and Joe Lucco together and see what they can do for us while we're in Session at least. So I won't wish Ray good-bye, just so long."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Christensen."

Christensen: "Thank you, all Members of the House. During my years down here I never spoke too much on the mike, so I guess tonight will not be any different. I've thoroughly enjoyed the 12 years I've spent here. I've made many, many friends and I hope that they'll be friends for life. Two years ago, they really went to bat for me, especially

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Monroe Flinn and the whole crew that worked and I deeply appreciate that and I deeply appreciate all that you've done for me and all the help you've given me in the past. Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative McPike now moves... asks leave that all Members be added as Cosponsors to the Resolution. Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 1994, offered by Daniels - et al."

'WHEREAS, Fred J. Tuerk has served the people of his district and the citizens of the State of Illinois in a distinguished fashion throughout his respective (sic - respected) legislative career; and

WHEREAS, Representative Tuerk's ten terms in the Illinois House of Representatives have been shining examples of competence, concern, and close attention to the needs of his constituents; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, he assumed a major leadership position when he was named Minority Conference Chairman; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the General Assembly, Representative Tuerk helped shape major legislation through his service on such committees as Appropriations, Labor and Commerce, Public Utilities, Financial Institutions, Counties and Townships, Cities and Villages, Elementary and Secondary Education, Elections, Veterans' Affairs, Insurance, and Constitutional Implementation; and

WHEREAS, he twice served as Chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee and served on The World's Fair Task Force; and

WHEREAS, Representative Tuerk was one of the chief architects of legislative improvements relating to workers' compensation and unemployment insurance; and



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WHEREAS, he has responded to the concerns of the people he serves by sponsoring numerous legislative measures to bring much-needed capital projects to the Peoria area, including the extension of the 474 bypass, preservation of the historic Jubilee College, the construction of a second span of the McClugage Bridge, the state's contribution for construction of the Peoria Civic Center, and others; and

WHEREAS, he also passed landmark tax increment financing legislation that allows cities to finance urban renewal projects and thus add to their own tax base; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active and dedicated contributor to such civic organizations as the Peoria Association of Commerce, Guardian Angel Home, Knights of Columbus, Peoria Savings and Loan Association, Peoria Pleasure Driveway and Park District, and the Illinois State Commerce... Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Manufacturers' Association legislative committees; and

WHEREAS, he has been deeply involved in a variety of church and community projects, (including the United Fund, St. Francis Hospital, Bergan High School, Boy Scouts, St. Jude, Cancer Society, and others;) and

WHEREAS, he has been a lifelong fan and supporter of one of the major league ballpark... league baseball's most successful team, the St. Louis Cardinals; and

WHEREAS, these and innumerable other contributions to the improvement of Illinois government and the quality of life for all Illinois made by Fred J. Tuerk are recognized and admired by all who know him; and

WHEREAS, we congratulate him for his 20 years of service to the people of Peoria and Illinois, and know that he will continue

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to serve his community in a manner we have come to respect; and therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 85TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we extend our deepest gratitude to Representative Tuerk for his tireless service to the State of Illinois and the citizens herein and that we genuinely honor the contributions he has made to his community, and to his government, and to the lives of the countless people he has helped; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we wish him good health, happiness and success in the many years to come, and further

RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this Resolution and Preamble be presented to Representative Tuerk, his wife Mary and their eight children.'

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, a happy day in many ways, because Fred Tuerk brings with us so many fond memories for the years that he's served in the General Assembly. And I just turned to Fred and I said, 'Fred, eight kids?' Eight kids that you and Mary have raised. Eight children that bring so much happiness, I know, to your family. And today I had the pleasure of meeting once again one of your grandchildren. How many grandchildren, Fred? Seven grandchildren with eight kids, you've got yourself any kind of team that you want. But Fred Tuerk has been part of our team, the General Assembly's team, for consistent caring about the future of Illinois. He has brought distinction to the office. He's brought friendship to the office. And yes, as Sam said there may have been competition for who had the least amount of hair, Fred, but

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I know you were holding your own against Sam's race in that regard. And talking to Fred earlier today, he kind of summed up his feelings, I think. Fred's not leaving us. He's leaving behind a history, a wealth of commitment and dedication to the process and to all of you, but he's also staying a part of us and I'm sure that on many occasions will visit here in Springfield, because family will stay here in Springfield. Mary, you got the toughest job of all now that he's returning home. And he'll have some of those leadership meetings in the breakfast room and maybe over dinner. And we've enjoyed the many years together, Fred. You've been a great Member. You've been a great leader and we will always remember Fred Tuerk in the General Assembly. And thank you for what you've done for us."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Tuerk."

Tuerk: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I think I've had my day. It's six weeks ago or so when we stood here and you read a proclamation and letters and so forth, and we had a party over at Sam's. And I still think I have more hair than Sam, even though he's probably 30 years younger than I am. But there's 20 years, as I said before, practically 30 percent of my life has been spent in this chamber, I would be less than honest with you by saying that I've enjoyed every moment, because frankly I haven't. But I'd say 95% of the time I have. It's been an interesting career. It's been challenging, rewarding. Probably one of the finest memories I'll have of this Body is the fact that I feel that I've made so many friends across the state. Not only on our side of the aisle, but I have many friends on the opposite side of the aisle. Even though at times, particularly during the seventies and early eighties when we were debating a number of Bills,

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sometimes you wouldn't think that as John Matijevich alluded to... I think on November the 30th. But a fellow like John, for example, we have disagreed as he pointed out, but we're the best of friends. And that's the mark of this Body where you have friends you can debate, you can disagree and yet you walk out of here arm in arm. I would be remiss if I didn't recognize my wife Mary who's sitting here who actually carried the ball for so many years with the young ones. I have Maggie here who is one of our eight children. She's the seventh of eight. She is one of the younger ones, so she was pretty small when I left home, came to Springfield to carry on the work that the people elected me to do. I'd be remiss if I didn't recognize the entire family, some of whom were here earlier today and my staff back home, my staff here and all you people who have been so cooperative, helpful to me over my 20 years. It's 20 years of my life that I shall never forget. And I shall never forget any one of you or those who preceded you. I appreciate the honor, the recognition, the many nice things that you've said and done, and I appreciate it and I'll never forget it. Thank you very much."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Saltsman."

Saltsman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the past three weeks, every time we open up the paper in the Peoria area, there's been a recognition for Representative Fred Tuerk for the fine work that he has done for our area. I spoke in behalf of his recognition here on November 30th and was very proud to do so. But I am one of the fortunate ones that will be living in the same city with him and I'll probably be able to see a lot more of him than most of the Members here which makes me very fortunate. Again, he's going to be able to spend more time at the Cardinal spring training

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camp and maybe, he usually did, trying to get our Cubs beat next year. I just want to let him know that the White Sox caravan is in Peoria tomorrow night and I have an extra ticket if you'd like to go if we get out of here in time. So again, Fred, everybody from Peoria showed you your recognition. You've received the recognition that you deserve from all the different social organizations and even our friendly newspaper. Again, congratulations."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Daniels asks leave that all Members be added as Cosponsors. Does the Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2022, offered by Representative McPike."

'BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, That a special service committee be... to consist of five members of the House, three to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and two to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House to be known as the Journal Review Committee, is hereby created; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Journal Review Committee shall examine and review the Journals of the House of Representatives of the Eighty-Fifth General Assembly and may give final approval to such Journals.'

Speaker Giglio: "You've heard the Resolution. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolutions's adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Joint Resolution 187."

'RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, That when the two House adjourn on Tuesday, December 10, (sic - January 10) 1989, they stand adjourned sine

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die.'

Speaker Giglio: "All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. The Resolution's adopted. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Order of House Calendar Supplemental #4, there appears House Bill 4213. The Chair recognizes Mr. Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Mr. Speaker, last June we passed a omnibus pension Bill, which was House Bill 253. And in that Bill... after that Bill passed, the Governor made some Amendatory Vetoes and the Bill was not called in the Veto Session. The Senate has added an Amendment with which I move to concur to House Bill 4213, which includes basically the same pension provisions that were included in that House Bill 253 with some deletions and some additions that I will enumerate. The Bill lists the cap on the pensions of the constitutional officers. The constitutional officers right now when they retire do not retire at the... their salary... their pensions aren't based on their salary, but rather on the salary of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House. This would prospectively increase that pension so it'd be based on their... their salary. The Bill also puts court recorders who are state employees on the State Police Retirement Formulae. The Bill also includes the Bill that Representative Bowman was the Sponsor of in the House, Senate Bill 1470, which was recently adopted in the House... on Bill... on Senate Bill 711. That is also included in this Bill. This would provide for funding... commitment of funding for the pension system so as to eliminate the unfunded liability over a period of years.

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There was a controversial provision which the Governor had vetoed amendatorily dealing with the Chicago Firefighters which had come to be known as the Brass Bill. The Brass Bill is not included in this provision; however, there is a benefit increase to widows, firemen's widows, from \$250 a month as a minimum annuity to \$325. The other benefits however, which had been negotiated by the firefighters in the City of Chicago will not... are not included in this Bill. The only benefit provision that's included in this Bill is that for the Chicago firefighters' widows, who will have that increase. The first Bill that we had passed dealt with an agreement which had been reached between the City of Chicago and some of its workers to provide health coverage to annuitants. That language is not included in this Amendment that the Senate has passed. The other significant benefit request that's in this package was also negotiated between the employer and the employee, that being for the Chicago Park District, so there... the Park District itself as the employer has requested the benefit changes in this package. The Bill also provides for a stipend for certain Members of the House and the Senate. And let me correct what I mentioned in our own Caucus concerning which committees this would affect. The Bill would provide for additional compensation of \$6,000 annually for officers and committee chairmen and spokesmen of the House and the Senate. In the Senate it does not apply to the Rules Committee, the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Assignment of Bills. It only applies to standing committees in the Senate. However, in the House it applies to the chairman and minority spokesman of each standing and select committee in the House of Representatives. Of course, a person who serves in more than one position is only entitled to one additional amount

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based on the highest additional amount. I'd be happy to answer any questions and I'd appreciate your support on this Motion to concur."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Johnson."

Johnson: "I'm not always good at making predictions, but I predict that this House is going to do the right thing on this issue. And I think it's going to do the right thing because it's responsible and courageous, unlike the United States Congress, who through the backdoor in chicanery and every sort of unsavory type of way to run government have finagled a way that within the next month or two is going to allow every Member of the United States Congress a 50% pay raise to \$135,000 a year. I predict that this chamber is going to say no to a \$6,000 pay raise, because that's really what it is, to maintain our salaries at \$35,000 a year, because we have some responsibility in this chamber. The media in some cases and the public in others puts us on the frontline. We're the people here back home who take the responsibilities for all the actions and all the inaction sometimes that are subject to public criticism, but the fact of the matter is, the fat cats in Congress are the ones who are ripping off the people of the United States, and are going to rip us off time after time after time. You're talking about education dollars that are insufficient to educate school children in Illinois. We're talking about a community in our area, in Rantoul as well as in Fort Sheridan, where we're going to shut down military installations and put thousands of people out of work. We're talking about a deficit that's about to destroy the economy of this country. The utilities that senior citizens can't pay, the food budgets that people can't pay, all the while the Members of the United States Congress are going to allow a 50% pay raise so they make



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\$135,000 a year. This combined with the fact that the PAC provisions and the way they run their office allowance makes it impossible to ever defeat an incumbent. So you have a landed gentry, an aristocracy in the United States Congress that enacts itself a 50% pay raise with no accountability on the part of the public, all the while we back here get blamed for the various things we do. We're going to say no to this pay raise because we believe that there are better ways to spend money and because we believe we've got an obligation to be responsible to the people of the State of Illinois and we're going to do that. I respectfully and with all... with all respect to all my colleagues here who all do a good job, urge a 'no' vote and I particularly urge a 'no' vote so that we can contrast ourself and juxtapose ourself to the fat cats and hogs in Congress who don't care about the people of the United States. They're going to vote themselves a pay raise that's the biggest outrage of this century."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Harris."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question of the Sponsor."

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Harris: "Representative, what is the urgency of this Bill?"

Cullerton: "Well, as you know, we have not passed a Pension Bill this Session because the Governor amendatorily vetoed the Bill, and this does contain... this is a Pension Bill. The Senate has chosen to include this compensation increase and it's also part of the pension package. That's why I'm urging you to support it."

Harris: "Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the urgency of this Bill is not the pension matters contained herein, but rather the pay matters contained herein, as we well know. The pension matter which so concern the pensioners in this state, namely the level

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percent amortization which we worked so hard in this chamber to get through and the Governor amendatorily vetoed and then we could not, for our own partisan reasons, could not override that Amendatory Veto. That Amendatory Veto indicated that the pension funding which we put into effect, which we were going to agree to didn't start until January of 1990 anyway. The point being that we could come back in the spring, do what we need to do regarding the pension funding provisions and start it on January of 1990, just as we will do under the provisions of this Bill. So the urgency of the Bill really here is the pay matter. Now granted, some of us in this chamber think that we deserve a pay increase, maybe we do deserve a pay increase. But how many times are we going to try to do this to the public? We set up a Compensation Review Board because we didn't like voting on the matters ourselves and we... the Compensation Review Board to many of us subverted the General Assembly voting straightforwardly on whether or not we get a pay raise. Now we have a Compensation Review Board in effect and we're subverting that. If we want a pay raise, let's follow the procedure that we have set up. Constituents are not stupid. The distinguished chairman of the Appropriations I Committee recently had the Legislative Research Unit prepare a report on supplementary compensation received by chairmen and spokesmen in other states. The most interesting item in my mind in that report which was sent out by the LRU was the fact that in Massachusetts in 1986 the Legislature, because they could not vote on their own pay raise, tied a pay compensation to a labor contract negotiated by the state. Their... their remuneration went from approximately 33,000 in 1986 to roughly 40 or 42,000 in 1987. Well, you know what happened? The people of the great State of Massachusetts,

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the Great Commonwealth of Massachusetts, put on the ballot in 1988 a referendum saying, 'Wait a minute, we don't think you did it fairly. We don't think you did it right, and moreover, we don't think you deserve it. We think you ought to be paid at the 1985 rate of \$30,000.' And it passed overwhelmingly. The Legislators, the State Legislators of Massachusetts, now are going to earn \$30,000 for this year because they weren't straightforward with the public. They didn't do things the way they should have done things, and we're going to bring that down on our own heads if we don't do it straightforwardly here. We know we're subverting the very process that we have set up. We shouldn't do it this way. I recognize the problem that we have, that some of the Senators are going to be over there for eight years without a pay increase, but that doesn't mean we should do it backdoor and that doesn't mean we should do it this way. It's wrong, it's not accurate, it's not right. The only thing that's going to be played up in the press is this pay increase. We're going to get hit over the head for it. We don't deserve it. The correct vote on this is a 'no' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Mr. Speaker, would Representative Cullerton yield for a question?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

McAuliffe: "Representative Cullerton, do you know what the minimum pension is for a widow of a fireman right now?"

Cullerton: "It's \$250."

McAuliffe: "Two hundred and fifty dollars a month is the minimum pension. Well, I know you couldn't rent an apartment in my district for \$250, much less buy food. Some of the people are looking over and glossing over the fact that there are a lot of good things in this Bill. There's a benefit here

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for retired firemen, people who worked all their lives protecting the City of Chicago and protecting people, protecting their homes, and now are living on \$400 a month on pension. You know you can't even pay rent on that, much less eat. And we have widows here that are getting \$200 a month. It's an outrage. For the sake of the compassion for the policemen and the firemen, let's make sure that we pass this Pension Bill. There's benefits in here for the downstate policemen, the downstate firemen. There's benefits in here for laborers. There's benefits in here for working people all over the state and their pensions and we ought to vote for the Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Cullerton to close."

Cullerton: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I would just indicate to some of the opponents that they indicate some opposition to voting the pay raises through the method of the Compensation Review Committee and they feel that we should do it in a direct manner. This is in a direct manner. It is not across the board pay raise. And therefore it does not cost as much to the state as if it was across the board pay raise. With regard to the pension measures, I think everybody knows it's very difficult to pass a Pension Bill in this General Assembly. There's so many competing interests. This one does contain numerous systems that are affected. I only mentioned those which were different from House Bill 253. But there's downstate police, downstate firefighters, Chicago police, the IMR... Chicago Municipal, Cook County Forest Preserves, Chicago Laborers indicated the park districts, state employees. There's changes here in the federal aids discrimination provisions which are called for by federal law. The State Universities System is also affected, the downstate teachers are affected, the Chicago teachers. And of course, I think a very

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significant piece of legislation, the ones that you have been receiving letters on, which referred to Representative Bowman's Bill, which is a very difficult Bill perhaps for the state to stand up to, but it's a very significant Bill and that being the minimum funding levels for the state retirement systems beginning in fiscal year 19... fiscal year 1990. Those are all included in this Bill. It's true that in many cases with Conference Committees we end up with provisions that we like and provisions that we don't like, but I would urge you to recognize the fact this is not just a stipend increase for Members of the General Assembly. It has a lot of other very worthy provisions. And for those reasons, I would urge you to support the Motion."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4213?' Those in favor will signify by voting 'aye', those opposed by voting 'no'. Mr. Robert Olson to explain his vote."

Olson, R.: "To explain my vote, Mr. Speaker. This morning this legislation was known as Senate Bill 711. And anticipating that it may pick up an extra load during the day, some baggage, I called the legislative representatives of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association and also the State Employees Association, retired employees. And one of these legislative representatives met me in the back hall later on. And I expressed my concerns. Both of these organizations assured me that they did not want their Pension Bill encumbered with extra baggage. From... it was indicated and said and I agree with... that we could wait till spring for these Pension Bills. Let them each be judged on their own merits and become effective at approximately the same date, because the Governor's Amendatory Veto was only deferring things for one year

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anyway. I don't like the idea of being asked to vote for multiple programs, multiple fundings, when there are good and bad in the same Bill. I feel very comfortable going back to the retired teachers and retired state employees and telling them as I'm suggesting to you that I voted 'no' on this legislation."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Hasara to explain her vote."

Hasara: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. About six weeks ago, I stood up to explain my vote on Senate Bill 1470 and said I thought it was disgusting that we were letting politics affect the good retired teachers of this state. Unfortunately, I'm not sure we learned much in that six weeks. Tonight I'm standing up to say exactly the same thing. It is a crime that we have let a process hurt the good retired teachers of this state. And I think many of us want to make this up to them and assure them that we will do everything we can to pass what was originally 1470 as early in the Session as we can get it passed. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Goforth to explain his vote."

Goforth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't think anyone in this General Assembly knows how hard that I've worked over the last three years to get the State Police Pension Bill added into the pension thing. John Matijevich, Don Saltsman, we've worked so hard. It's not in this Bill, however, just because my own personal part is not in this, I'm not about to vote against the teachers, the firemen and the rest of the police of the State of Illinois. We lost this time. We'll get it back this time, just because I lost mine, I'm sure not going to vote against the rest of the people in the retired system. These people have already paid their dues to the State of Illinois, most of them, a lot of them have risked their life and limb, a lot of them is crippled, a lot of them... they wouldn't hardly... anybody be in this

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General Assembly right now if it hadn't been for our teachers teaching us for a very low salary all their lives. Now they're coming out and they're asking for some. We've got a chance to do it. People, come on, get up there and get on this Bill for one. Just because a lousy few piddly dollars are in there, you're making an issue out of it and you're hurting our pensioners from the State of Illinois. Vote 'yes' on this Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Ropp to explain his vote."

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. First of all, Mr. Speaker, I guess I might have a question to you that you don't have to answer, but I think it's always interesting how on these real tough issues, they always come back in a Conference Committee. And I would really welcome and I have commended you for your Leadership on many issues, but why do we always have to have 'em in a Conference Committee where we don't have the opportunity to discuss them in the committee process where we can, in fact, have more time to really deliberate it? Now it's the very last day. It always puts the Legislature in a real tough situation to vote for a pay raise. I've always voted against the pay raise, but have always accepted it and used it and needed it. The point is, now we're in a situation where I've always felt that the reason I voted against pay raises before, one of the reasons, was the fact that everybody else always got such a disproportionate, higher share than the Legislature did because we work darn near seven days a week, 24 hours a day, we are at the public's mercy. And I have no qualms with that. As a former dairy farmer, 24 hours a day was no problem. So I enjoyed this kind of work. Now it gets to the point where we find that we're within, what, 12 hours of a new Session. It really makes the public stir with ire to think that now the

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Legislature is going to in some way give themselves a salary increase in some fashion. After being in here some ten years, I think we do need some increase in our revenue. Now if there are those of you who certainly do not want to vote for this, if you should get it, I can almost guarantee you'll get elected, as some have, giving it back to the General Revenue Fund. Now, of course, you'll have to pay tax on it, so that might give you some discouragement. And, in fact, for those who have given it back in the past, don't always win either. So you may find yourself in a bit of a box. There are oftentimes that we have Bills that we do not like every piece of that Bill, and this is one of them. The pension system as has already been alluded to, if you're only getting 200 or 250 dollars and many people who I have as friends are retired teachers that retired some years ago are frankly getting darn little and didn't want this Bill to possess any other Amendments. It's a heavy question as to whether or not support them at the expense of all this extra baggage, but I guess in the final analysis it's maybe more important to help to retain the dignity of those people who have gone before us and have retired on such small pensions that need it now. And so I'm going to vote in favor of this for the first time, because I think those people are justified in finally getting a pension system that gives them confidence and pride in the work that they did, so that they don't have to go to our county, state-operated public aid offices and say, what can I have in the way of a green card... or food stamps when I have, in fact, given a lifetime of energy in the school system, in protecting people in case of fire and other pensions that we will be dealing with here today. It's not an easy issue, Speaker, that you have placed us in, but I know that your Leadership undoubtedly has thought



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this out thoroughly, that there will be some who will win and some who will lose. I hope those people who have worked hard and deserve this pension will be some of the winners. And I hope the general public and the news media will, in fact, say that yes, those Legislators in some fashion do need a small increase in their work, cause I can almost assure you, every news media publication has increased percentage wise higher than the Legislators' pay in the last ten years."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Cullerton to explain his vote."

Cullerton: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to address some issues that have been raised by some people concerning the process. The pay raise for the stipend for the committee chairmen aside, let me just review with you the process that we're... that we deal with these Pension Bills, cause I think it will be informative. There are over 200 Bills that have been introduced, 95% of them that deal with the pension system, 95% of them are to give increased benefits to annuitants. And they have a cost. And if we were to debate each one of them on their merits, on their political merits, they'd all pass. And that what... that is what the system had been for many years. And in an effort to be more responsible, we have had a rule for the past three or four years in this chamber that has said that any pension benefit increase has to be negotiated by the employer and the employee... has to be approved by the employer or it doesn't go in the Bill. And in an effort to enforce that, it is resulted in having a vehicle Bill. And that is what we end up voting on at the end of the Session. We did that in June. In this case the Governor amendatorily vetoed the Bill. We did not call it and we passed or attempted to pass... were in the process of attempting to pass another Pension Bill. Now in this

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case the Senate moved first, they passed this Pension Bill. They have adjourned sine die. This is the last effort to pass the Pension Bill this year. And the Senate added this provision that has been debated concerning the compensation. But I just want to emphasize that this system is a responsible system. It makes it easy for us as Members to not sit here and have to turn down widows when it's... because the system can't afford it. Turns out in this particular Bill, widows are... do receive a benefit because the city had agreed. The employer had agreed to provide that benefit. I think it's important to emphasize that this is why we come down with one Pension Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. For those who are interested, this matter cannot be put on the Order of Postponed Consideration unless there are 46 affirmative votes... 47 affirmative votes, if anyone's interested in that. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take... Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Change my vote to 'aye', please."

Speaker Madigan: "Record Wojcik as 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question there are... Mr. Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Poll the absentees, please."

Speaker Madigan: "The... Clerk shall poll the absentees."

Clerk O'Brien: "Poll of those not voting. DeJaegher. And W. Peterson."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McGann."

McGann: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to change my vote to 'aye' in order to get the required number for Postponed Consideration only."

Speaker Madigan: "Record Mr. McGann as 'aye'. In case there is some confusion, the required number is 47. Mr. McCracken."

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McCracken: "You probably thought I was going to change my vote, didn't you? We're going to ask for a verification if it appears to get 47."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to change my vote from 'present' to 'yea'."

Speaker Madigan: "Record Mr. Morrow as 'aye'. I have been advised by the Parliamentarian that if Mr. McCracken were to request a verification that his request would be in order, so Mr. McCracken, are you requesting a verification? The Gentleman requests a verification... relative to the question of Postponed Consideration, so... Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Speaker, in that case, I'd like to change my vote to... from 'aye' to 'no' and ask that everybody on this side of the aisle, surely would want to follow me in that regard."

Speaker Madigan: "Change Mr. Matijevich from 'aye' to 'no'. We are now prepared to... Mr. White... change Mr. White from 'aye' to 'no'. Mr. McCracken, can we take another Roll Call? Mr. McCracken says no. Mr. Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli. Record Mr. Capparelli as 'no'. Record Mr. Krska as 'no'. Record Mr. Daley as 'no'. Record Mr. Levin as 'no'. Record Mr. Williams as 'no'. Record Mr. Bugielski as 'no'. Record Mr. Wolf as 'no'. Record Mr. McGann as 'no'. Record Mr. Shaw as 'no'. Record Mr. Leverenz as 'no'. Record Mr. McPike as 'no'. Record Mr. Keane as 'no'. Record Mr. Anthony Young as 'no'. Record Mr. LeFlore as 'no'. Record... for what purpose does Mr. Tate seek recognition?"

Tate: "Well, Mr. Speaker, under normal procedure, I think a lot of these people might want to explain their vote why they're switching this time."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Morrow. Change Mr. Morrow to 'no'. Change Representative Davis to 'no'. Change Representative Lou Jones to 'no'. Change Mr. Preston to 'no'. Change Representative Shirley Jones to 'no'. Change Representative Wyvetter Younge to 'no'. Change Representative Donny Trotter to 'no'. Change Representative Flowers to 'no'. Change Mr. Christensen to 'no'. Change Mr. Terzich to 'no'. Change Mr. Farley to 'no'. Change Mr. Rice to 'no'. Change Mr. Flinn to 'no'. Change Mr. Richmond to 'no'. Change Mr. Martinez to 'no'. Change Mr. Turner to 'no'. Change Representative Wojcik... change Rep... Chair recognizes Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "I'd like to explain my vote. No, please vote me 'no'."

Speaker Madigan: "Change Representative Wojcik to 'no'. Mr. Johnson."

Johnson: "... The Chair to see if the recorder phone is still wor... the recording devices are still working, so we can determine when these changes were made. I assume the transcript will reflect accordingly."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Barnes change to 'no'. Representative Barnes."

Barnes: "No, no. No, no... Mr. Speaker, I would like permission to be verified 'aye'."

Speaker Madigan: "Is there leave? Leave is granted. The Lady is confirmed as 'aye'. Any more changes? Any more changes? On this question there are 15 'ayes', 96 'nos'. Mr. Barger... 'no'?"

Barger: "No, Sir, I do not want mine changed. For six years we've been working hard here to get proper funding for pensions and I'm not going to be intimidated into voting 'no' on this. I would like to be kept up there as a 'yes'."

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Speaker Madigan: "Anything further? Anyone else? On this question there are 15 'ayes', 96 'nos' and the Motion fails. We are prepared to adjourn sine die. For that purpose the Chair recognizes Mr. McPike. Excuse me, there are some Agreed Resolutions. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Joint Resolution 186, Giorgi. Senate Joint Resolution 185, Hoffman. House Resolution 2017, Countryman. 2018, Bugielski. 2019, Ronan. 2020, Regan. 2023, Giorgi. 2024, Kubik. And 2025, Hasara."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, have you read the Resolutions? The Chair recognizes Mr. Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Speaker, we have examined the Resolutions. They are agreed to and I move the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions."

Speaker Madigan: "Those in favor say 'aye', those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk? Death Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2027, offered by Representative Daley, with respect to the memory of Stanley J. Rogers. House Resolution 2028, offered by Representative Morrow, with respect to the memory of Mardella Walls."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Matijevich moves for the adoption of the Death Resolutions. Those in favor say 'aye', those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted and the Resolutions are adopted. General Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2021, offered by Representative Giorgi."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Giorgi moves to adopt the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye', those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Anything further, Mr. Clerk? Mr. Clerk, do we have anything else? Thank you. Mr. McPike moves that the House memorialize the

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accomplishments of the football team of the University of Notre Dame, that all Members be added as Cosponsors to the Motion, especially Representative Pullen. And he also moves that the House do stand adjourned sine die. Those in favor say 'aye', those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned sine die."

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