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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 2:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. The Members will please be in their seats. Will any unauthorized personnel please retire from the chamber. Today we will be led in prayer by our colleague, Representative Coy Pugh, who is the Assistant Pastor with Fernwood United Methodist Church in Chicago. Reverend Pugh."

Reverend Pugh: "Let us pray. Dear God, Father of our ancestors, our Father, we are constantly amazed and often startled by the miracle of our own lives. Our minds are full of all the involvements, issues, and problems of our daily living. When we are most ourselves, we remember to do things that not only seems to our minds to be right, true, genuine, authentic, but to do the thing which brings into our whole being, a sense of peace, a sense of health, and a sense of oneness. We are troubled, oftentimes, by the divisions that separate us, that are deep within us, the deep conflicts in our spirits which cause us to be at war within, which cause us to be a House, divided against ourself. This sense of inner conflict and division is a part of the larger conflict and division that exists among Thy children everywhere. The peace we seek in our private lives, that we may be one as part of the peace that we seek for all Thy children, that we may be one family, in Thy presence, living in Thy world. How to do this? We don't know. When we think Thou will try in our network of compromises, in our network of frailties, we wrestle with loyalty to ideals and loyalty to responsibilities. Power involves a man in a network of compromises. Help us, oh God, to wait and seek Your peace. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "We will be led in the Pledge today by Representative Sue Deuchler."

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Deuchler - 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 Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Cross, are there any excused absences?"

Cross: "Yes, there are. I'd like to share them with you."

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, please."

Cross: "Representative Stephens and Representative Cowlshaw."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie, are there any excused absences on the Democratic side?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show we have no excused absences among House Democrats."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, and the record will so reflect the excused absences on the Republican side. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 116 Members answering the Roll Call and a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, do we have any Committee Reports?"

Clerk Bolin: "Representative Wyvetter Younge, Chairman from the Committee on Appropriations - Education, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2517 and House Bill 2969. Representative Jeffrey Schoenberg, Chairman from the Committee on Appropriations - General Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2380, House Bill 2518, and House Bill 3856. Representative Monique Davis, Chairman from the Committee on Appropriations - Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on

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March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2525 and House Bill 3864. Representative Carol Ronen, Chairman from the Committee on Children and Youth, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2605 and House Bill 3436. Representative Phil Novak, Chairman from the Committee on the Electric Utility Deregulation, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2650, House Bill 3533, and House Bill 3532. Representative Phil Novak, Chairman from the Committee on Environment and Energy, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2430, House Bill 3256, House Bill 3257, House Bill 3341, House Bill 3631, and House Bill 3735; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3534 and House Bill 3535; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2821, House Bill 2668, and House Bill 3287; 'be adopted' House Joint Resolution 48 and House Joint Resolution 51. Representative Judy Erwin, Chairman from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3126, House Bill 3478, and House Bill 3749; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2565 and House Bill 2805. Representative Coy Pugh, Chairman from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were

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referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3142 and House Bill 3625; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2625 and House Bill 3318; 'be adopted' House Joint Resolution 49. Representative Frank Mautino, Chairman from the Committee on Insurance, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3229. Representative Tom Dart, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary I - Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 3375 and House Bill 3719; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 2843, House Bill 2857, and House Bill 3628; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3741. Representative Janice Schakowsky, Chairman from the Committee on Labor and Commerce, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2909; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2436, House Bill 2724, and House Bill 3485; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3394; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 2896 and House Bill 3477; 'be adopted' House Resolution 273. Representative Todd Stroger, Chairman from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2553, House Bill 2748, House Bill 2812, and House Bill 2910; 'do

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pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2374, House Bill 2607, House Bill 3406, House Bill 3556, and House Bill 3626; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 2797, House Bill 2944, House Bill 3461; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3147. Representative Todd Stroger, Chairman from the Committee on Local Government, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3352; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2375. Representative Gary Hannig, Chairman from the Committee on Livestock Management, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3165. Representative Saviano, Chairman from the Committee on Registration and Regulation, for which the following Bills, Amendments, Resolutions, and/or Motions were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2377, House Bill 2391, House Bill 2555, House Bill 2589, House Bill 2687, House Bill 2688, House Bill 2690, and House Bill 3225; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2921, House Bill 3383, House Bill 3520, House Bill 3710, and Senate Bill 497; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3410; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 2700. Representative Eugene Moore, Chairman from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3025, House Bill 3027, House Bill 3088, House Bill 3575; 'do pass

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as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2452, House Bill 2671, House Bill 2768, House Bill 2837, House Bill 2950, House Bill 3026, House Bill 3081, and House Bill 3811; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3093 and House Bill 3094; 'be adopted Short Debate' House Resolution 314. Representative Calvin Giles, Chairman from the Committee on State Government Administration and Election Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2301, House Bill 2554, House Bill 2696, House Bill 3139, House Bill 3180, House Bill 3248, House Bill 3273, House Bill 3294, House Bill 3354, and House Bill 3610; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2299, House Bill 2435, House Bill 3197, House Bill 3233, House Bill 3407, and House Bill 3415; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3518, House Bill 3561, and House Bill 3612. Representative Jay Hoffman, Chairman from the Committee on Transportation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3347. Representative Coy Pugh, Chairman from the Committee on Human Services, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported back the following: House Bill 3399, 'do pass as amended Short Debate'. Representative David Phelps, Chairman from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education, action taken on March 19, 1998, reported the following: House Bill 3484, 'do pass as amended Short Debate'. Representative Tom Dart, Chairman from the Committee on Prison Management Reform, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3000 and House Bill 3834. Representative Mary Flowers, Chairman from the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3427; 'do pass Short Debate' House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #17. Representative Steve Davis, Chairman from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2643, House Bill 2756, and House Bill 3286. Representative Jack McGuire, Chairman from the Committee on Aging, for which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2758."

Speaker Hannig: "Okay, the House is preparing to adjourn. I would just let the Members know that there has been a yellow sheet that has been passed out for your benefit. It's from the Department of Transportation, and it gives road conditions throughout the state. And we have a few announcements; Representative Schoenberg is recognized for an announcement."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I wish to call attention to the Members, something that's in your mailbox that will be happening on Monday, and I think you'll be interested in participating. Many of us were very excited to see the U.S. Women's Olympic Hockey Team win the gold medal in Nagano, Japan. I will be hosting, along with Minority Leader Daniels, the star goal-tender for that hockey team, who happens to

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reside in Winnetka, Illinois, Miss Sara Teading will be here to be honored by the General Assembly and by the Governor on Monday at 4:00. I encourage you to be on time so you have the opportunity to meet this wonderful young woman. And prior to that at 3:30, Secretary Ryan, Mr. Daniels, and myself are hosting a little reception in Mr. Ryan's office at 213 of the State House for those of you who have not been there before, to have the opportunity to have some punch and cookies, meet this fine young woman and her family and take a couple of pictures. Those of you who represent the immediate Springfield area, I encourage you to invite any young people that you have in the area to sit up in the gallery and hear from this extraordinary woman. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Calvin Giles."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Committee on State Government and Election Reform is now adjourned."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Morrow."

Morrow: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to the Members who are on the Public Safety Committee, Appropriation Committee on Public Safety, there will be a hearing Monday, March 23, at 1:00 p.m. I would advise all the Members to be here on time, the Members of that committee. We will review the budgets of IDOT, the State Police, and the Metropolitan MCPIER Authority. So, try to be here at 1:00 if you can. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Morrow has reminded the Members from the Public Safety Committee that that committee will meet at 1:00 on Monday in Room 114 and the General Services and Government Oversight Appropriation Committee will meet at 1:00 in Room 118. So, if you're a member of either of those committees, we need your

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attendance Monday at 1:00. Representative Currie now moves, that allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, that the House stand adjourned until Monday, March 23, at the hour of 4:00 p.m. All in favor of the Motion say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it and the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1208, offered by Representative Andrea Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. First Reading of this Senate Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Lauren Beth Gash, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II-Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2558, House Bill 2568, House Bill 2593, House Bill 3034, House Bill 3041, House Bill 3172, House Bill 3279, House Bill 3280, House Bill 3356, House Bill 3377, House Bill 3389, House Bill 3539, House Bill 3758, and House Bill 3844; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2306, House Bill 2469, House Bill 2800, House Bill 3067, House Bill 3158, House Bill 3162, House Bill 3170, House Bill 3173, House Bill 3500, House Bill 3502, House Bill 3652, House Bill 3665, House Bill 3672, House Bill 3674, House Bill 3697, House Bill 3724, House Bill 3753; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 2573 and House Bill 2634; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 2167 and House Bill 3063; 'be adopted' House Resolution 91. Representative Lopez, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported

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the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3321 and House Bill 3494; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2823; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3632. Representative Harold Murphy, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel and Pension, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2636; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2443 and House Bill 2444; 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3513, House Bill 3514, House Bill 3515, House Bill 3516, House Bill 3517, House Bill 3813 and House Bill 3814. Representative Jan Schakowsky, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor and Commerce, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 2498 and House Bill 3476. Representative Calvin Giles, Chairman from the Committee on State Government Administration and Election, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 20, 1998, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Standard Debate' House Bill 3524; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 174, House Bill 2503, House Bill 2734, and House Bill 2814; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2630 and House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #2. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."