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Speaker Hartke: "The House will come to order. Members will please be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Father Mike Garanzini of Loyola University in Chicago. Our guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Father Garanzini."

Father Garanzini: "Let's bow our heads. Dear God, we ask You to bless the deliberations of this House today. We ask You to bless the citizens of this state and bless their servants here in public service. We ask You to give us wisdom, guidance, understanding, and compassion for all of our fellow citizens. Bless our nation and bless our work today. Amen."

Speaker Hartke: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by Representative Mautino."

Mautino - 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 Hartke: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie, report on the Democrat side."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Dart and Shirley Jones are excused today."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All the Republicans are present and ready to do the work of the people."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. 116 Members answering the Roll Call. There is a quorum present and we are ready to do business. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Constitutional Officers, to which the following measures were referred, action taken

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on Tuesday, April 9th, 2002, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bills 1534, 1550, and 1588. Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes Representative Watson. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Watson: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to welcome the Lady Carrollton Hawks High School Basketball team back-to-back state champions Class 1A. Coach Lori Blade and the team, congratulations."

Speaker Hartke: "Congratulations. Welcome to the Illinois House. Representative Bellock, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Bellock: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Bellock: "Thank you. I'd like to welcome today the band from the O'Neill Middle School of Downers Grove who was playing the music in the Capitol rotunda today. And I'd like to have them stand up in the balcony and the Village President, Mayor Brian (sic-Krajewski), and the board members from Downers Grove."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the State Capitol and thank you for the entertainment today. Representative Crotty, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Crotty: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Crotty: "Okay. First of all, I, too, wanted to commend the orchestra from Representative Bellock's district for the wonderful music that they provided us this morning. And I

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also would like to ask my colleagues on the floor to help Representative McCarthy and I welcome a few of our high schools. We have Oak Forest High School, Bremen High School, Hillcrest High School, and Andrew High School here today with us. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk, a Calendar announcement. The Chair recognizes Representative Black, the Gentleman from Vermilion, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, if I might?"

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Black: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we are honored today by the attendance of the Student Advisory Council to the Illinois State Board of Education. This dynamic group of 37 high school students from across the State of Illinois from large schools and small, urban and rural, private, parochial, and public schools, they're here today to introduce and gather support for the Resolution regarding the use of the student school safety audit. If you would help me welcome all of these students to Springfield and the House of Representatives, I think they're up there in the gallery. And one of them was from Speaker Hartke's district, Sara Tobert, from Flora. Is that right, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Hartke: "That's correct."

Black: "Outstanding. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the Illinois House. On Supplemental Calendar #1, appears Senate Bill 1534. Representative May. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1534, a Bill for an Act relating to education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions

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filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1550.
Representative Watson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1550, a Bill for an Act in relation to
vehicles. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No
Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1588.
Representative Mitchell. Out of the record. On today's
Regular Calendar, on page #2 appears Senate Bill 151.
Representative Holbrook. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 151, a Bill for an Act in relation to
public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 151 simply
prevents the Department of Public Aid from reinstituting
the IOC's for our nursing homes. If you feel that the care
of your loved ones in a nursing home needs to be taken care
of rather than paperwork filled out this is the Bill you've
been waiting for this Session. These IOC's were a thing of
the past, haven't been used for about ten years except on
request. And it takes resources from our long-term care
facilities. And I'd ask for an 'aye' vote and be glad to
take any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes
Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I rise in strong
support of the Bill. The Amendment to the Bill
incorporates some of the language I had in a separate
stand-alone Bill. And while the hour grows late, I still
think it's wrong for the Department of Public Aid to
initiate the inspection of care model after this was on the

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shelf for some nine years. They've already moved the starting point of the inspection of care model back at least six weeks, because as we suspected some time ago I think they're having trouble finding staff who know how to do this. They're finding problems with the nursing home industry in that they haven't done it for some period of time. And I fail to understand some six or eight weeks ago why we were rushing into this. I certainly fail to understand it today. And I just simply rise to support the Gentleman's Motion to vote 'aye' on this Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Holbrook to close."

Holbrook: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 151?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Lang 'aye'. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Bob Ryan would you care to vote on this issue? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 116 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And the House does pass Senate Bill 151. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Brady. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Brady: "A point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point, Mr. Brady."

Brady: "I'd like to have my colleagues in the House recognize and welcome, in conjunction with Representative Keith Sommer, members from the Woodford County Republican group that is down touring the Capitol today. So, a nice Springfield welcome to you."

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Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the State Capitol. The Chair recognizes Representative May. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

May: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

May: "I would like to welcome four students from Wheeling High School in my district. These are media students. They are in the gallery. And as a former newspaper reporter myself, I think it's wonderful that they come down and find out about government so we can train them to write good stories about the work we do here. Welcome to the students from Wheeling High School."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 786, offered by Representative Franks. House Resolution 789, offered by Representative Hultgren. House Resolution 791, offered by Representative Lang. These Resolutions are referred to the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Attention Members, the Rules Committee will meet immediately in the Speaker's Conference Room."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes Representative McCarthy. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have an announcement, please?"

Speaker Hartke: "State your announcement."

McCarthy: "The Child Support Enforcement Committee scheduled to meet at 4 o'clock today has been canceled. That's the Child Support Enforcement Committee scheduled for 4 o'clock today is canceled. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 798,

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offered by Representative Fowler, is assigned to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Fowler, you're recognized for a Motion."

Fowler: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to have the posting requirements suspended on Senate Bill 2016."

Speaker Hartke: "No, No, No. You're not recognized for that Motion."

Fowler: "Oh, I'm sorry. That's House Resolution 798. I'm getting a little bit confused there. So, if that..."

Speaker Hartke: "You're recognized for that Motion. Representative Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Has he checked on our side of the aisle and cleared it?"

Speaker Hartke: "Yes, he has."

Parke: "So, we have no problems doing that then? What's that? Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hartke: "Is leave granted? Leave is granted. Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned... Representative O'Brien."

O'Brien: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise for the purpose of an announcement."

Speaker Hartke: "State your announcement."

O'Brien: "To announce that the House Judiciary II (sic-Criminal Law) Committee will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock rather than 9 o'clock in the morning."

Speaker Hartke: "10 o'clock rather than 9 o'clock. Any further announcements? The Chair is prepared to adjourn. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned until the hour of 1 p.m., April 11th. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the

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'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Rossi: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 1540, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act in relation to corporations. Senate Bill 2303, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act in relation to Attorneys Lien Act. First Reading of these Senate Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session is adjourned."