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Clerk Rossi: "All assembled in the chamber, give attention. All assembled in these chambers, give attention. The Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White, sends greetings and proclaims that this day, the 2nd Wednesday of January, 1999, is the day fixed for the convening of the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly of the State of Illinois, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution. All persons except Members and their families are requested to withdraw from the chambers, and the provisional doorkeeper is directed to clear the aisles. Will all those not entitled to the floor please retire from the chamber? Will the Representatives-Elect please be assembled in the chamber? May I have your attention please? At the Speaker's rostrum, and ready to convene the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly in and for the great State of Illinois, is the Secretary of State, the Honorable Jesse White."

Secretary White: "Thank you very much. I'm glad to be home. The House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly of the State of Illinois will come to order. Quoting from the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article IV, Section 6(b), on the first day of January, Session of the Illinois General Assembly in the odd-numbered years, the Secretary of State shall convene the House of Representatives to elect from its Membership a Speaker of the House of Representatives, as presiding officer. We shall be led in prayer by Father Thomas (sic-Thom) Dennis of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Springfield, Illinois, and by Chief Rabbi, Michael Balinsky, Rabbi and Director of the Louis and Saerre Fiedler Hillel Center at Northwestern University, and President of the Chicago Board of Rabbis. Will the Members and their guests please stand

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and remain standing until the Pledge of Allegiance? Father Dennis."

Father Dennis: "Before the God of every nation, color and creed, we bow our heads to pray. Almighty God hear the people of Illinois in our collective prayer and bless this great Assembly with Your presence. From among Your holy people, You call a select few to positions of leadership in order to preserve human dignity and promote the common good. We give You thanks for these men and women who have accepted the challenge of serving in the 91st General Assembly. As they begin this new Session, inspire our elected officials to work together in a spirit of cooperation. May their actions bring prosperity and promote peace. Endow them with wisdom, humility and a sense of humor. Demand from them conduct worthy of the public trust and sustain them with Your outstretched arm. These things we ask as we stand before the Creator of all, for the good of all, Amen."

Secretary White: "Rabbi Balinsky."

Rabbi Balinsky: "And he came upon a certain place and remained there all night because the sun was set. And he took of the stones of that place and put them for his pillows and laid down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed and behold the ladder set up upon the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven, and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And behold the Lord stood above it and said, 'I am the Lord God of Abraham, Your father, the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie, to you I will give it into your seed, and your seed shall be as dust of the earth and you shall spread abroad to the west, to the east, to the north and to the south. And in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

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And behold I am with you and will keep you in all places where you go.' And Jacob awoke from his sleep and he said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.' Like the biblical Jacob, we stand in a place in which people if not angels, ascend and sometimes descend. A place of dreams and promises. A place that through your deliberations can bring many blessings to many Illinois families. A place that after all the passionate political debate on one issue or the other, has the potential for people to look and say, 'Surely the Lord is in this place and we did not know it.' A fourth century Rabbi, Rabbi Yokanan, said, 'One should not appoint anyone administrator of a community unless he carries a basket of swarming reptiles on his back, so that if he became arrogant one could tell him, turn around and look at your back.' May your deliberations lead the citizens of Illinois to say, 'Surely God was in this place and we did not know it.' And may they find no reason to tell any of you, 'Turn around and look at your back.' Praised are you, God, sovereign of the world. Shechyanu ve-ki-iymanu ve-higyanu lazman hazeh; who has sustained us, given us life, and allowed us to reach this moment. Amen."

Secretary White: "Would the Dean of the House, Representative Capparelli, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

Capparelli - 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."

Secretary White: "You may be seated during the duration of these organizational proceedings. You may take your seats. I have appointed the following provisional officers: as Provisional Clerk, Tony Rossi; as Provisional Doorkeeper,

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Lee Crawford; and as Provisional Parliamentarian, Mr. Mike Kasper. Also joining with us are many distinguished individuals who are from the great State of Illinois and I'd like to introduce some of them to you: Supreme Court Justice Miller, Supreme Court Justice Bilandic, Supreme Court Justice Heiple, Supreme Court Justice Harrison, Supreme Court Justice McMorrow, Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood, Comptroller Dan Hynes, Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka. The Provisional Clerk will call the roll of the Members elected in the 91st General Assembly. The roll will be called by alphabetical order as certified by the State Board of Elections. We will now proceed with the Attendance Roll Call. And if the Members will be in their seats and will indicate their attendance by saying 'present'. Mr. Clerk, will you please call the roll."

Provisional Clerk Rossi: "Representative-Elect Edward Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Acevedo votes 'present'.
Representative-Elect Suzanne Bassi."

Bassi: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Bassi 'present'. Representative-Elect Mark
Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Beaubien 'present'. Representative-Elect Patricia
Bellock."

Bellock: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Bellock 'present'. Representative-Elect Robert
Biggins."

Biggins: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Biggins 'present'. Representative-Elect William
Black."

Black: "Present."

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Clerk Rossi: "Black 'present'. Representative-Elect Michael Boland."

Boland: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Boland 'present'. Representative-Elect Mike Bost."

Bost: "Present." Clerk Rossi: "Bost 'present'. Representative-Elect Richard Bradley."

Bradley: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Bradley 'present'. Representative-Elect William Brady."

Brady: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Brady 'present'. Representative-Elect James Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Brosnahan 'present'. Representative-Elect Joel Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Brunsvold 'present'. Representative-Elect Robert Bugielski."

Bugielski: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Bugielski 'present'. Representative-Elect Daniel Burke."

Burke: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Burke 'present'. Representative-Elect Ralph Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Capparelli 'present'. Representative-Elect Elizabeth Coulson."

Coulson: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Coulson 'present'. Representative-Elect Mary Lou Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Cowlshaw 'present'. Representative-Elect Tom

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Cross."

Cross: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Cross 'present'. Representative-Elect Crotty."

Crotty: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Crotty 'present'. Representative-Elect Barbara Flynn Currie"

Currie: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Currie 'present'. Representative-Elect Julie Curry."

Curry: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Curry 'present'. Representative-Elect Lee Daniels."

Daniels: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Daniels 'present'. Representative-Elect Thomas Dart."

Dart: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Dart 'present'. Representative-Elect Monique Davis."

Davis: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Davis, M. 'present'. Representative-Elect Steve Davis."

Davis, S.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Davis, S. 'present'. Representative-Elect William Delgado."

Delgado: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Delgado 'present'. Representative-Elect James Durkin."

Durkin: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Durkin 'present'. Representative-Elect Judy Erwin."

Erwin: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Erwin 'present'. Representative-Elect Sara

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Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Feigenholtz 'present'. Representative-Elect Mary
Flowers."

Flowers: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Flowers 'present'. Representative-Elect James
Fowler."

Fowler: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Fowler 'present'. Representative-Elect Jack
Franks."

Franks: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Franks 'present'. Representative-Elect John
Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Fritchey 'present'. Representative-Elect Susan
Garrett."

Garrett: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Garrett 'present'. Representative-Elect Lauren
Beth Gash."

Gash: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Gash 'present'. Representative-Elect Michael
Giglio."

Giglio: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Giglio 'present'. Representative-Elect Calvin
Giles."

Giles: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Giles 'present'. Representative-Elect Kurt
Granberg."

Granberg: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Granberg 'present'. Representative-Elect Julie
Hamos."

Hamos: "Present."

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Clerk Rossi: "Hamos 'present'. Representative-Elect Gary Hannig."

Hannig: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Hannig 'present'. Representative-Elect Willis Harris."

Harris: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Harris 'present'. Representative-Elect Charles Hartke."

Hartke: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Hartke 'present'. Representative-Elect Hassert."
Hassert: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Hassert 'present'. Representative-Elect Douglas Hoeft."

Hoeft: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Hoeft 'present'. Representative-Elect Jay Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Hoffman 'present'. Representative-Elect Thomas Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Holbrook 'present'. Representative-Elect Constance Howard."

Howard: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Howard 'present'. Representative-Elect Randall Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Hultgren 'present'. Representative-Elect Timothy Johnson."

Johnson, Timothy: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Johnson 'present'. Representative-Elect Thomas Johnson 'present'."

Johnson, Thomas: "Present."

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Clerk Rossi: "Johnson 'present'. Representative-Elect John Jones."

Jones, John: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Jones 'present'. Representative-Elect Lou Jones."

Jones, Lou: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Jones 'present'. Representative-Elect Shirley Jones."

Jones, Shirley: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Jones 'present'. Representative-Elect Howard Kenner."

Kenner: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Kenner 'present'. Representative-Elect Gwenn Klingler."

Klingler: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Klingler 'present'. Representative-Elect Renee Kosel."

Kosel: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Kosel 'present'. Representative-Elect Carolyn Krause."

Daniels: "Speaker, Representative Krause is taken ill. She'll be fine, but she's very ill right now, and she will be sworn in at a later time."

Clerk Rossi: "Krause 'absent'. Representative-Elect Louis Lang."

Lang: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Lang 'present'. Representative-Elect Ronald Lawfer."

Lawfer: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Lawfer 'present'. Representative-Elect David Leitch."

Leitch: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Leitch 'present'. Representative-Elect Patricia Lindner."

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Lindner: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Lindner 'present'. Representative-Elect Edgar Lopez."

Lopez: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Lopez 'present'. Representative-Elect Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Lyons, 'present'. Representative-Elect, Joseph Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Lyons 'present'. Representative-Elect Michael Madigan."

Madigan: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Madigan 'present'. Representative-Elect Sidney Mathias."

Mathias: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Mathias 'present'. Representative-Elect Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Mautino 'present'. Representative-Elect Michael McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "McAuliffe 'present'. Representative-Elect Kevin McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "McCarthy 'present'. Representative-Elect John McGuire."

McGuire: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "McGuire 'present'. Representative-Elect Larry McKeon."

McKeon: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "McKeon 'present'. Representative-Elect James

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Meyer."

Meyer: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Meyer 'present'. Representative-Elect Bill
Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Mitchell 'present'. Representative-Elect Jerry
Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Mitchell 'present'. Representative-Elect Donald
Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Moffitt 'present'. Representative-Elect Andrea
Moore."

Moore, A.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Moore 'present'. Representative-Elect Eugene
Moore."

Moore, E.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Moore 'present'. Representative-Elect Charles
Morrow."

Morrow: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Morrow 'present'. Representative-Elect Rosemary
Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Mulligan 'present'. Representative-Elect Harold
Murphy."

Murphy: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Murphy 'present'. Representative-Elect Richard
Myers."

Myers: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Myers 'present'. Representative-Elect John Novak."

Novak: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Novak 'present'. Representative-Elect Mary K.

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O'Brien."

O'Brien: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "O'Brien 'present'. Representative-Elect William
O'Connor."

O'Connor: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "O'Connor 'present'. Representative-Elect Timothy
Osmond."

Osmond: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Osmond 'present'. Representative-Elect Carole
Pankau."

Pankau: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Pankau 'present'. Representative-Elect Terry
Parke."

Parke: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Parke 'present'. Representative-Elect Vincent
Persico."

Persico: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Persico 'present'. Representative-Elect Raymond
Poe."

Poe: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Poe 'present'. Representative-Elect Coy Pugh."

Pugh: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Pugh 'present'. Representative-Elect Dan Reitz."

Reitz: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Reitz 'present'. Representative-Elect Dale
Righter."

Righter: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Righter 'present'. Representative-Elect Carol
Ronen."

Ronen: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Ronen 'present'. Representative-Elect Dan
Rutherford."

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Rutherford: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Rutherford 'present'. Representative-Elect Thomas
Ryder."

Ryder: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Ryder 'present'. Representative-Elect Angelo
Saviano."

Saviano: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Saviano 'present'. Representative-Elect Timothy
Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Schmitz 'present'. Representative-Elect Jeffrey
Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Schoenberg 'present'. Representative-Elect Douglas
Scott."

Scott: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Scott 'present'. Representative-Elect George
Scully."

Scully: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Scully 'present'. Representative-Elect Sonia
Silva."

Silva: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Silva 'present'. Representative-Elect Cal
Skinner."

Skinner: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Skinner 'present'. Representative-Elect Ricca
Slone."

Slone: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Slone 'present'. Representative-Elect Mike
Smith."

Smith: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Smith 'present'. Representative-Elect Keith

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Sommer."

Sommer: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Sommer 'present'. Representative-Elect Ron
Stephens."

Stephens: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Stephens 'present'. Representative-Elect Todd
Stroger."

Stroger: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Stroger 'present'. Representative-Elect Art
Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Tenhouse 'present'. Representative-Elect Arthur
Turner."

Turner, A.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Turner 'present'. Representative-Elect John
Turner."

Turner, J.: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Turner 'present'. Representative-Elect Ronald
Wait."

Wait: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Wait 'present'. Representative-Elect Richard
Winkel."

Winkel: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Winkel 'present'. Representative-Elect David
Winters."

Winters: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Winters 'present'. Representative-Elect David
Wirsing."

Wirsing: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Wirsing 'present'. Representative-Elect Kathleen
Wojcik."

Wojcik: "Present."

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Clerk Rossi: "Wojcik 'present'. Representative-Elect Larry Woolard."

Woolard: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Woolard 'present'. Representative-Elect Wyvetter Younge."

Younge: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Younge 'present'. Representative-Elect Anne Zickus."

Zickus: "Present."

Clerk Rossi: "Zickus 'present'."

Secretary White: "A hundred and seventeen Representatives-Elect having answered the Roll Call Attendance, a quorum is present, and the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly is officially convened. The Provisional Clerk will now enter the attendance roll into the Journal. And now, I have the great pleasure of introducing to you a man who served in this Body. He's a former Member of the Illinois General Assembly. His name is Alan Greiman, Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court, who will administer the constitutional oath of office, following which each Member shall execute the written oath on their desk to be filed in my office. Justice Greiman."

Judge Greiman: "Thank you. If each Member would stand at their desk. Raise your right hand and repeat after me. 'I, (state your name), do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Representative in the General Assembly according to the best of my ability.' Congratulations to you all. You are Representatives. Let me remind you to execute... to execute the oath of office that is at each of your desks, so that I can have the

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opportunity to acknowledge that oath of office. On a just a very personal moment, I have done this... I had the honor to do this five times. It is a great honor to me, but today is even a more special honor for me, of which I'm sure you're all aware. Thank you very much."

Secretary White: "As was indicated by the Justice, all Members must execute their oath and submit them to the Provisional Clerk. Members shall execute their signatures on all four copies and pass those toward the center of the aisle. There will be persons at the center of the aisle who will collect them. You don't have to come down to the well. This is in expeditious manner, so just pass them over to the center, and when you do that you will help this House take care of its business. The House will be at ease for a few moments while we carry out the signing of the oath. May I have your attention please? Will all Members except the authorized staff are asked to withdraw from the chambers? Again, all persons except Members and authorized staff are asked to remove themselves from this chamber. In Room 114 and Room 118 there are some closed circuit televisions sets that are made available to you, so you can continue to view the proceedings once you have arrived in Room 114 or 118, and that's on the first floor. Ladies and Gentlemen, we'd like to conduct the business of the House. In about three minutes we will begin the business of this House. So, if you could make your way to Rooms 114 or 118, we'd appreciate it. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Will all persons except Members and authorized staff withdraw from the chambers? Will all persons except Members and authorized staff withdraw from the chambers?"

Secretary White: "Ladies and Gentlemen, in order for us to proceed only authorized staff and the elected officials are

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to remain on the floor. Only authorized staff and elected officials are authorized to remain on the floor."

Speaker Madigan: "Will all persons except Members and authorized staff please retire from the chambers?"

Secretary White: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we have some important business before this Body, and in order for us to proceed we respectfully ask for you to go to Rooms 114 or 118 immediately. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we need your cooperation. We would like to proceed, and we respectfully ask that you ask your guests, or your family to retire to the gallery or to Rooms 114 or 118. We have a lot of business before this House and we'd like to complete our work in an expeditious manner. Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention please? We are ready to proceed. Under Articles IV, Section 6(b) of the Constitution, the first order of business of this House is the election of a Member from its Body. We'll try it again. Under Article IV, Section 6(b) of the Constitution, the first order of business of this House is the election from its Members a Speaker as presiding officer. The House is now governed by the Rules of the House of the 90th General Assembly, which are made applicable to these proceedings by Section 3 of the General Assembly Operations Act. These Rules provide that the person receiving the majority of the votes of the Members elected shall be declared elected Speaker. Therefore, sixty votes in favor of a nominee shall be required to elect the Speaker. Debate shall not be in order following the nominations and proceedings or during the vote. Nominations are now in order for the Office of Speaker. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli, the Dean of the House."

Capparelli: "Thank you, Jesse, our new Secretary of State. It's

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my privilege and honor again, once again, to nominate Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the Illinois House. As you know, the Speaker must take a new... reins to a new millennium this year, and Michael is one of the few men that can do that. He is an outstanding Legislator, outstanding Leader. He's been a Leader here when we first came down in 1970, and I saw immediately that Michael was a great Leader and he would continue to be a good Leader. So, Mike, I wish you the best of luck and may God keep you healthy to lead us into the next century. Thank you."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan, for Speaker of the House. Is there a second? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is a week of great optimism and enthusiasm for us here in Illinois. On Monday, we celebrated the inauguration of a new Governor, a new Lieutenant Governor, a new Secretary of State, and a new Comptroller in Illinois. And today, we take our places as leaders in State Government. And first, let me offer my congratulations to each and everyone here today. The people of your districts have shown great confidence in you. They have sent you here to make Illinois a better place. The dreams and aspirations of all Illinois citizens are gathered with us. Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan for Speaker. There are many highlights in Michael Madigan's life worth addressing today, but I would like to focus on the last two years that he served us as Speaker. Two years ago when Democrats reclaimed the Majority in this chamber, some Members spoke of pay backs and retribution, but

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Michael Madigan would have none of that. Instead, Mike Madigan brought a new spirit of cooperation to this House. In an unprecedented move, he asked Republicans to co-chair select committees in the House. These committees were composed of an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. He even gave the Republicans a chairmanship and a majority on one important House committee. Under Michael Madigan's leadership, Republicans sponsored nearly half the Bills that passed this House. When we faced the delicate question of an impeachment hearing in the Illinois House, again, Michael Madigan created a special bipartisan committee with an equal number of Democrats and Republicans. He gave Republicans the co-chairmanship of the committee, an equal voice in setting up the ground rules. Our first order of business today is to elect a Speaker. And I believe we must elect someone who will treat us all fairly. Someone who will give each of us a chance to advance our agenda. Someone who will allow both Democrats and Republicans to advance ideas. Someone who will allow liberals, conservatives and moderates an equal chance. Someone who will treat downstaters, suburbanites, those from Chicago, fairly. That is why I rise to second the nomination of Michael Madigan. In the end, Michael Madigan proved last term that we could accomplish much by working together, much more than fighting with each other. And isn't that what the voters sent us here to do, to work together and solve our state's problems? Michael Madigan has done an outstanding job as our Speaker and he deserves to be reelected to that office, and I proudly second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House. Thank you."

Secretary Jesse White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook,

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Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Secretary White. It's indeed a pleasure to see you up there. Let me add my congratulations, too, to all the Members of the 91st General Assembly. Ours is a challenging, rewarding, and exciting job. It's one of the best jobs going. And in our system of governments, we the Legislature, are a co-equal branch of our government, co-equal with the Executive, co-equal with the Judiciary. We are full partners in our governance and I am delighted to be able to second the nomination of a man for Speaker of this House who has an absolute commitment to this institution and to its legitimate prerogatives. As Speaker of the House for 14 years, Michael Madigan has shown how seriously he takes the job, how hard he's willing to work to make it work. Long before we heard words like compromise and consensus from the new Speaker of the United States House, Denny Hastert, and the new Governor of the State of Illinois, George Ryan, we lived those words under the Speakership of Michael Madigan. It was Mike, who engineered the compromise that replaced the personal property tax. It was Mike, who engineered the legislation that brought new dollars to Illinois schools and local governments. It was Mike Madigan, who brought labor and management together so they could negotiate issues of appropriate compensation for workers and unemployment insurance. Mike Madigan is chief in charge of cooperation. He's the consummate consensus builder. He understands the divisions that pit us against one another, that pit black against white, city against suburb, upstate against down. He understands that there is diversity and that the diversity, which is our greatest strength, is often the source of our greatest weakness. Mike knows how to help us

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reach across the lines that separate us, reach across in order to be able to solve the real problems that face the people of Illinois. He is the consummate consensus builder. He has brought us together over the years to solve those problems and I know that he will be, as he has shown himself to be in the past, a Speaker of the House for all of Illinois. Mike is a man of integrity. He's honest. He's decent. He's committed to this institution, but he has the good sense to put his wonderful wife, Shirley, and his four beautiful children first. I am proud to second the nomination of a great Speaker, who has been and will be, an even greater Speaker, Michael J. Madigan."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Turner."

Turner, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. You're looking mighty good up there. I, too, would like to congratulate all the Members of the General Assembly... of the 91st General Assembly in having been reelected for some, and elected to others. And I'm also very happy that this Mike decided not to retire. In the 19 years that I've been here, I've come to realize that the most difficult job here is that of Speaker of the House. Why? Because that person has the responsibility of trying to manage 118 people, all elected leaders respecting over a hundred thousand people with over a hundred thousand ideas. Mike Madigan has withstood the challenge. Having served us as Speaker for over 14 years, we all admit that no one works harder and longer than Mike Madigan. He is probably the most organized man I know. We have all heard the stories of how you can walk into his office, and when you politely take the seat in front of him, he reaches into his desk drawer, pull out a file and can tell you exactly what he said and what you said and

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when. Most importantly, Mike has shown that he is a man of compassion, even when Mike says 'no', you do realize that he understands your issues. And I try to tell that to my teenage son sometime, and it just doesn't work that way. Effective government needs its checks and balances, and Mike has demonstrated that he knows how to do both. It is because of these qualities and many more, that I proudly stand to second the nomination of Michael Madigan for Speaker of the House."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you very much, Mr. Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen, a great Body like the Illinois House of Representatives requires a great Leader. A Leader that recognizes what this institution is all about and has the institutional memory to recall what this institution has been over a long number of years. As we've seen over recent weeks, lack of bipartisanship has gripped our nation's capitol. We surely have had that in this Body from time to time, but certainly any objective person over the last two years would notice a distinct change in this Body. Mike Madigan has brought that spirit of bipartisanship to this Body. Anyone looking at the percentage of Bills that passed this Body over the last two years would be aware of that. Some on this side of the aisle weren't even too happy about that. But almost 50% of the Bills that passed this chamber in the last two years were sponsored by the Minority Party. Mike Madigan is a Gentleman with an open door. He wants to listen to you, and he's one of the great listeners in this chamber. In fact, sometimes all he does is listen. But when you have something to say to him, he knows what you've said. He'll remember it a year from now, two years from now, and

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he knows what you're about, and he knows what your agenda is. He has respect for this chamber like no one else in this Body. No one has ever respected what we do here or this institution in a greater way than Michael J. Madigan. Mike Madigan is a man of accomplishment to lead this Body to further accomplishments. And this General Assembly and probably other General Assemblies following, will have to deal with major issues such as education funding and property tax reform, health-care reform, dealing with our campaign finance system, which still needs work, and maybe more important, the re-invigoration of this Body in terms of the public perception of what we do here. And as people in Washington begin to start rebuilding the public's trust in government and government officials, as I believe they will, we will continue to do that here with a great Speaker at our helm. And for all of these reasons, I proudly support the nomination, and second the nomination, of our good friend, Mike Madigan, to be our next Speaker."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Judy Erwin."

Erwin: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. It is a pleasure to second the nomination of Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House. Twenty years ago today I walked into this building and had the privilege to work for another legislative leader, Senate President, Phil Rock. Since then, my respect and admiration for the legislative process, and for our place in that policymaking process, has only increased. Today I am honored to second the nomination of another legislative leader, Speaker Mike Madigan. A Speaker who will challenge each of us to give our best and to lead this chamber and our state into an exciting new millennium. It is the measure of the person and a leader, I think, to reach out

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to those with whom you disagree. Another great Democratic leader, United States Senator William Fulbright said, "We must learn to explore all the options and possibilities that confront us in a complex and rapidly changing world. We must learn to welcome and not fear, the voices of dissent. Speaker Mike Madigan welcomes each of our voices and each of our talents, because he knows and understands that to do our very best for the people of Illinois, we have to use all of our talents. With the new Ryan administration, I feel very confident that with Speaker Mike Madigan at the podium we will work together to make sure that we bring and help the people of Illinois have a healthy, safe, and prosperous future for all the children and all the families. It is certainly my honor to second the nomination of Mike Madigan as Speaker of the House."

Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Capparelli, places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from Cook, Michael J. Madigan for Speaker of the House. The Gentleman from Montgomery, Representative Hannig, the Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Turner, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang and the Lady from Cook, Representative Erwin, second the nomination of Representative Michael J. Madigan for the Office of Speaker. Representative Madigan is nominated for the Office of Speaker. Are there any further nominations for the Office of Speaker? Are there further nominations for the Office of Speaker? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Adams, Representative Tenhouse."

Tenhouse: "Thank you. Secretary White, fellow Members of the House, families, distinguished guests, it's my high privilege to rise to place into nomination the name of Lee

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A. Daniels for the Office of Speaker of the House. Lee Daniels has the dedication, the experience, the courage, and the wisdom to lead the House of Representatives into the 21st century. Lee has proven over and over again that he's truly a leader. Lee A. Daniels has served as a leader in the House for more than 16 years, including tremendous service as Speaker of the House from 1995 to 1997. Lee's leadership abilities were recognized nationwide when he was elected President of the National Conference of State Legislators in 1990. Throughout his tenure as a Republican Leader for the House, he's worked with the Legislature to develop successful plans, to promote fiscally responsible state's funding, to produce better schools, to improve our state's business climate and to fight for property tax relief. He was the force behind groundbreaking legislation for the developmentally disabled, and in 1995 the architect of nationally acclaimed reforms to Chicago's much maligned public school system. Those school reforms have born fruit. Now the Chicago school system is a model for others in the nation to follow. He's won numerous national, state and local awards and honors for his service as a Legislator. Among those awards are from the National Federation for the Handicapped, the Community Awareness Unlimited, Illinois Association for Rehabilitation Facilities, United Cerebral Palsy, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill, the Illinois Merchandising Council, the Association of Retarded Citizens and many, many, many more. He's a proud graduate of the University of Iowa. Some of us who went to Illinois are somewhat in consternation at that and especially in relation to our basketball team this year, and John Marshall Law School. He and his gracious wife Pam, and family live in Elmhurst. I ask my fellow

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Members to join me in honoring Lee A. Daniels with election as Speaker of the Illinois House. There can be no better choice. Lee Daniels is the right person for the job. Mr. Secretary, I take great pride in nominating Lee A. Daniels as Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Coles, Representative Righter."

Righter: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, and honored guests, first of all, I want to extend to each and everyone of you my heartfelt congratulations to you, for having this honor and look forward to working with each and everyone of you. Today the 91st General Assembly as one of its first acts, will choose its leader in the Speaker of the House. As we all know, the Speaker is the predominant force in setting the tempo, the decorum, and the agenda that this Body will follow. And those items, not just in terms of Session days or rules or committees, are all very important. But what we need now is a leader who will exemplify what service means to the people of this state, the person who will exemplify that in the Chair, that Secretary White now holds. In this chamber hang portraits of Abraham Lincoln, and Stephen Douglas, two statesmen from Illinois who rose above the rancor and the divisiveness of everyday politics to do something that sometimes is all too rare, and that is to serve their constituents truly with honor and integrity. Honor and integrity, not just meaning being truthful, but meaning, putting forth a positive, constructive agenda that has as only one thing its sole focus, and that is the best interests of the people that you represent. The best interest of the people that we represent should not only guide our actions throughout the entirety of the 91st

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General Assembly, but should also guide our votes for Speaker of the House. And so Ladies and Gentlemen, it is incumbent upon each of us to look within ourselves and say, 'Who will best provide that leadership? 'Who will best provide the positive agenda that this state so richly deserves and so desperately needs?' And so Speaker, with these considerations in mind, I am proud to speak on behalf of someone who has proven himself already in the Office of Speaker, who has shown the ability and the willingness to lead with honor and integrity and provide that positive, constructive agenda for change. Someone who I know, will represent all the people of Illinois, including the people of my home district who have graciously placed their confidence in me, and who have sent me here to do what is right. And my first act as a Member of the 91st General Assembly will be to vote for someone for Speaker, who will provide real leadership in the times of challenge and opportunity that this state faces. And it is with these considerations in mind that I proudly second the nomination of the Honorable Lee A. Daniels for Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, to provide that leadership, that honor, and that integrity that this chamber, this General Assembly, and the people of this state deserve. Thank you, Mr. Secretary."

Secretary White: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary, and congratulations to all. I am proud to stand to second the nomination of Lee A. Daniels for Speaker of the House. Lee A. Daniels. What do those letters stand for? L-A-D. Well, we have quite a lad here. They stand for first of all, leadership. Lee is a leader of his party and of the people of the state. He is

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accessible. He listens to you. Now, he may not always agree with you, but he is open to new ideas. He offers his advice. I'll tell you this man can convince you of anything, because he has a passion for what he believes in and he exhibits that passion to us. He has a vision for the future and doesn't concentrate on anything in the past. Lee A. Daniels. The 'A' stands for attitude. Lee has a positive attitude. He'll forge ahead even if the forces are against him and he has respect for the individual and for this institution. He has respect for the principles of this institution, that we all should be able to be heard on any subject, that no matter which side we are on, we have a chance to represent our constituents and the right to express our views. This is his attitude. L-A-D, dedication. Lee is extremely dedicated. I have never seen a man work so hard for his caucus, for his constituents, and for the people of this state. Leadership, attitude, and dedication, that's why I am proud to second the nomination of Lee A. Daniels for Speaker of the House. He has never forgotten that politics is about communication, people, and keeping your word. Thank you." Secretary White: "The Gentleman from Adams, Representative Tenhouse places in nomination the name of the Gentleman from DuPage, Lee A. Daniels, for Speaker of the House. The Lady from Kane, Representative Lindner, and the Gentleman from Coles, Representative Righter, seconds the nomination of Representative Lee A. Daniels for the Office of Speaker. Representative Daniels is nominated for the Office of Speaker. Are there further nominations for the Office of Speaker of the House of Representatives? There being no further nominations offered from the floor, nominations for the Office of Speaker are closed. The nominees for the

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Office of Speaker for the 91st General Assembly are Representatives Michael J. Madigan and Representative Lee A. Daniels. And on that question, the Clerk will please call the roll. I'll ask that the Members be in their seats, and that we will have an oral roll call. And we'd like very much for you to... we will hold what I just said. I recognize Representative Daniels from DuPage."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House... Mr. Secretary, excuse me, and congratulations to you. You'll do a great job as our Secretary of State. We understand the political realities of this moment, but we also understand the significance and the importance of this moment. And I think it's time that we learn and listen from our colleagues all over the United States that are calling for us to work together. So I would move that by a Ballot of Acclamation, this House elect Michael J. Madigan as Speaker of the House. And I would ask... Mr. Secretary, I, of course, recognize that I do need a vote from that side of the aisle or from this side of the aisle, so I could be elected Minority Leader. But I would also like to say in closing, Mike, could you make me a committee chair, too?"

Secretary White: "On that question, I'd like to recognize Michael J... Representative Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. And Lee thank you very, very much for that very profound gesture, and for your showing of support. And in terms of our procedural requirements, Mr. Speaker, please record me as voting for Representative Daniels for the Office of Speaker."

Secretary White: "The record will so reflect. Representative Daniels moves that Representative Madigan will be elected by acclamation. Those in favor say 'aye', opposed 'nay'.

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The 'ayes' have it. And by acclamation Michael J. Madigan is appointed Speaker of the House of Representatives. Representative Lee Daniels has been elected Leader of the House of... I'm sorry, has been elected Minority Leader... I apologize, Lee... elected Minority Leader of the House. And with the consent of the House, I would like to appoint ten Members to constitute an Honor Committee to escort the Speaker-Elect to the rostrum to take the constitutional oath. Is there leave? Is there leave for me to... thank you, thank you. Leave being granted, I appoint the following committee to escort Speaker Madigan, Representative Daniel Burke, Representative Monique Davis, Representative Judy Erwin, Representative Tom Johnson, Representative Jim Meyer, Representative Ron Lawfer, Representative Patricia Lindner, Representative Jack McGuire, Representative Phil Novak and Representative Jeff Schoenberg. Will the Committee of Honor retire to the seats after Michael Madigan has been escorted to the rostrum? To administer the constitutional oath of Speaker-Elect, I have the honor again of presenting to this House, the Honorable Alan J. Greiman, Justice of the Appellate Court. Joining Justice Greiman to the podium are Members of Speaker Madigan-Elect who will assist in administering the oath, Justice Greiman."

Judge Greiman: "Thank you, Mr. Secretary. Repeat after me I and your name."

Speaker Madigan: "... I, Michael Madigan... "

Judge Greiman: "... do solemnly swear... "

Speaker Madigan: "... do solemnly swear... "

Judge Greiman: "... that I will support the Constitution of the United States... "

Speaker Madigan: "... that I will support the Constitution of the

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United States... "

Judge Greiman: "... and the Constitution of the State of Illinois... "

Speaker Madigan: "... and the Constitution of the State of Illinois... "

Judge Greiman: "... and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Speaker... "

Speaker Madigan: "... and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Speaker... "

Judge Greiman: "... of the House of Representatives... "

Speaker Madigan: "... of the House of Representatives... "

Judge Greiman: "... according to the best of my ability... "

Speaker Madigan: "... according to the best of my ability... "

Judge Greiman: "Michael, congratulations."

Speaker Madigan: "First, I'd like to thank Secretary Jesse White for his outstanding performance as the temporary Speaker. Most of you know Jesse, because he served here in the House of Representatives for several years. He has an exemplary records, both in private and in public life. And I've said this to Jesse before, and so I know he'll take it in the right light, that the only mistake he ever made in life was to play for the Cubs rather than the White Sox. Jesse is a former House Member and former House Members have been doing very well in the last few days. First, there's former House Member and former Governor, Jim Edgar, who has just finished eight successful years as the Governor of Illinois. Next, is former House Member and former Speaker of the House, George Ryan, now the Governor of Illinois. His running mate, former House Member, Corinne Wood, and former House Member and now Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert. Before I begin, let me just do some introductions. Most of you know my

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family, the woman who makes all of this possible, my lovely wife, Shirley, Shirley Madigan. My lovely daughter, Nicole, Nicole Madigan. My wonderful son, Andrew. Another daughter, Tiffany, is away at school. And another daughter, Lisa, is somewhere over on the other side of the Great Divide, and she may come along soon. We're very pleased to have with us today, the President of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County, President John Stroger and his lovely wife, Yonnie. With John is County Commissioner Bobby Steele. We're also very happy to have with us the Assessor of Cook County, former House Member, Jim Houlihan. We're also pleased to have with us the President of the Board of the Chicago Water Reclamation District, Terry O'Brien. The former Assessor of Cook County, the father of the Comptroller of the State of Illinois, the one bad thing he did in life was serving in the State Senate, our good friend, Tom Hynes. Tom Hynes. The Alderman of the 13th Ward of the City of Chicago, the Honorable Frank Olivo, his lovely wife, Karen, Karen Olivo, and their wonderful son, Frankie Olivo. The Mayor of the City of Rockford, Mayor Charles Box. Recently elected Justice of the Appellate Court, Judge Sue Myerscough. Member of the Appellate Court in Cook County, Justice Peggy Frossard. And Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Honorable Al Green. On this occasion two years ago, I made a pledge to all of you and to the people of the State of Illinois, that I would conduct the proceedings of the House of Representatives in a bipartisan manner, and in a spirit of total cooperation with the Governor, the Republican Leaders in the Legislature, and with every Member of the House of Representatives. I kept that pledge. It was not easy at times, but I kept that pledge. And today I want to renew

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that pledge for the next two years. At the time that I made the pledge there weren't too many who joined me, but I noticed at the inaugural of the constitutional officers on Monday, that bipartisanship has taken a new life. So first, Governor Ryan, spoke of working along bipartisan lines, followed by Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert, and then every constitutional officer. So, I think it's going to take hold. I think that it will be very helpful, very productive, in terms of what all of us want to do during the next two years of this General Assembly. During the past two years, I do believe, that it provided for less partisan bickering. Certainly, it provided for full and fair consideration of both of Governor Edgar's education proposals. And most of you will remember that at one point, where the first Governor's proposal was not considered in the Senate. There was the opportunity for the usual partisan deadlock, with one chamber advancing one position, the other chamber advancing another, but that didn't happen. That was one of the points where it was not easy to proceed on a bipartisan basis, but we did it. And fortunately, under Governor Edgar's leadership, a sound educational plan providing for funding and changes in accountability requirements was enacted into law. At the same time, our conduct of affairs in an era of bipartisanship provided for the rejection of numerous requests from special interests for unwarranted tax breaks. As we move into this Session, I think that we have three areas of activity. One would relate to unfinished business, another would relate to prior accomplishments which need continuing attention, and the last would be new initiatives. Concerning unfinished business, most of us

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know the term HMO. We know that HMO refers to managed care. More people than ever in Illinois receive their care from managed care or from HMOs. And we will have a full debate about HMOs and regulations thereof, but there's one very clear fact which is not disputed, that when people receive health care under an HMO, their health care is being rationed. It's not full health care. It's rationed health care. It results in many people not receiving the treatment that they want or need, and consequently has resulted in too many abuses by certain HMOs. During the last two years, we provided for a Committee of the House which was concerned with health care availability and access. This committee functioned under the leadership of Representative Mary Flowers. The committee was very productive. It provided for two broad-based, well-thought-out Bills. Unfortunately, those Bills were not considered in the Senate. We will renew that particular committee. We will continue to work to provide changes in Illinois law that should not be construed as being anti-HMO, anti-managed care, but simply designed to provide some changes in the law, so that certain of these abuses will be eliminated from that system of provision of health care. Another area of unfinished business would be mega hog farms. Again, the House passed legislation which provided for some regulation of mega hog farms. The Illinois Farm Bureau is not supportive of that legislation. I was very pleased to read just a few weeks ago that at the national level, there was an agreement between the National Farm Bureau and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, which provided that certain of the items which were debated here in the Illinois Legislature, were adopted by agreement between those two organizations at the national

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level. And my hope is that that will provide a breakthrough, so that here in the Illinois House we can pass and move over to the Senate and move onto the Governor's desk, meaningful legislation designed not to hurt the agricultural economy of the State of Illinois, but simply to mitigate some of the environmental damage caused by the location of mega hog farms. And my plan, in that regard is to continue to work with the bipartisan Central Illinois Six, who advanced that legislation before the House during the last two years. Concerning accomplishments which require our continued attention, number one, governmental ethics. Last spring we passed a sound change in the Illinois Purchasing Law. It was long in coming. There had been documented abuses, clear violations of the existing law, and both chambers of the General Assembly came together, here in the House under the leadership of Representative Jeffrey Schoenberg. The Bill was enacted into law. It was signed by the Governor. We had not even returned for our Veto Session, and the Procurement Policy Board had 15 recommendations for exceptions to that newly enacted law. Fifteen proposals for loopholes in the law that we had just passed, and that the Governor had signed. Now, during the Veto Session, fortunately, none of those 15 proposals became law. But I suggest to you, that we will have to remain vigilant in terms of providing, that there aren't creations of loopholes from that newly enacted purchasing law. Another one of our accomplishments was the adoption of the School Construction Program. This was part of Governor Edgar's education plan. The program is in place. But we already know that there's not enough money in the program to satisfy all of the districts which have adopted successful

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referendums to provide for the construction or the addition or modification of school buildings. And so, I suggest to all of you, that we may have to enhance the newly created School Construction Program. Another area of accomplishment was the creation of charter schools. And this was clearly an accomplishment of Speaker Daniels and Representative, then Chair of the Education Committee, Cowlshaw. Unfortunately, given the fact that Illinois provides for charter schools by law, we haven't seen that many created. An interestingly, most of the charter schools created, have been in the City of Chicago. I think we ought to revisit that statute. We ought to look to see how we can change the law to provide more encouragement for the creation of charter schools, and more encouragement to the people who are proposing those schools. Because these are, clearly, parents and citizens who recognize that innovation in education is always a good sound thing to do in terms of educating children. Concerning new initiatives, let me mention two. Illinois owes a debt of gratitude to its Attorney General, Jim Ryan. Jim Ryan joined other attorney generals in filing lawsuits against the tobacco industry, seeking to obtain compensation for the medical costs of victims of tobacco. There is a settlement. The settlement will provide for an infusion of money into the treasury of the State of Illinois. We've already opened a debate as to how that money should be spent, and as will always happen around any Legislature including the Illinois Legislature, there's plenty of ideas on how to spend money. I would suggest that before we're actually in a position to spend the money, before it even arrives in the treasury, that we ought to try and adopt a Resolution which would express the sense of the Legislature

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as to how that money should be spent. We can probably quickly agree that it ought to be spent for health-related issues. But beyond that there will be a full solid debate. And I would simply suggest that we might get ahead of the curve on this particular issue, and although we can't spend the money right away, we could adopt a Resolution of the Legislature which would express the sense of the Legislature. And lastly, it has been reported by the Southtown Newspaper up in the Chicago area, that hospital inspections have not been publicly reported. And there was this story which related to a hospital here in Springfield where that had been some negative results from inspections, and they had not been public reported. I do think that inspections of that nature ought to be public knowledge, and I would simply suggest something that we all readily understand. The reports of inspections of elevators are publicly reported, but not the place where you go to try and save your life. Let me thank all of you for your selection of me as the Speaker of the House. In particular, let me thank Lee Daniels for his Motion that the vote be by acclamation. I'm very sincere in what I said earlier, that I will continue with my program and my efforts to proceed on a fair and equal basis, on a bipartisan basis. And I implore all of you to join me in that effort, because you all know, because you... most of you are veterans of this place. You all know the place works much better when people make a sincere effort to get along and work cooperatively. So again, thank you very, very much. If I can indulge upon you one more time, we do have a distinguished guest in the rear of the chamber, Senator Lisa Madigan. Would you come forward, Senator? The Chair recognizes the Minority Leader, Mr. Lee Daniels."

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Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, I should thank you for your vote, I only got one. Thank you very much for your vote, Sir, and congratulations to you on election once again as Speaker of the House. Let me take this opportunity to congratulate each and every Member of the House, and of course our constitutional officers, on their election and swearing in the other day. But to all of you in the House, my congratulations, you worked extremely hard to get here, and I know each and every member of this chamber will work extremely hard to pursue their goals, their dreams and their vision to make it a better Illinois. I, too, would like to introduce my family. I think my wife, Pam, is in the Gallery. Pam, if you'd stand up and say hello. My daughter Laurie was here earlier but she's in my office. And to Laurie, 'Hello back there, and I hope that you're enjoying the proceedings.' Unfortunately, my other kids are all over the country, Mr. Speaker. My daughter, Rachel, her husband, Kevin, and my granddaughter, Danni, are in Orlando, Florida. My daughter, Julia, is in Boston, Massachusetts, where she works at Massachusetts General Hospital. My son, Tom, is in Chicago working for Governor Ryan and he'll make sure that I do the right thing, I'm sure, on behalf of Governor Ryan. And my daughter, Christina, 16 is in school studying for semester exams, and I was really tossed and torn as to whether or not I should take her out of school and her pursuit of education followed. You all know what it is to be 16, and you all know she'd rather be in school than she wanted to be here. So, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, it's an honor to accept the nomination of Republican Leader of the Illinois House, and I thank my colleagues and each and every one of you for that honor. And I'll do my absolute

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best to maintain your trust and your desires. Eighteen years ago George Ryan asked me to join his leadership team, and I was glad to do so. George Ryan is my personal friend. He is my friend for many, many years, and yes, he has been my mentor on many occasions. So, on Monday, when he was sworn in as Governor of the State of Illinois, it was with a great sense of pride, but listening to his words was also a great sense of direction. I was proud to serve with him then, 18 years ago and on the House Republican team then, and I'm just as proud of him today, when he was elected and sworn in as Governor of the State of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I, like you have many people here today that I would like to recognize, and with your permission I'm going to recognize a few of them, because they are some of my special friends from back home. I'd like to recognize the Chairman of the Du Page County Board who is with us here today, and in the Gallery, Robert Shillerstrom and his wife, Mary Beth. The State's Attorney of Du Page County, Joe Birkett and his wife, Patti. The mayor of my home town, my important mayor, Tom Marcucci, the Mayor of Elmhurst, Illinois. Tom tries to tell me that Elmhurst is really the capital of Illinois, but, Tom, we haven't quite done that, yet. So thanks for coming down today. And of course, two of our county board members are here today, Bill Maio, Bill. And Roger Jenisch, Roger. So, to those elected officials, thanks for joining us today, along with my friends to make this a special occasion. Mr. Speaker, this is a time for great change. We've seen that pursued throughout the land today. We've heard it articulated in Washington, D.C. in the election of Speaker Hastert, and in Illinois we have a new Governor. In George Ryan, Republicans and Democrats have a friend. More importantly,

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the people of Illinois have a trusted advocate. In Washington, D.C. we have a new Speaker. I think he's our Speaker. I think he came from the Illinois House of Representatives, which makes him our Speaker in Washington, D.C. What do you think? In Denny Hastert, the American people have someone they can trust to govern with honesty and integrity. In this chamber we have 118 Members, many of whom are new to this House today. It is my greatest hope that the people we represent can find in us the responsibility to govern effectively, and face problems with courage. The Illinois House of Representatives is an esteemed Body with a very, very proud tradition. The voices of the past guide us as evidenced by the portraits of long ago colleagues, Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln. Today the list of former House Members who led this state and nation with wisdom and excellence, are incredible. I've mentioned George Ryan and Denny Hastert. They are joined by respected servants like Abraham Lincoln, Jim Edgar, Corinne Wood, Jesse White, Judy Baar Topinka, Pate Philip, Emil Jones, Richard J. Daley and the list goes on and on and on, and it's a list of pride and accomplishment that people who've served in this chamber, have gone on to serve with greatness. What an awesome history we have here. And what a tremendous responsibility we have as Representatives to honor their legacy and the legacy of Illinois. Many of us have been part of that history. For new Members, your part begins today and moves forward. But what will be our accomplishment during your time here? What will our legacy be? What will we leave behind, when we move on either to another position or leave government altogether? We've heard one phrase over and over again from Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. to

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Capitol Avenue in Springfield, the time for partisanship must come to an end. And, Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to witness the election and swearing in of Denny Hastert last week in Washington, D.C. But I was also taken for the moment when Richard Gephardt, and they have a tradition in Washington that I didn't know until I was there. Richard Gephardt takes the gavel and presents it to the new Speaker of the House, in this case, Denny Hastert. He looked at Denny Hastert and he said, 'It is time to bury the hatchet and move forward with good government'. and I think he said the right things. Now, to solve the problems of today and tomorrow, we must work together. We have a fresh start today. What will we do with that opportunity? Will we squander it through petty bickering as has happened in the past? Will we be subjected to an ironfisted rule that's happened in the past, when both chambers have run this place? Will we tarnish the legacy of this Body by limiting Members' rights, and restricting free and open debate? Or will we seize the moment to forge a new agenda similar in nature to what the Speaker said? But each and everyone of you today have your own agenda, have your own goals and have your own desire. And shouldn't we be able to articulate those positions in committee and the House floor? Shouldn't each one of us be able to stand on this floor and debate with openness, our views, our thoughts and the goals and dreams of our constituents? The answer can only be, 'yes'. Nobody, Republican or Democrat, should be allowed to stifle our voice, and our compassion, and feelings for the people that sent us here to represent them back home. So, the answer lies with each and everyone of us in our actions, and what we do from this point forward. So, I look forward to working together. It's time to rise

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above the partisanship that has divided us in the past. And Speaker Madigan, you have my word, as you have given to each one of us when you were elected Speaker, that we will stand with you and all of our colleagues, if you lead us to a future of bipartisanship and cooperation. We will be there alongside you. So, working together we can tackle those rough issues. The issues that we face, health care, education reform, transportation, crime, tax relief, and the list goes on and on and on, and each one of you has your voice and your feeling on each one of those issues. That's why we need your ideas and your input and your ability to address those. So, Ladies and Gentlemen of this House, you've accomplished much to be here today. There's only one way to build on those accomplishments, and that's together, and together we can honor the legacy of the past and build a foundation for future generations that will lead us into the next century. Thank you, and may God bless you all."

Speaker Madigan: "We're very pleased to have Governor Ryan and his lovely wife, Lura Lynn, and I give you Governor George Ryan."

Governor Ryan: "Thank you. Thank you very much. Lura Lynn and I came by, we just left the Senate where I presided over the swearing-in of the new Senate Members. I congratulated them, and I thought it appropriate that I come here for two reasons: one, to congratulate each and everyone of you on your new swearing and your new office that you hold, to pledge my cooperation to work with both sides of this aisle, to work with all of you together, and the second part of the report is, Mr. Speaker, that we did get your daughter, Lisa, sworn in. She's a full-blown Senator now, and my congratulations to you. I know it was tough for you

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to be here and miss that, but she did a great job. I just came by to say to Lee Daniels and to Mike Madigan, as I told Emil Jones and Pate Philips, I am here to work with all of you, to work together and we've got some major hurdles to jump and we're going to do it together. God bless all of you. It's nice to be with you. Thanks very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, it was nice of the Governor to get Lisa sworn in. I wonder if he can get a Bill out of the Senate Rules Committee for her? The next order of business is the election of the Chief Clerk. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let me personally congratulate you on your beginning of your eighth term as Speaker of this great Body. I served most of that time with you and I appreciate your leadership and guidance. Congratulations."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you."

Brunsvold: "For Jesse White, is Jesse still down there?"

Speaker Madigan: "He just left the chamber."

Brunsvold: "Well, let me say anyway that Jesse... 16 years ago this day, I was seated on this House floor and my seatmate was Jesse White, and he took me under his wing and showed me the ropes for the first two years, and I wanted to thank Jesse for that. He was very instrumental in them first two years with me. And, Mr. Speaker, I'd also like to say that Jesse made a second mistake. He left this House and we haven't beaten the Senate in softball since."

Unknown: "I think we'll get him back now. We can figure him into the House, somehow."

Speaker Madigan: "Sure."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move to... for the immediate

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consideration and suspension of the applicable House Rules for the adoption of House Resolutions 1, 2, and 3."

Speaker Madigan: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. All in favor say 'aye', all opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it and the Motion is adopted. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1, a Resolution for the election of Tony Rossi as Chief Clerk, Brad Bolin as Assistant Clerk and Lee Crawford as Doorkeeper. The Resolutions are on the Clerk's desk."

Speaker Madigan: "Resolutions. Mr. Provisional Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution #1. Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that the following officers are hereby elected for the term of the 91st General Assembly: Tony Rossi, as Chief Clerk of the House; Brad Bolin as Assistant Clerk of the House and Lee Crawford as Doorkeeper of the House."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Resolution the Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold. The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution... "

Brunsvold: "I lost my page on the script. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved the adoption of House Resolution 1. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye', all those opposed by saying 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Pursuant to House Resolution 1, the Chair declares Tony Rossi elected as the Chief Clerk of the House for the 91st General Assembly. Brad Bolin is declared elected as the

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Assistant Clerk of the House for the 91st General Assembly. Lee Crawford is declared elected as the Doorkeeper of the House for the 91st General Assembly. Do these Gentlemen accept the offices to which they have been elected? They have all nodded their heads 'yes'. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold, is recognized to offer a Resolution."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of House Resolution #2 to direct the Clerk to inform the Senate that the House is organized."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved the adoption of House Resolution 2. This is the traditional notification to the other chamber that this Body is prepared to do the people's business. The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold, is recognized to offer a Resolution."

Brunsvold: "Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of House Resolution 2. This is a... 3 for the appointment of the committee to attend the Governor... inform the Governor that we are organized and awaiting communications from him."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved the adoption of the Resolution. This is another traditional ceremonial procedure. Without objections, we can take both Motions on one vote. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', all those opposed 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and the Resolutions are adopted Pursuant to House Resolution 3, I appoint the following committee to wait upon the Governor. Representative Daniel Burke, Representative Monique Davis, Representative Judy Erwin, Representative Tom Johnson, Representative Carolyn Krause, Representative Ron Lawfer, Representative Patricia Lindner, Representative Jack McGuire, Representative Phil Novak, Representative Jeff Schoenberg. Mr. Daniels."

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Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to appoint the Members of my Leadership team at this time, if it's all right with you?"

Speaker Madigan: "Proceed, Sir."

Daniels: "I would appoint the following Members of the House Republican Leadership team for the 91st General Assembly: Deputy Republican Leader, Art Tenhouse; Deputy Republican Leader, Tom Ryder; Assistant Republican Leader, Bill Black; Assistant Republican Leader, Kay Wojcik; Assistant Republican Leader, David Leitch; Assistant Republican Leader, Ron Stephens; Assistant Republican Leader, Dan Rutherford; Assistant Republican Leader, Tom Cross; House Republican Conference Chair, Patricia Lindner. That is my Leadership team. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "The Democratic Leadership team will be announced at a later time. Will the Members please stand for the Benediction, and pray for those applicants for leadership? We have Deacon Derrick Clifton, Chairman of the Deacon Board, New Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, in Chicago. Deacon Clifton."

Deacon Clifton: "And may we bow our heads. Oh eternal God our Father, we thank You for what our ears have heard and our eyes have seen. We thank You for this peace and harmony that we have seen today. Let this continue to roll on in this Assembly after today. Father God, touch each and every Member's here household. Touch each and every Member here. Take them home, back safely. Touch their families. Touch the sick and afflicted throughout this land and country. Then Father God, when it's Yours to call and mine's to answer, we too, others, like others, must leave this old sinful world. Just meet it somewhere in the dying hour, this we ask in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

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Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Mr. Brunsvold, is recognized for a Motion."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that the House now stand adjourned until Thursday, January 14, 1999, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., and allow perfunctory time and introduction of bills by the Clerk."

Speaker Madigan: "Before we proceed to take the Motion, the Chair recognizes, Mr. Arthur Turner, for the purpose of an announcement."

Turner, A.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly, and to all at the other end of this microphone. I'd like to announce that the Inaugural Party for all of the Members of the General Assembly will take place at the Hilton Hotel this evening from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. All are invited, and the admission is free. Please be there."

Speaker Madigan: "The Motion of Mr. Brunsvold, is that the House shall stand adjourned until Thursday, January 14, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; all those opposed say 'nay'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, the Motion is adopted. The House stands in Perfunctory Session and will convene tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. Thank you very, very much."