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Speaker McPike: "House will come to order. The Chaplain for today will be Reverend John Lauer from Bethel United Methodist Church in Moline. Reverend Lauer is a guest of Representative DeJaegher. Guest in the balcony may wish to rise and join in for the invocation."

Reverend John Lauer: "Let us pray. Our gracious and loving God, on this 111th Legislative Day of the House of Representatives, we ask Your blessing and call for Your presence to be with us, as we deliberate over the business of this Session. We pray, dear God, that You will bless these persons who have been elected to this awesome task of leading this great and sovereign State of Illinois. You have called these men and women to this office and to govern this great State. You know their needs, their motives, their hopes and their fears. Dear God, walk with them through these days as they make great decisions that will affect the citizens of this great State. As these persons lead this great State of Illinois, the Land of Lincoln, may they always be caught, be aware of his great ideas, be leaders of all kinds of people no matter of race, religion or political party. It was the individual who counted in the mind and heart of Abraham Lincoln. May these men and women who lead Illinois realize that they have been called, that You have called them, to be aware that the individual person is the one who counts in the State of Illinois. Remind them, dear God, that with Leadership comes responsibility. Make each one of them feel responsible for those who they represent. May they think about them as they make their personal vote. May nothing this Session be done out of selfish ambition or the urgency of the moment. May each decision be made after spending some time with You in prayer. You have told us

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through Your most Holy Word that the government is Your servant in the world and that as citizens we must give loyalty to the State. Thus make these elected leaders a group that does Your will and Your way as they make decisions affecting their constituents. Give them strength and courage; and power and stamina; and steadfast and superpose as they work. That they may always do their work with a clear and responsible mind. Now go with us all through this Session. May we always do our work with integrity and openness and aware that You are the one we are really working for as we lead this great State of Illinois. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Speaker McPike: "Be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Monroe Flinn."

Flinn - 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 Piel."

Piel: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, will the records show that Representative Klemm is excused today."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, let the record reflect the excused absence due to official business of Wyvetter Younge."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Huff."

Huff: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege. I was distressed over the holiday weekend to learn that our Governor had declared, in the matter of the Sox Stadium affair, that he would bleed and die before he would let the Sox leave Illinois. He also proposed that a potential site for the Sox would be my district, which is already entertaining the idea of being the host for the

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Bears stadium. I just want to speak on behalf of my constituents that we'll also bleed and die before we let that suggestion come to fruition. I just want to suggest that if the Governor is persistent in this romanesque tradition. I would like to suggest that he seek the services of smiling Senator Howard Brookins, who is a first class mortician and funeral director. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Take the record, Mr. Clerk. 116 Members answered the roll, a quorum is present. Page 6 of the Calendar under Motions appears House Resolution 1365, a Motion by Representative Goforth."

Goforth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move to bypass committee and place on the Speaker's Table for immediate considerations. This Resolution has been distributed to the Member's desk."

Speaker McPike: "Is there any discussion of the Gentleman's Motion? Does anyone rise in opposition to the Gentleman's Motion? Gentleman ask leave to use the Attendance Roll Call. Gentleman... The Gentleman has leave. The Attendance Roll Call will be used. The Gentleman's Motion carries. House Resolution 1365, Representative Goforth."

Goforth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as you know last year when we was in the budget Session, at the very last minute the Department of Veterans' Affairs closed 24 offices. They told us on a House floor that day, that the trucks had already been sent out and no matter what we done about it, these offices would be closed. Especially down in the southern part of the State we've got 22 counties down there right now with a lot of Representatives; Representative Rea, Representative Phelps, myself; you know we... we have to drive 200 miles to see the veterans. Well, this is Veterans' Memorial Day and I think all this, all this does is ask the department, we've got a different director of the department now, he

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met with us down there several times, he wants to have these offices reinstated, rearrange them and put them back.

So I ask all of you for support. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Rea."

Rea: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as one of the Sponsors of the Resolution, I strongly support it. I felt it was a mistake when the offices were closed and in my portion of the State and in many other portions of the State, especially where it's a rural area, many of our veterans will have to travel quite a distance cannot do it because of financial reasons, because of the handicaps that they may have, the widows, this has really created a serious problem and it's one that we need to deal with and it's one that we need to correct due to the fact that these are the people that have made our country what it is today. And I would strongly advise an 'aye' vote on this Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Mays."

Mays: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support this Resolution but I think the Members ought to know that this is going to cost probably between five hundred and seven thousand dollars it is currently being proposed to take out of the central office for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. And I know that they don't have the money then to operate the Central office. So really when you vote for this Resolution I would sure hope you'll put a vote up there to fund the effect and the impact this Resolution would have if followed through. I know the Department wants to do it but they have some tough budget choices as did every Department last year that they had to make. So I would just urge the Members to know if they vote 'yes' on this that they ought to be willing to come up with the dollars to...to staff and

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fund the offices."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the rise and support of this legislation. Downstate we have one veteran official that...that comes in to Saline County at a Harrisburg City Council Office once a week every Tuesday to answer constituent inquiries of ten counties or more. And the distances are great to travel for especially senior citizens that are in need of this service or inquiries. And we just appreciate your help to give us consideration to reinstate these funds. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Should the Resolution be adopted?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this question there were 112 'ayes', no 'nays'. House Resolution 1365 is adopted. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "Agreed Resolutions. House Joint Resolution 199, offered by Representative Capparelli. House Resolution 1491, Stange. 1492, Terzich. 1493, Stange. 1494, Panayotovich. 1496, Johnson. 1497, Kubik. 1498, Krska. 1499, Williamson. 1501, Churchill. 1502, Harris. 1504, Black. 1506, Hultgren. 1507, Morrow. 1508, Robert Olson. 1510, Weaver. And 1511, White."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijeich."

Matijeich: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Both sides of the aisle have examined the Resolutions. They are agreed to, 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. Agree Resolutions are adopted. Death

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Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1503, offered by Representative Daniels, with respect to the memory of Ronald Bud Erber."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich moves for the adoption of the Death Resolution. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution's adopted. General Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1495, Madigan and Cullerton. House Resolution 1513, Kubik and Currie. House Resolution 1500, Williamson."

Speaker McPike: "Committee on Assignment. Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. A number of years ago Representative Bruce Richmond passed legislation to honor prisoners of war. We...I, will be passing out an application that Members of the General Assembly can copy and pass out to their veterans' organizations for a...to receive a prisoner of war medal. So if anybody is interested in passing this out in their district to the veterans' groups of their prisoners, the ex-prisoners of war can be recognized for it. I will certainly be happy to give it to them. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to announce that the Financial Institutions Committee will be meeting in 118 as close to 1:00 as possible. And if everybody will get there and have a quorum, I don't think we will have a problem in having a short meeting."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Flinn and...if we can have the attention of everyone. The committees will probably be delayed for at least an hour. We intend to do some business on the House floor and there will be a Democratic Caucus today. So, we will...we will announce the time for

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committees when we adjourn today. Representative Flinn."

Flinn: "Well, thank you, then of course your announcement will take the place of the announcement I just made."

Speaker McPike: "Agreed Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 1512, offered by Representative White."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the Agreed Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "Gentleman moves the adoption of the Agreed Resolution. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions adopted. Page 3 of the Calendar. Senate Bill, Second Reading. Senate Bill 145. Representative Matijevich. Out of the record. Appears Senate Bill 448, Representative Countryman. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 448, a Bill for an Act to amend the Business Corporation Act. Second Reading of the Bill. This Bill has been read a second time previously. Amendment #2 was adopted in committee."

Speaker McPike: "Any Motions filed?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Motions filed."

Speaker McPike: "Any more Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Countryman."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Countryman on Amendment #3."

Countryman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #3 is really technical in nature and one which it clears up previous Amendments to the Bill. I move its adoption."

Speaker McPike: "Gentleman moves the adoption of Amendment #3. Is there any discussion? Representative Countryman, was there some discussion?"

Countryman: "Only about the Cubs game."

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Speaker McPike: "Question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?'

All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it.

The Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 502, Representative Satterthwaite. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 502, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. Second Reading of the Bill. The Bill has been read a Second time previously. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Speaker McPike: "Any Motions filed?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Correction. Amendment #1 has been tabled. Committee Amendment #1 was tabled. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Satterthwaite."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Satterthwaite."

Satterthwaite: "Mr. Speaker, please withdraw Amendment #2."

Speaker McPike: "Lady withdraws Amendment #2. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Satterthwaite."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Satterthwaite."

Satterthwaite: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, Amendment #3 is simply a technical correction to the Bill. I know of no objection to it. It simply makes the language throughout the Bill consistent. I move for its adoption."

Speaker McPike: "Is there any discussion? Being none, the question is, 'Shall Amendment #3 be adopted?' All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No further Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. House Bill 591, Representative

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Steczo. Representative Steczo. Out of the record. House Bill 9, I'm sorry, Senate Bill 952, Representative Ronan. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Senate Bill 952, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Savings and Loan Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Speaker McPike: "Any Motions filed?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Motions filed."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Readings. Representative Piel."

Piel: "Mr. Speaker, we have a Floor Amendment #2 on that Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Say again, Mr. Piel."

Piel: "Yea, the Clerk said there was no Floor Amendments. We've got Floor Amendment #2 on that Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Clerk, please check. Representative Piel."

Piel: "My question was...first of all, if they found that Amendment?"

Speaker McPike: "I'm waiting for the Clerk to give me an answer. Mr. Clerk, is there any Amendments filed to House...to Senate Bill 952?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No, we have no record of a Floor Amendment."

Piel: "Mr. Speaker, this... this Amendment is basically technical in nature and Representative Ronan... do you want to withdraw... yea, Representative Ronan's got no problem with it, it's basically a ..."

Speaker McPike: "Well that's not the point, rather not Representative Ronan is for the Amendment or against it. The point is the Clerk doesn't have it. So if you could give it to Tony, we would be glad to take a look at it. We don't have it at this point."

Piel: "This was done about a week and a half, two weeks ago. But we'll refile it and bring it back from Third to Second."

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Right we'll move to..."

Speaker McPike: "Alright, The Bills on Third Reading in, Representative Ronan indicates that when the Amendment is printed and distributed, he'll bring it back the Second. Mr. Piel, does that satisfy you?"

Piel: "Yes, that satisfies me and its on Third Reading."

Speaker McPike: "Yes it is."

Piel: "Then may I have stand for a point of personal privilege please?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes. Proceed."

Piel" "This past weekend besides being Memorial Day Weekend, I should probably stand up and congratulate Representative Tom McCracken, but I would prefer to standing up and congratulating the better half of the McCracken family, Peggy McCracken on the birth of their new daughter Amanda."

Speaker McPike: "Senate Bill 959, Representative Capparelli. Want to call this Bill, Sir? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1285. Representative DeLeo. Gentleman here? Out of the record. Senate Bill 1475. Representative Currie. Representative Currie, do you want to call this Bill? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 1475 (sic - Senate Bill), a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pesticide Act. Second Reading of the Bill. No Committee Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk O'Brien: "No Floor Amendments."

Speaker McPike: "Third Reading. Rules Committee Report."

Clerk O'Brien: "Committee on Rules has met pursuant to Rule 29 (c)3. The following Bill has been ruled exempt on June 1, 1988. Senate Bills 1532, 1584, 1600, 1965, 2002, 2079, 2123, 2152 and be adopted, Senate Joint Resolutions 127, 128 and 129. Signed, John Matijevich, Chairman."

Speaker McPike: "I wonder if we could have some attention here

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for a second. We are going to delay the 1:00 o'clock meetings. That's Financial Institutions, Insurance, Public Utilities, Transportation. Those four will be delayed from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Human Services will meet at 3:00 p.m. and Appropriations I will meet at 3:00 p.m. and Consumer Protection will be delayed from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Representative Giglio has requested a Democratic Caucus in Room 114 immediately upon adjournment. Representative Dunn has an announcement."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If you look on your Calendar House Judiciary I Committee is scheduled to meet at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow. We will not need to meet at 8:00 a.m. House Judiciary I Committee will meet at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow. House Judiciary I, 9:00 a.m. tomorrow Room D-1. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Further announcements? Any further announcements? Representative Giorgi now moves the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, the hour of 2:00 p.m. There will be a Democratic Caucus in Room 114 immediately upon adjournment. You've heard Representative Giorgi's Motion. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. And the 'ayes' have it. The House stands adjourned."

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