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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Thomas Flock of the St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Waterloo. Pastor Flock is the guest of Representative Reitz. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Flock: "Blessed are You, Lord God, Creator of the universe, who has blessed us with freedom. With joyful hearts filled with thanksgiving we rejoice in the freedom You have given to us as Your sons and daughters. We are a free people since we have come forth from the God of deliverance. We are a free people because we have worked to remain free of all that threatens to enslave us. As You directed Your holy servant Moses to lead Your children Israel from slavery from the oppression of Egypt so continue to direct us, so that we may stay free from the oppression of evil, of greed, and the lust for power over others. As free sons and daughters of God, may the lamp of truth burn brightly in this House and in each of our hearts. As brothers and sisters, may we be faithful to the wondrous freedom of the children of light and be ever grateful for the pleasures of liberty. May our profound reverence for truth as piercing as a sword and ever liberating be our burning torch of freedom and our shield against enslavement. Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who has fashioned us in Your own image and likeness and who has bestowed upon us the gifts of potential and governs. As you commanded our first parents, Adam and Eve, to govern the earth and to develop its promises, sustain in us a spirit of wisdom to honor the goodness of Your creation. Oh God, Lord of all earthly

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leaders and their governments, you called the young David to battle the gigantic Goliath, give now to the Members of this House, the courage to attack the obstacles that hinder Your people to grow. Guide of our forebearers, send Your spirit upon this Assembly that they may build on the legacy bequeathed to them. May these, Your servants, be men and women of vision. May they see opportunities rather than problems, challenges rather than opposition, and possibilities rather than defeat. Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has made us persons of freedom and potential. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We will be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E. - 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Morrow is excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, all Republicans are present today."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Poe. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 117 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Introductions of Resolutions. House Resolution 552, offered by Representative Skinner; House Resolution 553, offered by Representative Lawfer; House Joint Resolution #42, offered by Representative Hoffman; House Joint Resolution #43, offered by Representative Tenhouse.

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And House Joint Resolution #44, offered by Representative Gash are assigned to the Rules Committee. Committee Reports. Representative Larry Woolard, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 26, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass, Short Debate', House Bill 3315. Representative Sara Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 26, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass, as amended', Short Debate, House Bill 3205. Representative Lauren Beth Gash, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary 1-Civil Law to which the following measures were referred, action taken January 26, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass', Short Debate', House Bill 3119. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Constitutional Officers to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 25, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass', House Bill 3176. Representative Mike Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation to which the following measures were referred, action taken on January 25, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass, Short Debate', House Bill 2885. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 2904 (sic-3904), offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. House Bill 2905 (sic-3905), offered by Representative Zickus, a Bill for an Act to amend the Roadworkers Safety Act. House Bill 3906, offered

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by Representative Hultgren, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act. House Bill 3907, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3908, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3909, offered by Representative Dart, a Bill for an Act to amend the Humane Care for Animals Act. House Bill 3910, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3911, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal statistics and law enforcement. House Bill 3912, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act to amend the Fish and Aquatic Life Act. House Bill 3913, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3914, offered by Representative Kenner, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3915, offered by Representative Kenner, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3916, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. First Reading of these House Bills."

Speaker Madigan: "On page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 298, Representative Feigenholtz. Representative Feigenholtz, did you wish to call your Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. House Bill 709, Representative Cowlshaw. Is Representative Cowlshaw in the chamber? Did you wish to call your Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. House Bill 2909, Representative Julie Curry. Is Representative Julie Curry in the chamber? Representative Julie Curry. Representative Julie Curry. Mr. Franks, could you get the attention of...

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Did you wish to call your Bill, House Bill 2909? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. House Bill 3054, Representative O'Brien. Is Representative O'Brien in the chamber? Do you wish to call the Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call her Bill. House Bill 3073, Mr. Stephens. Is Mr. Stephens in the chamber? Stephens, is Mr. Stephens in the chamber? On the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, there appears House Bill 2917. Mr. Holbrook, do you wish to call the Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 2917, a Bill for an Act amending the School Code. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 2917 is a hold harmless Bill for the continuation of alternative education programs throughout the State of Illinois, and with the regional offices of education. There is no opposition to this Bill, unlike in committee when the state board had a few questions. They're in full support, so are all the associations associated with the alternative ed programs and the parents' groups. This Bill will allow a hold harmless for this for the next two years, while the state board and these groups can have these much needed programs put under some standardized form throughout the state."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, is there anything in your Bill that would prevent an audit? Some districts just simply forget the five-hour rule, maybe they have a teachers' workshop, or they convene and then they dismiss because of... they don't

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like the snow, they're afraid the snow will catch them. So, maybe they're only in session two hours or they have an afternoon workshop and they forget. They don't start early, they don't dismiss correctly, so they only have a four-hour day. Is it your intent that none of the districts be audited as to the five-hour rule or only in the case of alternative programs?"

Holbrook: "This is... this is strictly on the alternative schools and the five hours is an issue with the state board and the alternative programs and they want to set up the guidelines together on how they're gonna apply that statewide. That would... this would prevent no audit of the regular schools at all, no."

Black: "So it's... there's nothing in the Bill that can be construed, a district gets careless and just simply forgets to make the five-hour rule on workshop days. The state can still go back and say, 'Hey, you're claiming state aid and you know better. You had six days last year that you did not meet the five-hour rule.'"

Holbrook: "Absolutely, this will not affect that type of audit."

Black: "Okay. So, this Bill only deals with alternative education programs and the number of hours they may be in session?"

Holbrook: "That's the intent and the way this Bill reads."

Black: "And you've worked this out with all of the alternative schools' people and districts, et cetera?"

Holbrook: "Yes."

Black: "I know there was opposition expressed early on, that has all been withdrawn, is my understanding?"

Holbrook: "I know of no opposition, at all."

Black: "Fine, all right, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Holbrook to close."

Holbrook: "This is a absolutely needed portion of education today, with alternative schools. And we need to get some guidelines and some criteria set up. It's kind of haphazard right now. Many of these have been running for 30 years now. And I commend the State Board Superintendent, Max McGee, and the alternative school organization on being willing to sit down and set up the criteria for these. And I would urge your vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? This is a Third Reading Roll Call. This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question there are 117 people voting 'yes'; 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Acevedo, for the purpose of an announcement."

Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Madigan: "State your point."

Acevedo: "At this time I'd like to recognize a group of business men and women from the Second Legislative District, the Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Madigan: "On the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, there appears House Bill 2940, Mr. Delgado. Mr. Delgado, do you wish to call your Bill? Mr. Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I do."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2940, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Delgado."

Delgado: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and Members of the House. House Bill 2940, basically, amends the School Code. It exempts all persons holding a special certificate with a special education endorsement from provisions of the School Code concerning preschool educational programs provided these persons meet all other requirements for teaching. And this Bill would be effective immediately. In laymen's language, this is gonna save approximately 300 jobs and is part of a cleanup Bill from legislation passed in the last Session. This will allow teachers teaching in prekinder who are holding special education certificate to continue in that role, so that until the other law picks them up. At this point, I would be asking for a favorable vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of Representative Delgado's legislation. Basically, all this Bill does is makes a provision to make sure that those preschool teachers can still be certified. We inadvertently left them out of the past legislation when we went through the recertification process. This allows for those people to get recertified and we won't wind up with a time gap with those people that are teaching our prekindergartners. So, this is a good Bill. It's a state board initiative pushed by the preschool teachers. And I recommend an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, I'm having trouble understanding this. Does this only affect those who hold a special education

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endorsement?"

Delgado: "That is correct."

Black: "All right. Those certificates... it's my understanding and maybe somebody like Representative Mitchell or somebody can correct me... it's my understanding that a person holding a special education endorsement, they're few and far between. I mean districts are looking for those people to hire all the time. And I don't understand what we are exempting them from. I mean, are we letting them teach outside the realm of special ed or... 'cause I know there are a lot of classrooms that we'd love to have a special ed certificate, certificated teacher in, that we don't because we can't find them. So, what are we doing here? Really, in all honesty, I don't understand what this exemption is."

Delgado: "Representative Black, the exemption will basically say, we currently have teachers who hold the special certificate, and are currently in... teaching prekinder by their choice or by other dynamics. And under the current law, they would cease to exist in that position as of February 15th, I believe. Because the new law put in place the last Session would require them to have that prekinder certification. So, not to have interruption of the educational system, Representative Black, this Bill is a cleanup Bill and very necessary."

Black: "Yeah, Representative, I appreciate your indulgence in answering the question. And I've cleared it up with Mr. Payton from the state board, now I understand. My fear was, that we were diverting badly needed special ed teachers into other programs, and I'm sure that wasn't the intent and I know you wouldn't do that. And so, it's been cleared up. And I do appreciate your indulgence. Thank you very much."

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Delgado: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Delgado to close."

Delgado: "Thanks, Mr. Speaker. I would just ask for a favorable vote on 2940."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? This a Third Reading Roll Call. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 117 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading there appears Senate Bill 1046. Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Amendment #1 has been adopted to the Bill. No Motion has been filed. Floor Amendment #2 is in the Rules Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Leave the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading there appears Senate Bill 23. Representative O'Brien, do you wish to call the Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Senate Bill 851, Mr. Murphy. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Senate Bill 1003, the Sponsor indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. On the Order of Consideration Postponed there appears House Bill 474, Mr. McKeon. Mr. McKeon, do you wish to call the Bill? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 992, Representative Sharp. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Has Mr. Stephens arrived in the chamber? Mr. Ron Stephens. If the Gentleman arrives would you tell him that

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we've been trying to find him? Thank you. The Chair recognizes Mr. Fritchey for a Motion. Mr. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirements with respect to House Resolution 556."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves to suspend the posting requirements. The Chair recognizes Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you. After this particular piece of business is taken care of, I'd like the Chair to call me back."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Fritchey has moved to suspend the posting requirements for the purpose of hearing a Resolution in the Executive Committee. Is there a leave for the Motion? Leave is granted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Terry Parke. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of clarification. I was looking for the Chairman of the Labor..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McKeon."

Parke: "Mr. McKeon, please."

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair recognizes Mr. McKeon."

McKeon: "Mr. Chairman (sic-Mr. Speaker), the Labor and Commerce Committee scheduled for this afternoon has been cancelled."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. McKeon. Mr. Parke, thank you. Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Yes, against my doctor's orders, and he did some serious surgery on the devious digit Monday, and I was supposed to stay home. But, I came over here at great risk to life and limb under the influence of pain-killing drugs, I might add, because I had a Bill that got out of Rules last week, House Bill 3080, it had to do with cable television, but it isn't posted. And I don't understand that, do we have to

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write a separate memo once we ask for a Bill to get out of Rules and it's allowed out of Rules, why wouldn't it be posted? I... seriously, I drove over here assuming the Bill would be posted for a hearing and it isn't. It's House Bill 3080. Did I fail to write a follow-up letter?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black, I'm advised that you and I are on the same page. That our desire is to get Bills posted and heard, and I'm told that there was an error in our office... my office, in regard to your particular Bill. We are not against your Bill, like as always, we're never against you."

Black: "It's a fine Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Right. Despite some of the things you say."

Black: "Was this an error of the Clerk or..."

Speaker Madigan: "Well, I don't know if it was an error of the Clerk."

Black: "I see. Well, you know, I try to keep track of the Clerk's Office."

Speaker Madigan: "You can... you can blame the Speaker's Office."

Black: "I'll do that, thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Harold Murphy."

Murphy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Announcement, the Personnel and Pension Committee meeting has been cancelled. Personnel and Pension meeting has been cancelled for tomorrow."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Terry Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, point of clarification. The Labor and Commerce Committee is going to not meet today, but the Labor and Business is going to get together in Room L-1, on the second floor of the Stratton Building to negotiate House Bill 3157, the Unemployment Insurance Bill. So, they would meet there at 1:00 p.m. We will sit down and discuss the issue. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Parke. So, Ladies and Gentlemen for those of you who did not hear, for those of you who did not hear, the Pension Committee meeting has been cancelled and the meeting of the Labor Committee has been cancelled, but there will be a meeting of people interested in the issue of unemployment insurance. And the Chair is prepared to adjourn, there being nothing further to come before the Body, Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until 12 noon tomorrow, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned until 12 noon tomorrow, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive to which the following measure was referred, action taken January 26, 2000. Reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Consent Calendar' House Bill 2870; 'be adopted as amended' House Resolution 556. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3917, offered by Representative Sharp, a Bill for an Act to amend the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. House Bill 3918, offered by Representative Curry, a Bill for an Act to amend the Telecommunications Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Act. House Bill 3919, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3920, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3921, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act concerning township plan commissions. House Bill 3922, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 3923, offered by Representative Moore, a Bill for an Act concerning local governments. House Bill 3924, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. House Bill 3925, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act regarding telecommunications. House Bill 3926, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act to amend the Home Repair and Remodeling Act. House Bill 3927, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 3928, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act concerning factory built housing. House Bill 3929, offered by Representative Joe Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Unified Code of Corrections. House Bill 3930, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. House Bill 3931, offered by Representative Winkel, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3932, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning guardianships. House Bill 3933, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. House Bill 3934, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health examinations. House Bill 3935, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend certain Acts in relation to parental rights. House Bill 3936, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning driver's licenses. House Bill 3937, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act concerning organ transplants. House Bill 3938, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 3939, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill

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for an Act in relation to income taxation. House Bill 3940, offered by Representative Tom Johnson, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code of 1961. House Bill 3941, offered by Representative Tom Johnson, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 3942, offered by Representative Pugh, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. First Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 3943, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act concerning business organizations. House Bill 3944, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act to amend various Acts concerning business organizations. House Bill 3945, offered by Representative Silva, a Bill for an Act to amend the Higher Education Student Assistance Act. House Bill 3946, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 3947, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 3948, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Code. House Bill 3949, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning health services. House Bill 3950, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Food and Drug and Cosmetic Act. House Bill 3951, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Highway Advertising Control Act. House Bill 3952, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning historic preservation. House Bill 3953, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to create the Illinois Africa-American (sic-America) Peace Brigade. House Bill 3954, offered by Representative Wyvetter Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3955, offered by Representative Younge, a

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Bill for an Act concerning the State Fire Marshal. House Bill 3956, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning the East St. Louis Mathematics and Science Academy. House Bill 3957, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning an East St. Louis Teacher's Academy for Math, Science, and Technology. 3958 (sic-House Bill), offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Community College Act. House Bill 3959, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 3960, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 3961, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Technology Advancement and Development Act. House Bill 3962, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil Administrative Code. House Bill 3963, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning the Southwestern Illinois Teacher's Academy for Math, Science, and Technology. House Bill 3964, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Community Development Finance Corporation Act. House Bill 3965, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning a comprehensive, anticipatory design science center. House Bill 3966, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning a performing arts school. House Bill 3967, a Bill for an Act to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act. House Bill 3968, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to East St. Louis area economic development. House Bill 3969, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making an appropriation. House Bill 3970, offered by Representative

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Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to economic development. House Bill 3971, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 3972, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act relating to the rehabilitation and improvement of school facilities. House Bill 3973, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to amend the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. House Bill 3974, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to East St. Louis. House Bill 3975, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 3976, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning guaranteed job opportunity projects. House Bill 3977, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act to amend the Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. House Bill 3978, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act to amend the Downstate Public Transportation Act. House Bill 3979, offered by Representative Leitch, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. First Reading of these House Bills. Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned."