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Speaker Black: "House to order. 'Malfunction tape' for first 30 minutes."

Reverend Short: "Prayer 'Malfunction tape'."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hartke, Pledge of Allegiance."

Hartke - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Black: "Roll Call Attendance. Excuse absence, Representative Currie"

Currie: "Laurino and Martinez, excused absence."

Speaker Black: "Representative Cross."

Cross: "All present."

Speaker Black: "There are 116 present, a quorum is present. Introduce St. Charles swimming team."

Persico: "Malfunction tape."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak. Malfunction tape."

Novak: "Malfunction tape."

Speaker Black: "The Representative from Cook, Representative Kaszak, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Kaszak: "Thank you, Speaker. I rise on a matter of personal privilege."

Speaker Black: "State your privilege."

Kaszak: "If I could direct your attention to the House Calendar. The last page of the Calendar has a schedule, a Calendar and a schedule on it. And I was reviewing the various holidays and I came across one of my favorite holiday's, as a Polish American, the Casimir Pulaski Day. And I can't figure out what that symbol is that you have underneath Casimir Pulaski Day. Can you, can the Clerk or someone tell me what that is?"

Speaker Black: "Let me make an inquiry on your behalf. Yes, Mr.

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Clerk, can you enlighten us as to what that symbol is? It is a...I have been informed by the Clerk of the House that it is a modernistic impression of Mr. Pulaski's profile as furnished by the Chicago Museum of Art."

Kaszak: "I didn't hear anything you said."

Speaker Black: "We've been informed that that's a modernistic impression of Mr. Pulaski's profile."

Kaszak: "Would I be able to give you a more accurate version of that, for future publications?"

Speaker Black: "Oh, upon adjournment, I'm sure the Clerk would welcome any, any art work that you might have."

Kaszak: "Thank you."

Speaker Black: "Let's see, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're wondering if there will be a explanation forthcoming as to why we need to be in Session on Friday and why we cannot do whatever you plan to do on Friday, on Thursday? Obviously, if we're here an extra day, it costs the taxpayers of our state thousands of dollars in per diem and we really think they deserve an explanation why we can't finish this week on Thursday."

Speaker Black: "Well, I'll I'll check the record and see if we can perhaps find something we could revise and extend from the last two overtime Sessions as to why we're here. The bottom line is the Speaker has the order to call us into Session and we will be Session on Friday. If...gosh, maybe I, maybe I apologize for even telling you that we are in Session on Friday, I thought we were trying to do you a favor. The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Hartke: "I would like to ask a question of the Speaker if I

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could."

Speaker Black: "Proceed."

Hartke: "We're already in Session Friday, is this going to be Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Friday evening? All of us have some schedules, that of course are going to have to be changed now, appointments and so forth. And I think you and I both are scheduled to be at the same function Friday morning. Should we cancel that or can we shift it back to noon or will we be able..."

Speaker Black: "We'll get back with you on that. We'll get back to you on that, with the time. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Parke. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, I'm just making an observation that I've served on here ten years, when Speaker Madigan was in the Chair or as Members of his Leadership team and I don't ever remember of a Speaker telling us what he planned on doing. As a matter of fact, if I remember correctly, last year for two or three weeks the Speaker decided that not only was he not going to tell us what he was doing but he decided not to call a single Republican Bill. So it was pretty much because they were in control, they set the agenda, I would respectfully remind them that we are in control and we're going to set the agenda and we are going to operate in that manner. And I don't think that's unrealistic nor is there any precedent required to do anything other than to let you know what the Chair plans on doing."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative, the Chair would like to move on. I think we've exhausted the possibilities. We have alerted you to a Friday, the House will now come to order. First Reading, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Rossi: "Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution #8."

Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Krause, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary and Civil Law, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 8, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 119; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 115. Representative Krause, Chairman from the Committee on Health Care and Human Services, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 8, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended' House Bill 355; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bills 560 and House Bill 166. Representative Saviano, Chairman from the Committee on Registration and Regulations, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 7, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' House Bill 32; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 481. Representative Skinner, Chairman from the Committee on Commerce Industry and Labor, to which the following Bills were referred, action taken on February 7, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' House Bill 82.

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. As the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Churchill, for purposes of an announcement."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There will be a Rules Committee Meeting at 12:30."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative Churchill. House Bill, Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 46."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 46, offered by Representative Black, a

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Bill for an Act to amend the State Police Act. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. A Correctional Budget and Impact Note has been requested on the Bill."

Speaker Black: "I'm sorry, Mr. Clerk, what notes have been requested?"

Clerk Rossi: "A Correctional Budget and Impact Note has been requested."

Speaker Black: "Have those notes been filed?"

Clerk Rossi: "That note has been filed."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much. Third Reading. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart. Now, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House we can do this any one of two or three ways. We can get to all of you and I will. I've had a little bit of experience in what you are trying to do. And just let me tell you right now the Chair intends to be fair when that time comes. If that time comes today it will depend largely on you. The Gentleman seeking recognition first was the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart."

Dart: "Mr. Speaker, inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Black: "State your inquiry."

Dart: "Was a fiscal...was a fiscal note filed on this?"

Speaker Black: "I believe that the Clerk said that all notes requested have been filed."

Dart: "...I hear fiscal note, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, a fiscal note was not requested. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Not to be argumentative, although there is plenty of time for that. The Calendar clearly reflects that a fiscal note has been previously filed, so I would ask that the Speaker and/or the Clerk double check

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this and respectfully ask that they move the Bill back to second until my inquiry has been resolved."

Speaker Black: "Well, let me again check with the Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "All notes that have been requested on the Bill have been filed."

Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, just for purposes of Representative Lang, does that include a fiscal note?"

Clerk Rossi: "That includes a fiscal note."

Speaker Black: "All right. Thank you very much. Third Reading. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 186."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 186, offered by Representative Biggert a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. Floor Amendments 2 and 3 have been referred to rules. No further Amendments have been filed."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before you would attempt to move the Bill to Third Reading, I would remind the Chair that I have a...have previously filed a Motion, pursuant to Rule 7-9(a), I move to discharge the committee on rules from further consideration. I'm sorry, on Floor Amendment #2."

Speaker Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Representative Lang. Your request is noted, we're not on that Order of Business at the present time. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Dart: "Inquiry of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. Which Bill are we on?"

Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 186."

Dart: "I believe Representative Lang's Motion is pending deals

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with this Bill at this Order of Business at this time. So I do not understand how we could possibly say that this is not in order."

Speaker Black: "We're not on the Order of Motion. Yes, the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair. Are we going to go to the Order of Motion on this Bill, is that the intent of the Chair to honor Representative Lang's request before the Bill is moved to Third Reading?"

Speaker Black: "I would anticipate at some point in the process we will certainly go to the Order of Motion. Yes, Representative Granberg, another question?"

Granberg: "Mr. Speaker, will you go to the Order of Motion before this Bill is moved to Third Reading?"

Speaker Black: "Let me get back to you on that. The Chair will take that request under advisement. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Currie: "Point of Order, Speaker. My understanding is that the rules require reasonable notice before a decision to hold the Rules Committee, and my office was not notified that there was any intent to hold a Rules Committee today and it is suggested from the floor today, that about eleven minutes before the holding of a Rules Committee meeting that one would happen. Do you think eleven minutes counts as reasonable notice either to Legislators or to members of the public. Could you explain to me why...Unintelligible."

Speaker Black: "I'm not...I'm not sure, how to define...I certainly think it was the intent of the Chairman of the Rules Committee to give reasonable notice and he has done so and the fact that you've heard it would indicate that

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the reasonable provision is working nicely. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

Dart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we go to the Order of Motions."

Speaker Black: "Yes, thank you very much, for your concern Representative Dart. That Motion is not in writing and the Chair will rule that out of order at this time. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Lang: "Thank...Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move to appeal the ruling of the Chair relative to your previous statement to Mr. Dart on his Motion to change the Order of Business to go to Motions on this Bill. I am joined by the appropriate number of people, however many that is, and would demand a roll call on this Motion."

Speaker Black: "Oh, absolutely, absolutely, I wouldn't have it any other way. So, you are appealing the ruling of the Chair? Is that correct? All right. Representative Lang has moved that the ruling of the Chair be overturned. All those in favor of the Motion will signify by voting, 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay', voting is open. Mr... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Representative Lang's Motion to overturn the ruling of the Chair, there were 51 'aye' votes, 64 'nay' votes, the Motion to overturn the Chair fails. Yes, Representative Skinner, are you seeking recognition?"

Skinner: "Yes, I rise to a point of personal privilege. I would ask the Speaker and perhaps the Doorkeeper to keep the Democratic Staff members from haranguing the Republicans. Or else, the one over there next to the box seems to not be able to keep his mouth shut. Would you tell him he does

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not have speaking privileges on the House Floor? And, if he cannot, I believe under the new House Rules we're trying to have an element of order on the House Floor. And the Democratic Staffers seem to be incapable of maintaining that order. The Democratic Members seem quite orderly; it's the staff. Perhaps they get a bonus for every time they shout."

Speaker Black: "Thank you Representative Skinner. Your point is well taken, the Chair would ask that the Members of the Minority Party staff not harangue, harass, Representative Skinner. Yes, the Gentleman from Saline, Representative Phelps, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just in response to the previous speakers remarks; I don't know if there has been one anointed or appointed on this side of the aisle that could take the place of Representative Black's articulate ability to throw a fit. But, if that kind of stuff persists, if we are going to get in a shouting match, I would like to raise my volume some point in time that might equal or supersede Representative Black's talent. Thank you."

Speaker Black: "Well, your point is well taken Representative Phelps. And with you rich baritone voice and your professional training as a gospel singer, I hope we don't get to that point, Sir. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, you seeking recognition?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to a Motion previously filed pursuant to Rule 7-9(a), I move to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of Floor Amendment #3, to House Bill 186 and advance to the Order of Second Reading. This would be an Amendment dealing with the issue of 'Truth in Sentencing', Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Black: "Yes, thank you, Representative. Pursuant to...pursuant to House Rule, is your Motion in writing and on the Calendar for the next Legislative Day?"

Lang: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Black: "Let me...let me check with our Parliamentarian and get back to you. Representative Lang, in getting back to you, is this the Motion that appears on page 2 of the Calendar down at the bottom left hand side?"

Lang: "Sir, would you ask...I did not hear your inquiry."

Speaker Black: "Oh, I'm...I'm getting back to you. The Motion that you stated previously, is it...is this the one that is on page 2 of the Calendar?"

Lang: "...I referred to is on the bottom of page 2 of the Calendar. This Motion is on the top of page 3 of the Calendar, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "I see, under the Order of Motions?"

Lang: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Black: "Yes. Duly noted, and as the Chair has already ruled, we're not on the Order of Motions right now. Yes, Representative from Cook, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart, for what purpose are you seeking recognition."

Dart: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to House Rule 5-(a), I would move that we change the order of business and I am joined by five of my colleagues here and request a roll call."

Speaker Black: "Let us...let us check on your request, we'll be right back with you, okay? Yes, your point is well taken Representative Dart. The Chair will rule your Motion is in order. Mr. Dart has ruled that we change the Order of Business on the Calendar. I believe he asked for a Roll Call Vote, and we certainly want to acquiesce to that

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request. All those in favor of Representative Dart's Motion to change the order of business will signify by voting, 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On the question of changing our Order of Business on a Motion made by Representative Dart, there are 52 'ayes', 64 'noes', and the Motion fails. Mr. Clerk, when you read this Bill a second time, you indicated that fiscal notes had been requested. Would you review the notes for me, please?"

Clerk Rossi: "The note...the notes that have been requested on the Bill have been filed."

Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, please read House Bill 204."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 204, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Committee Amendment 2 has been referred to Rules. Committee Amendment #3 has been referred to Sub-Committee. Floor Amendments 4 and 5 have been referred to Rules. No Motions have been filed and no further Floor Amendments. And all fiscal notes have been filed on the Bill."

Speaker Black: "Third Reading. Excuse me, excuse me, I...excuse me, I...I seem to hear the soft tones of the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. Are you seeking recognition?"

Lang: "Mr. Speaker, my light was clearly on, you clearly ignored it, I hope you feel good about yourself today."

Speaker Black: "Oh, Mr. Lang, please excuse me, your light has been on for so long it must have burned out. We'll have the electrician look at it though and get back to you. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

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Dart: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My light, too, was on that you conveniently ignored as well and it was about an inquiry regards to a Motion dealing with 'Truth in Sentencing' and being tough on crime, which you guys seem to be against lately. And we want to get a hearing."

Speaker Black: "That...you are out of order. You didn't rise to that point to discuss some Amendment that we have already ruled. We are not on that Motion. Yes, the Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Hoffman, are you seeking recognition?"

Hoffman: "Yes...yes, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to know...my understanding is that Motions are on the Calendar and there are two Motions that have been filed according to your Rules on page 3 of the Calendar."

Speaker Black: "Is that an inquiry...an inquiry of the Chair? I'm sorry, state your inquiry."

Hoffman: "Yes, that's an inquiry. Are you just going to ignore them? Or are we going to consider these Motions which are on page 3 of the Calendar under Motions? On the top of the page."

Speaker Black: "Oh, when we get to that, yes, and you've had a Roll Call Vote on changing the Order of Business and that, unfortunately, that failed. We are not on the Order of Motions just now. The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Johnson, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Johnson, Tim: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, I simply would make the point, I guess that point of order that perhaps, more than perhaps, the chamber would operate in a more cooperative and a more efficient and a quieter manner if we're able to resolve some of these matters through discussion, rather than a continual harangue and every week

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and every day the same points are made by the same people and we continue to rise and rise and rise on these various times...these issues time after time. I think it would make it easier for everybody and everybody would be treated fairly, as we intend to do. And it just simply not the way to run the chamber. We are trying to maintain decorum. The Speaker has the ability to do that and to continue, to continue time after time to have this happen is really unnecessary."

Speaker Black: "Now...now, now, now, Members of the House, if you are going to get yourselves all exercised in the first week of February; good heavens. What are you going to have left in May? Now don't, don't expend, don't expend all of your psychic and physical energy. We're moving along in an orderly fashion, and if you'll just be patient. My, the Session in young and I...I, I'm very, very concerned that you're going to expend a great deal of your...your capital energy so early in the Session. So, with that admonishment, yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Minority Leader Madigan, for what purpose are you seeking recognition."

Madigan: "To ask why you treated one Bill different than another Bill. So, on House Bill 186 you went to the Motions that were filed and shown on the Calendar and on this Bill you did not go to those Motions. So, you treated one Bill different than another Bill."

Speaker Black: "Well, it would certainly not be the Chair's intent. I believe, you, you're welcome to check the transcript. I believe the Clerk clearly stated no Motions had been filed. So, I moved the Bill to Third Reading. Yes, Minority Leader Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, your eyesight is very good. You can read the Calendar as well as anybody else. You read the

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Calendar very well when it concerned House Bill 186. But, you chose to ignore it on House Bill 204. In the meantime, Mr. Johnson is asking for order in the decorum, and there will be no order or decorum when you do things like this. You are blatantly inconsistent right on the face of what you are doing. And, so, advise Mr. Johnson and anybody else that there will be order or decorum unless you follow the rules; as bad as they are."

Speaker Black: "Well, thank you very much, for your remarks, Mr. Minority Leader. I can only tell you that my eyesight is failing rapidly. These are trifocal glasses and I'm overdue for a new pair. I, you know, I'll do the best I can. But, in the previous...on the previous Motion, the Clerk clearly said no...no Motions had been filed. And, perhaps you would want to take that up with the Clerk at a later time. Yes, Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 209 please."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 209, a Bill for an Act in relation to public welfare reform. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Amendment #2 Lost in committee. No Motions filed pursuant to those Committee Amendments. Floor Amendments #3 and 4 have been assigned to Rules and all fiscal notes have been filed on the Bill."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. The Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg, are you seeking recognition?"

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First of all, I thought you would be the embellishment of fairness; you would be the one who would be the standard bearer for dealing with the rules. And, then you had this disparity. Now your treating Members and the rules. So, when you don't treat House Bill 204 the same as House Bill 186, the rules, even though they are bad and they take away Members rights, you

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should be consistent in their use. Secondly, I don't know why you are using all these extraordinary parliamentary rulings to keep your Members away from voting on 'Truth in Sentencing' and more police on the streets. If you're afraid to let your Members vote, why don't you just say it, and why don't we just be done with this?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, well, let me just respond to you Representative Granberg and I...I certainly hope to be a fair and even handed Speaker Protem. I mean, my idol was Representative Giglio and so I want to follow in his footsteps; the late and lamented Representative McPike. Let me just say, and I'm not sure what the purpose is of some of your points. But, if you want roll calls on whatever it is your upset about, I think there were about 90 of them taken on that Bill last year, so, you could pull those out, I'm sure. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

Lang "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have four points of inquiry and I would appreciate if my microphone was not shut off before we complete all of them. Can I have your commitment?"

Speaker Black: "State...state your four points."

Lang: "And I would like an answer to them one at a time if I could. First, I note that the Chair was conducting a debate with Representative Granberg. Is it one of the rules of the House that allows the Chair, the Speaker, to debate a Member, or are other Members supposed to be debating Members."

Speaker Black: "Excuse me just a moment. I've just admonished the Chair."

Lang: "Thank you. I'm sure the, I'm sure the record will so reflect that you have been admonished. Secondly, was it

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your comment that the Clerk said that no Motions at all were filed to House Bill 209."

Speaker Black: "I believe that that's what I heard him state, yes. You can check the transcript."

Lang: "Could we...I would have an...could you ask the Clerk, please if any Motions have been filed to House Bill 209?"

Speaker Black: "Is that point number one?"

Lang: "No, the point number one was that you were engaging in debate with Members of the House."

Speaker Black: "Yes, and I...I"

Lang: "We, we've finished with that one, Sir."

Speaker Black: "Okay, and I...I admonished myself. Point number two."

Lang: "The second one is our understanding is that Representative Dart has filed a Motion on House Bill 209. Could you ask the Clerk, please?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, Mr. Clerk, has Representative Dart filed a Motion reference, House Bill 209?"

Clerk McLennand: "Representative Dart has filed a Motion to change the order of business."

Speaker Black: "I see. Is that carried on the Calendar?"

Clerk McLennand: "No, it is not."

Speaker Black: "All right. State...state your, we'll get back to that, state number three"

Lang: "Well, first of all, again Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate it if my light was not turned off every time I finish a sentence, I don't have to keep getting your attention when I'm in the middle of an inquiry, I assume that's the correct way to do business. So, If you would ask whoever is on the board to stop cutting me off, I would greatly appreciate it. The next point is...you continue to mention, Mr. Speaker, that we're not on the Order of

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Motions. I would like to know what procedure the Chair is going to follow relative to when the appropriate time to hear Motions would be on these Bills, on Amendments. If Bills go to Third Reading before Motions are heard, then Motions, obviously, are moot once the Bill gets to Third Reading. And, I'm wondering what the Chair's position on this is going to be."

Speaker Black: "Well, if Rules Committee so acts...I mean, gee, I, I would think, if I were in the Chair, I might grant your request at that time to take it back to Second Reading. Is that your...that's your choice. Obviously your microphone is now defective. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart. And by the way, Mr. Electrician, Mr. Electrician, see if Representative Lang has destroyed state property. Mr. Lang, when you threw your microphone, Sir, your light is off. I would admonish you to sit down. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dart, for what purpose do you seek recognition."

Dart: "Two points again, Mr. Speaker. One is, if I am not mistaken, the...the books that we toss around, that I have seen people toss around, are printed with state property and they can be considered being damaged as well. So I would consider before you start throwing that around, you consider your own actions. Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I have a question of the Clerk. I also have filed Motions on House Bill 209, which were on, for whatever reason that is, we're discharged in committee. I want to know if those have vanished somewhere up there, or if those are just ones that we might as well shred before we even send them to you?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, Mr. Clerk, were those Motions destroyed in a fire or flood in the printing unit? What...would you answer Mr. Dart's, Representative Dart's question."

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Clerk McLennand: "We have a Motion that has been filed on the Floor by Representative Dart to change the order of business. No Motions had been filed on a Bill pursu...dealt with the Committee Amendments. Two Motions have been filed by Representative Lang dealing with discharging an Amendment from committee."

Speaker Black: "All right, Representative Dart, do you request a Roll Call Vote on your Motion?"

Dart: "Yes, yes, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "Thank you. Representative Dart has requested that we change the order of business and has asked for a Roll Call Vote. All those Members who wish to adhere to Mr. Dart's Motion and Change the Order of Business will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? He all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On a Motion by Mr. Dart to change the Order of Business of the House, there are 52 'aye' votes; 64 'no' votes, the Motion fails. Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read House Bill 442."

Clerk McLennand: "House Bill 442, a Bill for an Act to amend the Board of Higher Education Act. Second Reading of the Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. A Motion has been filed to table Amendment #1. All fiscal notes have been filed on the Bill."

Speaker Black: "Mr. Clerk, can you repeat the Motion filed?"

Clark McLennand: "A Motion has been filed to table Amendment #1, and is filed by Representative Granberg."

Speaker Black: "The Representative from Clinton, Representative Granberg, are you seeking Recognition? Yes, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I was on my way up to the podium. Could you please repeat what you just stated?"

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Speaker Black: "I'm sorry, I don't understand your question, what the Clerk just stated?"

Granberg: "I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker. I could not hear you when I was on my way to the podium and obviously I'm on edge when I listen to every one of your words, but, so, could you repeat what you had just previously said in regard to this Amendment?"

Speaker Black: "I...I don't believe the Chair made any statement regarding the Amendment. I think the Clerk did. Do you want the Clerk to restate it?"

Granberg: "Yes, could the Clerk, please do that?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, Mr. Clerk, would you restate the Motion?"

Clerk McLennand: "A Motion has been filed by Representative Granberg to table Committee Amendment #1."

Speaker Black: "So, Mr. Clerk, the Motion was made by who...whom...who made the Motion? The Gentleman from Effingham, Representative Hartke, are you seeking recognition?"

Hartke: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know what's wrong with the microphone, but I am having a hard time understanding the Clerk and I don't think it's that noisy in here. It had a muffled sound completely and I think maybe you ought to call your electrician for your Clerk so that we can understand what's going on. Okay?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, your point is well taken and we will summon the electrician. I'm afraid that when some wires were pulled a while ago it might have pulled some wires out of the system. But, the electrician is going to take a look at it. So, we'll...we'll stand at ease until the electrician can review the Clerk's microphone. The Clerk has informed me that they think we have blown a fuse. Seriously, and to summon the electrician. We'll see if we

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can fix the microphone and make sure that the board works. So, we'll stand at ease for a few minutes. Please don't leave the Floor. We'll stand at ease for a few minutes until the electrician can come out and see what the problem might be. The House will be in order. The electrician has checked the board and the microphones. For the benefit of those who perhaps didn't hear because the Clerk's microphone was, in fact, not working properly, I asked the Clerk to read House Bill 442, which he has done. I think there was some inability to hear on Motions and fiscal notes, or notes requested. So, Mr. Clerk, if you would, on House Bill 442, please."

Clerk McLennand: "The Motion has been filed by Representative Granberg to table Committee Amendment #1."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Representative Granberg has moved to table Amendment #1 to House Bill 442. All those in favor of the Motion signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'no'. Excuse me, I'm sorry. Yes, Representative Granberg, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Granberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I knew you wouldn't ignore anyone on this side of the aisle. I thought better of you. So, I would ask for a Roll Call Vote. I'm joined by the appropriate number of Members to have a Roll Call Vote on tabling Amendment #1."

Speaker Black: "I see three hands, but, oh, I see. All right, okay. Representative Granberg's Motion to Table is in order and he has requested and cited the appropriate rule for a Roll Call Vote. All those in favor of Representative Granberg's Motion to Table Amendment #1 to House Bill 442 will signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed voting 'nay'. The board is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On a Motion to table Amendment #1, there are 52 'ayes', 64 'noes'. The Motion having failed to gather enough support, fails. Yes, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, your light is now fixed. Are you seeking recognition?"

Lang: "Yes, Sir. Thank you very much, and I think my microphone is working just fine now. Thank you, Sir. And, again, I would ask that while I'm making these points of inquiry that my light not be turned off. Sir, you will recall that I said that I had four points of inquiry. After I finished the first two, I asked the third and then I didn't get an answer. So, if I could get an answer to my third, and I'll repeat it, and then the fourth inquiry if you would leave my light on while I make the inquiry, Sir. The third inquiry was, if we can't make Motions before the Bills go to Third Reading, and once they get to Third Reading the Motions are moot, then when do you intend to hear our Motions, Sir? After they are moot, or will you hear them when they still have some meaning?"

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much, Representative Lang. We, the Chair intends to go to the Order of Motions at a reasonable period of time. State your inquiry #4."

Lang: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker, you certainly were very enlightening on your answer to that inquiry. I'm sure we all know now exactly when our Motions will be heard and how to hear them. The fourth inquiry relates to the Rules Committee, Sir. As we know, the notice to the House Members and the Members of the Rules Committee, for the Rules Committee meeting, was 11 minutes prior to the meeting. We also know that the House Rules require reasonable notice. So, would the Chair now rule that 11

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minutes is now a bench mark. Can we now assume that 11 minutes is now sufficient reasonable notice under the House Rules. Or...or, can we expect that that number will diminish? I know it can't go up because we've already done it in 11 minutes. So, is that now the bench mark for reasonable notice under your rules, Sir?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Representative Lang. And in response to your fourth inquiry, the Chair will certainly not establish a bench mark for what constitutes reasonable notice and I think that we can proceed with what the rules require as reasonable notice. Yes, Third Reading on House Bill 442. Yes, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, are you seeking recognition?"

Currie: "I am. Thank you Speaker. Just to make a point of order similar to the one that was made before. The new bench mark seems to be not 11 minutes notice, but eight. My office was informed by Speaker Churchill that we were going to have a Rules Committee meeting just eight minutes before that committee, in fact, met. At that meeting, the Rules Committee was asked to consider assignment of legislation that had been introduced, but 20 minutes before. I think there is no reasonableness about either a decision to hold a committee meeting eight...and announce it eight minutes before it happens. And it is an outrage in respect to the public and its opportunity to participate at that meeting to consider measures that were introduced in this chamber but 20 minutes before the Rules Committee meets. You chose not to offer Representative Lang advice about a bench mark, but perhaps you would ask Speaker Churchill to give us some guidance. Eight minutes is enough? Five minutes is enough? Where is the bottom, Speaker, where is the bottom when it comes to reasonable requirements that the public

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have notice and that other Members of this chamber have notice? I think this is appalling. I think it is an outrage. I think there is something seriously wrong with your rules. And with your interpretation of the Rules when committee meetings can happen with eight minutes notice and happen about items that no one has had a chance to look at, no one has had a chance to consider, that members of the public don't even know have been introduced. This is an outrage, it's a scam, a scam on us, and most importantly, a scam on the public, the people of the State of Illinois. I would like a ruling, Speaker, on what counts as reasonable, and I would urge the Chair to conclude that eight minutes doesn't hack it, and ll doesn't either."

Speaker Black: "Thank you Representative. You were not recognized for a ruling. That is not why you sought recognition, and the Chair will take your remarks under consideration. Mr. Clerk, Message from the Senate.

Clerk McLennand: "A Message from the Senate by Jim Harry, Secretary of the Senate. 'Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of House Bill 201, together with the attached Amendment thereto, which Amendment has been printed by the Senate. In the adoption of which I am instructed to ask a concurrence of the House to wit: Senate Amendment 1 to House Bill 201, passed by the Senate as amended February 8th, 1995 Jim Harry, Secretary of the Senate'."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much. The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Churchill, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just so that there is plenty of notice, the next

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Rules Committee meeting will be at 2:30. That's one and one half hours, minus a couple minutes, from now."

Speaker Black: "Committee Reports."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee Report offered, by Representative Churchill, Chairman for Committee on Rules, to which the following Resolutions were referred; action taken on February 8, 1995. Reported the same back for following recommendations. Do approve for consideration, House Joint Resolution #8 and House Resolution #11."

Speaker Black: "Supplemental Calendar announcement."

Clerk McLennand: "Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Black: "Yes, the Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan, for what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to announce that the House Appropriations Committee that was scheduled for 8:00 a.m. tomorrow will be at 9:00 a.m, in Room 118. Thank you."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. Supplemental Calendar #1, the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move adoption of House Resolution #11. This is a Resolution that creates a Special Service Committee of five members, three from the Speaker of the House, two from the Minority Leader of the House, to create the Journal Review Committee and the Members I believe, that were to be appointed were Representative Cross, Tom Johnson, Kubik, Currie and Granberg."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much. Are there any questions of the Sponsor on House Resolution #11? No one seeking recognition, I assume you are ready to vote. All those in favor of House Resolution #11 signify by saying 'aye'; opposed, 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is

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adopted. Supplemental Calendar #1, House Joint Resolution #8. Representative Stephens. The Chair would recognize the Gentleman from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to initiate the discussion on House Joint Resolution 8. This issue should be one that is bipartisan. Presidents recently have asked for the right, the same as our governor has, concerning balanced budget. I believe that under this Amendment, or excuse me, this Resolution, we are simply adding Illinois' call to the federal government to pass the appropriate Resolution for the adoption of a Balanced Budget Amendment. For the past four years, this state has felt the brunt of the federal government's inability to balance their budget by forcing on to the State of Illinois, their attempts at balancing a federal government. Calling upon us to do things that the federal government believes to be a good idea, but the federal government doesn't finance. Calling upon the State of Illinois to pay more and more in the area of Medicaid and when the State of Illinois decides that it's time to change the way that we do Medicaid, then being hesitant to provide the necessary waiver. Just now, the Congress of the United States is discussing this very Amendment. We believe that they should receive the benefit of our insistence that a Balanced Budget Amendment Resolution be approved and that the federal government attempt to put its own House in order, just as we attempt to put our own House in order every year. The purpose of this Amendment is very straight forward, or of this Resolution is very straight forward. It is a call upon Congress to do what Congress has already said it will do, and that is to offer a Balanced Budget Amendment that forces Congress to do what it should do, what we attempt to

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do each and every year. Mr. Speaker, I encourage the approval of House Joint Resolution 8."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much, Representative Ryder. Any further discussion? The Chair would recognize the Lady from Cook, Representative Schakowski."

Schakowski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like to point out that I introduced House Joint Resolution #7, which also deals with the Balanced Budget Amendment, which was sent to the Executive Committee rather than being sent to this Floor for consideration. And, I believe that it's contents are as timely as House Resolution 8, which calls for the passage of the Balanced Budget Amendment. What House Resolution 7 would do, and I hope at some point that we'll get to consider it and all those who may vote for House Joint Resolution 8 will also support 7, which acknowledges the great impact that the Balanced Budget Amendment will have on the State of Illinois. In fact, it says that, and we should understand that. A federally balanced budget may require Congress to significantly alter the federal budget, which could have serious repercussions upon the budget of the State of Illinois. And that for us to be properly prepared for any deliberations on a federal Balanced Budget Amendment, that we should create an Evaluation Committee that will look carefully into the way that a Balanced Budget Amendment might impact on the State of Illinois. So, I want to encourage that House Joint Resolution 7 make it to the House Floor and that those who vote both against this Resolution and who vote for this Joint Resolution would also support an inquiry into how this is going to impact on the State of Illinois. And I would move, Mr. Speaker, to discharge House Joint Resolution #7 because it

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relates to this issue from committee."

Speaker Black: "Representative, I recognized you for questions on the issue. You never asked a question. And then after a four minute editorial, you, I think, made a Motion. And you are out of order; you weren't recognized for that purpose. At this time the Chair would recognize the Gentleman from Macoupin, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Thank...thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Would the Sponsor yield for just a brief question?"

Speaker Black: "The Sponsor indicates he will. Representative Ryder."

Hannig: "Yes, Representative, does this Amendment...does this...Representative Ryder, I think...could."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Ryder, would you like to respond?"

Hannig: "I guess I have an inquiry of the Chair. Mr. Chair...Mr. Speaker, I wasn't paying attention here. It says Stephens on the board, is Representative Stephens the Chief Sponsor, or who should I direct my question too?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, let me respond to that. Let me respond to that if you would, and your point is well taken. And I would hope that you would grant Representative Ryder who has requested to handle this by Representative Stephens. Representative Stephens is ill and is in the nurses station. Now, Representative Hannig, do you have a question of the Sponsor?"

Hannig: "Maybe Mr. Ackerman would like to handle this Amendment."

Speaker Black: "As a courtesy to the Sponsor who asked Representative Ryder to handle the Bill, nothing revolutionary here. I recall that we have done this for both sides of the aisle on numerous occasions in years past. Now, Representative Hannig, do you have a question

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of Representative Ryder?"

Hannig: "Well, I have a question for the Sponsor of the Bill, the Resolution. I guess Representative Stephens, if he's not here, maybe Representative Ackerman would like to answer."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder has indicated that he will answer your question Sir, if you would care to ask one."

Hannig: "Well, okay. Let me proceed with Representative Ryder, I know he's very knowledgeable about budget affairs as well. Representative, is there anything in this Amendment, this proposal I suppose, that binds Congress and our Congressmen to vote for the Balanced Budget Amendment if we pass this today?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Representative, I wish that it were in that fashion because then it would bind the Congressmen that represent you and I who didn't vote for it in the House. Unfortunately, it is not. This Resolution is simply indicating the will of this House to communicate with our Congress, in this case Congressmen and Senators, and I would hope that they would take the collective judgment of this House with the kind of importance and since it's a Joint Resolution, I hope that we're joined with the Senate in indicating to Congress just how important it is. Unfortunately, we're not able to control Congress from this House. I wish that we were, we wouldn't have the financial problems that we have."

Speaker Black: "Representative Hannig, do you have another question?"

Hannig: "Just a question of the Chair, Mr. Speaker. In the past when we've had a discussion on the issue, I think the well has allowed our microphones to be open so we can have some what of a discourse. Will that not be the case this year?"

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Speaker Black: "That will not be the case when I'm in the Chair."

Hannig: "Pardon me."

Speaker Black: "That will not be the case when I'm in the Chair."

Hannig: "So there...even though I have...even though I have been recognized and have the Floor to ask questions that I...I'm cut off. Is that what you are saying is going to be the case?"

Speaker Black: "No, you're recognized to ask your question. Then the Representative will be asked to respond to your question. There is no reason to leave your mic on while he is responding. Now, you've had five minutes and you've wasted three. You have a minute and forty-five seconds. Do you have a question of Representative Ryder?"

Hannig: "Well, I asked the question of Ryder and he had a long dissertation that burned up a lot of my time, as well, that I would have like to have finished my point. I...I think the point really to be made..."

Speaker Black: "Excuse me Representative. Are you speaking to the Resolution?"

Hannig: "Yes, to the Resolution, Mr. Speaker."

Black: "Thank you, proceed." Hannig: "Just a point that I would like to make is that this does not bind any United States Senator or any Congressmen to do anything that he or she wouldn't ordinarily do. I really don't think that this Resolution is worth the paper that it's written on. Now, most of us here probably have a feeling about the proposed Constitutional Amendment in Washington. And I suggest that you contact your Congressman and you urge them to vote accordingly. You, know, it's interesting that here in Illinois where we have a Balanced Budget Amendment and where we have a line item veto, we're broke. So, I don't know that some of these gimmicks are necessarily the

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solution. I think a Constitutional Amendment certainly is something that should be debated and weighed on the merits. But, this thing is really not the answer. And I think it's a little more fluff and press release than it is substance. Thank you."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. Any further questions? The Chair would recognize the Gentleman from Clinton, Representative Granberg."

Granberg: "Will the Gentleman yield?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will, Representative Ryder."

Granberg: "Representative Ryder, I assume that after this Resolution, you will also introduce a Resolution urging the State of Illinois to balance its budget, and to pay our \$2 billion worth of unpaid medical bills to our nursing homes, our pharmacies and our hospitals."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "We attempt every year to do just that. And led by the previous Majorities, we've attempted to balance our budgets, we've attempted to deal with unfunded federal mandates, we have attempted to deal with the concerns that you just expressed. Unfortunately, the failure of the federal government to achieve anything close to the success that we have continues to put us in a very precarious situation. For those such as yourself who have mentioned on many occasions that if we could just get the federal government to put their act together, then we could get ours. I'm sure that you will join in this and I know that you and the folks that you represent will do your very best to make sure that the budget is balanced each and every year, as the Illinois General Assembly goes about it's business."

Speaker Black: "Further questions? Representative Granberg?"

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Thank you. Further questions, the Chair recognizes the Representative from Cook, Representative Lang. Do you have a question of the Sponsor?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, a point of inquiry on the rules. Perhaps it's a parliamentary inquiry."

Speaker Black: "State your inquiry."

Lang: "Thank you. You've ruled previously that apparently a Member who is not listed on the board can run a Bill or a Resolution. I'm wondering what the rules provide in that regard. I note, for instance that, although you've indicated that Representative Stephens is ill, and I'm sorry that he is, he did manage to vote on every previous matter before the House today. And, I'm wondering how we can skip over, even if he is ill, the other four names of hyphenated Co-Sponsors and move on to someone who is not so named?"

Speaker Black: "Your...your point is well taken Representative. In the opinion of the Chair, I thought we had leave to do that. If I misread your intentions, I apologize. Let me tell you that Representative Ryder is a Co-Sponsor on this Resolution and permit me an editorial comment, if you will, from the Chair. If any of you would like to go over and look in Representative Stephens waste basket, I think you will see that it's best that he be in the nurses office. Do you have another inquiry Representative Lang?"

Lang: "Yes, again, I wasn't questioning whether Representative Stephens was sick, only why we were skipping over the others. But...but I'll proceed to ask Representative Ryder my question if I might."

Speaker Black: "Yes, the Gentleman indicates that he'll yield. State your question."

Lang: "Thank you. Representative, in the second paragraph of the

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Resolution I see where it says that federal budget deficits are fiscally irresponsible. Do you agree with that?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Before I answer the question, may I ask of the Chair...I like to see Representative Lang when he talks to me. I enjoy that, and because of the reflection in the windows, would you close the drapes over there please so that I can have a better chance to see Representative Lang."

Speaker Black: "Yes, the Chair has been waiting for somebody to ask me to do that. I'll be more than happy to do that."

Ryder: "No, it was no reflection of Representative Lang. Thank you. Now, please restate your question."

Lang: "Well, the question...now that the clock is running while all this has been going on. The question was that in paragraph 2 of the Resolution it says federal budget deficits are fiscally irresponsible. Do you agree with that?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Thank you. The Constitutional Amendment would indicate except in emergency situations, for example, times of war, that it is a problem, a problem, that you and I live every day because of the financial concerns, financial pressures that it creates on the State of Illinois."

Speaker Black: Representative...yes, Representative Lang, further questions?"

Lang: "If you are going to cont...if you are going to continue to turn my light off and then talk to the parliamentarian while the clock is running, you're taking away my time, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "Your point is well taken, I'll...I'll add time."

Lang: "So you're going to have to pay attention or leave my light on."

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Speaker Black: "I'll add some time to you."

Lang: "Thank you. I probably won't need it. Representative, there are many plans going through the Congress of the United States today for tax breaks for middle income Americans. You're aware of those, are you not?"

Ryder: "In answer to your question, the answer is yes, I am aware of those."

Speaker Black: "Representative Lang. Representative Lang, proceed Representative Lang."

Lang: "Do you not believe that those tax breaks will add to the federal deficit, Sir?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "In the event that the tax breaks are all the Congress does without passing this Amendment, and without taking appropriate action on the budget, I believe that it could have some unfavorable consequences. But, I don't believe that Congress will do all that has been asked of it in the way of tax breaks without doing cuts as well. That's what you and I have to do each Spring and I appreciate the fact that you have joined with others to do just that in our attempt to balance our budget."

Speaker Black: "Representative Lang, for further questions."

Lang: "Well, Representative, why have you not included that issue in this. If Congress is...continues to be fiscally irresponsible as alleged, will they not add to the deficit if they do not do what you suggest? Do you believe that all those little 'Newts and Newtesses' in Congress are going to do exactly what you've suggested?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "I doubt sincerely that they will. They would be better if they would, but I would also ask that if you believe that the tax breaks proposed by our President Clinton and

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the Minority Leader Gephart are also contributing to the problems that you describe. There are many things being discussed in Congress today in the way of tax breaks. There are many discussions by our own President in the budget that he presented this week that called for cuts in programs. I think that Congress is struggling, just like we struggle. And I believe that it is helpful for them to know that at least the people in the State of Illinois want them to balance their budget."

Speaker Black: "Representative Lang, further questions?"

Lang: "No, but to the Resolution."

Speaker Black: "Proceed."

Lang: "Relative just to this paragraph of the Resolution, I think it's a little disingenuous to just simply talk about balancing the federal budget. When you talk about federal budget deficits, when there are many in Washington on both sides of the aisle talking about tax cuts that could significantly add to the federal deficit, it seems to me that we're not including all the appropriate issues in this and that once again we're dealing with sound bite politics in an effort to make some short term political gain. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair would recognize the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Balthis. Do you have a question?"

Balthis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. There for a moment I thought that I was back in the Minority because you called on four people from the other side while my light was flashing so..."

Speaker Black: "You have a question, Representative?"

Balthis: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will."

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Balthis: "Representative Ryder, Representative Ryder, it's my understanding that the intent of this piece of legislation is to cap federal runaway spending."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "The intent of the Amendment is to balance the federal budget by 2002. If they do it by capping expenditures, I believe they can do that, I sincerely hope they don't attempt to do it by increasing revenues."

Speaker Black: "Representative Balthis, do you have further questions?"

Balthis: "Just so that we play on the schematics here. I am trying to make sure that I understand that you're trying to keep them from spending more money, more tax dollars than what they're taking in on an annual basis."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Representative, they spend every single tax dollar that they're sent and then some. They borrow every year to match the expenditures. They receive billions of tax dollars to spend. This Resolution is calling upon them to pass the Balanced Budget Resolution so that we can ask then the states to participate in adopting a Amendment so that they are required by the year 2002 to balance that. How they choose to do it is their business. Whether they choose to cut expenditures, or to seek additional revenues."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Balthis, do you have further questions?"

Balthis: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. No, I have a comment on the Bill."

Speaker Black: "To the Bill...to the Resolution."

Balthis: "To the Resolution. House Joint Resolution 8, I think we ought to stop and look at what we're doing in a sense

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that those who are opposed to this, many of them voted for tax caps last week. We're saying to local governments, we're going to cap what you spend, but we don't want to cap what the federal government is going to spend because that might get into some of our favorite programs. I think this Bill is on point. It is time that we adopted this Resolution, and it is time that we got more active as Legislators in controlling what the federal government does to us, i.e., the Constitutional Defense Fund in filing suits against the federal government. I would urge everyone that voted for tax caps to vote to cap the federal expenditures."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. Further questions? The Lady from St. Clair, Representative Younge."

Younge: "Thank...thank you, Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will."

Younge: "Will this Balanced Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution result in more money coming into Illinois, or less money coming into Illinois."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Representative, I can't answer that question because I don't know how Congress will attempt to balance the budget. They may, if they wish, attempt to cut some programs. They may, if they wish, attempt to obtain more revenue. I am not here to tell them how to achieve the goal, but rather to set the goal and achieve it. I hope that they're able to do that."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Younge, do you have further questions?"

Younge: "Yes. Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will there be more money for transportation coming into Illinois or less money as a result of this Balanced Budget Amendment?"

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Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "I do not know if Congress will fully fund money coming in for transportation or health care, or education, or any of the other things that the federal government does. I do know, that under the guidance of this Bill, that they will be required to balance so they don't spend more than they are taking in, which is what they admittedly do today."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Younger, do you have further questions?"

Younger: "Yes. Will there be more money or less money coming into the State of Illinois for education, as a result of a Constitutional Amendment to balance the budget?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "As I said in my answer to your previous question; when I mentioned education, along with all the other programs sponsored by the federal government, I don't know how they will go about doing it. It is my hope that they'll do it in the best way possible for the people of the State of Illinois. But, I am not so presumptuous to suggest that in order for them to do their job that they will find...that they will not find it necessary to make some very tough decisions. The same kinds of decisions, Representative, that you and I are forced to make each and every year."

Speaker Black: "Representative Younger, do you have further questions?"

Younger: "No further questions, but I wish to comment on the Resolution."

Speaker Black: "To the Resolution"

Younger: "It certainly is irresponsible to vote for something without knowing the effect that it would have on the State of Illinois. I think our constitutional duty is to examine each item that comes before this House and make a

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determination as to the affect that it will have upon the people of the State of Illinois. Illinois is fifth from the top in the amount that it sends to Washington and fifth from the bottom in the amount that it gets back. And to propose a Constitutional Amendment that may, and probably does have the affect of bringing in less money for education, less money for roads, less money for mental health, is certainly is not what we ought to be doing here."

Speaker Black: "Any further questions? The Gentleman from Washington, Representative Deering."

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

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will. State your question."

Deering: "Representative Ryder, I notice your concern about the balanced budget. I think like most taxpayers throughout the country is, but if Senator Dole and Representative Gingrich decide to balance the budget on the backs of the states and cut off...and completely sever the ties of Medicare and Medicaid funding and then, and then direct the states to pick up that unfunded mandate; are you prepared to Sponsor a tax increase to pay that bill? You know, we are going to be \$3 billion in debt before we even start the budget this year?" The hospital assessment is sun setting and we serious problems now. So, would you also take that under consideration with future tax increases."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Representative, that's an excellent point. I would like to respond to it if I may. First of all, I'm not certain that our President would sign that kind of legislation. But, more importantly, let me offer to you, because you are sincere in the point that you're raising, that let us jointly do a second Resolution to send to Congress, because

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the Senate, right now, in addition to considering this issue, is considering the unfunded mandates Bill. And I believe that in tandem those two would be the Bill of Rights for the states of the United States, which is to suggest to the federal government, balance your budget, and secondly, don't do it by giving unfunded mandates to the State of Illinois. You and I agree on that. I hope we can join together in a Resolution to do just that so that they don't balance it on our backs. But if it is, we'll do our very best in this state to meet the budget mandates possible without additional revenue."

Speaker Black: "Representative Deering, further questions?"

Deering: "So then, Representative, Do I take that as a 'yes' you would vote for tax increases?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Specifically Sir, I think the last phrase in my response to you was 'without additional revenues.' I believe that the taxpayers sent a message to this House and to the Halls of Congress to live within our means. I clearly intent to that so I intent to present a budget, with your help, I hope, that lives within the means of the people of the State of Illinois without new taxes."

Speaker Black: "Representative Deering, do you have further questions?"

Deering: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, as always, I am always willing to sit down at the table with you and work with you on behalf of the citizens of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Black: "Thank you. Do you wish to speak to the Resolution Representative Deering? I apologize. All right, yes, the Representative from Dupage, Representative Biggins, do you have questions?"

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Biggins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of House Joint Resolution #8 and I think it's about spending less or balancing budgets which is why I think we all learned what we're supposed to do November 8th. One of the Members on the other side of the aisle a few minutes ago stated that they didn't think that this Amendment was worth the paper it was printed on. Well, if they didn't like this Amendment, I suppose their going to vote 'no', but they'd of loved House Joint Resolution #7 which is not being voted on today in this chamber. House Joint Resolution #7, sponsored by the other side of the aisle asks for a study to see if we should pass, encourage a balance budget Amendment in Congress. Why do we need a study to see if we should balance our budget, isn't that what we're supposed to do without going to a study. And there's been a lot of talk about the Federal Government during this debate, Congressman Weller is available, I talked to his office, he'll take calls from anybody that wants to know about this Amendment and how it would affect the State of Illinois. So, I would suggest anybody on either side of the aisle feel free to call Congressman Weller who many of us served with. So, I rise in support of House Joint Resolution #8 and urge all to vote for it."

Speaker Black: "Would the Chair be correct in saying that you were speaking to the Resolution and not asking questions, Representative Biggins. I see. Yes, further questions? The Representative from Kankakee, Representative Novak. Do you have questions?"

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentleman yield, please?"

Speaker Black: "He indicates he will."

Novak: "Representative Ryder, I note...note in this Resolution

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and although I would like to make this statement. What we're doing here is purely symbolic, however, I note there's some, there's some substance in here lacking. Number 1, I don't see any language in here that indicates that we should support the United States Congress to not follow the Amendment, balance the Amendment provisions in times of national crisis, severe recession or in times if the nation is at war, because obviously as an example at war, we are going to have to spend huge sums of money and that would have a serious affect on the Constitutionality or the effect of this of a Balance Budget Amendment."

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Excellent point Representative. So, allow me to cross reference if you will this Resolution before us calls upon the congress to adopt the Balance Budget Amendment Resolution before Congress. Reading from my understanding of that Amendment it indicates that they wave the affects of that Balance Budget Amendment in just the kinds of times of national, of war fare and others. So, that within the Amendment that we're asking them to adopt by Resolution is exactly the language that you describe."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Novak do you have further questions?"

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker I have a few more. Thank you, for your indulgence. I appreciate your kindness. Representative Ryder, in looking over this, the text of this Amend...Resolution again. I think that we should point out for the edification of not only the citizens of Illinois but for ourselves as well that there should be a paragraph in here indicating starting whereas, and then indicating the dates from 1981 to 1991, the deficit of the United States Government tripled in size. I think that should be,

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as a statement, that should be put into the text of the, of the Balance Budget Amendment Resolution. I think it's important that the people realize what happened in those 10 years, what the Congress and President Reagan and President Bush went along with that increased our deficit, huge in huge proportions to even President Nixon and Carter while they were in office. One other, one other manner I would like to see this amended maybe, I guess it's not going to happen, but we talk about entitlement programs and Newt Gingrich and Company in Washington to say we're not going to touch social security. We're not going to touch Social Security, leave it alone it's not on the table. Now, it's well known fact that entitlement program such as Social Security, such as Medicare, such as Medicaid comprise 48% of federal outlays. That's in almost half of the federal budget. Now, in order to balance the budget within seven years we have to cut, or the United States Congress has to cut \$1.3 trillion, I believe, in order to balance the federal budget. The question is this, I would feel more comfortable and I think that many other Members on this floor would feel more comfortable if there was a provision in this Resolution saying that Medicare and Social Security should not be affective by the Balance Budget Amendment that will ultimately be passed in Washington. Can you agree with that Representative?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Representative Novak, I'm surprised that your suggesting that we cut Social Security. Just yesterday, I listened to Congressman Gephart who indicated that Social Security doesn't contribute to the deficit, Social Security is a positive because of the efforts of Congress and our President that Social Security was paying it's own way, in

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fact, building up a fund. So, I'm very surprised that you would suggest that you would be in favor of cutting Social Security and I'm certain that's not what you meant. But, let me suggest as an answer to your previous inquiry, no I don't wish to place in this Resolution or recitation of the bad things that have happened in D.C. under Republican Presidents or Democrat Presidents, under Democrat Congress or under Republican Congress. I want them to solve the problem not point fingers, that's what this is meant to do, they've got an opportunity now to solve some problems and that's what I prefer that they do. Pointing fingers is getting even, they've got to get ahead."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Novak you have further questions?"

Novak: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, thank you. Once again for your indulgence. Representative Ryder I'm surprised you made that statement. I am not...I have not intimated at all, or indicate whatsoever that I would be in favor of cutting Social Security. All I ask was very simply, to put language in this Amendment that states that Social Security, that the, that this Body, the General Assembly shall urge our Congress not to touch Social Security and Medicare when they are in the process of balancing the federal budget assuming this Federal Amendment becomes the law of the land, that's the question. And one of your other comments about periods of time under Democratic Presidents, or Republican Presidents, Democratic Congresses or whatsoever it's not finger pointing, it's just pointing out a fact, a fact of life that's, that ones we've been living under..."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Novak your five minutes are up, do you care to bring your questions to an end?"

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Novak: "Terry Deering."

Speaker Black: "As the Representative from Cook, Representative Monique Davis, seeking recognition for questions?"

Davis, M.: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Black: "Yes, proceed."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My first question to the Gentleman is do you know the dollar amount of the Federal Budget?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "No, I...no I do not."

Speaker Black: "Representative Davis, further questions?"

Davis, M.: "Yes, he doesn't know the dollar amount of the federal budget. Do you have elected officials in Washington?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Yes, I share two Senators with you Representative and I also have a Congress person that represents me, just like you have one. I...at least the last time I checked we did. Do you know something I don't?"

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Davis, further questions?"

Davis, M.: "Yes, I have one more question and then a comment, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "Okay."

Davis, M.: "My other question is should Illinois have a balance budget?"

Speaker Black: "Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "The answer is yes."

Speaker Black: "Yes, Representative Davis do you wish to speak to the Resolution? Proceed."

Davis, M.: "Since we don't have a balance budget, first I'd like to say that I have certainly observed the exponential expansion of the deficit since Carter to Clinton. Between those two presidents the deficit has increased

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exponentially, and I think what we need to do in the Illinois Legislature is deal with the budget here in this Body and talk to our elected officials in Washington and not try to run that Body that we're not elected to. It's much easier for us to send our sites, I imagine and Resolutions in reference to Washington, because we don't want to deal with what we should be doing here in the State of Illinois. Now, I'll be honest with you and tell you that I too, would like to see a budget reduction, however, I elect people who will look out for my interest and who do know they know what the federal budget is and they also would know what the affects of, deficit spending would be on the rest of our land and not just those of us in small little places in Illinois. I urge those in this Body to consider who you've been elected to represent and what your elected to do and to realize the importance of Senator Carol Moseley Braun, Senator Paul Simon and those Representatives from our smaller congressional districts. Now, for us to sit here, elected Representatives in the House of Representatives and pretend to be Washington Congressman is truly a waste of taxpayer time and I think we should deal with those issues in Illinois that are sometimes too hot to handle, like educational funding. Thank you."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. For purposes of a question, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. To the Resolution. I rise in opposition. First, I think Representative Novak had a very good idea for this Resolution, an Amendment that might clarify what kinds of items should not be on the table, should a Federal Balance Budget Amendment to the United States Constitution pass. Unfortunately, Representative

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Novak didn't have an opportunity to offer that Amendment. This measure never went to a committee for a hearing, this measure was introduced about 25 minutes before it came to consideration on this House Floor. I think that is not an adequate procedure, I think it isn't appropriate to rush to judgement on an issue like this without any opportunity for public notice, public participation, or even the participation of the Members of this chamber. I imagine that everybody in this room is in favor of a balanced federal budget, just as we wish we could manage to balance the budget right here in Illinois, but there's a difference between calling on the feds to balance their budget and urging them to adopt an Amendment to the United States Constitution that requires them to do so. Adopting a Balance Budget Amendment may well be to adopt a pig in a polk. Remember that the federal budget operates differently from the way ours does, we have a capital budget and an operating budget, we don't. We do, but they don't. Their entire budget capital and operating is all rolled together as one. We're able to bond for long term projects, just like home owners we can take out a mortgage for a long term expenditure like a house, like a road, like a capital construction project. Under the Balance Budget Amendment the feds would not have that same opportunity as they do not make that distinction today. There was an opportunity in the Federal Congress a year ago, a Republican Representative Mr. Soloman from upstate New York offered a measure that would help move toward a balanced budget, not a Balance Budget Amendment but a balanced federal budget. His Amendment got 82 votes, 82 out of 435. People like Newt Gingrich opposed his Amendment, they opposed his measure because it meant draconian cuts in

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important social, important human programs. You may find if you buy into a Federal Constitutional Amendment requiring a balanced budget that you have bought program cuts that will make a difference...a serious and disastrous difference for our constituents. It's a little sanctimony of...sanctimonious of us to suggest that the feds ought to be balancing their budget when we can't balance our own and the whole issue reminds me a little of the baseball owners in the current strike. Impose upon me a salary cap, otherwise I'll open my pockets and play the players whatever they like. The feds have every opportunity to balance the budget. We don't need an Amendment to the Constitution to stop them before they do it again. All it takes is a little will, a little back bone and we ought to be writing our individual Members of Congress and telling them just that. A final point, we heard a lot in the beginning of this Session about how we were going to save the taxpayers macho millions by virtue of cancelling House Resolutions. Well, Speaker and Members of this House we could of saved the taxpayers a lot of cash if each of us just sat down and wrote a letter on our own 32 cents to each Member of Congress to let them know what we think. I think it's important for us to ask how much this does cost, it certainly is not, I would think in keeping with the feeling tone of a Balance Budget Amendment to waste our taxpayers time and money on a request of our delegation in Congress that we can easily make by picking up the phone or dropping a note to the, to the folks in Washington D.C. I urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Black: "Representative Novak, you have already spoken on this issue. For what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

Novak: "Speaker, thank you, for your indulgence once again. I

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would like to continue my, my thought and put that thought in a form of a Motion."

Speaker Black: "You weren't recognized for that purpose and you've already spoken in debate. Representative Ryder, would you care to close on the Resolution."

Ryder: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I thank you for the opportunity and I compliment the House, especially the Members of the Minority for the questions and the comments that they've raised. You raise good questions. I would wish that Congress could of heard the debate that took place in here because they would of been impressed with the kinds of comments and insight that's been provided. I also thank the House for it's indulgence in allowing me to answer questions on behalf of this Resolution and further before I close, Mr. Speaker, if I may. I would indicate that I am now requesting and I'm joined by the requisite number of Members for a Roll Call Vote on this issue, please."

Speaker Black: "Will be granted."

Ryder: "This is our opportunity to do that which we talk about a lot and do relatively little. We complain about congress, they don't balance their budget, they give us unfunded mandates, they don't take the top decision they don't do the kinds of things that we do in reinventing government, now is our chance. Now is your chance to say to Congress should they adopt a Balance Budget Amendment? Down where I come from, it's not a difficult choice. When you talk to people and they say, Congress ought to balance the budget and if they can't they ought to adopt an Amendment that makes them, it makes sense to the people I represent and when I cast a 'yes' vote for this Resolution, I'm answering their request. When you vote, I hope that your answering

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the request of your constituents, I hope that you join us in this Resolution and I hope you send us, help us send a message to our Senators, Senator Simon and Senator Moseley Braun that we want an opportunity to vote on a Balance Budget Amendment. Thank you, for your courtesy, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative Ryder. The question is, 'Shall House Joint Resolution #8 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by voting 'aye'; those opposed vote 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 99 'ayes', 13 'noes', 1 voting 'present' and House Resolution 8, excuse me, House Joint Resolution #8 is passed. Yes, Mr...the Representative from St. Clair, Representative Hoffman. For what purpose are you seeking recognition?"

Hoffman: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I was seeking a verification on the last roll call, I would've wished...Representative Stephens was not here and he was clearly voting 'yes' and oh, he's back."

Speaker Black: "Do you wish to, on a vote of 99 votes 'aye', do you wish to proceed with your request for a verification?"

Hoffman: "We'll withdraw our request, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, thank you. Are there any announcements. If the Chair would recognize the Gentlemen from Jersey, Representative Ryder."

Ryder: "Mr. Speaker, I would ask the record reflects, since Mr. Hoffman was unwilling to do so that at the time the vote was taken and at the time he was recognized that Representative Stephens was in his seat having just returned from the nurses station, and I would ask the journal to so indicate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Black: "Are there any announcements. Excuse me, Representative, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Pedersen for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Pedersen: "For an announcement, Mr. Speaker. The Human Services Appropriation Committee will meet at 9:00 tomorrow morning instead of 8:00."

Speaker Black: "Thank you, Representative. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Several room change announcements. The Appropriations General Services Committee will meet in Room 122-B at 4:00 p.m. The Appropriations Public Safety Committee will meet in Room 118 at 4:00 p.m., and the Environment and Energy Sub-Committee on Energy will meet in Room 114 at 4:00 p.m., as well as the full Committee."

Speaker Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Clerk. Representative Churchill now moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday February 9th, 1995 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; oppose, 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. In the opinion of the Chair, excuse me allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House now stands adjourned until Thursday February 9th, 1995 at the hour of 1:30 p.m. Committees will start on time."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction and First Reading of these House Bills. The Perfunctory Session will be in Order. House Bill 930, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act the Code of Civil Procedure House Bill 931, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. (Sic) House Bill 932, offered by Representative Churchill, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 933, offered by Representative Lachner, a Bill for an Act

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to amend the Criminal Code in 1962. House Bill 934, offered by Representative Hanrahan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 935, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 936, offered by Representative Clayton, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 937, offered by Representative Lachner, a Bill for an Act concerning affordable housing. House Bill 938, offered by Representative Hanrahan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Local Records Act. House Bill 939, offered by Representative Clayton, a Bill for an Act to amend the Bikeway Act. House Bill 940, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 941, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 942, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Child Care Act. House Bill 943, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 944, offered by Representative Klingler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Soil and Water Conservation Districts Act. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 945, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. House Bill 946, offered by Representative Brunsvold, a Bill for an Act concerning interest of public officers in public contracts. House Bill 947, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 948, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act relating to day care centers in public schools. House Bill 949, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to

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amend the Geographic Information Council Act. House Bill 950, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Act. House Bill 951, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 952, offered by Representative Kubik, a Bill for an Act to amend the Open Meetings Act. House Bill 953, offered by Representative Lou Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 954, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act in relation to the rights and interests of the people of the State of Illinois in and to the recreational use of rivers and streams of the State of Illinois. House Bill 955, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to create the Parental Notification Act of 1995. House Bill 956, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 957, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 958, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act the School Code. House Bill 959, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act in relation to special firefighter plates. House Bill 960, offered by Representative Wennlund, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. House Bill 961, offered by Representative Shirley Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Human Rights Act. House Bill 962, offered by Representative Blagojevich, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 963, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. First Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 964, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. House Bill

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House Bill 965, offered by Representative Ryder, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. House Bill 966, offered by Representative Hanrahan, a Bill for an Act relating to standards for psychological services. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 967, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 968, offered by Representative Santiago, a Bill for an Act amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 969, offered by Representative Hughes, a Bill for an Act in relation to employment. House Bill 970, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Barber, Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology Act. House Bill 971, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to create the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 972, offered by Representative Deuchler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 973, offered by Representative Deuchler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Purchasing Act. House Bill 974, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Park District Code. House Bill 975, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Park District Code. House Bill 976, offered by Representative Salvi, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 977, offered by Representative Woolard, a Bill for an Act relating to property taxes. House Bill 978, offered by Representative Saltsman, a Bill for an Act amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 979, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Building Commission Act. House Bill 980, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to amend the Park

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District Code. House Bill 981, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act to amend the Counties Code. House Bill 982, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act to amend the Emergency Telephone System Act. House Bill 983, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 984, offered by Representative Pedersen, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 985, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act in relation to corrections. House Bill 986, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act the Illinois Highway Code. House Bill 987, offered by Representative Deering, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Horse Racing Act. House Bill 988, offered by Representative Noland, a Bill for an Act to amend the Wildlife Code. House Bill 989, offered by Representative Hoeft, a Bill for an Act to amend the Fees and Salaries Act. House Bill 990, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 991, offered by Representative Weaver, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 992, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Horse Racing Act. House Bill 993, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 994, offered by Representative Hanrahan, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 995, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 996, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 997, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 998, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 999,

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offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1000, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1001, offered by Representative Saltsman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 1002, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Ticket Scalping Act. House Bill 1003, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act in relation to pharmaceutical discounts. House Bill 1004, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act to amend the Township Code. House Bill 1005, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Illinois Department of Corrections. House Bill 1006, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Illinois Department of Corrections. House Bill 1007, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Illinois Department of Corrections. House Bill 1008, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Illinois Department of Corrections. House Bill 1009, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 1010, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Department of Conservation. House Bill 1011, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Department of Conservation. House Bill 1012, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Environmental Protection Agency. House Bill 1013, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making appropriations to the Environmental Protection Agency. House Bill 1014, offered by Speaker Daniels, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation to the Department of Revenue. House Bill 1015, offered by Speaker

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Clerk McLennand: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 1061, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 1062, offered by Representative Erwin, a Bill for an Act in relation to long-term care planning. House Bill 1063, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 1064, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 1065, offered by Representative Roskam, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. House Bill 1066, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 1067, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 1068, offered by Representative Maureen Murphy, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 1069, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure. House Bill 1070, offered by Representative Balthis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Municipal Code. First Reading of these House Bills."

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Clerk McLennand: "Introduction of Resolutions. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6, OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE COWLISHAW, WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a growing problem in Illinois and statistics revealing the frequency of it are alarming; and WHEREAS, In Illinois, 300,000 women are abused each year and more women are injured by domestic violence than by rapes, accidents, and muggings combined; and WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the most common and least reported crime and can happen to anyone, regardless of race, culture, age, ability, educational or income levels; and WHEREAS, Over time, domestic violence usually escalates in severity and frequency and two in five female murder victims are killed by their husbands or partners; and WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects not only the battered partner, but also children who, directly or indirectly,

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witness the battering by imprinting in their minds the idea that the strong have the right to hurt the weak; therefore, be it RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the State of Illinois not to tolerate domestic violence or abuse and to become a domestic violence-free State. Urges the State of Illinois not to tolerate domestic violence or abuse and to become a domestic violence-free State."

Clerk McLennand: "House Resolution 14, offered by Representative Roskam."

Clerk McLennand: "Introduction and First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #11, OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMAN, RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, That there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 8 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows: ARTICLE IV THE LEGISLATURE SECTION 8. PASSAGE OF BILLS (a) The enacting clause of the laws of this State shall be: "Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly." (b) The General Assembly shall enact laws only by bill. Bills may originate in either house, but may be amended or rejected by the other. (c) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the Members elected to each house. Final passage of a bill shall be by record vote. In the Senate at the request of two members, and in the House at the request of five

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two members, and in the House at the request of five members, a record vote may be taken on any other occasion. A record vote is a vote by yeas and nays entered on the journal. (d) A bill shall be read by title on three different days in each house. A bill and each amendment thereto shall be reproduced and placed on the desk of each member before final passage. Bills, except bills for appropriations and for the codification, revision or rearrangement of laws, shall be confined to one subject. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e) of this Section, appropriation bills shall be limited to the subject of appropriations. A bill expressly amending a law shall set forth completely the sections amended. (e) A bill that would require the expenditure by a unit of local government or school district of funds in order to implement that bill shall not become law unless the bill provides for reimbursement by the State to the unit of local government or school district of those funds necessary to implement it. A bill passed under this subsection (e) is not subject to actions by the Governor under subsection (d) or (e) of Section 9 of Article IV of this Constitution, but is subject to actions under subsection (a), (b), or (c) of that Section. For the purposes of this subsection (e), "unit of local government" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1 of Article VII of this Constitution. (f) The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall sign each bill that passes both houses to certify that the procedural requirements for passage have been met. (Source: Illinois Constitution.) SCHEDULE This Amendment takes effect upon its adoption by the voters of this State. First Reading and Introduction of House Joint Resolution

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Constitutional Amendment #11."

Clerk McLennand: "Committee Reports. Representative Churchill, Chairman from the Committee on Rules, to which the following Bill was referred, action taken on February 8th, 1995, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do approve for considerations' Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 201 on the Order of Concurrence."

Clerk McLennand: "Being no further business, House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned and the House will reconvene on Thursday, February 9th at the hour of 1:30 p.m."

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