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Speaker McPike: "The House will come to order. The House will come to order. The Chaplain for today is Pastor Norman J. Chase of the First Presbyterian Church in Peotone, Illinois. Pastor Chase is the guest of Representative Weller. The guests in the balcony may wish to rise and join us for the invocation."

Pastor Chase: "Shall we pray. Eternal God of love and mercy, we pause in this busy, busy day to give You thanks and praise. We thank You for freedom and peace and we thank You for food and shelter. We thank You for our country and our state. We thank You for these dedicated servants that make up this Legislative Body. We thank You, God, for everything. But we are mortal beings and thus dependent on Your help and guidance. As these, Your servants, make important decisions that affect the lives of the people of this state, help them not to forget the elderly, the disabled, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the children of our schools and all those in need. Because of limited resources, guide these Legislators so that they may make wise decisions as to their priorities. Help us all to understand Your will and give us the strength and resolve to do Your will. In this world filled with anger and strife, send Your peace and give us Your Love that we might love all people. We desire, we hope for, we pray for a world of peace and love, but above all, may God's will be done. Amen."

Speaker McPike: "Be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Andy McGann."

McGann 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."

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Speaker McPike: "Roll Call for Attendance. Take the record, Mr. Clerk. Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, there's no excused absence on this side of the aisle and by the way, I'll bet a million times in my life I've said it's nice to see you. This time I really mean it and thanks for everybody's expression."

Speaker McPike: "For those of you who don't know it, John had a detached retina that was operated on in December, and he tells me his eyesight is nearly a 100%, so welcome back, John. Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "There are no excused absences on this side of the aisle, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. One hundred and sixteen Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Stand at ease. We'll be at ease for fifteen minutes."

Speaker Breslin: "Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen... Ladies and Gentlemen... To advise the Members and our visitors in the gallery, please know that the House is in Session. While we are at ease, we are in Session. Unauthorized members are not allowed on the floor, and no demonstrations are allowed by visitors in the gallery or our visitors will have to be asked to leave. Now you should know that the reason for the delay is that we are preparing final legislation and the Members will probably be going to Caucus shortly. We are trying to move that as quickly as possible so that all Members and visitors will be accommodated. Representative Van Duyne, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Van Duyne: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. A Parliamentary inquiry. Are you saying that I can't have Mrs. Patti O'Hara here who has served me as my legislative aide, my secretary, my right arm, my confidante, the strongest supporter of me in my whole district for the past sixteen years here on the

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House Floor with me?"

Speaker Breslin: "Welcome, Mrs. Patti O'Hara."

Van Duyne: "Thank you, Madam."

Speaker Breslin: "Lobbyists are not allowed on the floor.

Representative Hensel is recognized. Rep..."

Hensel: "Thank...Thank you, Madam Speaker. If I could have their attention for just a moment, please. I have a seatmate here that tells me that she's celebrating a special occasion and it says, 'Happy Birthday, Jane'. Now I'm not sure what the age is and I'm afraid to ask her, but she said that all those who would like to come over and share a piece of beautiful cake over here with her and wish her a Happy Birthday, we'd be more than appreciative of it. Thank you."

Speaker Breslin: "And it happens to be a particularly beautiful cake. Happy Birthday, Representative Barnes. Representative Mulcahey. Representative Mulcahey, are you ready to present your Resolution? Representative Mautino and Representative Dunn, are you ready? Are you ready? Representative Mautino is the Sponsor of the Resolution. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Resolution, please."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 2511, offered by Representative Mautino.

WHEREAS, It is with respect and fondness that the members of this body bid farewell to our esteemed colleague, Representative LeRoy Van Duyne, who retires after 16 years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure in public office, Representative Van Duyne has earned the friendship and admiration of both Republican and Democrat members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the General Assembly,

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Representative Van Duyne in his career introduced over 300 pieces of legislation and has served as Chairman of the Counties and Townships Committee and a member of the Financial Institutions Committee, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, as well as serving on several House Special Task Forces; and

WHEREAS, Born in Manhattan, Illinois, he spent his youth in Wilmington, Illinois, and is a life-long resident of Joliet, Illinois, Representative Van Duyne served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II, was stationed overseas with the 8th Air Force, 96th Bomber Group, and was recipient of the Air Medal and two Distinguished Flying Crosses; and

WHEREAS, Representative Van Duyne served as Democratic Precinct Committeeman in Joliet for 22 years, was past chairman of the Will County and Joliet Township Democratic Party organizations, and was a member of the Will County Board, VFW Post 1050, American Legion Post 1284, as well as numerous fraternal, social and church associations; and

WHEREAS, Representative Van Duyne married Rose Lardi and is the father of six children and 13 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A self-employed businessman and licensed barber since 1947, the Van Duyne Barber Shop in Joliet, Illinois, served as his legislative district office and was a place of bright conversation on many cogent issues every Saturday morning as Representative Van Duyne continued to provide haircuts to constituents and members of his community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Van Duyne's campaign style was open, friendly and included unique campaigns slogan's such as "Re-Elect V.D. He's Contagious"; and

WHEREAS, As an elected government official, Representative Van Duyne stated, believed and exemplified the view that "average

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people must stay involved in their government"; and

WHEREAS, For 16 years, Representative Van Duyne and his legislative district office staff provided leadership that resulted in many improvements and developments to benefit his Joliet community including the Rialto Theater renovation, AMTRAK Station redevelopment and bridges over the DesPlaines River; and

WHEREAS, It is fair to say that fellow members of the General Assembly and citizens of Illinois have been the beneficiaries of the good cheer and good humor that representative Van Duyne exuded to all he came into contact with throughout his long career; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, That we congratulate Representative LeRoy Van Duyne upon his retirement as a member of the Illinois General Assembly, commending his years of service to the people of this State as a skilled legislator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we express our most sincere best wishes for his continued success and happiness in every future endeavor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to Representative Van Duyne, as a token of our respect and esteem."

Speaker Breslin: "I think we all agree, V. D. is contagious.

Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you very much, Madam Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I guess there may be about eight or ten of us that came down here together that are still in the General Assembly from that election in 1974. I had the unique opportunity to meet LeRoy Van Duyne four years

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before that when LeRoy and I and now Senator Dick Luft ran for the Senate and were all contemplating recounts back in 1971. And when we came down to Springfield, there was an overwhelming majority of Democrats on our side of the aisle. LeRoy and I and others sat right down here in the first three rows on the Republican side of the aisle. And I'm going to do it again next year as well, so it's kind of like history repeating itself. But most importantly, I think is in that year of which there were 98 votes for Speaker, many of us got to know each other on much better terms than, I think, many of the other classes that came into the General Assembly. LeRoy presented that Joliet philosophy of local government and taking care of people. You know, he provided us with a lot of laughs, a lot of 'wouldicisms' that I don't think will ever be forgotten. But I've got to point one thing out. When LeRoy sat down here in front in 1974, start of 75, he looked up at the Speaker's podium and there was assignment of seats. And LeRoy said, 'This is not my seat here. My seat is up there.' The Speaker's seat because, Ladies and Gentlemen, LeRoy Van Dwyne was a Gentleman that beat the sitting Speaker of the House in 1974 and he felt that that was his seat in the General Assembly. And I would like to carry on just a few more seconds because it's kind of unique when you have a Gentleman that you came in with, who is the victor over the sitting Speaker of the House and then was the victor over the brother of a world famous priest whose brother was a hostage, Mr. Jenco, and still is a hostage, and then was the Gentleman to defeat a sitting Federal Judge. LeRoy Van Dwyne, for whatever we have to say for and with you, it's indeed been a pleasure to serve with such a Gentleman. Thank you, LeRoy."

Speaker Breslin: "The Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative

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Flinn."

Flinn: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. LeRoy has moved over in our neighborhood here along with Representative Shaw and Representative Hicks. I don't think any of them have done the neighborhood too much good, but we've tolerated them. But I'll give LeRoy credit for one thing, he sure has taken care of Representative Shaw and Representative Hicks in their absence. Which reminds me that I'm surprised that they're here, too. But, you know, one day Representative Bruce Richmond and I decided to go across the street when there wasn't much doing. We said, 'LeRoy, watch our switches for us in case there's any votes.' Half way over there we heard footsteps behind us and LeRoy said, 'Wait for me', he says. Seriously, Leroy's been a good Legislator, a very fine man and he's very perceptive in looking at a Bill and being able to determine what's in the Bill. And I've enjoyed his companionship and his friendship and all of us have and we're going to miss him very much. LeRoy, we hope to see you again around."

Speaker Breslin: "The Gentleman from Macon, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. I, too, am one of those Members first elected in 1974 when LeRoy Van Dwyne was elected. As a matter of fact, standing down at the well is yet another Member of that class, Joe 'Coach' Lucco, who was first elected in 1974. And Representative Mautino is exactly correct. We came in under peculiar circumstances. There were 101 Democrats elected in 1974 in a 177 Member General Assembly. Eighty-nine was a majority to put that in perspective for you. A lot of Members, a lot of new Members, and we took three and a half weeks and 90 some ballots to elect a Speaker and we did get to be acquainted. And for those of you who didn't know LeRoy back then, I would say to you that LeRoy stands back there right now

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just exactly the same as he did in 1974. LeRoy came in with a ready smile, a glad hand, a lot of fun, fun to be with, charming company, always good for a laugh and came in very knowledgeable about county government and he remains that way. LeRoy is one of the most articulate spokespersons for county government that we have seen in this General Assembly and will see for many, many years to come. I remember...I go home almost every night, so I don't stay out late, but I have been out late around here when there was a place called John's Supper Club. We use to close that once in a while. LeRoy will remember that. And LeRoy has unbelievable stamina. And I can still see LeRoy Van Duyne at two o'clock in the morning wanting to sit down and eat pancakes and waffles at two o'clock in the morning. How anyone can do that, I don't know, but he did and then he'd lie right down and sleep. God, if I did that, I'd be up all night with nightmares. Never bothered...never bothered LeRoy. LeRoy, I treasure that purple campaign button that was referred to here earlier. I have one of those at home in my collection. I'll always keep that handy and I consider it a privilege to be a Member of the class of 1974 here, to have known LeRoy Van Duyne all these years. I'm sorry to see LeRoy go. We had a very pleasant reunion of our class last spring out at Joe Mudd's house, another Member of that class. He's a lobbyist here in town now. And we had a very, very good time. I hope we have those again. If we do, I hope LeRoy comes back. I know LeRoy is very close to Ray Christensen. I hope you enjoy your companionship with him in the future and I hope you come back here, LeRoy. I will certainly miss you. I know we all will miss you, and we wish you the very, very best of success in the future. God bless you, LeRoy."

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Speaker Breslin: "The Lady from Champaign, Representative Satterthwaite."

Satterthwaite: "LeRoy, I was another of that august body that came in with you and sat over there on the opposite side of the aisle and enjoyed the fact that a lot of us newcomers were getting to know each other and getting to appreciate your humor and your outgoingness and your desire to make this a very worthwhile experience for all of us. I appreciate that time along with some singing we did at the Governor's Mansion and a number of other kinds of things that were not directly related to legislation, but part of the camaraderie and the memories that we take with us as we leave this Body after a number of years of sharing in these experiences. I remember that the first year of that term back in 1975 when we adjourned at the end of our Spring Session, and it was announced that we were not going to be back here until October for the Veto Session, and I almost felt as though I wouldn't be able to survive that long without seeing all the people I'd been fighting with all that time. And so, LeRoy, in your departure I would simply like to say 'thanks for the memories'. Thanks for being a part of our experience here and we wish you well for all your future."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, Speaker Madigan in the Chair. We will suspend the consideration of this Resolution at this time to provide for Party Caucuses. So if the Democrats would go to Room 114 immediately for a Democratic Party Caucus, if the Republicans would go to Room 118, I believe is the number. And I presume that this Caucus will be a little more pleasant for you than the last one you had? So if everybody could go to Party Caucus immediately. Thank you."

Speaker Breslin: "Ladies and Gentlemen, when we recessed we were

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on the Order of a Death Resolution for LeRoy Van Duyne and at that point, Representative Leverenz was seeking recognition. The House will come to order. Representative Leverenz is recognized."

Leverenz: "Thank you, Madam Speaker. Representative Mautino was exactly correct. The Class of 75 has a few distinguished Members and of course, LeRoy is one of them. He gave us some of the best political quotes I think that we ever heard on the House Floor. I think I remember LeRoy saying, 'We have the best politicians money can buy. And they're honest. When they're bought, they stay bought.' I can remember him trying to pass House Bill 666, the sign of the devil. I can also remember that he wasn't in the agricultural business, but he did never pass up a blue ribbon. And he received the highest compliment I think a Legislator could ever be given in Springfield by a non-member of the General Assembly when the waitress said, 'He is the best dancer in all of Springfield.' So to our distinguished colleague and learned professor out of Joliet, we wish you well in every endeavor and we stand ready to help you in any way we can."

Speaker Breslin: "Representative Mautino asks leave for all Members to be added as Sponsors. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. Representative Mautino moves the adoption of the Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted, Representative Van Duyne. Representative Van Duyne."

Van Duyne: "Thank you, Madam Speaker and especially all my colleagues, past and present in the Legislature. Sitting here today, it's been really, truly an honor and a pleasure to serve here. A lot of the comments have been made

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concerning pleasure and some of the wit and some of the jokes that we've shared, but truly though, I want you all to know that I have really felt this to be a great honor for me. Not only for me but for my family to be allowed to sit here in this chamber. There's been many, many, many famous men and ladies who have passed through these chambers over the years and I'm very, very proud to have been one of them. But the biggest honor, I think that has been given me in this...in all this process is the fact that the people in the 83rd District as it exists right now and before that the 42nd District have given me the honor to re-elect me eight times to this Body. So, you know, it really makes my heart swell and feel good to think that they had at least enough confidence in me to re-elect me time after time after time and also with the knowledge that I've tried to do my very best for my district. So it's a pleasure, you know, to have been here. I'm kind of a little sick to leave you all, but as Peg said to us all in her final news letter, these things happen and it's time to go someplace else. I hope that...I think Cal Sutker put it better than anyone who has been retiring in this Session, I wish I could reiterate verbatim as Cal put it, but I can't remember all the things he said. One thing he did say is that we are very close friends, some of us, some of us not quite so close, but you all do share a certain part of me as I leave. So, it's been a pleasure, as I said, to serve you. I like you all. I've had a lot of fun down here, but I hope that you will remember though, along with the wit, that there was a kind of serious guy here, too. So thank you very much."

Speaker Breslin: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

Clerk Leone: "Supplemental #1 to the House Calendar is now being distributed."

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Speaker Giglio: "House Resolution 2497. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2497.

WHEREAS, It is with respect and great fondness that the members of this body bid farewell to our esteemed colleague, Representative Peg McDonnell Breslin, who retires after 12 years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure in public office, Representative Breslin has earned the respect and admiration of both Republicans and Democrats, men and women, and "upstaters" and "downstaters"; and

WHEREAS, An active, tough and respected member of the General Assembly, Representative Breslin has served on the Committees on Constitutional Officers, Judiciary I and II, Rules, Financial Institutions and Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, A native of Ottawa, Illinois, Representative Breslin earned a B.S. degree in political science and a J.D. degree from Loyola University; and

WHEREAS, Since first being elected in 1977, Representative Breslin has ably served the residents of the Seventy-Fifth District, and she has exemplified the qualities of a committed public official; and

WHEREAS, From 1982 to 1988, Representative Breslin served as Majority Whip and from 1988 to 1990, she served as Assistant Majority Leader in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Representative Breslin's sense of humor, fairness and poise have contributed greatly to the atmosphere in the House during her many hours of presiding in the House Speaker's Chair; and

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WHEREAS, A respected leader, Representative Breslin received the 1988 Susan B. Anthony Award for legislative leadership from the Illinois Women's Political Caucus; and

WHEREAS, A Democrat held in high regard, Representative Breslin has served in a wide range of positions from her early days as Precinct Committeewoman in LaSalle County to her position as a Delegate at the Democratic National Convention and as the Illinois Democratic Party Platform Chair in 1988; and

WHEREAS, It is fair to say that the citizens of Illinois have been the beneficiaries of Representative Breslin's years of distinguished service in the House of Representatives; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That we express our most sincere best wishes for her continued success and happiness in every future endeavor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to Representative Breslin, as a token of our respect and esteem."

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

Cullerton: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Twelve years ago, I think twelve years ago today, when I came to the General Assembly for the first time, I was given my temporary seat and I found myself

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sitting next to Representative Peg Breslin. And we have been very good friends ever since. There is a few ways of leaving the General Assembly. For some people they can die when they are in office, some people they can retire, others can go to the Senate, others can go to a Constitutional Office and there's all different feelings that you can take with you when you make your departure. In Peg Breslin's case, she made a very valiant effort to become our State Treasurer, to join Dawn Clark Netsch, as being the first woman Constitutional Officer. And I think that we all know what an effort she made, what a strong effort, in that primary and overcame a lot of problems being...not from the Chicago area and having to run against somebody who was so well known as Pat Quinn. But I think she did an excellent job in the campaign. We also are aware of her legislative accomplishments and as noted in the Resolution, I don't think there's anybody that I've ever known that's ever been in the Chair that's done a better job than Peg Breslin in terms of being fair and being calm and bringing a sense of order to the General Assembly. And I can also tell you from personal knowledge that she also happens to be a great Mother. She raises her children in spite of the grueling schedule that we keep and certainly for the many months that she was away campaigning throughout the state and that's something which is probably the most important job we can all have. So, I know that Peg Breslin is going to be successful in whatever she does in the next two years. I don't think we should be surprised if she comes back as a candidate for statewide office in the future. And I think that it's fair to say she has a very good chance of being successful. So I'm very happy to sponsor this House Resolution. I know that everyone will join with me in supporting it and I wish Peg

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the best."

Speaker Giglio: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Livingston, Representative Ewing."

Ewing: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Hi, Peg. I have a lot of fond memories of Peg Breslin. We shared a legislative district for six years. I was probably one of the first Legislators to come down here and have two other female Representatives from one district. Both of these ladies came from the same community. Both were committeemen in the same precinct. And I really found myself right between a couple of tigers. I enjoyed it immensely and, of course, where ever I could cause trouble. Peg Breslin has been an outstanding Member of this General Assembly. It's been a pleasure to serve with her. I feel very close to Peg because I've helped her with her children through the years. You know, her husband was back home working, trying to keep things together, and I'd have to give her advice and effort down here on her family. So, I know that she's going to miss us and me probably particularly for all the good things I've done for her over the years. And just in closing, I'd like to remember those candidate nights, Peg, that we use to go to. And Peg would have to get up and defend the Workman's Comp. and the Unemployment Laws in front of the Chamber of Commerce. And of course, I liked to get up and point out how the Democrats could have helped things a lot more than they did. But she could always handle it. She was good on her feet, just as she is in the Chair, and she always came out on top. Peg, good luck and best of wishes to you and your family."

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

Stern: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, you may be able to detect by looking at me that I'm a very elderly feminist

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and that I had thought at one time to be the first Constitutional Officer elected from my gender, but that didn't work out by 1/14 of 1%, but who counts, right? I want to tell you that I was honored and privileged to support Peg in this last race of hers. I did everything I could and I talked and tried to persuade people to vote for her and elect her. And it is because I have learned to know her down here and the quality of the woman, the quality of the political person that she is, that I did that. And Peg, I don't care what the future holds for you, as long as it doesn't preclude the possibility of your running again for political office. Go for it, baby."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Will, Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. For the last four years I've had the privilege and I mean privilege, Peg, to work with you. You're not only a brilliant Lady, extremely intelligent and more than competent, but I can remember the times when you and I were trying to put together an initiative and Peg would say, 'Well, we'll have fun anyway'. And we always did and most of the time we were successful. But one instance I'll never forget as long as I live. We had the...probably the largest tire recycling Bill in the nation up one night, and it was about 9:30 or ten o'clock, and my daughter and my wife had brought my grandson down to visit. And I had him holding in my arms, and Peg was in the Chair that night and it's an extremely complicated Bill. My grandson starts crying and Peg said, 'Well, it's apparent that Representative Wennlund's grandson doesn't like it, but I think it's a good Bill and it ought to pass'. And it went out of here with 116 votes and nobody knew what it was, I don't think, except Peg and I. But, I've really enjoyed

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the experience of working with you, Peg, and will always remember some of those fond memories and some of the initiatives we worked on together and we're going to miss you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Eight years ago when I was seated in this General Assembly, my first contact was with Peg Breslin. She was a downstater and I needed someone to look to for advice and some counseling on issues and I tell you, Peg was right there and she was very instrumental in starting me off on the right track, I think. No, she done a nice job. I want to thank her for those first few years when we all need a little help and direction in finding the restroom and those type of things. She did a fine job. And since then over the years, our little group in this area now, David and Bob and Pam and myself and Cal, even when Jimmy DeLeo moved in, she even accepted Jimmy DeLeo into the group, which is very difficult. Where's Jimmy? Where's Jimmy? I got to know her family over the years, husband, John, Jack and Molly and even helped John get his first, I guess, and only moose in Alaska and my guiding experiences. So, Pam...or Peg, I want to thank you for your help over the years and just being a good friend and a good companion here in this area. And this is not a good-bye, this is just a see you later. Thank you, Peg."

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

Ropp: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Peg, I might say that being one of the individuals that sits pretty close to the Speaker's Chair, we can certainly admire the ever present twinkle in your eye that you have whenever there is a stress period in the chamber. You

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always seem to have a great smile and a twinkle of calmness and at ease that seem to put the chamber at ease as you certainly have complete control as you administered from that Chair. I certainly want to commend you for that. I think the Speaker has always been very smart in having you in the Chair. In times of stress, you have performed admirably well. And we want to congratulate you and wish you nothing but success in your future. Thank you for being a part of this great Body."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from St. Clair, Representative Wyvetter Younge."

Younge, W.: "Thank you very much. I simply want to... Mr. Speaker. I simply want to say to Peg Breslin and to LeRoy Van Dwyne, thank you so much for your years of service. I have really enjoyed serving here with you, and I wish you Godspeed. Than you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Saline, Representative Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It has been my great fortune to be a seatmate of Peg Breslin...McDonough Breslin for the last four years. And in sitting in front of her my first two years, I've recognized several advantages to that. One is someone who was a seasoned Legislator, who had great advice for a freshman, someone with unquestionable integrity, who over and over, what I remember more than anything is when she would say just do what you think is right. Looking through all the other things that we have to consider, I felt that was the very best thing anyone could tell me and still do. So... And there is no one in my opinion, and I think anyone would share, if you're honest with yourself, no one is better in the Chair than Peg Breslin. That's...We're going to miss that, probably more than any one thing besides her

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loving face. But as one who is impressed with her involvement in the assessment of legislation, a deep prying and appraisal of trying to get to the bottom of the right thing to do, legislation so much coming down on us, and I just want to not say a final good-bye, but a big farewell to someone where we're going to miss desperately, a true Lady who has made a distinct mark in Illinois politics. And I know that she will come back from time to time, and it's been my great fortune to just say thanks for being a friend, a great politician, a good Mother, family person and American. God bless you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Deuchler."

Deuchler: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think we would certainly be remiss if we did not acknowledge publicly once again Representative Breslin's leadership in the area of day care. The registry opportunity for children statewide for parents to find out the day care facilities in their area, her leadership with the capitol complex day care, the State of Illinois Building in Chicago. Very many opportunities would not exist today nor in the future if it had not been for your leadership. Best of luck in the future also."

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

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, if you pay attention on the House Floor, you learn a lot. Representative Brunsvold said that Representative, you showed him the way to the restroom. I paid close attention and I heard that, and so we need to pay attention. Peg, you...in 1985 when I was a freshman Legislator, barely knew my way around the House Floor, there was a day when we cast a vote and I got caught off the floor, had to come back and...with the Speaker would not recognize me to get me on

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that Roll Call, and you knew that it was important that I have my name on that Roll Call. It was a very close vote. You raised your hand to be recognized and changed your vote so that I could then be recognized and it wouldn't affect the final outcome. Representative, you have always been a Lady of class, and I wish you all the best in your future."

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

Levin: "I am, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm going to miss Peg Breslin very much. We came down the same year. We were initially in the same class, although she stayed straight through, and I got a two year vacation before I came back. It's been a delight to work with you, Peg. You've been particularly involved in the environmental areas and have taken the lead very frequently from you. And I just wish we had been a little more successful in electing some House Member this year to statewide office. You come back and you'll do that, do it next time. We're going to miss you and look forward to working with you a little bit in the courts in Chicago and anything I could do for you, I'd be just delighted to. You're just a delight to work with."

Speaker Giglio: "The Lady from Champaign, Representative Satterthwaite."

Satterthwaite: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, as many of the previous speakers have indicated, we all recognize Peg's ability to preside over the House in a very efficient fashion, but with great fairness to all of the Members. That is something that I have appreciated for all of the times that she has presided and know that it is a common feeling among the Members of deep respect for her as she has presided over this chamber. Probably, the most unique experience that I can report, however, is that Peg has also shared my apartment. And it has been a great experience to

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have her as a personal friend as well as a colleague here on the House Floor. And for those very special reasons, I am going to find it particularly difficult to get use to the idea that she will no longer be a Member. We certainly wish you well, Peg, and hope that your future will be one that gives you as much enjoyment and satisfaction and sense of accomplishment as what you have done here."

Speaker Giglio: "The Chair now takes the pleasure of introducing the Lady from LaSalle, the Honorable Representative Peg Breslin."

Breslin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, some of you don't remember this, but this isn't the first time I've left this House. I will say, however, that this is the more pleasant experience I have had in leaving this House. I want to thank all of you for the friendship and the opportunity we've had to share ideas and spar over issues and help really resolve many of the pressing problems that confront the people of this state. I want to thank Mike Madigan for giving me a chance. You know lot's of times in life all we need is a chance, a chance to fail or a chance to succeed. He gave me a chance and I hope that I and you remember to give young people a chance as we go through life. Last but not least, I want to thank all of my colleagues, Republican and Democrat alike, who were very, very sympathetic and helpful in my campaign. I learned enough in that campaign to believe it or not know enough not to do it again. I really might do it again. What can I say. But last but not least, if and when we should ever meet in another life, I want you Legislators to remember that I'm the guy that put the bug in the ear of the Compensation Review Board to establish a COLA for Legislators. Will you remember that when you get it? I've loved it all. Thank you much, I'll being seeing you."

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Speaker Giglio: "Representative Cullerton asks leave that all Members become Cosponsors of the Resolution. Does the Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. All those in favor of the Resolution signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Committee Reports."

Clerk O'Brien: "Representative Brunsvold, Chairman of the Select Committee on Constitutional Officers, to which the following Resolution was referred, action taken January 8, 1991, recorded the same back with the following recommendation: 'be adopted' Senate Joint Resolution 200. The Committee on Rules has met January 8, 1991, and pursuant to Rule 14(a)1 have made the following recommendations: 'be adopted' Senate Joint Resolution 228. Signed Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairwoman."

Speaker Giglio: "Calendar, Supplemental #1 on Concurrences, House Bill 4009. Representative Capparelli. 4009."

Capparelli: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to concur on Conference Committee Report...First Conference Committee Report on House Bill 4009. It amends the Liquor Control Act. It authorizes the reciprocal interstate shipments of not more than two case per year for adult consumption. It prohibits any solicitation or advertisement. I would ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Giglio: "Any discussion? The Gentleman from Kankakee, Representative Novak. Representative Black, are you ready? Representative Novak."

Novak: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Will the Sponsor yield, please?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Novak: "Okay, Representative Capparelli, I'm looking at the Bill here. Section (b) indicates the following: The shipping container of any wine sent into or out of this state under

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this Section shall be clearly labeled to indicate that the package cannot be delivered to a person under the age of 21 years of age. Is that correct?"

Capparelli: "Yea. Right."

Novak: "Okay. Now...Is it your intent..."

Capparelli: "Yeah, that's correct."

Novak: "That is... For the purposes of legislative intent, is that correct? Okay. So in essence then, to deliver the substance to an underage person would be a Class A misdemeanor. Is that correct?"

Capparelli: "Yes, a Class A misdemeanor, which I understand, yes."

Novak: "Thank you."

Speaker Giglio: "The Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, can you refresh my memory. When did we adopt Amendment #1? Senate Amendment #1. Have we done that or are you asking us to do that at this time? You asking us to concur in Senate Amendment #1?"

Capparelli: "Yes, we're asking for concurrence on Amendment #1, yes."

Black: "What impact would this Bill have? I have and I know many of you have a winery in your district, some of them are relatively new businesses. What impact would this have on a winery that is in my district? Would this allow an out of state winery to ship to his customers and may have an adverse effect then on his business?"

Capparelli: "That's right, it's a reciprocal agreement. There are five states right now that have it. We have five wineries in Illinois that want... The small wineries are not able to send this kind of wine. People who want to buy

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two or three bottles, they can get this through...in California. California can buy our wine in Nauvoo. I think there's one in Kay Wojcik's district. So it's a reciprocal agreement."

Black: "Okay, so in other words then, probably those people in the winery business would favor this Amendment. I appreciate your answer, but could you cast some light on why the Liquor Control Commission opposes it?"

Capparelli: "That, I have no idea. I don't know."

Black: "Alright. Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke."

Hartke: "Representative, did you just indicate that the Illinois Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association was in support of this legislation?"

Capparelli: "Would you repeat that?"

Hartke: "Is the Illinois Wholesale Liquor Association in support of this legislation?"

Capparelli: "I have no idea."

Hartke: "Recently in Chicago I ran into a Gentleman who was adamantly opposed to this piece of legislation. You know, California is...the wineries are pushing this piece of legislation in order to ship their wine into Illinois without a certain amount of duties and so forth. I'm also concerned about this piece of legislation because of the young wineries we have here in Illinois and giving them a fair shot at business. I think also that we're going to have problems with this piece of legislation because we're putting the postman actually a liquor control agent because he does not know whether he is or is not shipping wine to minors in the State of Illinois. And I stand in opposition to this piece of legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative

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McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would rise in support of this legislation. We have four wineries in Illinois and I'm sure that the wineries in Illinois produce every bit as good a wine as the wineries in California. Our wineries under this Bill could ship wine out of the state. It would help Illinois and help a small wine industry that's in its infancy. So I would rise in support of this. I think it's a very good Bill. You can only ship wine to states that allow Illinois wine to be shipped in here...or shipped out of this state."

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

Kulas: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There seems to be some misunderstanding about this Bill. The wine industry is in favor of this Bill. The Illinois wineries are in favor of this Bill. So if you want to support Illinois wineries, you should be voting for this Bill."

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

Wojcik: "Yes, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, first of all, if you would please listen instead of all talk the way you are, you would understand what this legislation is asking for. Currently we have the winery business is now on the growth in Illinois, and right now we have got four wineries operating. One of the wineries within the state is now stating that because of the law being in effect in four other states, which is California, I don't know all the other ones...Oregon, New Mexico, in Colorado and Wisconsin, the height of the residents of Illinois is that they want to be able to go out to California and ship their wine back. Or if we have a visitor such as a...our tourism and what have you going to one of our local wineries, they want to ship the wine back to their state that would be

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reciprocal. So there is nobody from California wanting to get into the Illinois winery business. It's a reciprocal agreement. And it is something that is going to enhance tourism, business and the major sources of revenue. Taxes are paid for the wine within the state that you reside. So if you ship wine from California to Illinois, you're paying your taxes in California. If you ship from Illinois to California, you're paying taxes in Illinois. So all this Bill is is reciprocal. It's two cases annually. It's not two cases a month. It's two cases annually. So surely nobody could get into a conflict or induce the alcoholic drinking through someone 21 years or younger. It is policed. It is a misdemeanor if the liquor is sold or the alcohol is sold to anyone 21 years old or younger. And therefore, I think we're quizzing an area that is not conducive for such quizzing. It's a good Bill. It's a small business Bill. And it's also a Bill for the State of Illinois and something we as Illinoisans should be proud of that we're now able to compete a little bit with the wineries of California. So I stand in favorable and ask that you all vote in favor of this wonderful legislation."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Capparelli to close."

Capparelli: "This Bill will help all the small wineries here in Illinois, and I would ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Mautino, I'm sorry. You have your light on? You want to do it in Short Debate? Go ahead."

Mautino: "Let him...I'll..."

Speaker Giglio: "Alright, the question is...The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4009?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye', opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. This is final action. Have all voted who wish? The Gentleman from Bureau,

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Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to clarify a comment that was made earlier. As I peruse Senate Amendment #1, there is no provision within this Conference Committee Report that provides for taxing in any way, shape or form by either the purchaser or the shipper to correct the statement that was made earlier. There's no tax involved anyway from the State of California, Michigan, New York or Illinois. I think it's folly since the Federal Government has established a new tax as of January 1 on all alcohol beverages that we in the State of Illinois allow for the sale of alcohol beverages without any tax involved. I stand in opposition to the Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "I would like to explain my vote and to answer the Gentleman. It says, 'In what states are the sales and excise taxes paid? And it's all taxes are paid in the state in which the purchase is made.' Therefore if wine was purchased in Illinois to be sent back to one of the other reciprocal states, the taxes are paid in that state and in no other state."

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 are 97 voting 'yes', 11 voting 'no' and 7 voting 'present' and the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4009 and this Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Motions appears Senate Bill 1635, Representative Daniels. Representative Daniels on Senate Bill 1635. Move to nonconcur. The Gentleman moves to nonconcur, to refuse to recede. Alright. Representative Daniels moves to suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Nonconurrence. Does the

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Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. Now Representative Daniels moves to refuse to recede and requests a First Conference Committee Report. Gentleman have leave? Hearing none, leave is granted. And the First Conference Committee Report will be appointed. On Conference Committee Reports appears Senate Bill 1842, Representative Curran. Representative Curran in the chamber? The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Mike Curran."

Curran: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1842 just passed out of the Senate 46 to nothing a few minutes ago. What it does is allows the same provisions for relief from immunization for private colleges and universities that we now afford to community colleges. In addition to that for the SBE, it allows a member to continue who is a...who serves on a S&L. I don't know if there's any controversy. Be glad to answer any questions and ask for...move for the adoption of the Conference Committee Report."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Black: "Thank you. Representative, I assume that the Department of Public Health is still very much opposed to the late edition on page 2, Section 3 exceptions clause on the immunization. Would that be your feeling?"

Curran: "My assumption is that the Department of Public Health for some reason opposes private...giving private universities and colleges the same opportunity that we give to community colleges, yes."

Black: "Okay. Alright, thank you very much, Representative. Mr.

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Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think we've defeated this Amendment in one form or another about six times this Session. And here in the waning hours of the 86th General Assembly, it comes back. I would review for you, if I might, some reasons that you should reject Conference Committee Report #1 to this Bill. The Bill simply will weaken the college immunization law, and it will place college students at risk for infectious disease, such as measles and mumps. And we've already had an epidemic on various college campuses around the state. You'll be told that this law has caused a decline in college and university enrollments. It has not. Since 1988, private college enrollment has increased by 5.3% according to the Board of Higher Ed. Universities only have to collect documentation of immunization. They're not required to provide or to administer the immunization. The American Academy of Pediatrics and federal centers for disease control have recommended that colleges and post-secondary educational institutions require documentation of measles vaccination prior to entry of students. Ladies and Gentlemen, you're going to hear that this is a really good idea and that community colleges are exempt. You exempted community colleges because of the nature of their institution, where the age limit may range from 17 to 70. I would submit to you that if you pass this Conference Committee Report, you may very well regret that action. You're going to weaken the immunization law. You're going to further confuse the issue. As I said in November, bring it back. We're not far from working out an arrangement with all parties that will be a good Bill. This isn't the time to do this. I urge you to vote 'no' for the sixth time on this Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Livingston, Representative

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Ewing."

Ewing: "Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Giglio: "Indicates he will."

Ewing: "What did the Governor do with this Bill when it came to his desk last summer?"

Curran: "Um, could you answer that question for me?"

Ewing: "No, I'm asking, what changes did he make?"

Curran: "Tom, I really don't know the answer to that. This... Tom, would you allow Representative McGann to answer that question since he..."

Ewing: "Well, I guess it was just answered."

Curran: "Okay."

Ewing: "He took all of the immunization language out of the Bill, I think."

Curran: "I think you're right."

Ewing: "That's right. Did... Mr. Sponsor?"

Curran: "Yes, Tom."

Ewing: "Who are the main proponents of reducing the immunization standard?"

Curran: "Private colleges, private universities and anybody who thinks it's fair that private colleges and private universities are afforded the same relief from immunization requirements as community colleges throughout this state."

Ewing: "Yes, but is it true that the state universities have the same requirements as the private colleges?"

Curran: "They're...I think that is the case, Representative. But, however, they are not commuter colleges. We're talking in overwhelming part about commuter colleges which do not have the same need for immunization protection as a community coll...as a regular university where the students are dormed and housed together."

Ewing: "Um, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this issue is somewhat irritating to me. We are caught between

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junior colleges and private colleges and state universities, but really what we're dealing with is the health standards for our state. And I don't think at this late hour that we should be deciding the health standards and what applies and what is good for the students and the residents of this state. I'd be the last one who believes that we should require immunization if it's a waste of money. But I don't know that the proponent of this legislation has proven that point at all. So I would be the last one to say we should do away with it. I think a 'present' or a 'no' vote on this is what the...what's really practical at this time until we know what's good for the health standards in this state, not the universities or the junior colleges. This issue really irritates me at this late hour in the Session."

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

Klemm: "Just an inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. None of us seem to have copies of the Conference Committee Report. I wonder if it's been distributed to the Members?"

Speaker Giglio: "Lee. Mr. Clerk. The Clerk informs the Chair that the Conference Committee Report was distributed previously. That doesn't mean today. The Lady from Kane, Representative Doederlein."

Doederlein: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we, as been stated before, have gone over and over this Bill. We have a good law here and we shouldn't keep nibbling away at it. I would suggest that we lay this to rest and vote 'no' on this Bill."

Speaker Giglio: "The Gentleman from Sangamon, Representative Curran, to close."

Curran: "Mr. Speaker, just briefly I would like to respond that what we are simply doing here is giving the private

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universities and colleges the same opportunity we afford to community colleges. It is unconscionable to suggest that we are doing this at the last minute and then remind us that we have voted over and over again for this piece of...for this legislation. We have voted over and over again for this legislation because we have passed it out, and for some complicated reason or other, it has come back to us. Mr. Speaker, I would like to have Representative McGann make comments upon this close and then I would ask for a favorable Roll Call. Mr. ..."

Speaker Giglio: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First... Excuse me, Representative McGann."

McGann: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly and thank you, Representative Curran, for the role that you're playing in trying to bring some sanity to a piece of legislation."

Speaker McPike: "Excuse me, Mr. McGann. Representative McPike in the Chair. Representative Black."

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I believe the previous speaker, Representative Curran, was recognized to close."

Speaker McPike: "No, it was really my error. I came up and was talking to the Speaker and Representative Curran had asked Representative McGann to close."

Black: "Are you sure the previous speaker didn't say that Representative Curran was recognized to close and we should be voting?"

Speaker McPike: "Well, Representative Curran... Representative Curran had requested Representative McGann to close, so if you want to proceed..."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McGann, continue."

McGann: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the Assembly. As

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Representative Curran has mentioned in his earlier remarks, the Senate just a little over a half hour ago passed this piece of legislation out 46 to nothing. Further, we...the previous speakers that have brought about this information to you were somewhat misinformed, because this piece of legislation has passed out of this House and the Senate and went on to the Governor's desk. Sometimes, we as Legislators are led down a path of misinformation. And this is example of this path. Because we are witnessing what the department is saying in one side of its mouth and then saying something else out of the other side. Anyone that has a private college or university in their district will vote 'yes' for this piece of legislation. Look at the cost of colleges today and what they're going to be in the future, and we are adding another extra burden upon them by requiring immunization for off-campus students when we don't require it for the 100,000 of community college students in the state. This piece of legislation has passed out of here before because of the clear thinking Legislators, and I'm asking you this evening to do the same. The piece of legislation has gone out of the Senate. It now will go to the Governor and let the Governor decide once again what he wants to do with this legislation. That is the truth. I ask all to give us an 'aye' vote on this Conference Committee Report Senate Bill 1842. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1842?' This is final action. The voting is open. All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Cullerton, 'aye'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 36 'ayes' and 74 'no'...74 'nos' and the Motion fails. Alright, House Bill 4061, the Chair recognizes

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Representative Kubik for a Motion."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to suspend the appropriate rule to remove this Bill from the Table for immediate consideration."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentleman moves to suspend the Rules and place this on the Order of Conference Committee Reports. All in favor of the Gentleman's Motion vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Alright, the Motion's on the Calendar, suspend the Rules, take from the Table and place on Conference Committee Reports. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 112 'ayes' and no 'nays' and the Motion prevails. Representative Kubik."

Kubik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think it would be...I would ask leave of the House to have Representative Tim Johnson explain the provisions of the Conference Committee Report on 4061."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Johnson. Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Yes."

Speaker McPike: "The Chair recognizes you, Sir."

Johnson: "Oh, okay, I'm sorry. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, House Bill 4061 Conference Committee Report would provide...I think it just passed the Senate 59 to nothing...provide for an exemption for United Airlines from the 6 1/4% sales tax on machinery and consumables purchased for the proposed new facility at Chanute Air Force Base. This obviously part of the economic incentive program to locate the maintenance operation center for United Airlines at Rantoul. The precedent has been established in repeated occasions in the past and I think it's good legislation. It's an important incentive in our presentation to United.

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And I would move for its adoption."

Speaker McPike: "Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Conference Committee Report #1 to House Bill 4061?' This is final action. All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Bugielski, 'aye'. Mr. Clerk, Bugielski 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 112 'ayes', no 'nays', 2 voting 'present'. The House does adopt Conference Committee Report #1 to House Bill 4061 and the Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1310. Representative Keane. Or Representative Granberg, whichever. Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1310, the Conference Committee to the legislation is composed of two items. First of all it corrects a problem for the University of Illinois on the Chicago Circle Campus. Secondly, it deals with the Beer Industry Fair Dealing Act, which would change the way the commercial agreements are made between beer wholesalers and their brewers' suppliers. This is agreed to by all parties and if there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them."

Speaker McPike: "And on the Gentleman's Motion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The Gentleman said it was an agreed Bill and that's certainly our understanding. Just for the record, Representative, the punitive damage hang up has been removed, correct?"

Granberg: "Yes, Representative Black. In fact, the deleting the reference to punitive damages has the effect of leaving current law in place. Namely, the issue of punitive

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damages will be left to the court's discretion."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt Conference Committee Report #1 to Senate Bill 1310?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Representative Granberg to explain his vote."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purposes of legislative intent, the arbitration provisions that are in existing distributorship agreements, since this Conference Committee Report is primarily intended to clarify arbitration rights, a court may apply these provisions to existing distributorship agreements. Therefore, the court may apply these provisions to existing distributorship agreements. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "And Representative Granberg votes 'aye'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 110 'ayes', no 'nays' and 3 voting 'present'. The House does adopt Conference Committee Report #1 to Senate Bill 1310. The Bill, having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 4126. Representative Homer. Out of the record. Senate Joint Resolution 228. Representative Wyvetter Younge."

Younge, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur in Senate Joint Resolution 228. This is a Resolutions calling for an investigation of the State Police's handling of a missing persons' investigation involving the Feltus family, who turned up missing on the 2nd of October. Mrs. Feltus was in the car with her three children and over a 45 day period, there were a series of bungles, which made it impossible to determine where the family was or what had happened to them. I called Director Margolis and asked him to investigate the matter. He said that he would. He

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asked...I asked him for a report; he said he would give it. He has held a press conference, but there has not been a detailed professional report given of the handling of this matter by the State Police. Therefore, I'm asking that this matter be concurred with by the Senate and there be an investigation as to the handling of this matter."

Speaker McPike: "And on the Lady's Motion, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Lady has moved for the passage of the Resolution for the second time. We defeated this Resolution for all the right reasons when we were last assembled here in November. But since then, the Department of State Police has gone to great measures to make sure that everyone understands that the Department acted in the best interest of the people of the State of Illinois, acted fairly, acted thoroughly. They have been to the area. They've been to southwestern Illinois. They've met with area Legislators. They have met with the families involved. They have turned every stone to make sure that we understand why what happened happen. Making sure that there was no prejudice, no prejudgement, no malfeasance of duty and they have investigated this and reported to the Legislators in the areas affected personally one on one. The Lady is trying to beat a dead horse. We defeated this Resolution. It is being brought up again for all the wrong reasons, and I stand in strong opposition to the Lady's Motion on behalf of the integrity of the State of Illinois and in particular, the integrity of the Department of State Police."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. SJR228, the copy that we have, says on page 3, 'Resolved that the Committee shall report to the General

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Assembly by January 8, 1991.' I think that renders this Resolution simply impossible, out of order, whatever you want to call it. I would ask the Chair so rule."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black, we'll get a copy of the Resolution. In the meantime, the Chair will recognize Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe when Representative Wyvetter Younge presented this Resolution to the Body before we adjourned during the Veto Session, it was because a very tragic event had occurred. A car with a family of four or five that was in view had a number of people who had decised (sic)...who had deceased. There was no record of how many days they had been there. There was no investigation being done as to how they got there. I think one Legislator even pointed out that as we travel up and down these highways, any of us can find ourselves in a situation in which your car is in a very, very precarious position. No one comes to investigate and for some reason, your family has to be notified that you, too, are deceased. I think her point is, she merely wants to protect the citizens who travel up and down the highways in the State of Illinois. She is not charging negligence of anyone. The State Police need not fear this Resolution, she is not charging them with neglect. She is merely requesting that an investigation for some very unusual circumstances take place. Now it is reported that a number of people saw the car, even a helicopter saw the car, and asked someone to investigate. Wyvetter Younge is simply presenting a Resolution requesting that this Body care enough about all citizens, because it's very strange. When you ignore this kind of thing it will happen again. It could be your son or your daughter who you're expecting home, and for two weeks or

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more no one knows where they are. And yet there's a car in a very strange location and no one bothers to check. We're asking for and I support her Resolution, we're asking that an investigation take place. No one is being charged with criminal neglect. The police are not under suspicion. We're merely asking that the State of Illinois look at this to make sure we're safe up and down the highways of the State of Illinois. It had been reported and no one looked into it. Do you want this to happen to you, your children, your relatives? Well I certainly don't. Representative Younge, this is a severely important problem. It happened. It happened and it should be investigated."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black, your point to the Chair is not well taken. The commission would simply report late to the General Assembly as most commissions do all the time. Representative Martinez."

Martinez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in support of the Lady's Resolution simply because I would hate to be in a situation like that, and I think many of the Members of this House would find themselves in the same position. When I read what transpired, I find it unconscionable that something like this took place. And all the Lady's asking in this Resolution is that a message be sent to the agency, and not condemning them in any way, just asking that perhaps something like this not be allowed to take place again. I know for myself that I'd hate to be waiting for some part to my...some members of my family for days without knowing what happened to them or if they were kidnapped or they met with foul play, whatever. So it's just...this Resolution is by way of letting the Department know that hopefully it will not happen again. I ask everybody's support on this."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Younge, to close."

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Younge, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I think that the effect of the passage of this Joint House/Senate Resolution will be to clear the air as to the exact handling of this matter by the State Police. I believe it will be a benefit to them. I think it would be a benefit to the public who has a right to know and also a...it is our duty to make sure that they do know. So, based on that, I ask for the passage and the concurrence of this Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 228. All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. Representative Black, to explain his vote."

Black: "Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Black: "Yeah, may I be recognized to explain my vote?"

Speaker McPike: "The Chair recognizes you for that."

Black: "Yeah. Thank you very much. I couldn't hear you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, no one questions the sincerity of the Sponsor of this Resolution. However, the facts remain an investigation has been done. You all have access to the copy of the investigation that was done. And the fact also remains that the Resolution before you says the report must be filed today. Now the Sponsor could have refiled this Resolution and asked for a date sometime in the future when the report could have been filed. I think given the facts before us, a 'present' vote may well be advisable. There's nothing to prevent the Lady from coming back in the next Session and looking into this further. But the Motion before you, the Resolution before you is clearly out of date. It could and should have been refiled. We're not questioning her reasons for doing this, but I think there might be a better way to do it than what she has proposed here today."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Younge, to explain her vote."

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Younge, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Actually the, this is a Joint Senate/House Resolution and therefore it would be very difficult if not impossible to go back to the Senate and change the date. And as the Speaker has indicated frequently, the date in which reports are given are slow or late. The fact of the matter is that the State Police on three occasions told other investigating agencies that they had checked the car, and the fact is, that they had not checked the car. And therefore, the bodies of this family stayed in this car some forty days. And I think that it is a matter that there ought to be a public investigation. What we have right now is that the State Police trying to investigate its internal affairs and come to a public report. When the report that is presently available was given to me, I asked to see the background, underlying pictures and reports, and I haven't gotten any of that. I'm asking you, my colleagues, to give me an opportunity to look at this, to give the committee an opportunity to look at this, because there ought to be a report exonerating the State Police if there is no conduct that should not be exonerated. This is a very important matter. There are many people who are deeply concerned about how this matter was handled and whether or not there is professional investigation of this matter by the State Police. We all have a vital concern here. What is the handling of missing persons procedure by the State Police? We have given the state police the responsibility to handle missing persons...persons when they come up missing. Do they do so? Do they have procedures? What is the status of this kind of thing? I think that the public has a vital interest and I'll ask you to please...I need 5 more votes on this matter and I'll ask you to please place those votes on the board so that we can go forth and there can be a

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look-see into this matter and a clearing of the air. The on...the only way that progress can be made is that there be truth. This is a simple matter of letting the truth come forth through an open forum. That is what democracy is about and that is what ought to be done here. I believe that the Feltus family has a right to have a careful look-see by this...the authority of this Body which is the funding body of the State Police. We only need 4 more votes for this to pass. I'll ask you please, to support this. This is very important. It is important to all..."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted?"

Younge, W.: "Can somebody else..."

Speaker McPike: "Have all... Have all voted who wish? Representative Williams, to explain his vote."

Williams: "I rise in support of this measure. I think that it's important that we as a Body understand the procedures used in investigating these sort of occurrences. I think it's doubly important, because as you know, at any time that people are stranded the reports come in. We need to just know how in fact they are investigated and the nature to which the police are involved with this and the sort of aid and timetable that's necessary to see if we can help improve it. I don't think that what we are doing is questioning either the integrity of the State Police or are we questioning their competence. In this particular instance I think that it's necessary for us to look into these type of occurrences and make sure that they have the ultimate and the best of what I would just call procedures in place necessary to take care of these kind of matters. And I would urge that we approve this matter today."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 58 'ayes' and 9 'nos'. And the Lady has asked for a Poll of

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those not voting. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk O'Brien: "Poll of those not voting. Mulcahey. Sutker and Williamson. No further."

Speaker McPike: "On this Motion there are 58 'ayes' and 9 'nos', 48 voting 'present' and the Motion fails. Representative Homer, are you ready on your Bill now? No? On the Supplemental Calendar under Motions, Representative Lang. Representative Levin. Representative Lang, want to make a Motion on the Calendar? No? Representative Levin. Mr. Levin, for a Motion."

Levin: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to Rule 74(a), I would move to take from the Table and suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, House Bill 3302."

Speaker McPike: "Is there any opposition to the Gentleman's Motion? There being none, the Attendance Roll Call will be used and the Motion carries. Representative Steczo, on a Motion. On Senate Bill...on House Bill 3310, Representative Steczo moves to take from the Table, suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Conference Committee Reports. Any objections to the Gentleman's Motion? Does anyone stand in opposition? Hearing no opposition, the Attendance Roll Call will be used and the Motion carries. Representative Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli, on a... The Regular Calendar, page 2 under Motions. Representative Cullerton asks leave to handle the Motion for House Bill 3793. Hearing no objections, Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Pursuant to Rule 73(a) having voted on the prevailing side, I move to reconsider the vote by which the Second Conference Committee Report was adopted. In that Conference Committee Report there was some language that we

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have subsequently learned the Governor will not sign..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cullerton, excuse me. Out of the record. Out of the record. You got another Sup... Mr. Clerk, for Supplemental announcements."

Clerk O'Brien: "Supplemental Calendar #2 is being distributed."

Speaker McPike: "Messages from the Senate."

Clerk O'Brien: "A message from the Senate by Ms. Hawker, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has refused to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendments to the following Bills, to wit; Senate Bills #2001 and Senate Bill 1086, action taken by the Senate January 8, 1991. Linda Hawker, Secretary.'"

Speaker McPike: "Supplemental Calendar #2. House Bill 2899, Representative LeFlore. Mr. LeFlore."

LeFlore: "Yes. Mr. Speaker, the Conference Committee Report is not out. You want to move on with it?"

Speaker McPike: "Would you say that again, Sir."

LeFlore: "The Conference Committee Report is not out yet."

Speaker McPike: "Lee, has this been distributed? House Bill 2899. No? Out of the record. Representative Hoffman, a Motion on Senate Bill 1556. It's on the back page of Supplemental #2."

Hoffman: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I move to suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Conference Committee Reports, Senate Bill 1556."

Speaker McPike: "Does anyone rise in opposition to the Gentleman's Motion? Hearing none, the Attendance Roll Call will be used. The Motion carries. Representative Hoffman. Representative Hoffman, on the front page of Supplemental #2."

Hoffman: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and

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Gentlemen of the House. The First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1556 addresses the problem that is caused by the slowdown of payments by the state to educational institutions. Some institutions...most schools of course has the...have the powers to borrow. What this does, is it allows educational service centers, special ed coops, joint agreements, intergovernmental agreements or regional superintendent of the program receiving state categorical or grant payments from the State Comptroller. And if the payments are more than thirty days overdue from the date they were scheduled to be made, the entity that does not otherwise have the authority to borrow or causes a financial handicap, that entity may borrow an amount up to eighty-five percent of the state payments that are overdue as certified by the regional superintendent or the state superintendent. It appears to me as we move into the rest of this fiscal year, these institutions are going to be placed in jeopardy unless we give them this authority. I think it's drafted in such a way that it will not be abused. The payments have to be certified that they are due and should be made and they can borrow only up to eighty-five percent of the total that they are due from the state. So I rise in support of the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1556 and ask your agreement."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know that this has been distributed over here on this side."

Speaker McPike: "Yes, it has. Representative Preston."

Preston: "Mr. Speaker, would the Gentleman yield for a question?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Preston: "Representative Hoffman, I'm sorry. It's noisy here and I couldn't hear what the Conference Committee Report does."

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Does it...it touches on drug and alcohol...it touches on drug and alcohol abuse education in where? I couldn't hear your explanation."

Hoffman: "The Bill...the Bill as in the Conference Committee deals with borrowing powers for additional educational entities against money that is owed them more than thirty days by the state. And it hasn't anything to do with drug or alcohol..."

Preston: "I see. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Since this Bill does involve educational service centers, and I am employed with an educational service center, I will not be able to vote on this piece of legislation. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "There being no further discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report on Senate Bill 1556?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 109 'ayes', no 'nays', 2 voting 'present' and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1556. And this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Currie on Nonconcurrency."

Currie: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 1086, as it passed this chamber, contained two quite separate provisions. One was to fix a glitch in the Underground Storage Tank Fund Law that would permit the operators and owners of heating oil tanks to access the funds in the event of emergency release which would also have the effect of bringing our state law into compliance with federal. The Senate agreed to support that provision."

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The second section of the Bill was an effort to access more dollars for coal research and development. The Senate refused to accept that provision. It's my understanding that the problem isn't a simple one like a language gap that we could readily resolve. My understanding is that even though the language in that section was an exact duplication of Amendatory Veto language from the Governor, the Governor decided he wouldn't sign that provision. So the Senate has said no to the second Amendment on that Bill, and I would at this point reluctantly move that the House recede from Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1086, which would have then the effect of preserving the emergency language on underground storage tank funds and leave the issue of coal research for the work of the 87th General Assembly."

Speaker McPike: "Does anyone rise in opposition to the Lady's Motion? The question is, 'Shall the House recede from House Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 1086?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 110 'ayes' and no 'nays'. The House recesses from House Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1086, and this Bill... I'm sorry. The House recesses from House Amendment #3 to Senate Bill #1086. And this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Homer, it is the Chair's understanding that 4126 has been distributed. Representative Homer."

Homer: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, this is the...I'm moving to adopt the Second Corrected Conference Committee Report. The Second Corrected Conference Committee Report contains several items that I believe and hope to be noncontroversial, one of which would...would affect the

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issue of who shall represent misdemeanants on appeal. Many of you may have heard from your county boards or from your chief judges who have complained that because of legislation we passed last year, late last spring, we took away the charter of the appellate defender to represent misdemeanants on appeal. This has imposed a tremendous burden on county government, because now if a misdemeanant wishes to appeal and is an indigent, the county has to appoint a special public defender at great cost. These misdemeanants under this Bill where a condition of the sentence was jail time or incarceration, would in fact again be under the jurisdiction of the appellate defender. This is a matter that...which saved counties a great deal of money and would also promote the efficient administration of justice insofar as the handling of these appeals. Another aspect of the Bill deals with the implementation of legislation passed last year which reduced the time limitation from ten years to three years for the filing of post-conviction relief petitions in capital offenses. The legislation that passed would have had an effective date of...or did have an effective date of January 1, of '92. A provision in this Bill would delay that effective date by six months, thereby allowing the Office of the Appellate Defender an opportunity to handle the great volume of...number of post-conviction petitions that they will have to prepare as a result of that legislation. So, it simply delays by six months the implementation date so as to give them an opportunity to...to deal with these responsibilities of living within their current resources. The Bill also provides a provision that would empower community colleges to possess and have gaming devices for the purpose of instruction to those who will be called upon to work in the riverboat

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gambling facilities that we authorized by legislation last year. So this is just to remove a current prohibition on the possession and ownership of gaming devices, so as to empower community colleges to utilize those instruments for the purpose of teaching to enable those to become employed in that industry that we have authorized by previous legislation. I believe those are the...I don't have the report in front of me, but I believe those are the...all of the provisions of the Bill that I can recall and I hope that the matter is noncontroversial. I believe it to be and would urge a favorable consideration."

Speaker McPike: "On that, Representative Black, on the Gentleman's Motion."

Black: "Speaker. Speaker. Yeah, thank you very much. I think the Gentleman did an outstanding job of explaining the Bill, but I don't think the Second Corrected Conference Committee Report has been distributed. If it has, we don't have a copy."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Black, we'll check on that. Just a second. It has not been distributed. Mr. Black, it's not been distributed. We'll take it out of the record. Representative Santiago, for a Motion. Supplemental #2. Mr. Santiago. Mr. Santiago. On the Order of Supplemental #2 under Nonconcurrency. Representative Grace Mary Stern."

Stern: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, this is Senate Bill 2001 which had a number of Amendments dealing with civic centers..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Stern."

Stern: "Yeah. What should...oh, what should I be making a Motion on, Sir?"

Speaker McPike: "The first...the Motion's on the back of the Supplemental."

Stern: "A Motion on the back of the Supplemental. Is that this

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one?"

Speaker McPike: "The Lady..."

Stern: "I move to suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Nonconcurrency, Senate Bill 2001."

Speaker McPike: "Does anyone object to the Lady's Motion? Is there any opposition? There being none, the Attendance Roll Call will be used and the Motion passes. Alright, Representative Stern, proceed."

Stern: "Okay. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, Senate Bill 2001 started out as an Environmental Bill and then became a Civic Center Bill and has a number of other things in it. The Senate has refused to concur in a number of the Amendments we put on in the House. And so with brimming eyes and quivering lip, I ask to recede from Amendments 1 through 4, 8 and 9, 19 through 23 and 25."

Speaker McPike: "You heard the Lady's Motion. Is there any discussion? Being none, the question is, 'Shall the House recede from House Amendments #1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25 to Senate Bill 2001?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are...Take the record, Mr. Clerk. On this Motion there are 103 'ayes'... Representative Robert Olson, 'aye'. On this Motion there are 104 'ayes', 4 'nos', 4 voting 'present'. The House recedes from House Amendments #1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 25 to Senate Bill 2001. And this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Resolution 2500. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 2500 offered by Representative Daniels."

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'WHEREAS, Gene L. Hoffman, 40th District State Representative, has served in a distinguished manner as a member of the Republican delegation in the Illinois House; and

WHEREAS, during his 24-year tenure in the House, Rep. Hoffman has been an inspiration to his fellow Republicans; and

WHEREAS, as Assistant Minority Leader and Deputy Minority Leader, Rep. Hoffman has strengthened his colleagues with his wisdom, experience and example of leadership; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Hoffman is an established voice of reason and moderation in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he is recognized for his thorough understanding of education issues in Illinois and around the country; and

WHEREAS, Illinois school children of yesterday, today and tomorrow are indebted to Rep. Hoffman for many programs he helped develop; and

WHEREAS, it was under Rep. Hoffman's leadership and guidance that a State Board of Education was established, special education became an important component in Illinois' educational system, the state aid formula was developed and adult education was emphasized; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Hoffman has continually reviewed the means of funding education in Illinois and has offered proposals to improve the system; and

WHEREAS, on a national level, Rep. Hoffman has served as Chairman of the Education Committee of the Assembly on the Legislature of the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

WHEREAS, in addition to forging education initiatives in the legislature, Rep. Hoffman also has been instrumental in drafting

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legislation to combat flooding problems in DuPage County, improve mass transit in the collar counties, protect the environment and fight for property tax relief, and

WHEREAS, Rep. Hoffman has been honored and recognized by many associations and organizations for his legislative efforts to improve the lives of Illinois residents; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Hoffman is admired and respected by his colleagues, and will be sorely missed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby express our most heartfelt thanks to our colleague Gene Hoffman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commend him for his many accomplishments, his service to the people of Illinois and particularly those of the 40th District, and his example of leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we extend best wishes for future success to Gene Hoffman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution and preamble be presented to Representative Gene L. Hoffman and his children Mark, Lynn, Susan and Gregory and his mother Helen.'"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House.

Even if Gene Hoffman weren't in the same class that I arrived here, I would still rise because I think there are very few that come across this Legislative Assembly and have a record that Gene Hoffman will leave. I want to first, because I didn't have the opportunity to publicly offer my condolences to Gene, it's been a very difficult

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year for him and I offer my sympathies to him, but as a Legislator, you know I think anybody can be proud when they leave this Assembly and know that as they leave they leave an indelible imprint on what has happened in the State of Illinois and what has happened for the good of Illinois. Gene Hoffman... When I came to the Legislature we used to all listen to a fellow by the name of Charlie Claybaugh, he was 'Mr. Education', and it wasn't long afterward that we started listening to Gene Hoffman on education matters. And Gene had a knack of making some things that were very complicated, very easy to understand. And Gene Hoffman also had the knack very early on to be able to work compromises, and as we all know in education matters you have to compromise. I don't know of anybody that can compromise any better than Gene and still come up with a end product that is very workable and something that is for the betterment of all. Gene Hoffman also happens to be a real nice guy. I don't think you can ever get in an argument with Gene Hoffman, and I've seen him disagree with probably everybody on the floor of the House at different times. But in the end you had to like him, because he was...you could disagree with him but yet you knew that he was fighting for what he believed in. So that...I think that we all salute Gene Hoffman. Education... We all say it in elections, education is our number one priority, and if we didn't have people like Gene Hoffman to look toward on education matters we would very often be stumbling in the dark. So, Gene, as a classmate of yours let me tell you I've looked toward your leadership in education and other matters and never once felt that I...you would give me a 'bum steer', and in later years I even looked to you on pension matters and knew you'd never give me a 'bum steer'. And for that I'm thankful too, because Art Telser

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left and somebody had to take over. So, Gene, God bless you, good luck, and I know next year's going to be a better year and may all the years ahead be good ones for you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative...Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a day that in my legislative career I hoped would never come, because this is a day when I say goodbye to a friend, to a colleague, to a confident, to advisor and a buddy. And this is the day when it comes to end a legislative career that I think can only be summarized as brilliant. I met Gene Hoffman in 1963. At that time we were both aspiring to be politicians of the highest degree. We were members of a club called the Elmhurst Young Republicans. I elected myself president because I was the only one in the club. A guy by the name of Gene Hoffman walked in and we elected him recording secretary because he was the second one in the club. We went on to have a hundred and fifty members by the end of the year. And then Gene Hoffman walked into my office a year later as the recording secretary of the Elmhurst Young Republicans and said, 'I'm going to run for State Representative.' I said, 'Are you nuts?' He said, 'Yeah, I'm going to run and I'm going to win.' I said, 'Well you realize who's running?' And he says, 'Yeah, Pate Philip is running and another guy by the name of Claude Walker, Jr.' And everybody was betting on Claude Walker, Jr. number one and Pate Philip number two. And this young Elmhurst Young Republican that everyone said his hair was too long, would never even finish in the running. I think, Gene, there was seven people at that time. Well the rest in history. Yes, he won that election. It was a tough one and he came in number one because he organized a group of people that believed in what he had to say. And what he told them was simple. I'd go to Springfield and I'd be an

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excellent Legislator and I'd remember you. And you know, in twenty-four years he hasn't forgotten them. He's remembered the people back home. He's considered their best interests and he's thought about their futures. And what he's done for them is given to them the future of education, given to them perhaps outside of a mother or father's love, the best thing that you can to a child today and that's the tools to deal with tomorrow. He's picked perhaps one of the most noble functions that we as Legislators can perform and that's as an educator. He's an educator by profession and taught and educated the children around Bensonville for well over twenty years. Retired from that profession he never forgot his primary calling, and that was to carry forth with his beliefs what's best for Illinois. So when we talk about Chicago school reform, but when we talk about education funding, there is no person in the state that holds a candle to Representative Gene Hoffman, for not only in Illinois has he been the father of the equalizer formula, which I venture to say none of us in this room really understand except for him, but he's also been recognized on a national level as an educator, a person that one in this country ought to listen to. And yes, Presidents have talked to him. And yes, his colleagues in the National Conference of State Legislatures has listened to his views. Well he may leave us today as a colleague, as an elected official, and he leaves us with so many successes that it's impossible to numerate, starting with the State Board of Education and starting with programs that teachers today are teaching because of his vision for the future, but more than anything that we have to say or that we know, what he leaves us with is a hope for tomorrow. It's a better system of education because he has been here and shared his every effort and every desire

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and every knowledge and every intellectual ability to make Illinois better. I know and you know that although he will not be a voting Member of this Body, that we will continue to hear from our friend our colleague, Gene Hoffman. I believe that the future will speak well of him. He knows tough times, he knows good times. He knows what it's like to be an excellent sports enthusiast, because at Illinois State University he was an All American football player and captain of his wrestling team. He knows success in the political arena. Yes, he knows hard times. He lost his wife earlier and I joined him in that sorrow, a woman who was unparalleled and who was a faithful companion for so many years, a woman that he loved and cherished as did I and as did the people of the 40th Legislative District in the County of DuPage in this state. But when I looked at him the other day and saw the four children that he has raised and nurtured, I knew that Gene Hoffman's legacy will continue on for many years beyond us, because truly he has brought forth a family of excellent kids, Mark, Lynn, Susan and Greg, and they will go on to carry the Hoffman legacy. Ladies and Gentlemen, yes, today I lose a friend as a colleague but tomorrow I turn to him and say, Gene, what do we do now, how do we continue forth with your fight on behalf of the kids and the people of Illinois. So to Gene, I thank you for everything you've done for us, I thank you for what you've done for me and I thank you for what you've done for all the Republicans and the Democrats in the state. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Gene, I would be amiss if I didn't stand up and speak to my seatmate and to tell you just how appreciative I've been over the eight years for not only the lessons you've taught

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me, but for the guidance you've given me. You've been a friend, you've been a real good mentor and I will miss you. And I especially will miss the magician part in you, because who's going to turn our microphone into a dog. He un..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I've been around this House for a fair number of years because I worked here before I became a Member and so I have been a witness to a good deal of the Hoffman legacy beyond even my service as a colleague. And I'm sure that it is no secret or surprise to anyone that there are a number of important matters on which Gene and I disagree, but during the years that we have served in Leadership together, I've really come to enjoy him as a friend and respect him as a colleague and enjoy him as a sparing partner too. I think that he probably realizes that I'm going to miss the challenge of the byplay with him in Leadership meetings, but I will also miss him as a very solid dedicated Member of this House. And I wish him the very best for the future and that for his family as well."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Representative Gene Hoffman has been my mentor. He has been the person to whom I've looked for advice throughout the time that I have served here, and he has always been ready to give it. And even when I didn't necessarily agree with his view, I always knew that that view was based upon knowledge and that it came from conviction. Now that Gene is retiring from these chambers we will all miss him, because he has been a teacher for all of us. And I think all of us understand the School Code better because we've had the opportunity to serve with Gene

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Hoffman. I love Gene Hoffman as though he were my brother and I shall truly miss him. He is a man of worth."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ewing."

Ewing: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's difficult to express any more eloquently than as Representative Daniels and others our deep feeling for Gene Hoffman. But I would be remiss if I didn't stand up and just let you know on a lighter side that Gene Hoffman and Lee Daniels and I shared quarters together and something happened. We had a lot of good times and in fact used to have some parties which many of you would attend. Our annual barbeque and many many good times. No. Well, Daniels wasn't involved, no. It was just Hoffman and Ewing. For the record, Daniels was not involved. But I just have a little grudge in my heart, because when our little happy home broke up Gene didn't stay with me, he turned me out and I had to go on my own. But we're going to forgive you, Gene, and we're going to miss you and it's been a great pleasure to serve with you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I've had the pleasure of serving with Gene Hoffman in Leadership now for the past eight years, and for those of you who have not had the pleasure of attending those meetings, believe me, he's something else. On the one hand I think all of us will attest to the fact that his knowledge is immeasurable, that there are few Members of this House who go back in terms of time and the history and knowing what goes on in the state and has gone on in the past, but also which will go on in the future, and Gene brought those qualities to Leadership meetings. And so truly he was a contributing Member who I think had some of the best ideas that came out of those meetings and also, I

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think, came forth on this floor. But also his levity is very important. You know, those meetings would be very tense and taut at sometimes, but Gene would also, at the right moment, bring a spark of levity to the meetings to make sure we always kept our focus on really what was important to be resolved at those points in time. Gene's had a very tough year. I think all of us in politics obviously have good years and bad years but Gene's had a tough year, and I truly want to tell him that I appreciate his burden of this past year and surely say that the House will miss him and all that he's offered to the House and the people of Illinois. And so to Gene Hoffman I say from the bottom of my heart, I wish you well personally and I'm sure you'll succeed in the future and go on doing great things as you have in the past and I truly would like to be added as a Co-sponsor of this Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "Well, it's a pleasure for me to introduce...to recognize one of the nicest Gentleman I've ever met, the Honorable Representative Gene Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you very much for that kind introduction, Mr. Speaker. John Matijevich and I came here together more years ago than either of us would probably like to admit. Things were a little different in those days. The salary was six thousand dollars; the desk that you had is the one that you had in front of you; there was a coat closet in the back and that was it. A lot has changed since then and I think it has changed for the better. This House probably represents the diversity of this state better than any other Body that you could point to from the North to the South or the East to the West because we represent urban areas, we represent rural areas, upstate, downstate, city, small towns. It's all right here and it's in this Body where we try to strike

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some reasonable point where we can all live together and progress together and prosper together. There are difficult decisions which we all have had to make and I think that the most important thing that we do when we come here is when we make the tough decisions, cause anyone can make the easy ones. It's the tough decisions that we have to make. And I don't envy the decisions and the problems that you are going to face in this next Legislative Session. They're going to be very difficult, ...from the resources and the needs of the people. During my tenure I've always tried to keep in mind what was in the best interest of the people of the State of Illinois and that may be to some extent the cause of my ultimate political demise. But I still feel that each of our legislative districts is an artificially drawn district which some of you are going to find that out very shortly. These are artificially drawn districts and it's merely a way to get population representation appropriate to the numbers in this Body, and therefore if we do what is in best in the good of the common wheel, the good of all, we then serve our constituents the best we can. And if they don't realize that, then so be it, because there are two roads you can go, you can go the high road or you can go the low road. I have always tried to go the high road and if the price was paid politically for that, so be it. There's more things important in life than being re-elected. The important thing is to be true to yourself and you're true to the people. With those admonitions, I want to thank you for all of your comradeship, I want to thank the people of my three different artificially drawn districts for giving me the opportunity and in fact the privilege to serve in this Body. I love this Body. It's been the highlight of my life and I thank you for allowing me to share it with

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you. Thank you all."

Speaker McPike: "Supplemental Calendar #1. Senate Bill 1951, Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Senate Bill...for the adoption of Conference Committee Report #1 to Senate Bill 1951. Senate Bill 1951 is an omnibus Bill for pensions and it contains benefit and administrative changes to many of the seventeen systems monitored and/or funded by the State of Illinois. Changes affecting the Chicago and Cook County systems have been negotiated with the appropriate agencies who have signed off on the changes and benefits involved. Under the State Employee's Retirement System the major benefit change provides for compounding annual increases for occupational death benefit survivors and making these increases available on January the 1st following the receipt of the first annuity check rather than on January 1st following the first anniversary date. For the state university system, the major change is the same as that indicated under the State Employees' Retirement System, plus a number of other administrative changes and minor cost items. Also the same thing applies to the State Teachers' Retirement System as regards survivor annuities plus an additional provision which would allow the State Teachers' Retirement System to pay up to seventy-five percent of the health insurance premiums for retirees rather than the current rate of fifty percent. Increased death benefits, increased credits for unused sick days and earlier increases for retiree survivors are the primary changes in the Chicago Teachers' System. As far as the judges and the General Assembly systems, our concern...administrative changes are the primary change except for the retiree survivor benefit which applies incidently to all state funded systems. Under general

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provisions we provide for the setting up of an excess limits fund in the State Treasury in order to make sure that the state funded systems do not violate Section 415 of the IRS Code and thereby lose their tax qualification status. Many of the provisions of this Bill are the result of individual Bills filed by Members of the House and Senate on both sides of the aisle and were put together by a combination of the conferees who have signed this report and also designated spokesman from both chambers and both parties. There are a number of miscellaneous items, all of which were discussed by the conferees in the group indicated. It also incorporates provisions of Senate Bill 1591 which was Amendatorily Vetoed by the Governor to free up sixty-six million in pension and building funds to fund negotiated salary increases pursuant to the board's collective bargaining agreement. This Bill just passed the Senate by a vote of 37 to 11. I would now ask for your support and your approval of Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1951."

Speaker McPike: "And on that, Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I am going to first commend the Members of the Pension Committee who worked diligently on this legislation. None of the provisions that were put in basic to what Representative Wolf said, were put in without the agreement of all the parties related to it. I might also point out that for downstater's that increases from fifty to seventy-five percent the premium subsidy provided by the Teachers' Retirement System which is refunded from investment earnings. That was agreed to. The Rural Bond Bank provides state pension and health insurance coverage for Rural Bond Bank Employees, and I wanted to point that out. Also, there's an increased minimum widow annuity for

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Chicago police and fire widows. There's an Alderman...Chicago Alderman provision that creates alternative annuity program within the Chicago Municipal Fund for city aldermen. This is based on which is currently allowed for elected Cook County officials. It gives them a choice of which direction to go. However, I must point out to all Members of this Body, and I think you should pay attention to this, that included in this Bill is the Chicago school bailout of which we had a long floor debate on in the Veto Session. A long run, over three years, this will be a two hundred million dollar provision that will in fact take money from the current Chicago Teachers' Retirement Program to offset the cost of the immediate pay raises. This is a deterrent for some of the Members of the General Assembly to support all the hard work and agreements that were made because of this provision, and one should take a good hard look at whether or not this would slant your vote on this legislation. Standing...withdrawing...setting that aside, I might point out the occurred liability on this plan which means it's protracted over ten, twenty, thirty years, is a mere fourteen...excuse me, not mere, nothing is mere, but is fourteen million, seven hundred...fourteen million, seven, that the immediate cost is a million three if the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund provision was not in it. In fact it is in it, and one must take a good hard look at whether or not they feel that's the best vote for them on this well worked and crafted Pension Bill. Unfortunately, it has been slanted by that provision being put in. And I again commend the...all conferees that worked on this legislation for the good faith bargaining."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen

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of the House. Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Cullerton: "Representative Wolf, I understand that this Bill contains Section 5-214.1 and Section 6.209.1. These Sections are created in this Bill. It's my understanding that a Bill which we will consider shortly, House Bill 3228, will repeal those two Sections. Is that your understanding?"

Wolf: "Yes, it is."

Cullerton: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Since no one has stood against the Bill, do you wish to close, Mr. Wolf?"

Wolf: "Merely to ask for support and passage of Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1951, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Thank you. The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1951?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Representative Parke, for what reason do you rise?"

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I inadvertently in my discussion failed to mention that we...that we just...with the Chicago bail out that we change the effective date from a July 1, '91 to a July...to an immediate effective date and that's the only part. I failed to mention that in my presentation. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Motion there are 99 'ayes' and 1 'no' and 14 voting 'present', and the House does adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1951. And the Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority is, hereby declared passed. Representative Homer, House Bill 4126 has now been distributed."

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Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I had explained the provisions of the Bill when it was called previously prior to its distribution. And I would point out there was one additional provision to the Bill that I neglected to discuss and that was a provision dealing with expungement that would provide for some uniform expungement procedures. This is a provision that was proposed by then Representative, now Judge John Countryman, who he had advocated this provision last fall prior to his departure. I don't believe it is controversial. I would answer questions. This is the Bill that many of you heard about from your County Board Chairman or your Chief Judges who are concerned about the cost that would be shifted upon them by having to represent or appoint special counsel to represent misdemeanants on appeal. This Bill would shift that responsibility in the case where a jail incarceration sentence has been imposed back in the Office of the Appellate Defender. The Bill in that respect would save costs and promote more efficient handling of criminal appeals than would be the case of counties where burdened with responsibility of appointments of special counsel. I would answer questions, but would move for the adoption of the report."

Speaker McPike: "On that, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes, he will."

Black: "Representative, I think as I said before, I think you've done an outstanding job of explaining this and I certainly support you on the appellants part of this Bill and I really believe that alone is sufficient reason to pass it. But for the record, let me ask you a question about the community college section dealing with gaming devices. Is

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it your intent that that simply is enabling language? It doesn't say that any particular community college would be able to offer courses or does it mandate that they shall offer courses etcetera, if the Board of Trustees were to...of a community college were to wish to implement a course dealing with perhaps the riverboat gambling phenomena they could do so, but if a community college didn't want to do so, that's fine too. That's certainly your intent, isn't it?"

Homer: "That's right. In current law there is prohibition against possessing certain gambling devices. And the problem is created where a trade school or community college desires to utilize those machines in order to teach respective employees of the use and operation of those instruments. This would provide the empowerment for them to possess them legally for the purpose of instruction, but it does not require the teaching of this subject in any college. It's permissive in all respects."

Black: "Well, thank you very much, Representative. With that answer, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think the Gentleman has done an outstanding job of putting this together. Believe me, if you don't vote for this you are putting an unconscionable cost on your county government, one that most counties simply cannot absorb. I certainly support the Gentleman's Conference Committee and urge a favorable vote."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill is an unfortunate example of a phenomenon that raises its head every so often in this Assembly. For though I'm sure that the Gentleman has simply acceded to the request of a colleague, he has certainly created an unfortunate controversy to say the least on a Bill that

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otherwise would have had good and fine provisions. But I think that it is important before you cast your vote that you be aware that a major provision of this Bill in effect, authorizes the community colleges of this state and vocational schools to set up courses in riverboat gambling to help employ, to help train people in Illinois newest profession. The honorable, please include the question mark, profession of conducting casino gambling in the State of Illinois, that certainly is a subject which has been of extreme controversy in this House for the last couple of years. And I think that those people who have had qualms about bringing that element into our state and into the communities of Illinois ought to be thinking very carefully about what a 'yes' vote on this Bill means to families back home who might not appreciate having gambling demonstrations and instructions going on at the community colleges that they pay their property taxes for. That's what this Bill in its first several sections actually does. And I would hope that the Gentleman would find some other place to put the good provisions of this Bill rather than seeing this House adopt it in this demeaned form. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Stern."

Stern: "I never thought I would see the day when Representative Pullen and I would be on the same side articulately of an issue. Since I have been in this House...Yes. Since I have been in this House we have...we didn't approve the lottery when I was down here, but the lottery was approved just before I came down. We have approved off-track betting and riverboat gambling and I feel like the ultimately blue nose, but I think that we are really putting at risk a lot of what we say we stand for by continuing to amplify the opportunities to gamble. And when you talk about teaching

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our youngsters of the community colleges how to be croupiers, I think we really should pause and examine what we're about. So I personally will vote 'no', and while I do not expect to prevail, I urge you all to examine where we're going with this. That's it."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Representative Stern ought to prevail. We ought to send this back for a Second Corrected Corrected Conference Committee Report, approve the other portion of this Bill and take this gambling teaching right out of it and throw it in the trash can. You know this proves the old 'saw', that you don't let the camel's nose get in under the tent because pretty soon the camel will be in there. Society moves incrementally. We creep along. Nothing in and of itself is offensive, but the sum total of what we do over the years. It's the the wrong thing to do and this is the perfect example of that truth. First we authorized riverboat gambling, now we tell the public colleges they can teach people how to gamble. It is crazy. It is offensive. Tying these two subjects together in this Bill clearly violates the Constitution and if it doesn't it should. Let's kill the Bill. Let's stay here a little later, get the important portion of this Bill done, but say 'no' to teaching gambling in community colleges."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. After those words from Representative McCracken and the previous two speakers, I think we need to get down to reality here. We've got possibly eight boats that are going to be on the water in the Quad-City area within the next year and a half. Now those boats are going to have to be manned by some people that are knowledgeable of how the gambling on those boats will take place. Now the community

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colleges, really, is the only area we have and they're in the process of teaching a lot of other occupations. We have Blackhawk Community College in our area that's enthusiastic about starting some gambling teaching courses. They want to do this. They want to get started. And where are they going to be located? Not all over the state. There's only going to be a very few areas where the licenses will be granted, that you will have any community colleges involved in teaching not young people, people over twenty-one years of age, the process of working the tables for example. We need some people to do that. That's going to generate a lot of economics in our area and the river towns that have the gambling boats. We need this Bill to pass because of the time line we have right now. If we don't get this thing passed now, we won't have the people to man the boats, to start the operation of riverboat gambling. It's as simple as that. It's a work...it's an economic incentive for certain parts of the state next to rivers. That's all it is. It's a Jobs Bill and we should pass it and I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Laurino: "Representative McPike."

McPike: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. That is the only provision of the Bill that I wish to speak to, the same one that Joe just spoke to. I know a lot of you did not support riverboat gambling when it went through here, but it is now a fact of life. We have businesses in this State, three so far, that are getting ready to invest perhaps 75 million dollars in the economy of this State. Seventy-five million dollars. Now maybe that's not important in some counties where you have no unemployment. It is important in my county where unemployment is 9 percent, 8 and one-half percent. And it's been that way for the last 10 years. It is important

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in the Quad Cities where they lost thousands of jobs. We would like to replace some of those lost jobs. Each riverboat is going to hire 350 people. It is our hope that we don't hire these people from Las Vegas. It is our desire that we don't hire them from New Jersey. It is our firm hope that we might actually put some people that are today unemployed into these jobs. Course, we have to train them first. And I suppose you could find a couple of bookies in town to train them, but we thought the proper thing to do would be to allow the junior college that will train the mechanics that work on the boat, that will train the dealers that work on the boat to train these people. My God, what is wrong with training Illinois people for Illinois jobs? Give us a break. Let us put some of our people to work. Occasionally, vote for a Bill that's good for Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Laurino: "Representative Homer. Representative Homer to close, please."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think the last two Gentlemen clearly pointed out the reasons why this legislation is necessary. And let me just finally add this point. This vote is not about whether or not you're for riverboat gambling. That decision was made last year. This Bill is introduced to avoid the ridiculous situation of having a community college instructor prosecuted for gambling, who was utilizing gaming machines for the purpose of instructions. Because current Illinois law would make that person subject to a Class A misdemeanor and this is needed in order to simply remove that prohibition and to make an exception where it's being utilized for an educational purpose. So whether this vote...this vote is not whether or not you're for riverboat gambling. This Bill is to bring some sensibility to the Criminal Code, to protect

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instructors who happen to be teaching a course that involves vocational education of people who will be employed in a particular industry which we have approved by prior legislation. So, I would urge a resounding amount of support for this Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McPike in the Chair. The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Second Corrected Conference Committee Report to House Bill 4126?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Representative Stephens to explain his vote."

Stephens: "Well, thank you Mr. Speaker. We've done a lot in the six years I've been here in the legislature, but I can't imagine that we have to have some sort of a degree to know how to spin a wheel of roulette or to deal. ...One of the areas where we're going to have these boats is in going to be in Southwestern Illinois on the Mississippi River and I absolutely guarantee you I can find you 350 polite, well qualified, politically and racially balanced people that know how to do every single thing that will be required under this license. This is just amazing that we're trying to train...it's like trying to teach a horse to drink water. You can already do it."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Wennlund."

Wennlund: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It was just pointed out to me that there's a blank signature line on this Conference Committee Report with my signature missing. I want the Ladies and Gentlemen of this House to know that I fully support the provisions of this Bill for all the reasons that Representative McPike has already stated. There are two applications filed in Will County on the Des Plaines River. We have a junior college that serves 9400 students in Will County. I want all of those 350 employees times four boats to be residents of

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Will County and the City of Joliet in the County of Will. I don't want them coming from Las Vegas or New Jersey or Reno. The Bill was designed so that those people would be employed from the local area and I think that's important. We've got a junior college that can serve them and wants to serve them. The purpose of this Bill was economic development. The only reason my signature is not on this Bill, and I'd ask my colleagues to join me, is because I wasn't asked for some reason or was busy or away. But I fully support the provisions of this Bill and I ask my colleagues to join me in voting 'yes' for this Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Saltsman."

Saltsman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I currently have a junior college in my district that does have a course in repairing vending machines. We're talking about pinball machines, poker machines, other types of vending machines, even electronic machines and Pac-Man machines that you people have in your homes. Now some of this expensive equipment that you have bought for your kids, it's still a vending program and it still takes education for someone to come out and fix this equipment. This is also part of it. Besides the manners and etiquette and training that you're going to be teaching these people who are going to be manning this type of an operation. You've already got vending machine repair in some of these junior colleges and another point of it, one of the presidents of a junior college approached me 10 months ago saying that they would provide it. They weren't even asked first because they know that the training is needed. They know that this is a vocational program. This is...you're voting against vocational training if you vote against this Bill. It's not a thing to teach 12,000 students in Illinois central college how to gamble. It's to teach the people who are

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going to be operating this program how to operate it right. Now this is a good piece of legislation and I hope it would pass as it comes to the junior college in my district, cause they've already volunteered for it. I didn't go ask them. They came to me and said they would gladly assess it because they want the money from the students that are going to be coming there and they're not going to teach them how to gamble, they're going to teach them how to regulate. This is a good piece of legislation. The junior colleges want it, the State of Illinois needs it."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I find it rather interesting that there would be red votes on this proposal which addresses the question of the Criminal Code and community colleges which have in their possession gambling devices or equipment which can be used as gambling devices for the purpose of training. If in fact...and I also have a community college that teaches croupier as well as blackjack and the inner workings of electronic machines...if in fact we do not do this, and I'm talking about Black Hawk East, Todd...if we don't do this, the schools are under the Criminal Code because they've got gambling equipment that is not legal in the State of Illinois. By adopting this Conference Committee we take that burden off their shoulder and those people who are in those courses still have the opportunity to be trained and understand the machines as well as the dealers who need that particular type of training. But it seems to me no good reason in the world why we should throw this on the shoulders of the community colleges because they have these machines for training on their property and under the jurisdiction of the board. It's absolutely ridiculous. Put 60 votes on it and pass it out of here and allow the

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schools to do exactly what they're doing within the confines of the law. It's crazy not to do it. Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijeovich. Representative Homer. Have all voted? Oh, Representative...McCracken is asking for a verification. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 61 'ayes' and 47 'nos'. Representative McCracken has asked for a verification and Representative Homer has asked for a Poll of those not voting. Representative Young, Tony Young has asked leave to be verified. Representative McCracken, Representative Tony Young? Verified. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "Poll of those not voting. Breslin, Goforth, Sutker and Williamson."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Lang would like to be verified, he's right here. Mr. Lang. Mr. Stange. Mr. Stange, what do you want? I see. Representative Shaw would like to be verified. Right there. Anyone else? Proceed with the Poll of the Affirmative votes."

Clerk Leone: "Poll of the Affirmative. Balanoff. Black. Schakowsky. Brunsvold. Bugielski. Capparelli. Cullerton. Currie. Davis. DeJaegher. DeLeo. Dunn. Edley. Farley. Flinn. Flowers. Giglio. Giorgi. Granberg. Hartke. Hicks. Homer. Lou Jones. Shirley Jones. Keane. Kirkland. Krska. Kulas. Lang. Laurino. LeFlore. Leverenz. Levin. Martinez. Matijeovich. Mautino. McGann. McPike. Mulcahey. Munizzi. Novak. Petka. Regan. Rice. Richmond. Ronan. Saltsman. Satterthwaite. Shaw. Steczo. Phelan. Trotter. Turner. Van Dwyne. Wennlund. White. Williams. Wolf. Anthony Young. Wyvetter Younge and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McCracken. Mr. McCracken. Well,

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I don't know where Mr. McCracken is. Oh, there he is.

Representative Paul Williams would like to be verified."

McCracken: "Yes, that's fine."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed."

McCracken: "Representative Farley?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Farley is here."

McCracken: "Okay. Representative Keane?"

Speaker McPike: "He's here. Right here. Keane's right here."

McCracken: "Representative Regan?"

Speaker McPike: "I did not hear you."

McCracken: "Representative Regan?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Regan. Is he here? Not here. Take him off
the Roll."

McCracken: "Representative DeLeo?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. McCracken, DeLeo? Mr. DeLeo.
Representative DeLeo here? Mr. DeLeo. Not here. Remove
him from the Roll. No, there he is. I'm sorry. Put him
back on. He's right back in the back. Mr. Clerk, leave
Mr. Deleo on. Mr. McCracken, Mr. Balanoff is right here
and would like to be verified."

McCracken: "Yes, that's fine."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed."

McCracken: "Representative Piel? Oh, I see him. No, I'm sorry.
Representative Kulas?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Myron Kulas. Representative
Myron Kulas. The Gentleman's not here, remove him from the
Roll."

McCracken: "Representative Krska?"

Speaker McPike: "Kulas. Remove Representative Kulas from the
Roll. Representative Krska. Mr. Krska here? The
Gentleman's not here. Remove him from the Roll."

McCracken: "Representative Leverenz?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Leverenz."

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McCracken: "Oh, sorry. Representative Mautino?"

Speaker McPike: "He's here."

McCracken: "Representative Shirley Jones?"

Speaker McPike: "She's here."

McCracken: "Representative Turner?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Turner. Art Turner. Is the Gentleman here? Mr. Turner's not here, remove him from the Roll."

McCracken: "Representative Dunn?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Petka, for what reason do you rise?"

Petka: "Mr. Speaker, would you change my vote to 'no', please?"

Speaker McPike: "Record Representative Petka as 'no'. Mr. Dunn is here."

McCracken: "Representative Satterthwaite."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Satterthwaite. There she is."

McCracken: "Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Nothing further."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Turner has returned. Put Representative Turner back on the Roll Call voting 'aye'. Representative Curran. Mr. Curran. Change Mr. Curran...Tony, Mr. Clerk, change Representative Curran from 'no' to 'aye'. Representative Breslin. Representative Breslin. Representative Breslin votes 'aye'. Representative Morrow votes 'aye'. Yes, Representative Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a brief moment, since you've already voted me."

Speaker McPike: "Wait a minute, just a minute, Representative. Mr. Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, it appears that I'm recorded green..."

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Black: "...and some of my colleagues have indicated that perhaps I'm color blind, so perhaps you'd best record me as a

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courageous 'present'."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Kirkland. 'Present'? Mr. Black votes 'present', Mr. Kirkland votes 'present'. Mr. Morrow, perhaps you don't want to give your speech. Mr. Morrow."

Morrow: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I still want to give my speech."

Speaker McPike" "Proceed, Sir."

Morrow: "I reluctantly...let's have a little courtesy in this chamber. I reluctantly rise to vote 'yes' on this piece of legislation. But it amazes me that some of my colleagues sitting on this side of the aisle whose people from the districts are going to really get the jobs if this Bill was to pass are sitting on their hands. And they're asking our colleagues from up north to vote on this piece of legislation, which right now, we would not be able to gain any of the benefits from. But, as one of my colleagues said earlier, things to come by little by little. And I can see riverboat gambling eventually coming to Navy Pier in the City of Chicago and so I'm going to protect the residents of the 32nd District so that they'll be in line to get the first jobs on Lake Michigan and I don't have to see some of you downstaters come upstate getting the jobs from my people."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Well Mr. Speaker, a little while ago Gene Hoffman said you have to once in awhile make some real tough votes. I really don't know what's so tough about this vote. You know, you talk about cowardly...what is so tough about saying that if somebody has...is teaching in a community college how to be a dealer that that person is a criminal? I don't know what's so tough about that, because I don't think that person is a criminal. Now all along the floor, who's lobbying for us to vote for this Bill? The ones that

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are lobbying us are the ones that are going to have riverboat gambling because they think that it is right and proper that if they are going to have riverboat gambling, at least the dealers are going to be honest dealers, trained by community colleges. What is so wrong about that? Is that criminal? I don't think that's criminal. I think if you're going to have riverboat gambling, let's do it right. Now, you mean to tell me that you are going to make us who vote for that type Bill gamblers? You're going to make us be devious type persons? You're going to make us be immoral? I don't think so. I have more I believe more in the person that stands up before a body like this and is honest and says let's do it right. I never liked anybody who is going to be phony about something and say that I am so moral that I don't think in a community college they ought to teach somebody to be a dealer. What's wrong with that? We've already said we're going to have riverboat gambling. It's lawful. It's lawful to be a dealer. It's lawful. If you're going to be a dealer, why not be a dealer taught in a community college, because if you're not taught in a community college, you know where you're going to be taught? You're liable to be taught by somebody that's shady. Is that what you want? I don't think you want that. I think you want somebody to be taught properly. I think an 'aye' vote, nothing courageous about it. Nothing courageous about it. You know when I ran for election they said that I was a dope peddler and what not and I got through the election with flying colors and so did Bill Edley. My God, if I'm a ...if they want to call me a dope peddler, which I'm not, surely I'm going to get by this piddly vote. It's an honest vote. Vote 'aye', it's an honest vote."

Speaker McPike: "McCracken, did you wish to speak?"

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McCracken: "Only to remind everybody it's not June 30th. Let's close the record and get home."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Homer, do you wish this on Postponed Consideration? Yes, Mr. McCracken."

McCracken: "Just curious. On Third Reading or on any prior Conference Committee, had this had Postponed Consideration before?"

Speaker McPike: "Well, this one hasn't. The second corrected hasn't. So, the second corrected is entitled to..."

McCracken: "Oh no, no, no, no."

Speaker McPike: "Sure it is."

McCracken: "I read the rules. Any time in the course of the Bill, Third Reading or Conference Committee should get one Postponed Consideration. It may be academic. I don't know if there's been one already."

McPike: "Your point is not well taken. Representative Homer."

Homer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask to put the Bill on the Order of Postponed Consideration."

Speaker McPike: "The Bill will be put on the order of Postponed Consideration. House Bill 2899, Representative LeFlore or Bugielski. Representative Bugielski. Representative Bugielski. Excuse me, Representative LeFlore has returned. Mr. LeFlore on House Bill 2899."

LeFlore: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. 2899 is the Bill that deals with...the background checks for bus drivers in the City of Chicago and it also deals with the Chicago parking tickets checks. This Bill came before the General Assembly this past Spring and tonight we're bringing it back again, so I'd like to have a favorable vote. I understand it's an Agreed Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Does anyone stand in opposition to the Gentleman's Motion? Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "I don't think so. I'm just curious. What is the

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significance of the fact that this is a Corrected Conference Committee? Was...has something changed since we all last talked about it or...Bob, can you tell me?"

LeFlore: "Not that I'm aware of, Representative."

McCracken: "Okay. Alright. Well, this adds onto 2899 as it passed and the Conference Committee talks about the parking law in Chicago and the underlying Bill talked about the background checks for the bus drivers, is that it?"

LeFlore: "Exactly."

McCracken: "Okay.. Alright. Thank you"

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Second Corrected Conference Committee Report to House Bill 4126?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Representative Black."

Black: "Well, Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I...evidently didn't see my light. I wanted to ask the Sponsor, and maybe he could nod his head. On the Chicago parking ticket language in here...I would trust that this is going to help many of our constituents downstate that always get notices of parking violations and they haven't driven in 25 years. Is this going to be able to help work that out, I trust?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. LeFlore to explain the point."

LeFlore: "I would think so."

Black: "Alright."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? The Chair announced that wrong. This is a vote on House Bill 2899. The Chair misspoke. It's the Second corrected Conference Committee Report on House Bill 2899. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 110 'ayes', no 'nays' and 4 voting 'present'. The House does adopt the Second Corrected Conference Committee Report to House Bill 2899 and the Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared

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passed. Representative Stern. Representative Stern."

Stern: "Mr. Speaker, it seems to me on a night prior to the election of Speaker of the House somebody would want to buy fried chicken or pizza or some wonderful thing for the Members. Do I hear any...do I understand that you're ready to vote? Surely there is someone within sound of my voice anxious to...Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Leverenz."

Leverenz: "I Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's about time we found out how to secure her vote for something special."

Speaker McPike: "House Resolution 2501. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 2501 offered by Representative Daniels.

WHEREAS, Charles Wayne Goforth served the people of the 115th District as their voice in the Illinois House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Goforth began his public life with a term in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Goforth retired from the Illinois State Police with 26 years of service, including six in the Hazardous Materials Section; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Goforth has been a voice of moderation both on the House floor and in his assignments to the House Committees on Appropriations, Financial Institutions, State Government Administration, Transportation and Motor Vehicles, Coal and Oil Resources and Horse Racing, as well as the House Task Force on Drug Abuse; and

WHEREAS, many civic-interest groups have recognized Wayne Goforth for his tireless efforts in the legislature on their behalf; and

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WHEREAS, Wayne Goforth has been an active participant in his local community, as a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the American Legislature on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Goforth has been an active participant in his local community, as a member of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the American Legion, Ducks Unlimited, the Ashley Sportsman's Club, the DuQuoin Business Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Masons, the Shriners, the Elks, the Eagles, the Moose, the Fraternal Order of Police and State Troopers Lodge #41; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Goforth has made many friends in this House and outside it during his three terms in the General Assembly; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby extend our heartiest best wishes to our colleague, Wayne Goforth, in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commend Wayne Goforth on his service in this House; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to Wayne Goforth and his wife, Betty, as a token of our esteem and appreciation."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The no smoking rule we have in the House was put in place particularly to improve Wayne Goforth's health. However, he didn't take it seriously, he kept sneaking out in the hall and sneaking a puff anyway. Wayne was originally, when he came here, a man of few words. However, the longer he stayed the more he talked. And some of the things he said, I'm not going to repeat. But

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there's no question in my mind and I'm sure in the minds of many other people in this General Assembly that Wayne Goforth is a unique individual. I would just ask you one question in closing my kind comments about Trooper Goforth. How would you like to have him stop you some dark night? Somewhere in Southern Illinois? And say I...I'm Trooper Goforth. Wayne, it's been a great privilege to know you and I know we will continue to be working together in some form or some capacity, but I wish you well in whatever your third life is."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I echo the comments of Representative Hoffman and certainly want Representative Goforth to know how much we appreciate his three terms of service and his years of experience and his unique approach to legislation as stated in our Caucus on so many occasions. Wayne, words can't express how much we've enjoyed your presence in our conference and I'm sure how much our relationship will continue in the future. You know you always have a home on the House Republican delegation and you'll always be a part of our delegation. For your service, your commitment to the people of Illinois and in particular to your legislative district we offer our heartfelt thanks and want you to know that we hope you stay in touch with us because we'll always be in touch with you. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Phelps. Mr. Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I first met Wayne Goforth when we entered the legislature together back in '85 and I did not know of him before then but learned to grow to respect him and what he tried to do for Southern Illinois with the southern Illinois delegation even though we're on the opposite sides

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of the aisle and opposite sides of the state, even though we're in Southern Illinois. And with that I know that Wayne's ability to make friends fast was apparent up here. And we had good years together and I wish him the best. Wayne."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For just a moment...Wayne, when we came up here together was when I first met you and I have learned in six years a lot about how people represent their districts and I can honestly look you in the eye and any other person from the State of Illinois and say that you represented your district as well and as sincerely as anyone who has ever served in this Assembly. And as your friend I will always remember one morning here in Springfield when I got a call and you said could I come and help and I'm glad that I was able to and I'm glad that you thought enough of me that when you needed a friend you called me. Thank you and God bless you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijevich."

Matijevich: "Mr. Speaker, the first day of the Veto Session on the way up here I said to myself, the first person I've got to go over and talk to is Wayne Goforth because, I...you know, naturally as a Democrat you want to have as many Democrats as you can have over on this side of the aisle. But I said to myself, I've lost a friend on the floor of the House. And as you know, when I came down here I was real disoriented and I didn't stay here very long and I had to fly back and on the way back I said I just couldn't see Wayne. And I didn't know...frankly, I didn't know if I'd ever see him or anybody again. So when I came here today, that's the first thing I did, is go on that side of the aisle and go see my buddy, Wayne. If he'd have followed my advice he's still be here. Because I said to Wayne,

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'Wayne, why don't you file as a Democrat? You know you'd win and you'd win real big'. He said, 'John, I know that, but I can't switch now. They elected me as a Republican'. But we all know that we treasure those people who you can really believe in their word and Wayne was always good to his word. And he said, 'John, if you ever need a vote real badly, come over and see me and you've got it, I don't care who talks to me'. And one time last session I went over to Wayne and I said, 'Wayne, this is it. I need it'. And he was there. And they tried to talk him out of it but he was there and he's that type of guy. And when I went to one of these so-called prohibited fund raisers in Springfield that Wayne had, I went over there and all I could see was Democrats. I think everybody there was a Democrat. So Wayne, you know you're loved on this side of the aisle. We're going to miss you. Come back here and say hello and when you come back, I'll be the first guy to come over and say hello. God bless you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I first met Wayne six years ago tomorrow when we were getting sworn in, or we were choosing our seats and somebody told me there was a State Trooper elected to the legislature and I had an empty seat next to me on the right. So I grabbed him, I said, 'Come on over and sit down next to me. I'll have somebody next to me that can watch my switch when I go to the washroom'. So Wayne was a very good switch watcher and later on he even lived with Myron Kulas and myself. We had an apartment down the street in Play it Again Sam's. Unfortunately Wayne got to pick his bedroom last and he ended up in the basement. Put he put a mattress underneath the spiral staircase in case he had a mishap going down the stairs at night so he'd

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bounce off the mattress instead of the floor. But Wayne was a very good seatmate and a very good roommate and we're all going to miss him. He was my close friend and I valued his counsel many times. We're certainly going to miss Wayne and I'll have to find a seatmate that can take care of me when I'm gone to the washroom. I'm going to miss you, Wayne."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels has asked that everyone be added as cosponsors to the Resolution, moves for the adoption. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution's adopted. Mr. Goforth."

Goforth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As you all know, I'm not very good at this here. My dad told me years ago, he said, 'Son, if you can count five friends that's really truly your friends, you're a very blessed man.' Since I been up here this last year, people, I haven't got enough fingers and toes or anything else to count my friends. I'm very proud of the friendships that I've made on the other side of the aisle. You know you always figure you've got friends on your own side, that comes naturally, or it should be. We've had a lot of arguments with people and I really respect the Gentleman that just said, back there a few minutes ago, Mr. Hoffman, me and him has really tied into each other tooth and toenail. But he's been a friend of mine. He's helped me out when I needed it even though we...I had to go back and apologize to him a couple of times, in fact, we'd get so upset. But he's become a true friend. We appreciate it. John Matijevich, I don't know what I'd ever have done without that man. He's been so good. Well, I could just go on and name and name and name but I'm sure we all want to get home. I just want to tell you this one little story. Most of you that know me. My dad served in World War I. I had two brothers in World War

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II. My son...I served in the Korean War. My son served in Vietnam and I've got a grandson on the USS Eisenhower right now getting ready to go to the Persian Gulf, so I don't think that I would be out of line by using an old General's statement. People, I shall return. Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

Clerk Leone: "Supplemental #3 to the House Calendar is now being distributed."

Speaker McPike: "Supplemental #3, Senate Bill 1635, Representative Daniels. Representative Daniels, Senate Bill 1635. Representative Regan. Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Senate Bill 1635, Conference Committee Report contains one provision as it relates to the State's Attorney of Cook County, raising his annual salary from 90,000 until November 30th, 1990 and to 100,000 thereafter. I ask for your favorable support."

Speaker McPike: "Is there any discussion? There being no discussion the question is, 'Shall the House adopt the first Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill 1635?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Have all voted? Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 77 'ayes', 21 'nos', 9 voting 'present'. The House does adopt Conference Committee Report on #1 to Senate Bill 1635 and this Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Resolution 2502, Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 2502 offered by Representative Daniels."

WHEREAS, John W. Hallock, Jr., has represented the people of the 67th District in the Illinois House of Representatives with distinction; and

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WHEREAS, John Hallock has helped guide the House Republican Conference as assistant minority leader; and

WHEREAS, John Hallock has worked with members on both sides of the aisle to pass legislation through this chamber; and

WHEREAS, he has earned the respect of his legislative colleagues as an informed spokesman for his state, his district and his party; and

WHEREAS, John Hallock has made an impact on legislation as a member of the House Committees on Rules, Mental Health, Judiciary I, Financial Institutions, Counties and Townships, and Cities and Villages; and

WHEREAS, John Hallock graduated from Loyola University, attended Notre Dame University College of Law in London and earned a law degree at Chicago-Kent College of Law; and

WHEREAS, many organizations in Illinois have recognized John Hallock's efforts on behalf of individuals and groups who needed a voice in the House; and

WHEREAS, local organizations in Rockford, including the Boys and Girls Clubs, Maria Linden, the Discovery Center and Family Advocate, Inc., have benefited from his work for their causes;

WHEREAS, John Hallock has stood for the values and ideals that make a legislature responsive to the people in whose name it acts; and

WHEREAS, John Hallock will be missed by the many friends he has made during his 12 years in the Illinois House of Representatives; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we do hereby express our

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warmest gratitude and wishes for future success to our colleague, John Hallock; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commend him for his service as a lawmaker and assistant minority leader; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution and preamble be presented to Representative John W. Hallock, Jr., as a token of our esteem and appreciation."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, John Hallock joined the Illinois General Assembly in 1978. He was a well known name prior to that and established himself and tremendous abilities and competency when he ran for the legislature and was elected. In 1983 he became a Member of the House Republican Leadership on this side of the aisle and for eight years has been an exemplary leader and one that on frequent occasions we turn to for advice on environmental matters, solid waste disposal and several other issues, including Build Illinois. No stranger to his district, he always took home certain projects for the district that were important to him and of course he recognized the need for transportation throughout Illinois and was a proud Sponsor and active worker in the Route 51 construction that seemed to go on forever and forever. Of course he brought that to a successful conclusion in his area and is very proud of that accomplishment. We too, John, are proud of what you've done for the people of Illinois. You've distinguished yourself as an outstanding colleague and as a public servant. Never at any time have any of your efforts been questioned by anyone and we want you to know how much we appreciate all that you have done for the people of Illinois. On behalf of the House Republican delegation, we extend our heartfelt thanks and

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appreciation for a job well done. We'll stay in touch. We know you will and we'll see you soon. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Giorgi."

Giorgi: "Mr. Speaker, I don't get up and eulogize very often, but I'd be remiss if I didn't tell John...Representative John Hallock on behalf of the citizens of Rockford that I don't think they'll soon forget the outstanding job that John has done for the last 12 years. Being concerned about Rockford, Northern Illinois, Winnebago County and all of the effort he's expended on behalf of Rockford. I happen to know John for many years and I'm aging myself when I tell you I went to school with his dad and his family have always been leaders in the community. The whole family's been civic minded and very good citizens of the City of Rockford. But I'd like to reiterate and repeat that John's efforts on behalf of Rockford, Northern Illinois and Winnebago County are very well amply demonstrated. If you come into Rockford and glance at our skyline and glance at our riverside structures and glance at the things that we've brought home for Rockford and again, on behalf of the City of Rockford I'd like to thank John for his outstanding efforts for the last 12 years and wish him well and I know that he'll succeed in any endeavor."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Myron Olson."

Olson, M.: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have a unique relationship with John Hallock in that we have adjoining districts, we have adjoining parochial interests, we have adjoining political interests and having had an opportunity to work with John for almost 10 years and to be aware of his contributions to our marketplace, I'm happy to join Representative Daniels and Representative Giorgi in passing along our thanks to John Hallock for the extremely good job he has done for our

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area. It isn't very easy to leave this place. All of us will do it one time or the other, but I have a very strong feeling that John will reemerge into the political world and in the meantime will do a good job in his law practice, taking care of his children and being a good member of the Rockford community. Congratulations, John."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Kirkland."

Kirkland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I was contemplating running to join this Body in 1983, I looked through the pictures of the Members expecting to see no one I knew and came across the picture of John hallock who...I went to law school...we went to law school together at Chicago-Kent. And John was a great friend and an ally in those early times when I was trying to figure how to run a campaign and how to get along down here and in our first leadership decision on who to choose for leadership, which is a tremendously confusing time for a new legislator and John was a great help and also Jim Riley and I each rented a room from John for awhile and he was nice in that respect and I want to apologize on behalf of my now 16 year old son for, I believe a 20 or 25 minute shower he took one day that used up not only all the hot water but most of the cold water, if I remember and I don't think John will ever forget that either, but he's been a great friend and lots of help and I'll miss him a great deal and wish him the best of luck."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I think we're all going to miss John Hallock in our ranks. It was his choice to move on to seek higher office and many of us supported him in that decision and in that endeavor very strongly and are as disappointed as the people in his district will be when they understand what they have lost

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in not electing him to the United States Congress. Through John's service in Springfield he has continually fought against higher taxes. He has continually fought for what is good for families and children and decency. He is devoted to his own children and the best interests of children throughout our state and we will miss his dedication on that and his example as a good father. We wish you well, John, and we certainly hope that at the earliest opportunity if it is your desire to rejoin us that you will come back here and add your very strong and wise voice to our House once again."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ewing."

Ewing: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. John Hallock and I have shared offices in the one corner of the Republican Leadership quarters now for 8 years. I got to know John, I think, very well and I respect him highly for the way he handles not only his legislative duties but all of the things that come along in life, many of which all of us here have experienced. John is truly a fine Gentleman, a good Legislator and he's been a very faithful Member of this Body. He's young and I want to say to John Hallock that this little bleep on your career, John, is only a small detour. You chose to run for Congress and gave up your seat in this House. I think that you're going to have many, many more excellent opportunities to serve the people of the State of Illinois and the people in the Rockford area. We need public servants like John Hallock. We'll look forward to seeing you and working with you in the future in whatever endeavor you may pursue. Good luck, John."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels asks leave that everyone...all the Members of the House be added as Cosponsors of the Resolution and moves for the adoption.

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All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Representative Hallock."

Hallock: "Well, thank you Mr. Speaker and Members of the House and my deep appreciation to those who just made a few remarks. But you know, we all have from time to time sat through these eulogies. Let's talk specifics here. My license plate number is 34, so if you're below that you move up a few license plate numbers. I know how all of us in the House we joke about that fact, but we always look at the plate numbers and we all look to see who's ahead of us and I'm sure with the number 34 I'm probably ahead of a few of you and you move up a few notches as you do for those others who are leaving. But seriously, I have been honored to be in Leadership for 8 years and I tell you, each night as I leave the House chamber and walk out on the third floor, I often reflect upon the great history of this great place. My family, as Zeke has pointed out, has always been active in the Rockford Community. As a matter of fact, back in the year 1901, I had a great-grandfather, which is my mother's...my father's mother's father, who served here as a State Rep for one term, from 1900 to 1902. And I guess in these closing days I should probably give a true confession and that confession is that that fellow was, in fact, a Democrat elected from the Northern Illinois area to serve. But that's part of my family heritage. You know, I've spent a lot of time in this place. My three kids, John, Michael and Emily, all were born during my time as a Member of the Illinois House. So obviously in their life, as in mine, things will change in the future. I must say this...a lot of what I learned about politics comes through my efforts in working with Lee Daniels, who's a tremendous leader. But also through Zeke Giorgi, who I think in the Rockford area is not only Dean, but also a legend in his

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own time and I want to thank both of them specifically. Let me say this also, in closing...to all of you here today and tonight, I urge all of you to reflect constantly on the great honor that it is to serve in this chamber. I especially want to thank the people from Rockford, Love's Park, Maschesney Park, who elected me for 12 years to serve on their behalf in this place. I think I've served them very well and of that I'm very proud. I want to thank all of you for the honor to serve with you as well. From this chamber most of us have acquired many great, deep friendships, I think, which go way beyond politics. I truly have adopted some of those friendships as well. So to all of you and the people back in my district, thank you very much for 12 good years. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Resolution 2503. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 2503 offered by Representative Daniels.

WHEREAS, Ralph Barger, 39th District State Representative, has served the Republican members of the Illinois House of Representatives in an exemplary fashion during his tenure as a legislator in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Barger's untiring efforts, knowledge and expertise have greatly aided lawmakers from both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Barger has served with honor the people of the 39th District, DuPage County and the state of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Barger has distinguished himself as a voice of reason and moderation both on the floor of the House and in his assignments as Minority Spokesman for the Cities and Villages committee and on the House Committees on Aging, Consumer

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Protection, Executive, Labor & Commerce, Housing; and

WHEREAS, he has also been active in numerous other organizations including the Lion's Club, the Y.M.C.A., Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, Chamber of Commerce, Wheaton Community Association and Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Barger's dedication to the highest ideals and standards of his profession and political party exemplify the goals of representative democracy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we do hereby express our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Ralph Barger; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commend Rep. Barger on his service as a lawmaker in the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution and preamble be presented to Rep. Barger, his wife Beverly and their five children."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the Resolution that was just read states that Representative Barger's dedication to the highest ideals and standards of his profession and political party exemplify the goals of representative democracy and that is extremely accurate and very true, for Ralph Barger has given of himself many, many years. Eight years in the Illinois General Assembly and a substantial number before that to the people of Illinois, DuPage County and specifically to the 39th Legislative District. He served valiantly as a Member of the House Republican team and has been a giving and caring and compassionate individual, always standing strong for his

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ideals and for those things that he believes in. Mr. Speaker, he has brought a tremendous amount of respect to all of us here with his forthright feeling on democracy and his statements on the way that government ought to go. We will miss you here, Ralph, as a Member of this delegation, but we also know that all of your beliefs and all of your principles will carry forward. We thank you for your service and we wish you Godspeed and blessings for you, your wife Beverly and your five kids. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Ralph Barger has been seated to my right ever since his first day in the Illinois House. We are close friends and I view him very much as an uncle, except he doesn't like me to point out the difference in our ages. When he leaves there won't be anyone to tease me about eating all the time. About what I wear or anything else. Constantly teasing, but in such a good hearted, fine spirited way. You know, Ralph is generally pretty quiet around here and if you have not personally had a great deal of opportunity to get to know him, you have missed a real jewel. Indeed, every time that Ralph has risen to speak, it has been a gem of wisdom that has come from his mouth. He is one of the few people for whom the people in this chamber usually quiet down so that they can actually hear what he has to say because he doesn't speak unless it's important and unless he has something wise and different to contribute. I have learned a great deal from this man. I've depended a great deal on this man and I'm going to miss him terribly but I know that we will always be friends and I hope he'll find a way to come back, cause we need him here. Thanks."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the

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House. Ralph Barger and I shared the same legislative district. He covered the western end and I thought I was covering the eastern end, but I guess I didn't really do it all that well. The fact of the matter is that Ralph and I have had to deal with..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hoffman. Excuse me, I'm going to interrupt you. I think it's appropriate to interrupt you because we forgot to adopt the Resolution for you, so we'll do it at this time. Representative Daniels asks that every all Members be added to House Resolution 2500 that praised Representative Hoffman and moves for the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. Representative Hoffman, your Resolution's been adopted. We had to wait because we weren't sure."

Hoffman: "You had to wait cause you weren't sure, right?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Hoffman: "Fine. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed."

Hoffman: "Thank you. Representative Barger and I have dealt with a number of common problems and I think as we worked our way through them I gained a great appreciation for Ralph's experience and background, particularly in the area of municipal government and I'm hopeful that in the process as we move through he develops an appreciation of my understanding of the educational side of the equation. As we leave the legislature together, I wish he and his wife Beverly all the best and if there's any way that I can be helpful to he and his wife Beverly I would be pleased, too. So wish you well. Godspeed, Ralph, and all the best to you in all your future endeavors."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels asks that all Members be added as hyphenated Cosponsors and moves for the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'."

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The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted.
Representative Barger."

Barger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's been a privilege to serve here in the Illinois legislature. It's been an educational experience. Some people figure that when they get out of school education stops, but it doesn't. I have spent a great number of years doing a great variety of different things and I have learned something new every day. One of the greatest pleasures I have here, though, is not on the Republican side of the aisle but on the Democrat side. My great-grandfather many years ago brought his family up from Tennessee to Danville where they would be safe and went back with the Union Army to fight in the Civil War to free some people who were in slavery. As a very young child I can remember the conditions out on my grandfather's farm where he insisted that those very same people's offsprings would attend school till they got through 8th grade. They would do it, they had to do it, he saw to it that they did. Today we find a large number of those people representing their constituencies here in the Illinois legislature. This shows that democracy does work, it can work, it will work. Together we are achieving great things. It takes time to achieve great things, but over those many years we have achieved much. I count every person in this room as a friend of mine whether they agree with me on politics or not. I feel that it's extremely important that a wide variety of opinions be voiced in the...in this chamber. I'm proud to have served with all of you. I hope that I have contributed something to our great community over the 23 years that I have served. Three years in the Army, 12 years as the mayor of the town that I come from and 8 years here in the General Assembly. We are all doing good things. We are all doing a fair and honest job of that

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which we are trying to do. May God bless you all and may all of your efforts be fruitful. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative McGann. House Bill 3386."

McGann: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "On a Motion."

McGann: "I would, pursuant to Rule 74(e), I move to take from the table, suspend Rule 79(d) and (e) and place on the Order of Concurrence House Bill 3386."

Speaker McPike: "Is there objections? Hearing none, the Attendance Roll Call will be used and the Motion carries. Mr. McGann."

McGann: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Assembly, Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 3386 becomes the Bill and has a variety of Articles that are representative of the many Representatives and Senators in this chamber and in the Senate chamber. Just to briefly overview each item here, there's an Article that repeals the Torrens system of the registering land. This is in Cook County. In Article II which is effective immediately, which is representative of the degree of the Senators and Reps in the Kankakee area, creates the Will-Kankakee Regional Development Authority Act. Article III, which is requested by the City of Chicago and the Municipal League, it provides a one time acceleration of home rule sales tax allocations to those cities receiving at least 500,000 per annum and such receipts are Chicago, Bloomington, Normal, Springfield, Peoria, Urbana, Decatur and Joliet. This is an acceleration of these cities own tax receipts. And representative to the County Assessor of Cook County there are two areas. One dealing with the quadrennial and the other dealing with the certification of an eight year assessment available to owners of rehabilitated historic single family residences. There's an Article...part of

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Article III in item 3 that amends the Civil Administration Code to provide that DECCA shall grant funds to regional tourism councils for administrative costs and to require performance audits of the councils contracts. Article IV requires the Department of Revenue to study the feasibility of using electronic funds transfers to collect taxes and to report the results of such a study to the General Assembly. Article V is also, you have Article VI and Article VII and Article VIII and Article X. Be happy to answer any questions and I would ask for acceptance in Concurrence of Senate Amendment #4 to House Bill 3386."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this Concurrence Motion has a lot in it, but one of the things that I think should be pointed out is that one of the provisions is to provide a continuing appropriation for the Regional Transportation Authority which in effect removes, probably forever, the authority of this Body to effect the RTA in a financial way because the funding would go automatically to the Regional Transportation Authority without our needing to appropriate it and without our having the right to withhold that appropriation if we have problems with what that agency is doing. It is probably the most far reaching provision of this proposal and I have no illusions about the outcome, but I did think that before we rush to vote on this, the Members should understand that that is one little gem that's buried in here that we are about to undertake. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 4 to House Bill...' Mr. Clerk... 'to House Bill 3386?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. The voting's open. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the

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record. On this Motion there are 84 'ayes', 17 'nos', 6 voting 'present'. The House does concur in Senate Amendments #2 and 4 to House Bill 3386. This Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3302, Representative Levin."

Levin: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move that this House approve the Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3302. This is the Bill that responds to the Supreme Court decision of November 30th that found portions of the Chicago School Reform Bill to be unconstitutional. By this legislation we attempt to resolve some of the major issues that the court pointed out in its decision."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Levin, just a minute. Representative Levin. Representative Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis: "Mr. Speaker, we have not had an opportunity to read this. We were just handed this Bill five minutes ago."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Levin moves to suspend Rule 79(d). All those in favor of the Gentleman's Motion...the question is, 'Shall the Motion be adopted?...the Gentleman's Motion be adopted?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is a Motion to suspend Rule 79(d) to allow the Bill to be called at this time. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On that Motion there are 97 'ayes' and 6 'nos'. The Motion prevails. Representative Levin, proceed."

Levin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With House Bill 3302 we seek to comply on an interim basis with that Supreme Court decision so that school reform in Chicago may once again move ahead with confidence. This Bill makes two critical steps to put Chicago school reform on a sound legal foundation. First,

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this legislation validates and gratifies the action taken in proceedings conducted in accordance with The School Code by local school councils, district councils, the school board nominating commission, the interim board of education and the board of education for the period beginning May 1st, 1989, until certification of the appointment or election of such bodies that takes place under the terms of this legislation. Secondly, it authorizes the Mayor of the City of Chicago to appoint members of local school councils, subdistrict councils, the school nominating commission, the interim board of education and the board of education. The local school members will serve until their successors are elected in October. Mayor Daley said yesterday that he is committed to reappoint all of the existing members of each of these bodies if this legislation passes. These ratifications or appointment actions are taken to avoid confusion and to insure stability and continuing progress in the Chicago public schools. This is a continuation and reaffirmation of our commitment to school reform. It has worked. The parents have taken an active role in the schools, put in thousands of hours, turned out for elections, run for elections, and done a fantastic job. By passing this legislation tonight we say to those parents, 'we salute you, we reaffirm our support of school reform and this is a victory for you and your children'. We will come back and deal with the issue of elections separately before June 30th. I urge your support for this Conference Committee Report."

Speaker McPike: "And on the Motion, Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stand in support of this legislation. The elections that were held in Chicago for the local school councils and subdistrict councils and so forth...I think it

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resulted in something truly positive for the children who go to school in Chicago and I would hate to see all of that just fall apart because of that recent Supreme Court decision. Representative Levin has put together here a package of proposals that really are, I understand, pretty well agreed upon by most of the people in Chicago who are interested in promoting quality education there and I think that since we don't really...in this particular Bill...we do not address how those elections are to be held in the future, but we only confirm that the people who have already been elected can now just go through kind of an appointment process with the Mayor and that in fact, everything that they have acted upon is affirmed. It seems to me that we're doing the right thing to affirm all of that for now and to postpone until we have time to deliberate how we're going to go about changing that election process. It's a sensible, workable way to solve a problem that I think really probably ought not to have been a problem in the first place because those local school councils are probably the greatest hope of earth for the City of Chicago schools. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Pullen."

Pullen: "I'd like to ask the Sponsor a question, please."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed."

Pullen: "You indicated that this legislation validates the actions that have been taken. Would that include the...would that include the approval of the 3 year contract?"

Levin: "Yes."

Pullen: "So, one of the things that this Bill does is validate the action of the Chicago Board of Education in signing a contract which provides for a seven percent annual raise for each of the next three years, or a total of 21 percent,

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right?"

Levin: "It validates all of the action by the elected, previously elected, although illegally elected members of the local school councils, the actions of the interim board that was the interim board hadn't been established pursuant to the previous legislation we passed and the actions of the permanent board of education, also established pursuant to the previous legislation that we passed."

Pullen: "And that includes the 21 percent increase contract over 3 years?"

Levin: "It includes every action taken by any of these bodies. We always down here don't agree with everything that we do...everything a body that we set up does. It simply validates what this particular set of bodies did."

Pullen: "Could you please say yes or no in answer to my question? That means that it validates the 21 percent increase contract over 3 years?"

Levin: "It validates the action taken by the Resolution passed by the Board."

Pullen: "Yes or no? Yes or no?"

Levin: "It validates the action taken by the Board of Education when they signed that contract."

Pullen: "To approve a 21 percent increase over 3 years?"

Levin: "That is the terms of that contract, that is what we are validating."

Pullen: "So would you say yes?"

Levin: "Yes."

Pullen: "Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Black: "Thank you. Representative, I want to make sure I've

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heard you correctly. It's noisy in here and I know the hour grows late. Doesn't...did you in fact say that all you're doing in this Conference Committee Report is to address the specific Supreme Court objection to the election of the local school councils?"

Levin: "What we addressed is the ramifications of that decision. We have not, in this Bill, addressed how we are going to resolve the election issue. That is to be done separately. What we have done...the result of the Supreme Court decision was to throw into question, first of all, the previous actions of the local school council and these other bodies and secondly, to throw into question anything that is done here on out until next October. So what this legislation does is to validate what went on before and to reappoint these various members so that they can legally operate between now and October."

Black: "Alright, then in that case, then look on page 103 of the Conference Committee Report where you get into Section 34-54.2. Taxes levied in 1989 and 1990. By the language on page 103, 104 and 105 I assume, what you say you are ratifying previous action of the board, but it seems to me in those three pages you are in effect eliminating anyone's right to protest a levy that might have been done illegally according to the court's ruling and also take away their right of protest of said levy."

Levin: "We are, you know...by this legislation we are attempting to respond to the Supreme Court decision and validate the actions that were taken that are now in question because of the method of election. We have, I think you're correct in other context, validated actions of local bodies with respect to tax matters. We have done that previously and I believe that has been upheld by the courts."

Black: "Well, let me ask you...you know, you're an attorney,

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Representative. On page 104, line 2. 'It shall not be a valid ground for any person in any way to object to, protest, bring any proceeding with regard to or defend against the collection of any such taxes that the taxes were levied by the board'. Is that something we would normally do in any kind of legislation? Telling people that they shall not, cannot, will not protest a levy that may have been made under an act that perhaps wasn't entirely clear or legal at the time it was levied?"

Levin: "Representative, we have regularly done exactly that for locally elected bodies. We have come back after the fact and validated tax...tax provisions for exactly this reason. I believe that...the one that comes to mind is the...done exactly that for locally elected bodies. We have come back after the fact and validated tax provisions for exactly this reason...Cook we do that every year."

Black: "It's only for the current tax cycle levy? It doesn't have anything to do with future levies?"

Levin: "That is correct."

Black: "Thank you very much, Representative."

Speaker McPike: "I have...for those people that are hollering Roll Call, I have six people seeking recognition. Representative Davis. Representative Davis."

Davis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask a question?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes, proceed."

Davis: "Okay. Mr...Representative Levin, the intent of the school reform legislation was to have local control, is that correct?"

Levin: "That is correct."

Davis: "The highest official in the City of Chicago is...is the Mayor of the City of Chicago. Do you think that by having the Mayor appoint the permanent school board, having the Mayor appoint the nominating commission, having the Mayor

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appoint the subdistrict councils, having the Mayor appoint the local school councils is actually giving local control? And also, in this piece of legislation it states that he will also appoint the officers. The president of the board, the secretary of the local school council."

Levin: "Representative, this is a legislative convenience that we use to accomplish the objective of putting back into place those individuals who currently occupy those positions who were elected or otherwise put in there."

Davis: "That wasn't touched. In the Supreme Court decision, that was not an issue. It was not an issue"

Levin: "May I finish responding to you? You've asked me a question. We have in numerous instances authorized the appointment of individuals to particular positions. As a legislature, because of the separation of the powers, we cannot do that ourselves. As a convenience, we have delegated this to the Mayor of Chicago."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Levin, will you try to shorten your answer, please? Thank you."

Davis: "I would just like to say to the Bill, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of this General Assembly, first of all, I'm incensed because the Bill was given to us two minutes before you called the Bill. The Sponsors of the Conference Committee are Ellis Levin, Joyce Holmberg, DeMuzio, Kustra, Keats, Cowlshaw, Hoffman, Cullerton, Mulcahey, Levin. Do any Black children go to that school? Do any black children go to the schools that you have fashioned legislation for? If so, don't you think one of us should've been on your Conference Committee Report? I would think so. I would certainly think one minority, at least, would be on this Conference Committee Report. I object to Mayor Daley being given all of these appointive powers when the school board...the elected school board..."

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could certainly appoint the local school councils, they could also appoint the subdistrict councils. The local school councils can continue to operate. Since I am an educator, I do know that once again this piece of legislation is designed to fool the parents of the children of the City of Chicago. That you have fashioned legislation to improve those schools, I would like to know from you, Mr. Levin, if any African-American children go to those schools and if so, why are none on your Conference Committee Report? Is that a point?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cullerton."

Davis: "I can't hear you. I would like to hear your response. Sixty percent of the schools that you wrote this legislation for are minority. Sixty percent or more are minority and not one minority has signed this Conference Committee Report. There is something wrong with that, Mr. Levin."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Davis to the Bill."

Davis: "To the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "To the Bill. Thank you."

Davis: "To the Bill I would like to say I object. I object to the violation of the intent of the legislation. The intent of the previous school Bill was to give local governments, even though the Supreme Court ruled that the method of voting, they did not say that local control was unconstitutional. I do believe that if the school board were given the power by the Mayor, if the school board... the 14 member permanent board were given the authority to appoint the local school councils, at least the local school councils and the nominating commissions wishes will be in the forefront of this legislation. Really and truly, I cannot support it. I went to all the hearings that were held in Chicago and I was hoping beyond hope that I could

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support this legislation because I, too, would like to see greater parent involvement in Chicago. But because this legislation even violates the intent of your previous legislation, I'm going to say it's a bunch of hogwash and everybody in here should vote 'no'. We don't have to do this today. Those local councils will not die. The authorities that they were given will not be ceased. That is just...it's a lot of baloney for special interest groups to continue to keep their fingers in the pie and you have certainly given true evidence that you give less than a damn about what African-Americans or Hispanic people think because you don't have a one of them on your Conference Committee Report. It is not democratic. It is wrong, wrong, wrong."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cullerton."

Cullerton: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a technical question from Representative Levin with regard to legislative intent. On page 58 of the Bill with regard to the school board nominating commissions. The Bill says on page 58 lines 8 and 9 it talks about how the new school board nominating commissions would be appointed. I just want to clarify for legislative intent. It's the intent of this Bill that there will be same number of school board nominating commission members, that being 28. Twenty coming from the elementary school process, three from the high school and five from the Mayor and that when it refers to, 'in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section', that that refers to the language that's in the current law which is provided at the lower part of that same section. Is that correct, Representative Levin?"

Levin: "The Gentleman is correct."

Cullerton: "Thank you. No further questions."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Johnson."

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Johnson: "I would move the previous question."

Speaker McPike: "The Gentlemen moves the previous question. The question is, 'Shall the previous question be put?' All in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The previous question is put. Representative Levin to close."

Levin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This legislation simply does what we intended with the original school reform Bill, to power the parents. I urge your support for this legislation."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3302?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Representative Cowlshaw, you spoke in debate, didn't you? Did you speak in debate, Representative Cowlshaw? Representative Santiago to explain his vote."

Santiago: "Mr. Speaker, I'm going to vote for this legislation, but I think we're doing an injustice to the community organizations that came down here, to the parents that came here today. This is just a band aid approach to try to solve a problem. We leave it for a couple of months to benefit certain individuals. I think it's wrong, it's wrong and it's wrong. As I understood the Supreme Court decision, the Supreme Court said that it violated the one vote, one person rule. It did not say anything about the local school council. It did not say anything about the school board. It did not address those problems, so we are addressing something that the Supreme Court did not even talk about. The Supreme Court was specific. It was a violation of the one vote, one person rule and we are addressing another problem that we are going to come back here in June and address the same problem. I think the parents and the community organizations here were short

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changed because someone made a back room deal during the last couple of weeks and we intend to find out because sixty percent of the student population are minorities and they did not give us an opportunity to participate. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Lou Jones."

Lou Jones: "Thank you Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I feel kind of bad right now because I was in on those three days of negotiations, meetings, whatever you want to call them and I thought when I participated on this task force that we would come out with something that everybody could live with. Again, I think the Afro-American community has been violated. I don't understand why, in my district, not only is the children in district 299 predominantly Black, but in my district they are 98 percent Black. No Black signed onto this Conference Committee Report. Again, I think Ellis Levin has been given the authority to be the kingpin of reform school in district 299. I was prepared to put a 'yes' vote up here because I do want the councils to continue. The councils in my district, I want them to continue, but I see the powers that be of this General Assembly have again violated the democratic process, which I was elected..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Tony Young."

Young, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To explain my vote, I voted for this Bill and the reason I did so had to do with the content of the Bill, not who signed the Conference Committee Reports. I think it's extremely important to let the councils in the City of Chicago continue to do their work. They need the validations contained in this Bill to hire and fire principals and to do the things to move the education of our children forward. I think the majority of the people we represent want us to allow them to operate in

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light of the Supreme Court decision. I think this Bill will do that and I really feel bad that after all of the input we had from our own community last week and the fact that this is basically what most of those I heard from wanted us to do that we still seem to have disagreement over what our community wants us to do, but I think this is it and that's why I'm voting for it."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I stood in support of this Bill before and I still support it. I think it's unfortunate when anyone of us thinks that because of our sex, our race, or anything else that characterizes us, that the others of our colleagues do not care about those very same things. I'm reminded of what Representative..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Cowlshaw, did you speak in debate?"

Cowlshaw: "Yes, Sir. I'm explaining my vote. Also, my name was used in debate."

Speaker McPike: "Well, if you spoke in debate...if you spoke in debate you can't explain your vote. Representative Hicks."

Cowlshaw: "My name was used in debate. It's a point of personal privilege."

Speaker McPike: "I don't think so. Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You know, I participated in three days of activity in Chicago last week and listened to over 150 people say that they wanted to see exactly what we're doing in this Bill and then I sit here today and I hear that the community that many people here represent, now they're trying to tell us this isn't what their community wants. It's what over 98 percent of all the people that came before us said they wanted us to do. We're simply responding to the community

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who is benefiting from this. That's what we're doing in this Bill. It's the right thing to do by voting green. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Turner."

Turner: "Thank you Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. As you know, when this Bill was first introduced I was opposed to the concept and at that time I thought that there was not enough input from the community in terms of people really knowing that this is what the change... that this change was necessary and was going to make a difference in the Chicago public school system. It has had over a year to operate and I've heard extensively from my community. Although, many of them are still confused on this particular piece of legislation. The mood or the consensus that I reached from them was that they wanted me to support this particular aspect of the change in the legislation. I'm therefore voting 'yes' on this particular Bill. I know that...you know, my only regret is that I'm not a lawyer because I know that they will be lined up tomorrow in court challenging our particular move here today, but if this will rest the minds of our council members so that they can go on and be at ease in terms of trying to prepare those young kids who have another six months to go before they will complete their school year, then I will wholeheartedly support this particular move and pray that between now and the first of July we will come up with a better Bill. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Williams."

Williams: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise in favor of this piece of legislation, not because I'm in love, exactly, with what we've done but because over three weeks ago, long before the Mayor got involved with this yesterday, this is exactly what I said we should do. This is exactly what our

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community said quite honestly. This is what Danny Davis came before the Committee and said should be done. Now, the reality of this whole thing is, I don't want to bog this down, it's the other kinds of issues...the reality is, we got to validate it and we get the opportunity to continue to discuss, to continue to let this particular issue evolve. We need to do the right thing and I must stick by my word and vote 'aye'."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion...on this Motion there are 107 'ayes' and 5 'nos', 2 voting 'present' and the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3302 and the Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Younge, Senate Joint Resolution 228. Representative Younge, briefly."

Younge, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the House does concur with Senate Joint Resolution 228. This is a Resolution calling for an investigation in reference to the State's Police handling of an investigation involving four missing persons that left Mount Vernon on their way back to Haiti, Missouri. The bodies of these four persons were not found for some eight weeks after a television station and the Missouri State Police and others spotted the car and on several occasions the State Troopers in Illinois said that they had checked the car and in reality they had not. There needs to be a hearing on this matter to clear the air and this is a very important matter and it will keep resurfacing and coming up until there is a hearing that exonerates the State Police. I move for the adoption of this Resolution."

Speaker McPike: "And on that...Representative Stephens. Representative Stephens."

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Stephens: "Could I move the previous question?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes, we've discussed this earlier so maybe we should go to a vote as briefly as possible. The question is, 'Shall the Senate Joint Resolution be adopted?' All those in favor vote 'aye' and opposed vote 'no'. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Representative Younge. Representative McCracken, rather. Representative McCracken, we're going to try to keep this brief. Representative McCracken."

McCracken: "Yes, I will. Thank you. You know, I..."

Speaker McPike: "I wasn't talking to you, I was trying to respond to Representative Stephens."

McCracken: "What?"

Speaker McPike: "I was trying to respond to Representative Stephens. Proceed, Sir."

McCracken: "I was talking to the lobbyist from the State Police and I told him, 'You know, we appear petty by not acquiescing in requests over such a tragic case'. And I said, 'Why do you insist on our not agreeing to this? Why not give the benefit of the doubt and let the light of day come to all this?' He explained to me the facts and the facts are that the State Police began searching immediately, continued searching for quite a long time and continued to search far beyond what a normal parameters of the search would be. The car that was identified in the river, in fact, was a long distance away from where they thought that the accident had occurred. It had been washed down river. A part of the river was seen, but only when the river was very high and only a small portion of the car was visible. I asked him, 'If the car's visible, isn't that enough to put you on notice that something's wrong?' And do you know that farmers in that area oftentimes will build up their land against the river's encroachment by

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putting cars in the river? So that the existence of a car in and of itself was not an illegal act. It was not out of the ordinary and the height of the river being swollen did not make it available to view but what the officers could see of it indicated that it was not the car. It didn't appear to be the color of the car in issue. It didn't appear to be located in the area in issue. There appeared to be a reasonable explanation for its presence in the river and when I saw all that and was told that all the information was made available to the victims and the families of this tragedy, I must tell you that I agree. I don't think that we should be ordering an investigation of the State Police on the basis of this case."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Youngue to explain your vote. One minute to explain your vote."

Youngue, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. The thing is, the truth has not been made available to the public. An explanation was made available to the family and to legislatives on a limited basis, but the public ought to know and that is why...this is a matter, I feel strongly that this is a matter that will continue to raise questions unless there is a hearing and a report to the public. We are a democracy in which we believe in public information and that is all I am asking for and I appreciate your vote on this matter."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Mr. Black will seek a verification. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? Representative Hicks."

Hicks: "Thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. You know, the four people involved in this situation were visiting in my hometown. They left Mount Vernon in the evening to drive back to their community."

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Hicks."

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Hicks: "They had to be at work at seven o'clock in the morning so they left to drive in the evening hours to go home. Now, they didn't show up. These are people who had jobs, were working citizens of this State, they didn't show up in the morning. There was no evidence of wrongdoing anywhere. No one suspected any kind of foul play. They didn't show up for work, so people started looking for them and what happened? They didn't find them for forty days, people. Forty days. And yet, the car was visible in the stream. They should've been found. It was seen, and yet who found it? The television people in a helicopter went and found it, so why couldn't we with all the resources of the State of Illinois, the State Police...Why couldn't they find it? They saw the car, but they didn't even go investigate the car. They didn't go check it out. There's something wrong when they don't do that. The Lady's exactly right. Vote green."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Speaker, I know you don't want to belabor this point, but misinformation is abounding here tonight. The fact is, the State Police did discover the car. They took an expert, an automobile expert out to the site with binoculars, the expert trained in automobile identification saw the car and identified it incorrectly. He said this is not the vehicle they left in. They made a mistake. The trooper that found this car worked on overtime on his own initiative from one end of the county to the other. The Department of State Police were empathetic, they were thorough in their discussion and thorough in their job. Did they get it done? Yes, they did the best of their ability. There is no investigation that needs to be done. They have investigated this. They have reported to the family themselves, to the area Legislators. Personally,

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each of you have been contacted. You know the story does not justify further investigation. This is before us for all the wrong reasons, Mr. Speaker. I implore you to not investigate where it need not be done. It's being asked for all the wrong reasons and you know it."

Speaker McPike: "Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 60 'ayes' and 12 'nays', 41 voting 'present', Representative Black has asked for a verification. Representative Younge has asked for a Poll of those not voting."

Clerk O'Brien: "A Poll of those not voting. Krska. Mulcahey. Myron Olson. Sutker and Williamson. No further."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed with a Poll of the Affirmative."

Clerk O'Brien: "Balanoff. Schakowsky. Breslin. Bugielski. Capparelli. Cullerton. Curran. Currie. Davis. DeJaegher. DeLeo. Dunn. Edley. Farley. Flinn. Flowers. Giglio. Giorgi. Hartke. Hicks. Homer. Lou Jones. Shirley Jones. Keane. Kulas. Lang Laurino. LeFlore. Levin. Martinez. Matijevich. Mautino. McGann. McNamara. McPike. Morrow. Munizzi. Novak. Phelps. Preston. Rice. Richmond. Ronan. Saltsman. Santiago. Satterthwaite. Shaw. Steczo. Stern. Phelan. Trotter. Turner. Van Duyne. White. Williams. Wolf. Woolard. Anthony Young. Wyvetter Younge and Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Representative Farley?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Farley. Mr. Farley here? The Gentleman's not here, remove him from the Roll."

Black: "Representative Ronan?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. McCracken, for what reason do you rise?"

McCracken: "Point of Order, Mr. Speaker. There is no authority to have this vote considered a second time. I have the

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Roll Call which indicates the Motion to pass it lost last time. There was no Postponed Consideration, it's history."

Speaker McPike: "It's a Concurrence and a Senate Joint Resolution and..."

McCracken: "A Concurrence and Conference Committee and Third Readings are all final actions. You get one Postponed Consideration. Former."

Speaker McPike: "Proceed, Mr. Black and Mr. McCracken, we'll check into it."

Black: "Thank you. Representative Ronan, I believe I called."

Speaker McPike: "Who did you call?"

Black: "Representative Ronan?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Ronan. Al Ronan. The Gentleman's not here. Remove him from the Roll."

Black: "Representative Keane?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Keane is here."

Black: "Representative Flinn?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative Flinn. Mr. Monroe Flinn. The Gentleman's not here. Remove him from the Roll."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, did you remove Mr. Ronan? I don't believe you did."

Speaker McPike: "Yes, Mr. Ronan has been removed. The Clerk has now removed him and Mr. Flinn has been removed."

Black: "Representative Van Duyne?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Van Duyne. Mr. Van Duyne, is the Gentleman here? He's not here, remove him from the Roll."

Black: "Representative Levin?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. Levin. Representative Ellis Levin. Is Mr. Levin here? No, he's not here, remove him from the Roll."

Black: "Representative Balanoff?"

Speaker McPike: "Representative...He's here."

Black: "Representative Sutker?"

Speaker McPike: "He's not voting."

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Black: "Thank you. Representative DeLeo?"

Speaker McPike: "Mr. DeLeo. Jimmy DeLeo. Jimmy's not... Representative DeLeo's not here. Remove him from the Roll."

Black: "I've nothing further, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker McPike: "Yes, Mr. Preston. Representative Preston would like to change from 'aye' to 'no'. On this Motion there are 53 'ayes' and...Mr. McCracken, do you persist in the Chair ruling on your point of order? Yes, Mr. McCracken."

McCracken: "I don't need it if you promise not to call it again."

Speaker McPike: "I don't think the Chair can make promises. On this Motion there are 53 'ayes' and 13 'nos' and the Motion fails. Senate Bill 1649, Representative Hicks. Mr. Hicks. Out of the record? Out of the record? Gone. House Bill 3228, Representative Wolf."

Wolf: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the adoption of First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3228. In compliance with the legislative intent established in the debate on Senate Bill 1951 which we just earlier passed in this Assembly, this Bill is submitted to in effect void two provisions of Senate Bill 1951 which were inadvertently included in that Bill in error. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of First Conference Committee Report to Senate Bill...to House Bill 3228."

Speaker McPike: "And on the Gentleman's Motion, Representative Parke."

Parke: "We are in agreement with this legislation, and should pass it."

Speaker McPike: "Does anyone stand in opposition to the Gentleman's Motion? They do not. The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3228?' All those in favor vote 'aye', opposed vote 'no'. This is final action. Have all voted? Have

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all voted who wish? This is not the last Bill, for those of you who are leaving. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. Turner 'aye'. Representative Turner. On this Motion there are 108 'ayes' and no 'nays', the House does adopt the First Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3228 and the Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3310, Representative Steczo. The Chair is not prepared to adjourn at this point. Representative Steczo, proceed."

Steczko: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I would move for the adoption of the Second Conference Committee Report on House Bill 3310. In addition to the provisions of 3310 as it passed the House and Senate, the Conference Committee Report adds four more items. One deals with the legislation that was passed last year that deals with prebonding for tax buyers. The legislation that passed and was signed by the Governor stipulated Cook County only but there was a problem of interpretation, so this specifies that that relates to Cook County only. There are two or three other provisions that deal with townships. One standardizes the number of signatures required on petitions relating to the continuance of township government as a form of government in any particular county. This legislature in the past has provided one time transfers of general assistance funds. We provided in this Bill that can only be done by the town trustees at a town board meeting and lastly, the legislation dealing with township plan commissions that the Governor Amendatorily Vetoed and we found in noncompliances included here as well. I would move for the adoption of the Second Conference Committee Report."

Speaker McPike: "Does anyone stand in...? Representative Stern."

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Stern: "Will the Gentleman yield for a question? I just want to be sure this is not the infamous Geo-Karis anti-forest preserve legislation."

Steczo: "This is not the infamous Geo-Karis anti-forest preserve legislation."

Stern: "Thank you, Sir. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe I'm reading this correctly and maybe it would be appropriate if the Sponsor would yield to make sure that I understand the legislation. On page 3 we are modifying the one time transfer of monies that we authorized earlier in this Session of the General Assembly so that that transfer may be authorized not at it's annual town meeting or a special town meeting, but that that transfer may be authorized in a town board meeting. Am I reading that correctly, and am I interpreting that change correctly, Representative Steczo?"

Steczo: "Representative Hultgren, yes you are interpreting that correctly because a review of the statutes has determined that the way of doing it... making that transfer at a regular board meeting is the general way that those monies are transferred. So we've decided to make it consistent with the rest of the statute."

Hultgren: "Well, if I may then Mr. Speaker to the Bill, since my understanding was correct and I would hope that other Members of the General Assembly might take note at this point. Earlier this year, or in 1990 rather, we authorized townships to make a transfer from one fund to another. They levy funds for one purpose and transfer those funds for yet another purpose. But we said at that time, less than a year ago, that that transfer could only be done at a town meeting where all the electors in the township could be present and approve the transfer. Now today, less than

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a year after we made that change, we're saying that the town board may make that change. That they may levy funds for one purpose and then without asking the approval of the voters, they may transfer those funds to another purpose altogether. I believe that at least that particular portion of this legislation is misguided and that it should not be allowed. I don't have any particular problems with the rest of the Bill, but I intend to vote 'no' and ask the Conference to go back and come up with yet another Conference Committee Report that would eliminate that provision from this Conference Report #2. Thank you."

Speaker McPike: "Only a point of information from the Chair...The Senate has adjourned. Representative Regan."

Regan: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise in support of this Bill. Some parts of it I'm not too crazy about but other parts are necessary. Townships in the rural areas don't get their fair part of representation. In our area in Will County we have a tremendous amount of townships that need a planning commission to make their future a little more clear, to have their voice a little more spoken clearly and I think that there's no question about it, as growth comes so fast to some of your areas that you would want a planning commission in some of your smaller townships. That's the part of the Bill I'm interested in, that's why I advise an 'aye' vote."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield to a quick question?"

Speaker McPike: "Yes."

Black: "Thank you. Terry, a part of the Bill amends the Fire Protection District Act and changes the way those districts file their tax levies. Just for my edification, are the fire districts in agreement with that change?"

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Steczo: "They requested it, Representative."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3310?' All in favor vote 'aye', opposed 'no'. This is final action. Have all voted? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk will take the record. On this Motion there are 98 'aye', 6 voting 'no', 6 voting 'present'. The House does adopt the Second Conference Committee Report to House Bill 3310. The Bill having received the required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, a message from the Senate. We are not prepared to adjourn. Proceed."

Clerk O'Brien: "A message from the Senate by Ms. Hawker, Secretary. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives the Senate has adopted the following Senate Joint Resolution, the adoption of which I am instructed to ask concurrence of the House of Representatives, to wit: Senate Joint Resolution #231. Resolved by the Senate of the 86th General Assembly of State of Illinois, the House of Representative concurring herein, that when the two houses adjourn on Tuesday, January 8, 1991, they stand adjourned sine die'."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Monroe Flinn on the adoption of the Joint Resolution."

Flinn: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the Resolution and I also..."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Flinn moves for the adoption of the Joint Resolution. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Now the Chair would recognize Monroe Flinn for a Motion to adjourn..."

Flinn: "Mr. Speaker..."

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Speaker .McPike: "Wait, wait. Excuse me Sir, excuse me. Just a minute... Representative...I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk. Tony. House Resolution 2504."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 2504 offered by Representative Daniels."

WHEREAS, during the last six years, State Representative Ron Stephens has worked diligently on behalf of the people of the 110th District; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stephens has been ardently committed to public service by keeping the doors open at three district offices, providing evening district office hours for working families, frequently visiting township and city council meetings, and holding public hearings on pertinent state and local issues; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stephens has earned the respect of colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his conviction that a good public official must always be courageous enough to tell the people the truth, whether it's popular or not; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stephens has distinguished himself as an impassioned orator on the House floor, and has willingly taken the lead on tough debates; and

WHEREAS, the House Republican Caucus relied on his leadership abilities, and gave him the distinction of representing the Caucus as the Spokesman of the powerful House Appropriations I Committee which manages the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stephens has distinguished himself as a legislator of persistence and strong conviction both on the floor of the House and in his assignments on the House Committees on Human Services, Insurance, Registration and Regulation, Select Committee on Horse Racing, and as Spokesman of the House Select Committee on Urban Redevelopment; and

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WHEREAS, his concern for the plight of children led to his vigorous efforts on behalf of autistic children, and his advocacy of the Adopt-A-Child Christmas program which has provided pounds of toys, food and clothes for needy children; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stephens commitment to his community and country began when he volunteered to serve in Vietnam at the age of 20, and continues today with his involvement with the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Stephens' dedication to the highest ideals and standards of his profession and political party exemplify the goals of representative democracy; now therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 86TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS that we do hereby express our sincerest gratitude for Ron Stephens' tireless years of service in the General Assembly on behalf of his community and the state of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we do hereby express our heartiest best wishes for continued happiness and achievement to our friend and colleague, Ron Stephens; and be it further

RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution and preamble be humbly presented to Rep. Stephens and his wife, Karen."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, many of the attributes of the Gentleman that I speak of now have been noticed throughout his legislative career. Yes, he has a distinguished record in the military. He is a faithful father, faithful husband and believes strongly in the family unit. Five children are part of his family along with his wife Karen and he's always spoke to them with a very pleasant expression and love in his heart. But

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he also speaks of this institution as a place that he loves and enjoys. In 1984 he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and has served 3 terms. To us on the Republican side we have grown to respect and admire his strong statements and philosophy and feelings about the direction that government ought to take. To the People of Illinois he has served with conviction, with honesty and with integrity. We can ask no more of a person that joins this assemblage, and for that, Ron Stephens, we thank you for the dedicated and loyal service that you have given to us in the General Assembly and to the People of Illinois. We will miss you here, but your presence has been felt and will go on forever. Thank you very much."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Robert Olson."

Olson, R.: "Thank you Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. My First time on this floor was the Veto Session of 1986 and at that time, unknowingly I guess, but I observed the floor manners and the techniques of several people. That Spring Session when it came time to choose your seat I looked at this seat I'm standing at now, to my left sat Fred Tuerk. Fred Tuerk I had observed as being...and Fred would forgive this I know... but, an oldtimer and showed a lot of wisdom. To my right, two seats over sat Mike Tate and next to me sat Ron Stephens. Quite a difference from Fred Tuerk. They were aggressive, would tackle any issue and did it with conviction. I chose this seat because of those two elements. I've enjoyed sitting next to Ron Stephens. I think maybe I'm more of the stripe of Fred Tuerk, but with Ron Stephens and Mike Tate I had a heck of a lot of fun. One night I believe we sent out for a dinner from Baur's and it was...we enjoyed that dinner. At the time we were discussing a public aid budget. The dinner, we had to hide down here on the floor

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rather than put on our desk because it was steak and lobster. They are go getters. Ron Stephens, I'd like to think that I have a lot of friends in this room, but I shall remember you as my very good friend, my seatmate, somebody who I will truly remember with joy in my heart. It's very sad for me to see you go. I'll miss you, but best of luck. I know that you'll make out."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Goforth."

Goforth: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ron, if we can get enough people to talk here for about two hours and something more, me and you could get another per diem. So, why don't the rest of you get up and talk? Ron, I don't have to tell you what I think of you, you already know that. I will say one thing though, if you'd have stayed back here instead of moving over there, you'd of probably still been in this legislature. But I'll make a deal with you, Ron. If you get a job before I do, I'll hire you or you hire me, whichever comes first. Godspeed, Ron."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Petka. Mr. Petka."

Petka: "Well, thank you very much Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. This is a especially sad occasion for myself because not only am I losing a very, very good friend, or at least on a temporary basis, I hope, but also a very good golfing partner. As some people on the other side of the aisle may know, occasionally Ron and I and some of the folks over there would make it out to the links and during that period of time we shared a lot of confidences and really solidified our relationship that began when I came down to the General Assembly in 1987. It would be my hope and my expectation that over the next two years, Ron, that you would straighten out that hook if you have an opportunity to go out on the course. But perhaps on a more personal basis, Mr. Speaker, a number of years back, it was

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probably about 20 years or so, Ron put on the uniform of the United States Army, went to Vietnam and had a bull's-eye painted on his head and his back and he was shot and was taken out of commission for a period of about 18 months and I don't mean to belittle it, he almost lost his life and many of us have a lot to be grateful for. I would hope that the bull's-eye that was painted on his back during this election... I realize he was a target... would only have the same temporary effects and perhaps someday this chamber will be graced by Ron's presence again. And very personally, Ron, I want to thank you so very much for coming to my district a day after we had a terrible tragedy in my district where my town that I live in was literally blown apart, just to offer words of solace and comfort and I do thank you in behalf of the people of the 82nd District for thinking about us when we really needed your help and your consolation. And may I do something that I rarely do in public and that is speak Polish? I am of Polish ancestry and if Bob Bugielski is still here he'll understand very deeply what I'm talking about. May I say to you Ron, 'Skolet Stolot'. May you live a hundred years. May God be with you."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ewing."

Ewing: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think that Ron Stephens, though his years in this Body were short, has set an example which all of us might look to at times and I want to congratulate you for that, Ron. You spoke your mind when you came down here as you thought your people sent you. You spoke your philosophy even when it might have hurt you politically. For that I think you should be congratulated and all of us might look at the way we approach issues in this General Assembly, that we do it with honesty and forthright like you have. Good luck,

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Ron."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Ewing moves for the adoption of the Resolution and asks that all Members be added and if I hear no objections, Representative Younge, all Members will be added. And with that, the question is, 'Shall the Resolution be adopted?' All those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and it is adopted. Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well thank you, Mr. Speaker. And to the end I appreciate the fact that you paused and almost went to that Adjournment Resolution, but you did remember me and it did not go unnoticed, Sir. And you and I have been political adversaries and I have to tell you politically, as you have told me, we will not miss each other politically. You are to be congratulated on the way that you have wrested control of the seat back on your side of the aisle and I do congratulate you and your team. You did a good job and personally, I will miss you as a friend and I appreciate the fact that when I came here in 1984 I was a very angry citizen of this State. I was angry at government and I struck out I know with acrimony and oftentimes as I reached across the aisle, as I did so often with so much vigor, I only hope that each of you understand that none of it was ever meant personally. I dearly love this process. The elective process, as we all know, is a delightful arena in which to do battle. We have to keep it in perspective, however. There are... It is much more fun to win an election than it is to lose. But losing an election is not the end of the world. The morning after the election I went upstairs to wake my eight year old daughter Molly, who had gone to bed not knowing the results of the election. And she sat up in bed and I said, 'Molly, we lost. Did not win the election'. As she's rubbing the sleep out of her

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eyes as an 8 year old, which you can imagine, she said, 'Daddy, does that mean you'll be home tonight?' And I soberly said, 'Yes, I guess it does'. And she said, 'Good'. Children have a special perspective on life that all of us would do well to remember. That's the same girl who at the age of four, you might remember, standing here on the House floor she wondered why you were all in my office. I want to thank each of you who had the sensitivity to rise and speak and those of you who have given personal messages to me of gratitude for serving here. I am proud to have served in this General Assembly and I am proud to have served with each and every one of you. And you really do represent the best that America has to offer and we should never forget that of the hundred thousand people you represent you are very special people and I feel myself blessed by God just to have worked with you for this brief part of my career. I sincerely mean that. You are one in a hundred thousand but I shall remember you each as one in a million. Thank you and God bless you."

Speaker McPike: "The Chair is not prepared to adjourn. Agreed Resolutions. The Chair is not prepared to adjourn, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk O'Brien: "House Resolution 2464, Munizzi; 2465, Capparelli; 2472, Steczo; 2471, Didrickson; 2473, Williamson; 2474, Preston; 2475, Black; 2477, Matijevich; 2478, Shaw; 2480, Anthony Young; 2481, Morrow; 2482, 83, 84 and 85, Black; 2487, Matijevich; 2488 and 89, Black; 2490, Mautino; 2492, 93 and 94, Zickus; 2496, Zickus; 2498 and 99, Ryder; 2505, Wennlund; 2506, Wennlund; 2507, Zickus; 2508, Zickus; 2509, Zickus; 2510, Zickus; 2512, Curran; 2513, Kubik; 2514, Black; 2516, Speaker Madigan; 2517, Breslin; 2518, Mautino and 2519, Weller."

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Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijeich."

Matijeich: "Mr. Speaker, these are all agreed to. 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 2466, Munizzi. 2467, LeFlore. 2468, LeFlore. 2469, Laurino. 2470, Anthony Young. 2476, Munizzi. 2479, Anthony Young. 2486, Anthony Young. 2491, LeFlore. 2495, Zickus. 2515, Speaker Madigan. 2520, Johnson. 2521, Johnson. 2522, Johnson and 2523, Johnson."

Speaker McPike: "Representative Matijeich."

Matijeich: "Speaker, I move the adoption of the Death Resolutions."

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

Clerk O'Brien: "House Bill 4247 offered by Representative Sutker, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. First Reading of the Bill. House Bill 4248, offered by Representative Hallock, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Capitol Development Fund. First Reading of the Bill."

Speaker McPike: "Now after a long two years, the Chair is prepared to adjourn. Representative Monroe Flinn."

Flinn: "Mr. Speaker, I move that the 86th Session of the General Assembly of the House of Representatives stand adjourned sine die."

Speaker McPike: "All in favor of the Gentleman's Motion say 'aye', all opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the 86th General Assembly stands adjourned sine die."

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