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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 Tony Troup, of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo. Pastor Troup is the guest of Representative Dan Reitz. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Troup: "... beginning in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I'd like to share this scripture lesson. First Timothy, Chapter two, verses one and following: I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone; for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God, our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. We bow our heads. Gracious God, ruler and provider of every good and perfect gift, we thank and praise You for the blessing of our State Government and ask that You would keep our state and our communities under Your care. Guide Your servants, Governor Ryan and our State Legislators, that they might be high in purpose and wise in counsel. Cause them to see that Your ways are the best and highest ways and that without You they can do nothing. Instill in them the desire and the courage to defend and protect all the people of our state, the rich and the poor, the young and the old, the born and the unborn. Grant them patience and understanding as they deal with problems and as they face new challenges, and lead them to solutions that benefit Your people as a whole. Direct them to put ego aside and to concentrate on the common good that we may be governed peaceably and quietly. Remind them also that You generously grant wisdom to everyone who asks for it and

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that You meet Your peoples every need. Above all, dear Father, grant them a love of Your word and to love their Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall 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 we have no reports of excused absences today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, let the record show that all Republicans are present today."

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

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on February 9, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'to the floor for consideration' Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1544, Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 3027, Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 3119; 'be approved for consideration, referred to the Order of Second Reading, Short Debate' House Bill 1776; 'to the Order of Concurrence' House Bill 1137. Representative Dart, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure was referred, action taken on February 9, 2000, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3944. Representative McGuire, Chairperson from the Committee on Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Distribution, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on February 9, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2993. Representative Sara Feigenholtz, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on February 9, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 3426; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3398 and House Bill 4021. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Constitutional Officers, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on February 8, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 3988; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 2880, House Bill 3293 and House Bill 3901. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 4704, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning fire protection districts. First Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "On page 5 of the Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1046. Representative Andrea Moore indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 563, Mr. Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold in the chamber? On the same order appears Senate Bill 452, Mr. Capparelli. Mr. Capparelli. Is Mr. Capparelli in the chamber? On the Order of Postponed Consideration, there appears House Bill 474, Mr. McKeon. Indicates he does not wish to call the

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Bill. On the same order there appears Senate Bill 992, Representative Sharp. Indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Brunsvold, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 563. Do you wish to call the Bill? Is Mr. Capparelli in the chamber? Mr. Capparelli. For what purpose does Mr. Saviano seek recognition?"

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an inquiry of the Clerk. On Senate Bill 452, could you let me know what Amendments have come out of Rules, if any?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, did you hear the inquiry?"

Clerk Rossi: "No Amendments have come out of Rules on Senate Bill 452."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Clerk. I have one other question. Is there a Rules Committee set before committees today, where any of that would come out of Rules to the Reg. and Reg. Committee?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Saviano, I can tell you that there are Amendments that will be approved by... for that Bill. But your question is, when will the committee meet? And we'll have to get back with you on an answer to that question."

Saviano: "Mr. Speaker, the only reason I'm inquiring is because I have one Bill posted in my committee today and the Sponsor has informed me that he's going to postpone calling it today. If that's the case... Mr. Speaker, I was just advised by the Majority Leader that Amendments 3, 4 and 5 were assigned to committee today. In that case, I would probably convene the committee to hear those three Amendments. So based on that, the Reg. and Reg. Committee will meet today. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Then, Mr. Saviano, I take it that your committee is going to consider the Amendments to Senate

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Bill 452. On the Order of House Bills-Third Reading there appears House Bill 346, Mr. Saviano. House Bill 346. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. On the same order there appears House Bill 3114, Mr. McAuliffe. Mr. McAuliffe. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3114, a Bill for an Act concerning annual stipends for county officers. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3114, after December... it would be effective December 1st of this year, 2000, to raise the annual stipend of \$6,000 for all county coroners except that it would not include Cook County, which has a medical examiner. I believe the coroners have not had a raise or stipend increase since December of 1993. This also, the state coroner... or the county coroners that work in the State of Illinois are required to have intense training through the Illinois Police and Training Board. They're a model. Coroners, other states surrounding Illinois, are looking at what we're doing and are taking the same actions that we are. And I'd ask for a favorable vote and ask if there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Three people have not voted. Have all voted who wish? Mr. McCarthy, would you want to record yourself on this Bill? Mr. McCarthy. One person has not voted. Mr. Black, did you wish to vote? Switch is broken?"

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Did you want the Clerk to vote you? Did you want the Clerk to vote you? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 88 'ayes', 29 'nos'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3138, Mr. Persico. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3138, a Bill for an Act amending the Transient Merchant Act of 1987. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Persico: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 3138 amends the Transient Merchant Act of 1987. Simply, it requires transient merchants to keep receipts for two years on the purchase of new and unused property that they are selling. It requires them to keep receipts and this helps our law enforcement officials, who have difficult times tracing and recovering stolen property. It gives them another tool to go after stolen or counterfeit merchandise. And I would request that an 'aye' vote on this particular measure."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Please record yourselves. This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Two people have not voted. This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Mr. Delgado, Representative Younge, please record yourselves. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question there are 118 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we plan to consider a Death Resolution. The Chair would ask the staff to retire to the rear of the chamber and the

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Members to take their seats. Staff shall retire to the rear of the chamber. Members shall take their seats. And this is not for the purpose of adjournment. Mr. Clerk, read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 49.

'WHEREAS, Bob Collins grew up in Florida, attended the University of Florida, and started his job at WGN radio in Chicago in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins quickly became one of America's premiere radio personalities who entertained and informed millions of listeners around the Midwest with his sense of humor and good-natured common sense, and, with deep affection was known to the public as "Uncle Bobby" due to his good and kind-hearted nature; and

WHEREAS, he was never afraid to poke fun at himself or at those who took themselves too seriously; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins allowed thousands of common, everyday people to express themselves freely, seek and give advice, and try to make the world a better place to live through his program on WGN Radio; and

WHEREAS, his presence in our homes every morning was a gentle and welcomed respite from life's daily challenges; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins had many elected officials who were his friends, and although he was a strong conservative, his friendships included both Republicans and Democrats; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins was fortunate to be married since June of 1986 to Christine Collins, a native of Elmhurst, Illinois, who was his constant companion and usually accompanied him on his many adventures and quests; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins' love of life, Christine, and his

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career was evident and helped to make him a joyful and welcomed part to the nation's broadcasting scene; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins was an unabashed believer in the good that is within all of us. And while he traveled extensively, he loved America, loved Illinois, loved Chicago, and felt his job at WGN was the best one in the world; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins loved life, fast cars, fast planes and his beloved Harley Davidson motorcycles; and

WHEREAS, he was renown for his generosity of time, effort and spirit in countless charitable causes, he often quietly and without fanfare helped friends and colleagues behind the scene simply because he was a man of enormous loyalty and generosity; and

WHEREAS, Bob Collins' death will be mourned by millions throughout the nation;

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with all that knew and loved him, the death of Bob Collins as a celebrity, as a man, as a broadcaster, as a husband, as an enthusiast for life, and as an American; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Bob Collins, along with our sincere regards.'"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Daniels."

Daniels: "It was like you stabbed me in the heart when I got the phone call from the Governor of the loss of our mutually close, personal friend, Bob Collins. I've know Bob professionally for many, many years during my career, and spent several moments on the radio throughout the years answering questions that he had to ask. Always insightful,

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always fair, never took advantage of anyone. In fact, Mr. Speaker, I don't know if I ever heard Bob Collins say a bad thing about anybody. He was always asking about opinions, always wanted to learn about new things and always had an open mind. Yes, he was a conservative, and, yes, he was an unabashed Republican. He never apologized for it. But, you know, you could be on his program as the most liberal person in your beliefs and get a fair treatment. He allowed everyone to speak their mind. This morning was a tragic time for Illinois citizens, when they woke up and Bob Collin's voice was not on the radio. It's amazing how many people loved this man. I had the pleasure and, indeed, it was a pleasure to have dinner with Bob and Christine, along with my wife Saturday night. We went to his home, walked in his home, and those of you who listen to Bob know about his dog, Booger. Well, I met Booger. That was a great time because Booger was loved by Bob and Christine, he was a shar-pei and he was very friendly. And once you petted Booger you were his friend for life. And, Bob, in his usual fashion, you know, he was kind of a quiet guy that talked about life in general, things, and never knew anything. He said, 'I don't know about this.' But he said, 'You know, Lee,' he said, 'I knew you loved wine so I went out and I bought some wine.' He says, 'I don't know anything about wine. I know you do and what do you think about this?' And of course he pulls out a bottle of Silver Oak, which is one of the best bottles of wine you could get. He says, 'Now do you want to drink this one or do you want drink this other one? I don't know Francis Ford Coppola wine from Napa Valley in California.' Picking the best. And I knew right then and there this little sly guy, he knew exactly what he was doing. He knew all about

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wines, but he wasn't going to admit it at the start. I loved this man. You've got many, many friends that you love, too. Bob Collins today would say, tell your friends what you think of them. Life is too fragile. There's too many things that can happen that can change the course of history and change the moments of wonderment that where we have people that are close to us that care about us. In just a nanosecond he was gone. But we've been lucky to have him because he was a bright star. He was a shining example of what mankind ought to be. He was a person that had tremendous compassion, care, love, enthusiasm for life. He loved cars. Not just the normal... he loved fast cars. He loved motorcycles. I saw his motorcycle. Those that are devout listeners of him, you know he loved his Harley Davidson. And right next to his big Harley Davidson, the 'hog', was his wife's motorcycle. I looked at my wife and she looked at me and she said, 'No way. No.' I saw his new car that he bought his wife for Christmas; fast, sleek, boxer automobile. And I saw his beautiful home and we shared some beautiful moments. Thanks to the Governor, I was able to get to know Bob even better when we were in Cuba and we were able to share some time. The Speaker shared times with Bob in Cuba and his wife Christine, who, by the way, is a native of Elmhurst, Illinois. You all knew that was going to be somewhere in there, right? Grew up in Elmhurst; went to York high school; married Bob in 1986 and they were constant companions. Remember, Mike, when we were in Cuba and we went on the radio at times, Christine was one of the producers of the show in Cuba. The first live broadcast since Cuba turned communist. You remember that. Edgar, you remember the times that we had and how we saw them. Well, what's all this tell us? This

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tells us that God has given us some very special people in life. And there are special people in this chamber and there are special people throughout this country that have brought us goodness, compassion, love, enthusiasm for life. These lives should never be snuffed out. We should never have to say goodbye to them. So, you know what, I'm not going to say goodbye to Bob. I'm going to remember him and cherish my short friendship with him and the feelings that I had for him. And I knew that if we had had the benefit of many years to come, we would have developed into even a closer relationship. The people of Illinois had a very, very special person in Bob Collins. And, Mr. Speaker, the people of Chicago had a special advocate in Bob Collins 'cause he loved Chicago. We talked Saturday night about what happens after all of this is done, after his broadcasting is done, after politics is done, what would you like to do? He said, 'Well, you know, I have a home in Scottsdale. I love the warm weather. I love to travel,' he said, 'But I could never leave Chicago.' He loved that city and he loved the people. Well, you just talk to people who listened to him every morning, 'cause you all have many, many friends that listen to Bob Collins every morning, and you get from them the reaction to what happened and how they feel today. There are tears throughout Illinois and throughout the Midwest and throughout this country, tears of loss, because we have lost a giant. We have lost a wonderful man. We take a few moments to honor his memory and his life, and it should continue on with us for the rest of our lives. This shouldn't happen, but it does, and we can best honor him by making sure the people that we love, that we know, that we care about, understand today and forevermore how much we

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care for their friendships. Bob would have liked that. If he thought for one minute that he made a difference in lives, every minute, every second of his life would have been well worthwhile. You study his friends. They were presidents, they were governors, and I'm joined today with our Governor, George Ryan, in asking you to join in the passage of this Resolution and to honor Bob Collins by today making it a point to let those around you, that you know, that you love, know how much you care about them and what they do for you. Honor life. Honor life in honor of Bob Collins. God bless Bob Collins. God bless you. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Resolution and the Motion for the adoption of the Resolution by Mr. Daniels. Those in favor will signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The Motion is adopted. The Resolution is adopted. I would like to convey my sympathy to Christine and the other members of the Collins family. I did not know Bob as well as Lee did or as well as George did, but I did get to meet him in Cuba and he certainly was a very genuine person, not taken at all with the role that he played in life and the role that he played with the media. And certainly in terms of his treatment of me, he was very, very, very gracious and very, very genuine and certainly all of us will suffer because of this loss, all of us in the State of Illinois. And I would suggest that we all, at this time, observe a moment of silence for the passing of Bob Collins. Thank you very much. And at this time we will proceed to regular business. Mr. Governor, did you wish to speak? Can we all recognize the presence of the Governor. On the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, there appears House Bill 3176, Mr. McGuire. Mr. Clerk, read the

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Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3176, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McGuire."

McGuire: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3176 is a Bill that was brought to me by the Secretary of State, Jesse White. And what this Bill does, simply puts into law something that has been pretty much practice anyhow, and I will read it and be very brief and I'll try to answer any questions that you might have. The Bill gives the state and municipal agencies, limited liability companies, nursing homes and convalescent homes which routinely transferred persons falling within the statutory definition of persons with disabilities, the ability to receive persons with disabilities registration plates or parking decals. And since 1986, the Office of the Secretary of State has had to deny requests for persons with disability, registration plates and/or decals made from municipal agencies, limited liability companies, nursing homes and convalescent homes who routinely transport individuals falling within the statutory definition of persons with disabilities. So I would ask for your support on this Bill and if there are any questions we will certainly try to answer them. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; all those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 118 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby

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declared passed. House Bill 3180, Mr. Durkin. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3201, Representative Mulligan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3201, a Bill for an Act amending the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Bill 3201 amends the Sexual Assault Survivors Emergency Treatment Act. It adds these items to the list of emergency services required to be provided by a hospital to an alleged sexual assault survivor: appropriate oral and written information concerning accepted medical procedures for postcoital emergency contraceptive and medications approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for use as emergency contraceptive and if requested by the survivor, medication approved by the FDA for use as emergency contraceptive unless contraindicated for medical reasons. I'd like to, basically, talk a little bit about this Bill and answer some of the questions that have been asked or brought up by people that would like to vote for this Bill. And I would think this is a Bill that everyone that is concerned about what happens to a woman who's sexually assaulted would have a compassionate feeling for and understand. And I hope by the time that we answer the questions that have been brought up, that everyone here will be able to put an 'aye' vote on this Bill. First of all, the discussion of whether 'right of conscience' would apply to this Bill. 'Right of conscience'... the Right of Conscience Act does not apply to emergency room services, currently, and we would not want to change that. Second: Would this be considered an abortion? No, it would not.

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It is only good for 72 hours and it is a double dose of birth control pills. What it does is, it prevents conception. It prevents either ovulation, it prevents the implantation of the sperm in the egg and it prevents the egg from embedding itself in the side of the uterus. Would it interrupt a pregnancy? No, it would not. It would not interrupt a pregnancy. But right now the code already specifies that a pregnancy test be given to a rape victim. The only thing it would do if you happen to be pregnant is it may give you a side effect of being a little nauseous, but it is not RU486. It is definitely contraception. Would Catholic hospitals have a problem with this? Right now, it's spotty. The hospitals don't all follow any particular procedure; some hospitals do and some hospitals don't. But as far as Catholic hospital goes, in 1994 the U.S. Conference of Bishops Report issued point #36 stated, 'Compassionate and understanding care should be given to a person who is a victim of sexual assault. A female, who has been raped, should be able to defend herself against a potential conception from the sexual assault. If after appropriate testing there is no evidence that conception has occurred already, she may be treated with medications that would prevent ovulation, sperm capacitation or fertilization. It is not permissible, however, to initiate or recommend treatments.' I think that what you need to do is tell a woman that this is possible. Eleven percent of women between the age of 18 and 44 have no idea that there is such a thing as emergency contraceptives, so that they wouldn't think to ask for it on their own, so if it's the luck of the draw as to what hospital you're taken to after a sexual assault. Would this be a mandate on hospitals? No, it wouldn't, for the simple reason that when you come

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into... as far as a bill payment goes, when you come in now as a sexual assault victim, the Department of Public Health is obligated to pick up the cost of this. Why can't a hospital just give a referral for emergency contraceptive? There are several reasons. One of the reasons being, this is only good for 72 hours. Sometimes a victim has a hard time talking about it, happens on a Friday night, they have no place to go to get a prescription, sometimes they can't afford the prescription. I just feel that this is a totally comprehensive way of treating with a survivor of a sexual assault and that no one should deny a woman the opportunity to not be pregnant from a... what would be a violent attack from someone that has no idea of doing this as far as them having a child. And so what you'll be doing is you would be eliminating the potential for later on having that person... that woman perhaps have to make a decision about an abortion. So basically, I'd be ready to answer any questions, but I certainly think this is only good health care practice. It's only good practice for survivors of something that is a very bad episode in a woman's life. And I hope that you will all be very favorable in giving this an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 76 'yes', 42 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 3236. Mr.

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Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3236, a Bill for an Act in relation to defendants found not guilty by reason of insanity. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. On the Order of House Bills-Third Reading, there appears House Bill 3256, Mr. Novak. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3260, Mr. Burke. Is Mr. Burke in the chamber? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3260, a Bill for an Act amending the Unemployment Insurance Act. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 3260 is a matter that was reported out of the Registration Regulation Committee with a Attendance Roll Call. There was no opposition. It simply addresses a subject of private contracted for payroll companies to be permitted to pay and do the payroll for both the employee and officers and executives of the organization they are contracted for to handle that financial matter. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black. Mr. Black."

Black: "All right. Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, the Department of Employment Security is in favor of this Bill. Is that correct?"

Burke: "That is my understanding."

Black: "And to some in the chamber, employee leasing is a

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relatively new concept. I have someone in my district who does this. He's in the business of, I guess you would say, leasing over the road truck drivers to a number of firms throughout the Midwest. And, obviously, I think the concept is going to grow. The only question I have and I think you've already answered it in your explanation and the fact that IDES favors it. This in no way can be construed to let a company, say, ABC Trucking is using 50 of your leased employees and I have to lay off 10 of those. This in no way can be construed to say that between the leasing company and the trucking company, those employees might be in limbo as far as unemployment benefits. That will not happen and, in fact, there's no possibility of that in your Bill. Correct?"

Burke: "Yes, Representative. That neither is the intention or the effect of the legislation."

Black: "Right. In other words, aren't you... aren't you putting in statute something that has been a recent development that IDES may not really have the statutory authority to deal with at the present time?"

Burke: "I understand the matter was just an inconvenience. This is..."

Black: "Right."

Burke: "...codifying..."

Black: "Okay."

Burke: "...activity that has already occurred, that has not been harmful to any entity and simply a convenience for employers throughout the state."

Black: "I commend you for addressing this problem. Once again you're on the cutting edge of new developments in the field of employer/employee relationship and this is a relatively new development, and it appears that it will continue to

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grow and expand, and I appreciate the fact that you are eliminating any confusion on down the road on how UI benefits will be handled in such a case and I stand in favor of your Bill. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Burke moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Mr... Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Two people have not voted. Mr. Leitch, did you wish to vote? Did Mr. Leitch wish to vote? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 118 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. House Bill 3312, Mr. Stephens. Mr. Stephens wish to call his Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3312, a Bill for an Act concerning Vietnam Veterans. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill has to do with a special license plate for Vietnam Veterans. And since we're on the subject of Vietnam Veterans, I want to take this opportunity... If I could have the Body's attention. I want to salute a member of my old unit in Vietnam, the 173rd Airborne. On the national news you may have noted yesterday that President Clinton... Mr. Speaker, could I have everyone's attention for just a second?"

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, could you give your attention to Mr. Stephens. Please."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just... since we're on the subject of Vietnam Veterans, I wanted to note that Al Rascon, who was a medic in 1966 with my old unit the 173rd Airborne, after 34 years of a lost bureaucracy, President

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Clinton was proud to present him with a Medal of Honor for actions that he... that he took part in in Vietnam in 1966. And I salute my colleague of the 173rd Airborne, and I will note that at the time of his actions he was not even an American citizen. A Mexican immigrant who came to the United States, joined the army, went to jump school at Fort Benning, was shipped to Vietnam, was assigned to the 173rd Airborne, and reached out to his colleagues and literally risked his life above and beyond the call of duty. And then came home and sat quietly and never complained a bit about the lack of recognition. But his friends stuck with him, and when they found out that the Medal of Honor that they had recommended him for, he had never received and never complained of, they took action. And a United States Congressman, Lane Evans, from here in Illinois, took the issue up, took it to President Clinton personally. And I salute President Clinton for having the courage and the tenacity to go to the Department of Defense and make sure that right was done. And for a former medic who retired later as an officer in the United States Army, Al, God bless you. An honor that you certainly earned. Now to the issue before you today. It is the issue of whether we should have a special plate design... designated for Vietnam Veterans, as we do now for Korean War Veterans, as we do for others. Now there is the case... an argument about... well, we have a universal plate and you can put a Vietnam era sticker on it. And I say to you that certain issues rise so far above others, and that the Vietnam War was such a significant part of our history and that over three and a half million Americans actually participated in the war. Over fifty thousand young men and women. And I say young men and women in a range of age, by the way, for those who

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were killed in Vietnam, ranges from the age of 16, 16 to the age of 62. But those men and women whose names are on the memorial wall in Washington, eight of whom are women, that cover all walks of life, I simply ask that Illinois do the right thing and designate that we shall have a special plate recognizing Vietnam era veterans.. Vietnam Veterans, excuse me, by that special designation. I'd be glad to respond to any questions. I'd be glad to add each and everyone of you as a cosponsor and I ask for your 'aye' vote. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Novak. Mr. Novak."

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Novak: "Mr. Stephens, I was wondering, you know, when we talked about this Bill in committee I asked if you would put all the committee Members on the Bill. Has that been done?"

Stephens: "Our staff advises me, and I do remember signing that... several notices for the record. If that paperwork hasn't made its way to the Clerk's Office, I think that it has. But if it hasn't, I would ask that every Member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee personally had asked me to be added as cosponsors."

Novak: "Okay."

Stephens: "I believe that's already done, but for the record I'm asking now that it is... that that is complete and then the other, several have just asked that they be added. I believe that's not..."

Speaker Madigan: "We've all heard the... Mr. Novak. You've all heard the Gentleman's request. Is there leave for the addition of those Members as cosponsors? Leave is granted. Mr. Novak."

Novak: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. One other question, Ron. I

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don't think there's anybody in this Body who's going to argue about the commitments and the sacrifices that Vietnam Veterans made. Does... In order to qualify for this license plate, once again, I want to be clear. Do you have to be a combat Vietnam Veteran or do you have to have had physically served, I mean, be in the country during the time of conflict or for the last part during the Vietnam War era, that was designated by the Department of Defense and that ended sometime in 1975 when President Ford was in office?"

Stephens: "The Secretary of State will define that what a Vietnam Veteran is for the purposes of designa... receiving this plate designation. The current accepted form of a Vietnam Veteran is; you don't necessarily have to have served in combat, you don't necessarily have to have been in country, but you have to have been in the theatre. And so those who are in support, if you're on a ship off the coast of Vietnam and you're serving as a support role, that is currently a Vietnam Veteran. Those people would have received the Vietnam Service Medal and a Vietnam Veteran's Medal. And generally that's those who would qualify for this plate."

Novak: "Okay. So I guess..."

Stephens: "Generally that's those who would qualify for this plate."

Novak: "So what you're saying is that decision is going to be up to Mr. White, the Secretary of State?"

Stephens: "That is my understanding, yes."

Novak: "Okay. So, Ron, I served in the Panama Canal Zone during the Vietnam War era. So, I'd love to have one of these plates, but I gather I wouldn't be eligible. Is that correct?"

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Stephens: "I'm... If I understand it correctly, I would think that that person that you describe as yourself would not qualify for that plate."

Novak: "Okay, thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Jerry Mitchell."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Mitchell, J.: "Representative Stephens, I had a similar Bill of this for Silver Star recipients a couple of years ago, and there was some discussion about a universal license plate and whether or not that particular plate would encompass Silver Star recipients. Have you checked with the Secretary of State to see if Vietnam Veterans are on the list of areas that are covered by that?"

Stephens: "Thank you, Representative. Yes, the answer is, a few years ago we passed a universal plate. And the theory behind the universal plate was, 'You know, Ron, we can't visit this issue every year. We've got... there has to be some point... why don't we just have a universal plate and you can put a sticker on it.' And you know what, I think that's a good idea. So that for... and currently a Vietnam era... a Vietnam Veteran can qualify for that sticker, and it says Vietnam Veteran on that little round sticker. And in the middle of that sticker then you can put another sticker, and it says that you served in the Army or the Marine Corp or the Coast Guard or the Navy, and that's a great idea. A universal sticker. That is some recognition. And those of us that served in Vietnam appreciate what you did for us very much. But as I said earlier, Representative, there are some issues that are so significant, that rise so far above others, like the Korean War, like World War II, that... and the Vietnam War is part

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of the fiber of America. It cut across all walks of life. It is such a significant part of our history that, indeed, I believe it needs more than just a sticker that can be peeled on and off of your license plate. We deserve, those that served in Vietnam, deserve a permanent plate and I think it's a right and honorable thing to do."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Representative, and I certainly agree with you. On the Bill that I had, the Silver Star was not under the universal license plate cap. Therefore, we went for and passed a Bill for the Silver Star. And quite frankly, we still get a sticker even though we did get the Bill passed. So I might suggest to you that when this Bill passes, probably unanimously through the House and the Senate, you kind of ride herd on the Secretary of State's Office and make sure that you get a license plate and not a sticker. I commend you for this Bill. I think Representative Bellock and I both had this very similar Bill, if not the same Bill. Due to the three Bill limit I wasn't able to do this, so I'm very happy that you are running this Bill. And I've already joined those of your committee that have signed onto this Bill and recommend that everyone give you an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Yes, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Hartke: "Representative Stephens, then clarify this. This is a brand new plate. It is not just a sticker, it is a brand new plate."

Stephens: "That's right, Representative, a brand new plate."

Hartke: "And these would only be for those individuals who served in the Vietnam Theatre?"

Stephens: "During the years that the... Normally the designation,

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Representative Hartke, is that you served in the theatre, the combat theatre as defined by the Department of Defense, and during the years as designated by the Department of Defense, that the generally accepted, are the years of the Vietnam War. And currently, that's about 1961, a certain date, through 1975."

Hartke: "So our colleague, Representative Novak, would not qualify if he did not serve in the Vietnam Theatre? He was in the military during that time. He could get the Vietnam Veteran plate with the sticker on, but not this special Vietnam plate."

Stephens: "Sure. And that's the... And you're right, he would not qualify. It's just as if his father had served in... had he served in Kor... during the Korean Conflict, had he served in Panama. Someone during the Korean Conflict who served in Panama, does not qualify for the Korean War plate. And I think that's as it should be and that's no disrespect. For all those thousands who served in Panama and Germany and Italy and other places during the Vietnam War, we have all the respect for them in the world. But this is for those three and a half million Americans, and I don't know the exact designation of how many from Illinois served, but I do know that it's a goodly amount. Some people will not qualify for this plate who served in the military during that period. That's right, they would not qualify."

Hartke: "Okay. There's some confusion in the language, or as I read maybe it as well, there's an extra \$15 charge for this plate?"

Stephens: "Yes. And if I might, Chuck, I'd like to expand on that. We had a Vietnam... a Korean War Veteran come before the committee. And the reason we have a \$15 fee,

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and those that would qualify for this plate are glad to pay that. They understand, there's a cost to the production of the initial plates."

Hartke: "That's true."

Stephens: "But a Korean War Veteran came and testified that they were almost ready to object to my Bill because they said the Vietnam era veterans have paid enough. And I said, no, we want to be just like every other. We'll pay our \$15 and an additional \$2 renewal fee. We understand. That's the cost of the creation of the plate because for the Secretary of State's Office this is a real..."

Hartke: "Right."

Stephens: "...fiscal issue and this should zero it out."

Hartke: "Where does the extra \$2 go?"

Stephens: "It goes right back into the Memorial Plate Fund..."

Hartke: "Okay."

Stephens: "...or the Special License Plate Fund, which would fund the Korean and other..."

Hartke: "It's not for a special Vietnam Memorial Fund."

Stephens: "No, there was... initially there was some language in the original Bill as it was filed. That was amended out. That was of no purpose."

Hartke: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Fritchey."

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Fritchey: "Representative, and I don't mean to date you, but this Bill has special import to me because my father did two tours in Vietnam. And I also, in a very small district, have two VFWs, and one of the concerns that's raised to me a lot of times is that those individuals that were in Vietnam don't feel that they got their due. And I tend not

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to be in favor of additional license plates that are out there. I commend you for doing this. I do think that we should do whatever we can to recognize people such as yourselves, such as my father, such as the numerous people that went over there and most of them who came back. And I fully intend on supporting this and I thank you for doing this."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, if he said I was old enough to be his father, I object. Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Stephens to close."

Stephens: "Well, thank you for all your questions and comments. I hope that any others who care to join me as a cosponsor are certainly still welcome. I would move for an 'aye' 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? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Osterman. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 116 people voting 'yes', 2 people voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Wyvetter Younge for the purpose of an announcement."

Younge: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'm happy to welcome to the House Deacon Earl Dobbins, who is the Chairman of the Citizens for Educational Justice. He has done a wonderful job in leading and to improving the school systems. Let's give him a hand and welcome him here."

Speaker Madigan: "For what purpose does Mr. Osmond seek recognition?"

Osmond: "Mr. Speaker, I would ask that House Bill 3030 be

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recommitted to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Are you the principal Sponsor, Mr. Osmond?"

Osmond: "Yes, Sir."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Gentleman's request. Is there a leave? Leave is granted. The Bill is tabled. House Bill 3355, Representative Lou Jones. Representative Lou Jones. House Bill 3424, Representative Krause. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3424, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Municipal Code. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Krause."

Krause: "Okay, thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the Illinois Municipal Code, and, it provides that where there is a vacancy on a village board or city council for the office of trustee or alderman and the mayor has nominated at least two individuals for appointment and each has failed to be confirmed, then the mayor may proceed to make an appointment from those who were nominated until an appointee has been confirmed or until the next election. That is what the legislation provides and I'd be pleased to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the passage of the Bill. The Chair recognizes Mr. Hartke. Mr. Hartke."

Hartke: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If the Members of the Body take the time to look at this piece of legislation, I'd think it's a very good compromise. Representative Krause brought it to the committee, it passed almost unanimously except for one outstanding 'no' vote, who I don't think understood the piece of legislation. This will help deadlocks when city councils are an even number and the mayor has the power of appointing an individual to take

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that member's place. It will solve a lot of problems. And at the next general election, then, the electorate will elect their new member. And I commend the Sponsor for this legislation and urge all Members to vote for it."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative Krause, I presume this Bill has been authorized or supported by the Northwest Municipal Conference and the Illinois Municipal League?"

Krause: "They were a proponent at the hearing."

Parke: "And can you tell the Body what specific problem is being solved with this? Are there..."

Krause: "It..."

Parke: "...had there... Was there a local incident where this happened?"

Krause: "Yes. There have been situations where, because a member of a city council or trustee has resigned or has left, the current law provides that within 60 days the mayor is to submit a name. What occurs, though, is that there's no provision in the current law as to what occurs if the 60 day period passes and no name has been accepted by the city council. This, therefore, addresses those situations where beyond the 60 days, now, the mayor can, after he or she has submitted at least two appointments and they've not been accepted, that, in fact, now the mayor can put in among those names a nominee to serve until there is an election."

Parke: "Was there any opposition to this Bill?"

Krause: "No, no opposition was presented. It was supported by the Municipal League and the Northwest Municipal Conference at the hearing. They put in slips."

Parke: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Skinner."

Skinner: "Mr. Speaker, I stand as probably the only opponent of this Bill. But I'd like to lay on the record why I'm opposed to it and why there is no other known opposition. There's no other known opposition because there isn't a trustees' association. There isn't a city councilmen's association. There's only a municipal league, which tends to represent village presidents and mayors. This Bill represents a massive shift of power from village trustees and city councilmen, to village presidents and mayors. In my district, village trustees and city councilmen are elected at large. I have one town where they're elected from a given district. That means that a village trustee and a city councilman has as much mandate from the public as a mayor or a village president elected at large. After this Bill passes, I predict that mayors that are hav... mayors and village presidents that are having fights with their city council or village board, will simply wait 60 days to make an appointment or they will put an appointment forward that will be rejected in the first 60 days and then they will name the real person they want to fill the vacancy. If you want to centralize power in villages and cities, passage of this Bill will certainly do that. We'll have villages and... villages and cities outside of Chicago looking like the City of Chicago."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Krause moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Would someone record Mr. Black. Would someone record Mr. Black. One person has not voted. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question there are 115 people voting 'yes', 3 people voting

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'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 3841, Mr. Durkin. 3841 on Second Reading. Mr. Durkin."

Durkin: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to keep that on Second. I filed an Amendment yesterday. I don't think it's come out of Rules yet."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, is there an Amendment?"

Clerk Rossi: "There is a Floor Amendment #1 that remains in the Rules Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Durkin, you'll have to wait. You'll have to wait for the Rules Committee to take action. House Bill 3548, Representative Lindner. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3548, a Bill for an Act in relation to mental health. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 3538, Mr. Ryder. Is Mr. Ryder in the chamber? Mr. Ryder. House Bill 3482, Representative Hamos. Representative Hamos. The Clerk advises me that there is a fiscal note requested, which has not been filed. So 3482 shall remain on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 3476, Representative Julie Curry. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3476, a Bill for an Act amending the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. McCarthy has indicated he does not wish to call House Bill 3420. House Bill 3315,

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Mr. Delgado. Is Mr. Delgado in the chamber? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3286, Mr. Persico. Mr. Persico. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3205, Mr. Delgado. Mr. Delgado. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Representative... House Bill 3119, Representative Coulson. 3119. Representative Coulson. Mr..."

Coulson: "Yes, I'd like to... There's an Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "Fine. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3119 has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Coulson, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Coulson."

Coulson: "Floor Amendment #1 basically adds some wording to make sure that the day old bread has not been served or sold before it has been donated. Can answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

Black: "Yeah, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Clerk."

Speaker Madigan: "State your inquiry."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much. On the... on our computers it shows Committee Amendment #1. Is that, in fact, the same as Floor Amendment #1?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Representative Black, the Amendment is a Floor Amendment. I can find no reference to a Committee Amendment."

Black: "Well, if you'd like to come look on my computer, it

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clearly says Committee Amendment #1. I just want to make sure that we're not duplicating. You know the Supreme Court watches everything we do, Mr. Clerk. I want it perfectly clear..."

Clerk Rossi: "It is a Floor Amendment."

Black: "Then why does my computer say Committee Amendment?"

Clerk Rossi: "I'm going to come look at your computer."

Black: "I would ask you to do that. You know, I love this computer. I've spent all day getting this thing turned on and ready to go. I want clarification."

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair would suggest that Representative Coulson present her Amendment. Representative Coulson. Representative Coulson."

Coulson: "I'm sorry."

Speaker Madigan: "Have you moved for adoption of the Amendment?"

Coulson: "Yes. Yes."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. The Lady has moved for adoption of the Amendment. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 3117, Representative Silva. 3117. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3053, Representative Kosel. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3032, Mr. Winters. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3032, a Bill for an Act creating the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Winters."

Winters: "Move to Third, please."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, are there any Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No Motions filed and no Amendments."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 3027. Mr. Novak, do you wish to call the Bill? The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Novak, 3009. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 2958, Representative Garrett. Representative Garrett. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2958, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicle brake usage. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed. Several notes have been requested on the Bill, as amended, and those notes have not been filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, the Bill shall remain on the Order of Second Reading to permit the filing of the notes. House Bill 2924, Mr. Fritchey. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 2915, Mr. Ryder. Is Mr. Ryder in the chamber? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2915, a Bill for an Act to amend the State Finance Act. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. Mr. Ryder, you're also sponsoring House Bill 3538. The Gentleman wishes to leave that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. House Bill 1544, Representative Silva. 1544. The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 1459, Mr. Granberg. Is Mr. Granberg in the chamber? Has anyone seen Mr.

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Granberg? House Bill 709, Representative Cowlshaw.

You're up. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 709. The Bill has been read a second time previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mulligan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan on Amendment #1. Did you wish to withdraw the Amendment, Representative?"

Mulligan: "Yes, I wish to withdraw the Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #1. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Cowlshaw, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Please withdraw Amendment #2."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #2. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Mulligan, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan on Amendment #3."

Mulligan: "I wish to withdraw Amendment #3."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #3. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Cowlshaw."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Please withdraw Amendment #4."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #4. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #5, offered by Representative Fritchey."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Fritchey, Amendment #5. Withdraw Amendment

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#5. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #6, offered by Representative Cowlshaw."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Floor Amendment #6 to House Bill 709 would become the Bill if it is adopted. The Bill is exactly as House Bill 709 was previously, except for two things. Does no... no longer has an immediate effective date. The effective date is July 1 of the year 2000. And the other thing that we have done is to remove the reporting requirement to which several of you objected during the debate on this Bill in the prior General Assembly... in the prior year's Session of the General Assembly. Previously, there had been a requirement that the person who was seeking state funding for an abortion would have had to report any type of incest or rape, criminal activity prior to being able to qualify for the state funding. That provision has been removed. There is no longer any requirement for that person to report anything to a law enforcement agency. Just those two changes, otherwise, the Bill remains exactly the same. I would be glad to answer any questions and I move for the adoption of Amendment #6 to House Bill 709."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Is there any discussion? There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall this Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #7, offered by Representative Mulligan."

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Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan on Amendment #7."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Amendment #7 would return the Bill to the law the way it currently is, and it would re-include health of the mother... or health of the woman."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Did you wish to speak to the Amendment, Representative?"

Mulligan: "Yes, and I'd like a Roll Call vote on this."

Speaker Madigan: "Okay, fine. Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Thank you for your adoption of Amendment #6, which would have become the Bill. I would like to point out to all of you who are interested in the underlying concepts involved in this legislation and the reason why I introduced it to begin with, that Amendment #7 is clearly a hostile Amendment. One of the reasons for there being a Bill such as House Bill 709, is because of the fact that there was a ruling by a Cook County judge that had to do with those occasions upon which state funds may be used for the purpose of paying for an abortion. Currently, the laws, both federal and state, did not permit nor would there be funding for the provisions that would relate entirely to the health of the mother. Instead of our, the Legislature, making such a law, a trial judge decided what was going to be the law for the entire State of Illinois. I know that Attorney General Jim Ryan has objected strongly to there being provisions that are adopted as part of a decision by a trial judge, rather than by the Legislature, so that part of the reason that we have this Bill has to do with jurisdictional questions. If there is going to be a law that applies statewide, it should be imposed and passed and endorsed by the

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Legislature. It should not be a decision made by one judge. In addition to which, of course, the underlying concept is that the State of Illinois will use public funds for abortions only when that is required by Federal Law and when there are federal matching funds that are provided. If this Amendment is adopted, this is Amendment #7, is adopted, you will have the opportunity for every abortion, no matter for what reason it may have been sought, to be part of what we would have to pay for with public funding. I am in accord with the idea that we certainly ought to provide for our share of the funding for those abortion procedures provided for and required by Federal Law. Beyond that, I do not believe that it is in the best interest of the people of this state and I do not believe that it is in the best interest of the division of powers amongst the three portions of State Government to do anything other than to defeat this hostile Amendment, then Amendment #6, which we just adopted, would be the Bill. I would ask all of you who are in support of House Bill 709 to please oppose Amendment #7. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Barbara Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Representative Cowlshaw makes a case that we ought to be the ones who make the laws of the State of Illinois. I don't disagree with her, and that's why I'm glad to stand up in support of Representative Mulligan's Amendment #7 to House Bill 709. We should make this law the law of the State of Illinois, that women who are our clients on Medicaid should have a right to a publicly funded abortion if their health is put at serious risk by a pregnancy. Under the law that Representative Cowlshaw would have us adopt, that abortion would be available in case of rape, in

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case of illness, or in case a doctor could certify that the woman would die were she to carry that pregnancy to term. I'm here to tell you that medical science is not so exact. A woman with serious kidney trouble, a woman suffering from diabetes, the doctors may think that she's at serious risk of death, but they can't guarantee it's going to happen. What if the chance is 30%, not 90%? Twenty-five percent, not 112%? I think that we ought to care about the life chances of that woman. And I think the right public policy for the state is to say that we should cover funding for our clients in cases involving a serious risk to the mother's health as well as the certainty that carrying the pregnancy to term will result in her death. I would point out to my colleagues who may think that we're talking humongous sums of money, that we aren't. In Fiscal Year 1998, the number of abortions paid for by our Department of Public Aid cost us \$25,148.59. Twenty-five thousand dollars, Members of this chamber. About half of them because of serious risks to the health of the mother. I think we would do a disservice to the women that we are suppose to serve if we do anything but support Amendment #7, making public policy, as this Legislature should do, and making it well... as is our responsibility. I urge your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Parke: "Representative, do you know of any surveys that have been done on the issue and asking the simple question of whether they think that their tax money should be used to perform abortions? Do you know that? Have you seen anything like

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that?"

Mulligan: "Representative, I'm sure there are many surveys, and I would think it would depend on how you asked the question, what answer the survey would elicit."

Parke: "I'm sorry I didn't hear your last part of the last sentence."

Mulligan: "I said that I think that depending on how the question was asked in a survey, would depend on how the survey would turn out and what the answers would elicit."

Parke: "Thank you. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, do not be confused by the previous speaker. It's very clear cut. Amendment 7 negates what Representative Cowlshaw's trying to do and that is simply to say, that taxpayer money will not be used to perform abortions for people that cannot pay for it themselves under Medicaid. So, that's really what... that's what this is all about. Now, I will tell you, in my district I have a very clean cut survey question. I simply ask the question, 'Should we use taxpayer money to perform abortion for Medicaid people?' And the answer came back, overwhelmingly opposed. Said, no. And I would venture to guess that the great majority of you, on both sides of the aisle, if you asked your voters whether they thought so, they would say, no. Representative Cowlshaw's Bill, Amendment 6, is the right vote. I would ask that you defeat Amendment 7. It is not good public policy. It is not the will of the people of Illinois, the majority will of the people of Illinois. And I oppose Amendment #7."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Erwin."

Erwin: "Thank you, Speaker. I, too, rise in strong support of Amendment #7. I think that Representative Currie's comments and attention to the fact that only \$25 thousand of public

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funds were expended to preserve the critical health of only 22 women. Ladies and Gentlemen, we should all be very pleased that the number of abortions has gone down, fairly dramatically. That indeed, we are pleased that fewer women and fewer families are having to deal with unintended pregnancies, and the terrible results that come from unintended pregnancies. But 22 women, who may be mothers, who have other children to care for, who may have been faced with life-threatening diseases and complications, where a doctor can't certify you're going to die, but they might have, only 22. Let me suggest to you that if you care at all about their other children and their families, that preserving the health of women who are the caretakers in our society, would seem to me to be a very critical issue. So, to preserve families and to protect the children and those who care for children, please support Amendment #7."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate what's being said, but I think the Lady has a right to have the Bill in the form that she wants to present it on Third Reading. And for my colleagues on the House Floor that are pro-choice, I think we all understand that. Let the Lady put the Bill in the form that she wishes it, and not accept this hostile Amendment. I urge my pro-choice friends to vote 'present'. That's a responsible thing to do, and we all understand why when a Bill's on Third Reading, you're going to vote 'no'. You're going to try to defeat the Bill, we appreciate that. But let her put it in the final form, so that you can express your heartfelt interest on Third Reading. Hostile Amendment, at the very least, vote 'present' on the Amendment. We all understand why you would speak and urge 'no' votes on the Third Reading. But

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please, let the Lady have the Bill in the form that she wishes. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd like to address the remarks that Mr. Stephens just made. I find it refreshing that liberals are not the only ones who are so preoccupied with process that it consumes and takes precedence of the final outcome. I think we all understand what the issues at hand are. I think we all understand that, what we're talking about is how we're going to deal with human lives, and how we're going to deal with the lives, as Representative Erwin pointed out, a very minimal amount of people. Maybe 22 people, that's not enough people for us to have impacted in order to do something. Maybe we need one special person who can hire a gaggle of lobbyists in order to get the right public policy change. Maybe 22 people's too many, because then it becomes a public policy issue, and it's not just an issue which addresses one special interest. To make these arguments about process and fairness and, we all understand how the process works. We all understand how Bills move out of this chamber, and we all understand the issues at hand. I think to try to hide behind an argument of process and fairness to the process is disingenuous at best, especially, when human lives are at stake. So, I urge everyone to support the bipartisan Amendment, Floor Amendment #7. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan to close."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. For those of you who may not have pulled up an analysis, the only thing this changes in Representative Cowlshaw's Bill, is it puts back in that in the opinion of

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the physician, such procedures are necessary for the preservation of a life or health of the woman. Quite frankly, I think that we all know that what women who have money can do, as opposed to what poor women can do, there's a big gulf in that difference. It may change your view on something if it's a personal issue to you, but a poor woman is always at the mercy of not having any money. Whether this affects her health over the long period of time, or whether it affects it immediately, as Representative Currie so aptly pointed out, you can't, many doctors will not guarantee if you go through with this you're going to die. Chances are you might, but that would still be considered health. I think this is a very important issue, and I think that it's very important for us to understand. As far as the process goes, if we had not challenged this Bill, originally, it would have included reporting, which would have been unconstitutional and would have meant that we would have lost all Medicaid money here in Illinois and would have put us out of compliance with the Federal Law. So, I think the discussion of Amendments to a Bill are very appropriate, because then it puts us back in an area where we actually are doing things to move forward and discuss what should be in a law. And I think it comes down to right to the bottom line in this Amendment is, do we want to protect poor women, or don't we want to protect poor women? Do we want to assist them, or don't we? And I think if you want to protect poor women here in Illinois, your vote will be an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor of the Amendment will vote 'yes'; those opposed will vote 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr.

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Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 52 'ayes', and 65 'noes'. The Amendment fails. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Rossi: "No further Amendments. A fiscal note has been requested on the Bill as amended by Amendment #6, and that note has not been filed."

Speaker Madigan: "So, Representative Cowlshaw, the Bill shall remain on the Order of Second Reading and permit the filing of the Amendment (sic-fiscal note). Mr. Skinner, for what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Skinner: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I think a Motion would be involved to waive the fiscal note since the opponents to this Bill have already put the cost in the record. It's on the transcript. So, may I make a Motion to waive the fiscal rule? I think the figure was 20... I think the figure was in the mid 20 thousands."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has made a Motion to waive the fiscal note. I believe what you really want to do is to move the Bill to the Order of Third Reading..."

Skinner: "Yes."

Speaker Madigan: "... despite the fact the fiscal note has not been filed. On that Motion, the Chair recognizes Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Because Amendment #6 has now become the Bill, and because the Bill as it is now that it's Amendment #6, is exactly like what House Bill 709 was to begin with, with the only difference being the effective date, and the fact that there is no longer a reporting requirement, means that all of the notes, some of which are notes I didn't even know existed to be asked for, all of those have already been filed on House Bill 709. Now, what I would like to ask, since all of those notes have already

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been filed, and they would all continue to apply in exactly the same way to the current version of House Bill 709. Mr. Speaker, I would appreciate it if this Bill could be moved to Third Reading. If that means that I have to make a Motion to move it to Third Reading without the fiscal note, then that would be my Motion. If that is not the correct Motion, I would appreciate guidance from you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Cowlshaw, the parliamentarian advises me that the proper Motion would be that the fiscal note does not apply."

Cowlshaw: "Very good."

Speaker Madigan: "So, as we proceed, the Motion shall be that the fiscal note shall not apply. And the Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I would point out that the costs might be different from what they would have been had Amendment 6 not been adopted. The taking out of the reporting requirements may save the state the cost of constitutional litigation at the federal level. But there's no question there are substantial litigation costs involved in passage of this Bill. And I think a fiscal note would be useful for the Members, so that we might understand exactly the implications of voting for this Bill on Third Reading. That's our tradition, that's always been our tradition. I don't think that this Bill ought to be taken out of the usual course of appropriate legislative procedure. And I would urge my colleagues to vote that this... to vote against this Motion, so that we can do things in due course, in due time. As the Representative has pointed out, this Bill wouldn't go into effect for many months in any case. There is no hurry. We do a disservice to our own procedures, our own ways of

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doing business, if we decide to jump this hurdle in this case, because of the passion of the moment. I would urge a 'no' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. The matter before the Body is a Motion that a request for a fiscal note does not apply. The Chair recognizes Representative Cowlshaw."

Cowlshaw: "Mr. Speaker, in essence, the fiscal note that was filed on this Bill much earlier this... last... was filed on this Bill last year is still as accurate as anything can be, since obviously, we can't predict what sort of litigation may or may not result from anything that we pass here. Therefore, in keeping with the vote that was just passed on Amendment #7, which was defeated, I would suggest that everyone who voted 'no' on that should be a 'yes' on this Motion on House Bill 709, the Motion that the fiscal note does not apply and how... May I ask, please, is that a simple majority?"

Speaker Madigan: "The answer is that it's a majority vote, more 'ayes' than 'nays'. Do you understand, Representative?"

Cowlshaw: "I'd like a Roll Call vote, please."

Speaker Madigan: "Fine. Mr. Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the event that this Motion receives the requisite number of votes, I'd like to request a verification."

Speaker Madigan: "All right. The question is on the Motion. Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In the event that upon the Verification of Roll Call, I would ask for a verification of the negatives."

Speaker Madigan: "Yeah. The question is, 'Shall the Motion that the fiscal note does not apply, should that... should that question...?' The question is, 'Should that Motion be

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adopted?' Okay? So, if you wish to support Representative Cowlshaw, vote 'yes'. Fine. Everybody can vote. Take the record. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Everybody should record themselves. Six people have not voted. Please record yourself. Two people have not voted. Mr. Woolard, did you plan to vote? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 61 'ayes' and 57 'noes'. Mr. Schoenberg has requested a verification of those voting 'yes'. The Chair would request that all staff retire to the rear of the chamber and that the Members be in their seats. Representative Hamos. And Mr. Turner and Mr. Morrow. Mr. Schoenberg. Mr. Schoenberg, would you verify Mr. Johnson? Mr. Clerk, read the names of those voting 'yes'. The Members shall be in their chairs. Representative Sharp, please take your chair. Mr. Turner, please take your seat. Mr. Bugielski, please take your seat. Mr. Clerk, read the names of those voting 'yes'."

Clerk Rossi: "Poll of those voting in the affirmative: Representatives Bellock. Biggins. Black. Bost. Brady. Brosnahan. Brunsvold. Bugielski. Capparelli. Cowlshaw. Daniels. Durkin. Fowler. Franks. Granberg. Hannig. Hartke. Hassert. Hoffman. Holbrook. Hultgren. Tim Johnson. Tom Johnson. John Jones. Lawfer. Leitch. Eileen Lyons. Joe Lyons. McAuliffe. McCarthy. McGuire. Jim Meyer. Bill Mitchell. Moffitt. Rich Myers. O'Connor. Osmond. Pankau. Parke. Poe. Reitz. Dale Righter. Rutherford. Tom Ryder. Schmitz. Scully. Sharp. Skinner. Smith. Sommer. Stephens. Tenhouse. John Turner. Wait. Winkel. Winters. Wirsing. Wojcik. Woolard. Zickus. And Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Schoenberg."

Schoenberg: "Mr. Granberg."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Granberg. Is Mr. Granberg in the chamber?"

Remove Mr. Granberg. Further questions?"

Schoenberg: "No further questions."

Speaker Madigan: "There being no further questions, there are 60 'yes' and 57 'no'. And the Motion prevails. And the Bill shall be placed on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Brunsvold, did you wish to consider House Bill 665? Mr. Brunsvold. Mr. Brunsvold. 665. It's concerned with the Municipal Code. Mr. Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I believe there's an Amendment for this Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk advises me that the Amendment is still assigned to the Rules Committee, Mr. Brunsvold, so the Bill shall remain on the Order of Second Reading. Representative Feigenholtz. Do you wish to call your Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call House Bill 298. Has anyone seen Mr. Granberg? Has anyone seen Mr. Granberg? On the Supplemental Calendar, on the Supplemental Calendar, there appears House Bills-Second Reading. House Bill 1776. Representative Hamos. Representative Hamos. Did you wish to call the Bill? It's on the Supplemental Calendar. It's concerned with campaign financing. Hamos."

Hamos: "Mr. Speaker, I'm going to be introducing several Amendments and will be asking to return that to committee at the appropriate time."

Speaker Madigan: "Well, the Bill shall remain on the Order of Second Reading."

Hamos: "Yes. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "House Bill 2880. Mr. Bill Mitchell. Bill Mitchell. The Gentleman does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 2993. Mr. McGuire. The Gentleman wants to hold

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the Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 3293. Mr. John Jones. The Gentleman wishes to hold the Bill on Second Reading. House Bill 3398. Mr. Mautino. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3398, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Public Aid Code. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 3426. Representative Slone. Representative. The Lady does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3901. Mr. Fowler. Mr. Fowler. The Gentleman does not wish to call the Bill. House Bill 3944. Mr. McCarthy. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3944, a Bill for an Act amending the various Acts concerning business organization. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 3988. Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "House Bill 3988, a Bill for an Act amending certain Acts in relation to cemeteries and burial services. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in Committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. House Bill 4021. Representative Coulson. Coulson. 4021. The Lady does not wish to call the Bill. On the second page of the Supplemental Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, there appears House Bill 1137. Mr. Boland. Mr. Boland."

Boland: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move that the House nonconcur in Senate Amendment #1 so we can send this to

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Conference Committee. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "You've all heard the Gentleman's Motion. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. Has Mr. Granberg returned to the chamber? Mr. Granberg. Representative Lou Jones. Is Representative Lou Jones in the chamber? Representative, there is a House Bill 3355 on the Order of House Bills-Third Reading. It's concerned with the Public Aid Code. Did you wish to call the Bill? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Bill. Would the Members please give their attention to the Clerk for the purpose of an announcement to change the schedule on committees. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "The following 2:00 p.m. committees will meet at 3:00 p.m.: from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.: the Labor and Commerce Committee, the Local..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, continue."

Clerk Rossi: "The Local Government Committee, the Registration and Regulation Committee, the State Government Committee, and the Tourism Committee. The 4:00 p.m. committees will meet at 5:00 p.m. That would be the Appropriations-General Services Committee, the Appropriations-Public Safety Committee, the Child Support Committee, the Environment and Energy Committee, and the Higher Education Committee."

Speaker Madigan: "All right, the Clerk has announced that certain of the committees will be postponed. And the Chair recognizes Mr. Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman... Mr. Speaker. I think you've talked to the vice chairman of Labor and Commerce, and it will be cancelled today, because I believe I have the only Bill in committee, and I am not going to call that Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Who is that person?"

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Parke: "Your Chairman is..."

Speaker Madigan: "What's his name?"

Parke: "... Representative Stroger."

Speaker Madigan: "Stroger?"

Parke: "Yes, but the... Your vice chair is standing to speak."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McKeon, did you wish to call that Bill on Postponed Consideration?"

McKeon: "No, Speaker, I don't wish to."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. McKeon, for the purpose of an announcement."

McKeon: "Unless, Mr. Speaker, we could find leave of the Assembly to just pass it out."

Speaker Madigan: "Right."

McKeon: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like to advise the Members that the Labor and Commerce Committee scheduled for this afternoon is cancelled."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. McKeon. Mr. Harold Murphy."

Murphy: "Personnel and Pensions Committee for tomorrow has been cancelled."

Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Murphy. Mr. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Tourism was cancelled yesterday, still cancelled today. According to the Calendar, it is still cancelled. Don't show up for it, even though they rescheduled the time."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman has cancelled the committee. The Chair is prepared to adjourn. Is there anything further to come before the Body? There being nothing further to come before the Body, Representative Currie moves that the House does stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. The Chair recognizes Mr. Stroger."

Stroger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Labor and Commerce Committee has been cancelled."

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Speaker Madigan: "Thank you, Mr. Stroger. The Motion is that the House stand adjourned until 1:00 p.m. 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 1:00 p.m. tomorrow, providing perfunctory time for the Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on February 9, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3007; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 4144. Representative Larry Woolard, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary and Secondary, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on February 9, 2000, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' House Bill 2962, House Bill 3288; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' House Bill 3854; 'do pass Short Debate' House Bill 3406, House Bill 3464 and House Bill 3840. Being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session stands adjourned."