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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Coy Pugh. The Pastor of the West Inglewood United Methodist Church in Chicago. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us in the invocation."

Reverend Pugh: "Shall we pray? Eternal God, Father of our ancestors. We come before You this afternoon, praying not just for ourselves, but we pray for the families of earthquake victims in Colombia. We pray for families of victims of violence in Kosovo. We pray for victims of violence all over the world. But we pray, we pray also, for the family of Senator William Shaw, Senator Beverly Fawell, who both lost children, just recently. And we send a special prayer to the family of Walter Payton and we pray for his quick recovery. Lord, our minds are filled with involvements, issues, and problems of our own little everyday living. The smell of the world is upon us. Sometimes it's very hard to tear ourselves away from the things that tax us and weigh heavily upon us. Moment by moment, hour by hour, day unto day and yet there is a quiet joy. A quiet joy in us because we are privileged to withdraw for just a moment. To turn aside as we gather in one bundle, only if we can, or as we can, the totality of our own individual lives. As we do this, as we do this, we turn each in his own way to something more than we are. To a spirit, to an atmosphere, to a silence, to a presence until at last, what has been low may be lifted and purified, redeemed and established. What has been weakness, will be redone by Thy presence, until that last weakness becomes strength. What has been despair may become hope and what has been sickness may become health.

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We pray. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Representative O'Brien."

O'Brien - 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 all the Democrats are here today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Let the record show that all the Republicans are here today."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 118 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Tom Dart, Chairman from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following item was/were referred, action taken on February 2, 1999, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 251. Representative Jay Hoffman, Chairman from the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles, to which the following measures was/were referred, action taken on February 2, 1999, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 142 and House Bill 235. Representative Jack McGuire, Chairman from the Committee on Aging, to which the following measure was/were referred, action taken on February 3, 1999, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 164."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black. Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you, very much, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate your indulgence. I have an inquiry of the House Clerk."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Black: "Yes. Other Members of the Body may be interested in this. Is it the Clerk's responsibility, Mr. Speaker, to keep the official Calendar that we go by? Is that the Clerk's responsibility?"

Speaker Madigan: "To the best of my knowledge. The answer is yes."

Black: "I share that. I agree with you. Perhaps you could have the Clerk inform us as to why, yesterday's Calendar, not only on the back of the Calendar, it shows that we're in Session tomorrow? But on the inside of the Calendar, where it gives the month at-a-glance, it shows that we're in Session tomorrow. I would ask the Clerk to reimburse me. Mr. Speaker, when I haul my little camping trailer over here behind my pick-up truck, I have to rent a camping space in Washington Park by the day. Now, when I saw this Calendar yesterday, I had to call some city official and reserve a camping spot for tomorrow. And now I find out that I could haul my camping trailer back home. I think the Clerk owes me \$19.95 for a camping spot tomorrow that now I don't have to use. And I would appreciate it if the Clerk would respond and the Speaker would admonish the Clerk to be more accurate on the Calendar. You know, this didn't happen when Tony Leone was here."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Joint Resolution #10 offered by Representative Barbara Currie, be it resolved by the Senate of the 91st General Assembly, the State of Illinois, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that when the

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two Houses adjourn on Wednesday, February 3, 1999, the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 9, 1999 in Perfunctory Session. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, February 11, 1999 in Perfunctory Session. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 17, 1999 at 11:30 A.M. And the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Friday, February 5, 1999 in Perfunctory Session. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Monday, February 8, 1999 in Perfunctory Session. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 9, 1999 at 1:00 P.M. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 10, 1999. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, February 11, 1999. And when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Wednesday, February 17, 1999 at 11:30 A.M."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk. Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution #41, offered by Representative Biggins; House Resolution #42, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution #43, offered by Representative Tim Johnson; House Resolution #44, offered by Representative Hannig; House Resolution #46, offered by Representative Bellock; House Resolution #47, offered by Representative Durkin; House Resolution #48, offered by Representative Black; and House Resolution #49, offered by Representative Black."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk has read the Agreed Resolutions. Mr. Black moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it, the Resolutions are adopted. Are there further Resolutions? Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, read House

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Resolution 45."

Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution #45 offered, by Representative Lopez; whereas it is our privilege to honor an individual who has distinguished, has a distinguished record of public service; and whereas Miguel Santiago has served two terms as an alderman in the City of Chicago; and whereas he was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and served from 1988 to 1997. He was the first Latino elected to the Leadership post in the House. He served with distinction and honor. Whereas, he was born in Puerto Rico on May 24, 1953, he earned his bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University and his master's degree from Governor's State University; and whereas he has been supported throughout his public and private life by his wife Leda and 3 children. Whereas, despite some difficult times, Miguel Santiago has continued to serve the public with honor. Therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the 91st General Assembly, in the State of Illinois, that we applaud Miguel Santiago on his public service, that we admire his ability to overcome all adversity and that we wish him well in the future. And be it further resolved that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to him as an expression of our esteem."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lopez"

Lopez: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's an honor to present this Resolution for an individual who has worked very hard for, not only the Puerto Rican and Hispanic community, but for the State of Illinois. Miguel has worked very hard in his years of public service in representing the people that he represented all these years and it is a privilege and is an honor to have him here today with us. Miguel has gone through many difficult times in the last couple years, but

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it's good to see where justice has been served and it's good to see a former colleague coming to the House of Representatives and I just want for us to approve this Resolution and Miguel, Miguel, can you come over? I think that when Miguel left a year ago, we never gave him the honor and showing our appreciativeness of the work that he has done and many of us have worked very closely with Miguel and someone who went on bipartisan, worked with the Republicans, worked with Democrats, worked with conservatives, worked with liberals, worked with everyone to make sure that Illinois went ahead. So thank you, Mr. Speaker, I urge the passage of this Resolution."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. On that question, Mr. Capparelli."

Capparelli: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to rise and congratulate my good friend, Miguel I'll certainly miss him here to the right side of me. He was always very cooperative and energetic in the way that he did things, and I just want to wish you the best of luck."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bugielski."

Bugielski: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just want to rise to congratulate Miguel on the fine work that he's done here in the Illinois Legislature. We will certainly miss him in this row. A lot of you know, this was our, the great row. People would always come up to us, you know, talk the front row over here in last Session when now we've got a new front row. But it was the front row that was called at times, 'the hatchet row', because there were certain times that Representative Santiago or Representative Lopez, Representative Burke, Representative Capparelli and myself, if we were not happy with a Bill, there were many times that we were able to kill the Bill. And Miguel was one of

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our leaders with that, saying, 'No we have to still work on this Bill.' So, we will certainly miss Miguel, but we wish him the best. Very happy for him that everything turned out in his favor, and we welcome him back to Springfield. We hope he makes some return visits this year. Thank you very much, Miguel."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lopez moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those in opposed say 'no.' The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Is there anything further to come before the House? The Chair recognizes Representative Michael Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I'd like to introduce in the gallery, members of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership School and welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Adjournment Resolution. Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Adjournment Resolution. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Adjournment Resolution is adopted and the House does stand adjourned until next Tuesday, February 9 at 1:00 P.M., providing Perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 504, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to amend the Mechanics Lien Act. House Bill 505, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 506, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 507, offered by Representative Persico, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 508, offered by Representative Persico, a

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Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 509, offered by Representative Persico, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 510, offered by Representative Persico, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 511, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 512, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act concerning Livestock Waste Management Act. House Bill 513, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Obligation Bond Act. House Bill 514, offered by Representative John Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Wildlife Code. House Bill 515, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Roofing Industry Licensing Act. House Bill 516, offered by Representative Righter, a Bill for an Act to amend the General Assembly Organization Act. House Bill 517, offered by Representative Righter, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Violence Prevention Act. House Bill 518, offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell, a Bill for an Act to amend the Fish and Aquatic Life Code. House Bill 519, offered by Representative Capparelli, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 520, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Motor Vehicle Franchise Act. House Bill 521, offered by Representative Brunsvold, a Bill for an Act concerning property valuation. House Bill 522, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Community Mental Health Act. House Bill 523, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. House Bill 524, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act to amend the Civil



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Administrative Code. House Bill 525, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 526, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 527, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act to amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act. House Bill 528, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 529, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act in relation to tobacco settlement proceeds distribution. House Bill 530, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act relating to political solicitations and contributions, amending certain Acts. House Bill 531, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act concerning child support, amending a named Act. House Bill 532, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act. House Bill 533, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act to amend the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. House Bill 534, offered by Representative Lopez, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 535, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. House Bill 536, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 537, offered by Representative Tom Johnson, a Bill for an Act to amend the Wrongful Death Act. House Bill 538, offered by Representative Tom Johnson, a Bill for an Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act. House Bill 539, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Plumbing License Law by changing Section 2 and adding Section 2.5. House Bill 540, offered by

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Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 541, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Township Code. House Bill 542, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 543, offered by Representative Woolard, a Bill for an Act relating to partial tuition waivers for children of retired employees of public universities. House Bill 544, offered by Representative Woolard, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 545, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to create the Contractor Reporting Act. House Bill 546, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 547, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 548, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 549, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Act. House Bill 550, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Protection Act. House Bill 551, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 552, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act to amend the Airport Authorities Act. House Bill 553, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing. House Bill 554, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, a Bill for an Act to amend the Prevailing Wage Act. House Bill 556, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 555, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an

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Act concerning motor vehicles. House Bill 557, offered by Representative Joseph Lyons, a Bill for an Act to amend the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act. House Bill 558, offered by Representative Mitchell, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 559, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 560, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act in relation to pay day loan facilities. House Bill 561, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act to amend the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. House Bill 562, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 563, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Procurement Code. House Bill 564, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act to amend the Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons, Property Tax and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. House Bill 565, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 566, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 567, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 568, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 569, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act to amend the School Code. House Bill 570, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 571, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning derelict vacant buildings. House Bill 572, offered by Representative Moore, a Bill for an Act to amend the

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Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 573, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to amend the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act. House Bill 574, offered by Representative Myers, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 575, offered by Representative Morrow, a Bill for an Act concerning the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority. House Bill 576, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act to amend the Road Worker Safety Act. House Bill 577, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 578, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act to amend the Property Tax Code. House Bill 579, offered by Representative Schoenberg, a Bill for an Act concerning the delivery of health care services. House Bill 580, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Illinois University Law by changing Section 30-10. House Bill 581, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Procurement Code. House Bill 582, offered by Representative Wirsing, a Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Illinois University Law by changing Section 30-25. House Bill 583, offered by Representative Hassert, a Bill for an Act to amend the Code of Civil Procedure. House Bill 584, offered by Representative Klingler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Children and Family Services Act. House Bill 585, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Human Rights Act. House Bill 586, offered by Representative O'Brien, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Public Aid Code. House Bill 587, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to property taxes. House Bill 588, offered by Representative

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Mautino, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Highway Code. House Bill 589, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Insurance Code. House Bill 590, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 591, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Highway Code. House Bill 592, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. House Bill 593, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Election Code. House Bill 594, offered by Representative Davis, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Pension Code. House Bill 595, offered by Representative Hartke, a Bill for an Act to amend the Mobile Home Park Act. House Bill 596, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act regarding hearing screening for newborns. House Bill 597, offered by Representative Hamos, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance coverage for contraceptive services. House Bill 598, offered by Representative Novak, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 599, offered by Representative Scott, a Bill for an Act in relation to elections. First Reading of these House Bills. House Bill 600, offered by Representative Fowler, a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code. House Bill 601, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act in relation to amusement rides, devices, and attractions. House Bill 602, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee pensions. House Bill 603, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning carbon monoxide detectors. House Bill 604, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act to

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amend the Illinois Vehicle Code. House Bill 605, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 606, offered by Representative Brunsvold, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 607, offered by Representative Righter, a Bill for an Act to amend the Fire Protection District Act. House Bill 608, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Sustainable Agriculture Act. House Bill 609, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Grain Code. House Bill 610, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Livestock Management Facilities Act. House Bill 611, offered by Representative Lawfer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Horse Racing Act. House Bill 612, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 613, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. House Bill 614, offered by Representative Rutherford, a Bill for an Act to amend the Public Utilities Act. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction - First Reading of Bills. House Bill 615, offered by Representative Lou Jones, a Bill for an Act to amend the Smoke Detector Act. House Bill 616, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act to amend the Community Services Act. House Bill 617, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 618, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. Introduction of First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned."