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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 Ted Jones of the Orland Park United Methodist Church in Orland Park. Pastor Jones is the guest of Representative Kosel. The guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor Jones: "Please pray with me. Oh, God, whose name is always love, whose mercy is evidenced in our daily lives and whose forgiveness is as far as the East is from the West, we come boldly to the throne of grace. We come not because we bear any special privilege to do so, but because You have chosen us from the beginning of the Creation to be Your daughters and sons of divine grace. We pray once more for Your guidance in the affairs of this government of the people, by the people, and for the people of this great State of Illinois. We bless these Representatives from every district and region. Give them the wisdom to do the right in this Session. May they never fear to make decisions on what is true and just and not simply expedient. And may they understand that, truly, there is great freedom when we do what is right. It was our Lord who said, 'You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.' Set this Representative Body free to use their God-given integrity with all wisdom and courage. Perhaps, it will be one of those cut-and-dry days, but just perhaps Your divine presence will be allowed to cut through the partisanship, the self-interest, and the petty politics as usual, if this day presents some challenging moment to speak to an issue that will make a difference in the lives of people who often feel alienated and disenfranchised from their government. Oh, God of justice and mercy, we offer

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these prayers knowing that You hear us when we open ourselves to that possibility of living by faith in one whose wisdom is always sure and whose strength is always our courage. We pray in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen."

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

Hassert - et al: "I pledge of 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 among House Democrats."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Sommer, Stephens, and Saviano are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 115 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Rossi: "Committee Reports. Representative Giles, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Wednesday, May 2, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass' Senate Bill 899, Senate Bill 898, Senate Bill 264; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 116, Senate Bill 487, Senate Bill 979; 'do pass Standard Debate' Senate Bill 78, Senate Bill 384; recommends 'be adopted' House Joint Resolution 22. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' Senate Bill 326. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 1505; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 489 and Senate Bill 1126. Representative Crotty, Chairperson from the Committee on Children & Youth, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 98 and Senate Bill 1081; recommends 'be adopted as amended Short Debate' House Joint Resolution 26. Representative Steve Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Constitutional Officers, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 267 and Senate Bill 635; recommends 'be adopted' House Resolution 194. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 103, Senate Bill 403, Senate Bill 510, Senate Bill 602, Senate Bill 647; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 30, Senate Bill 699, Senate Bill 800, Senate Bill 826, Senate Bill 827; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' Senate Bill

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113. Representative Boland, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' Senate Bill 945. Representative Mike Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 653. Representative Bugielski, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 575. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measures were referred, action taken on Tuesday, May 1, 2001, reported the same back with the following recommendation: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 368; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 797. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 3623, offered by Representative O'Connor, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. First Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "...recognizes Representative Andrea Moore."

Moore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege and take great pleasure in introducing some guests in the gallery. Representative Garrett and I share a particular school district by the name of Oak Grove School and the 8th grade young women from Oak Grove School are here in the gallery to my right. Please give them a very warm Springfield welcome."

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Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, is there a Supplemental Calendar?"

Clerk Rossi: "Supple... Supplemental Calendar #1 is being distributed."

Speaker Madigan: "And on Supplemental Calendar #1 on the Order of Senate Bills, Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 979. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of that Bill?"

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 979, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. On page 5 of the Regular Calendar on the Order of Senate Bills, Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 12, Mr. Michael Smith. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 12, a Bill for an Act concerning Illinois parks. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a very simple measure to rename Wildlife Prairie State Park, which is a tremendous asset that was given to the State of Illinois last year by the Forest Park Foundation in Peoria, which has been headed by Bill Rutherford, who has been a great philanthropist not only in the Peoria area, but throughout the state. This measure would rename the park the Hazel and Bill Rutherford Wildlife Prairie State Park. I know of no opposition to this. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. 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? This is a Third Reading Roll Call. Please record yourself. Have all voted who wish?"

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Mr. Clerk, take the record. There being 100... On this question, there are 115 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Hartke in the Chair."

Speaker Hartke: "On page 5 of the Calendar appears Senate Bill 31, Representative Daniels. Mr. Moffitt. Out of the record. Senate Bill 114, Representative Mulligan. Out of the record. Senate Bill 289, Representative... Not here. Excuse me. Senate Bill 318. Not here. Senate Bill 400, Representative Mitchell. Out of the record. Senate Bill 433, Representative Mathias. Out of the record. Senate Bill 504, Representative Bugielski. Out of the record. Senate Bill 627, Representative Daniels. Wait. Out of the record. Senate Bill 660, Mr. Hultgren. Representative Hultgren. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 660, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Hultgren."

Hultgren: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is a Bill that addresses the issue of repeat DUI offenders. And what it does is it works along with the Secretary of State's measures concerning DUI and it amends the Illinois Vehicle Code, enhancing the penalties for a fourth time DUI offender or DUI conviction involving death or personal injury. What it does is it eliminates the eligibility for probation for that four-time offender and makes it a non-probational Class II felony. I would ask for 'aye' votes. Be happy to answer any questions."

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

Franks: "Representative, I was in committee with you on this and I appreciate you doing it. I'm looking at the board and I

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see I'm no longer a Sponsor. Are we... Am I still on?
There's a Bill that's important to my district."

Hultgren: "I was uncertain about that, as well. I see that you are listed. I pulled off the status. You are listed as a Sponsor. It's not a hyphenated Sponsor. If that's a concern, we can discuss that. But..."

Franks: "'Cause I know I was a Sponsor from the beginning and then I see the board, I'm no longer a Sponsor."

Hultgren: "Right. You are listed as a cosponsor, but I don't know if it's a hyphenated Sponsor. So, I don't know if..."

Franks: "Okay. Thank you. We'll check into that. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 660?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 660, there are 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Former Member standing by my desk, Terry Steczo, served in the House for quite a number of years. And I'd like to welcome Terry Steczo back."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the Illinois General Assembly again, Terry. Senate Bill 867, Representative Parke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 935, Representative Poe. Raymond Poe. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1039, Representative Curry. Julie Curry. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1084, Representative Reitz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1084, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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counties. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1084 deals with zoning boards of appeals. It changes the numbers for reversing decisions for zoning board of appeals on a five member board back to three members, and on four member board back to seven member board back to four members. This try... The intent of this is trying to make the language within all the zoning board of appeals consistent with municipalities and counties. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 1084?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 1084, there are 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1098, Representative Brunsvold. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1104, Representative Bugielski. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1254, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1254, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1254 amends the Illinois Insurance Code and the Voluntary Health Services Plans Act to require individual and group health insurance policies provide maternity coverage... that provided maternity coverage to also cover the cost of

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prenatal HIV testing ordered by a licensed attending physician, a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 1254?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 1254, there are 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1293, Representative Mitchell. Jerry Mitchell. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1293, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill (sic-Senate Bill) 1293 is really a Bill that is way overdue. We have tried for several years to solve the problem of not enough substitutes in the State of Illinois. Representative Cowlshaw had this same Bill in the House. It passed overwhelmingly. And it's in agreement between almost every association out there concerned about this problem, and allows a retired teacher, it allows a teacher that wants to substitute or it allows a person with a degree to substitute for up to 120 days, which increases the amount of days that a substitute can teach. It should help with the problem of not having enough substitutes across the State of Illinois. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is

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seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 1293?' All in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk... Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 1293, there are 114 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1303. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Representative Feigenholtz."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1303, a Bill for an Act in relation to children. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you very much, again, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 1303 amends the Children and Family Services Act. Requires the Department, when placing the child for adoption, to give preference to the adoptive parents of a biological sibling of the child. It requires the Department to attempt to notify those adoptive parents of the availability of the child for adoption."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 1303?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 1303, there are 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1098, Representative Brunsvold. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1098, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Speaker Hartke: "Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1098 sets up a process by which a motorcycle shall be returned to its owner. And I'm going to defer to Mr. Reitz for a situation that happened in his district. But this is a process that's been set up with the Secretary of State, it's been written in cooperation with the Secretary of State's Office. And I know of no opposition to the Bill but, for an example, I'd like to yield the floor to Mr Reitz."

Speaker Hartke: "Mr. Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a product of... We had a Bill last year that tried to deal with this. And the culmination of the introduction of that Bill, or the Amendment, set up a motorcycle task force that Senator Bomke, Representative Turner, and myself served on. And it arose from a series of problems, I guess, with the Secretary of State's Office. We had some motorcycles that were confiscated and returned, I guess, in a less than favorable manner. But they, the Secretary of State, has been very gracious and his staff in working, trying to resolve this issue. This Bill is an agreement of basically all the police agencies trying to deal with this problem. And I'm glad Representative Brunsvold now has been working on this, and I think this will solve the problems we had for the person in my district and for other people that have had problems dealing with motorcycle theft and the different parts that are on motorcycles."

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

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

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Speaker Hartke: "Sponsor will yield."

Black: "I can't remember the question, Mr. Speaker.
Representative Cross..."

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Black: "Representative Cross has distracted me. I'm sorry, I
can't remember the question. He will yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Black: "All right, fine. Thank you. Which one?"

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Brunsvold."

Brunsvold: "I'll try to answer the question, Representative
Black."

Black: "Okay. Representative, this question came up in committee
and I subsequently have had a call from a law enforcement
officer in my district and I remember the answer. But for
the record, the law enforcement officer that called me
wanted to make certain that we would not be treating
motorcycles differently than we treat motor vehicles; i.e.,
automobiles, pickup trucks, et cetera. His point was, and
I know this was answered in committee, that if you... if
they seize an automobile or motor vehicle because they find
drugs in or on the automobile, they will end up owning that
automobile and sell it at auction or whatever they want to
do. He... His fear was that if they pull over a
motorcyclist and he has drugs in the gasoline tank of the
motorcycle or hidden on the motorcycle, that this law would
mean they would have to give it back. My answer to him
was, I don't think this covers anything under the drug
seizure law. It only covers a motorcycle under a potential
missing VIN number or part number that doesn't match. It
has nothing to do with drug forfeiture laws, nor does it
excuse a motorcyclist from the drug forfeiture law. Is
that correct?"

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Brunsvold: "Representative Black, you're absolutely correct.

This is..."

Black: "Okay."

Brunsvold: "There's no problem with that. If there's contraband drugs on the motorcycle, it can be confiscated just like an automobile can."

Black: "But this Bill addresses the case where there may be a different VIN number or an erased VIN number, the police confiscate the motorcycle to see what has transpired. It simply says that within what, 45 days..."

Brunsvold: "Yes, 45 days."

Black: "...you must return the motorcycle in the approximate condition it was in when you took it, correct?"

Brunsvold: "Exactly. And not in a box of parts."

Black: "Fine. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? Seeing that no one is seeking recognition, Representative Brunsvold, would you like to close?"

Brunsvold: "Just ask for an affirmative vote."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 1098?' All those in favor signify by saying... voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 1098, there are 115 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', and 0 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jefferson, Mr. Jones. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

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

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

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Jones, J.: "If I could have the Body's attention for just a moment. I would like to introduce my mother, who is in the chair with me today, Christine Minor, from Mt. Vernon. She's celebrating her 81st birthday today. So, welcome her to Springfield."

Speaker Hartke: "Congratulations, Mrs. Minor. Welcome to the Illinois General Assembly. On page 6 of the Calendar, on Third Reading appears Senate Bill 1341, Representative Bellock. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1341, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members. Senate Bill 1341 amends the Illinois Insurance Code. And it requires coverage for serious mental illnesses under policies of group health insurance to be provided on the same terms and the conditions as be applicable for other illnesses and diseases. This Bill requires group insurance to cover these illnesses. It exempts employers of 50 or less employees. It has a sunset clause of 12/31/2005. It limits the coverage to group policies. There are outpatient visits of 35 within a 12- month period; and inpatient, 45 days of treatment. Also included in this Bill is the Department of Insurance would do a study of the mental health coverage of the costs and benefits and report back to the General Assembly in the year 2005, as to the cost and benefits. This is strongly urged by the Illinois Mental Health Association. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hartke: "Is there any discussion? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a very serious and important piece of legislation."

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And I hope you'll indulge me a few minutes to discuss it with you. Before I go further, let me say up front that I intend to vote for this Bill and I would ask all of you to vote for this Bill. That having been said, there are some serious flaws in this Bill and some things that you ought to know. We have passed in this chamber on at least five occasions, a Bill known as House Bill 111. It's a real mental health parity Bill. It's a Bill that covers any biological disease of the brain, any mental illness. It's a Bill that covered every individual in the State of Illinois that was covered by a health insurance policy. It did not exempt HMOs. It did not exempt employees of 50 or more. This is a Bill that went over to the Senate five times and five times was held in the Rules Committee. Now, we have before us a Bill that you should know is supported by the insurance industry. So, I think that should give you some pause right away. It's supported by the insurance industry. This is a Bill that only covers eight diseases. This book of several thousand pages lists thousands of mental illnesses that will not be covered by this Bill, thousands. The Bill exempts anyone in an HMO. It exempts anyone that works for a company of less than 50 people. It puts limits on outpatient treatment to 35 a year. And so, if you have severe depression, severe mental illness, and you need to see your practitioner once a week, twice a week, this Bill won't allow that. It allows 35 visits a year. The Bill also sunsets in the year 2005. In short, the Sponsor would have you believe that this is mental health parity. In her own comment she said this is mental health parity. She wants you to think this is the Bill we've been waiting for, the Bill that will take mental illness and bring it to a new level, a new level of care

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and concern in the State of Illinois, a new level of treatment for the mentally ill in our state. Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, I intend to vote for the Bill, but only because it's the best we can do now. But let me assure you that this is not mental health parity. Let me assure you we will have to revisit this issue again and soon because there are hundreds, thousands, of mental illnesses that are not covered under this piece of legislation and hundreds of thousands, millions, of Illinois residents that will not be covered under this legislation. And when I discussed this with the proponents of this piece earlier, I suggested that if we passed this it will not be revisited by the Illinois Senate for a long time. We all know what they will say next year when we come back with a better Bill. They'll say we've done this, go away. The people with real serious mental illness in our state are not going to be helped by this Bill the way we have voted in this floor five different times to help them. And so, I guess we need to vote for this Bill because we don't want to stop in its tracks any progress in this area. But let there be no mistake, this Bill is not in any way, shape, or form mental health parity. It will cover a few people, for a few illnesses, for a short period of time. This is not a be all, and end all, it's basically one step in a step of thousands of steps that we will have to take. So, I urge you to vote for this. But please do not go home and tell your constituents that you came down here and voted for mental health parity. That is not what this Bill does. Please join me in an effort next spring to bring real mental health parity to the people in this state that really need some help from Springfield. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes the

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Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Johnson."

Johnson: "Yes, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is a watershed time for me individually on an issue like this because I think, as this Body knows, I have... I don't think I've ever voted for adding another mandate on the business community or anybody else as it relates to insurance coverages. However, you know over many, many years one comes, and some of us slower than others, to the realization that there really is very little difference, in fact, no difference between physical and mental illnesses. And we cover the physical because we can see the blood, but oftentimes we fail to see the churning inside and the broken lives. And this is something that I've really come to learn. And thanks to the Sponsor, she's done a great job of educating me over these years. And I applaud her for bringing this legislation. This time has come. And I would urge everybody in here to vote 'aye'. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Mulligan: "I'd like to commend the Sponsor for this. I mean, sure, it isn't what we wanted, but how many pieces of legislation do we pass out of here just to be a mail piece that accomplish absolutely nothing? This is a piece of legislation that's a start in an area that strongly needs a start. Representative Bellock, in particular, has served on the task force. She's worked hard. And I think this... one of the previous speakers was given the opportunity to amend his Bill, when this year there was some ability to have a concession on some of the parts of some of the business groups to come to a meeting of minds and actually

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pass something that was a start, that we could take a hard look at to show proof in later years that maybe we could pass something more significant. Some of the Representatives, some of the Senators stepped up to the bat. And I think it's a significant thing that you can get something passed rather than pass something that just appears on your campaign literature or as a mail piece. This is something that will actually provide some help for some people and that's what a compromise normally is. It never does everything that we would like it to, but that's how we got some HMO legislation. That's how we got other legislation that we strongly need. And it's better to have a compromise than to have nothing at all. It is a beginning. I commend the Representative for picking up the Bill and working on it and for all the work she's done in mental health in the last several years that she's been here. I think this deserves an 'aye' vote, very strongly from everyone. I think it's a good beginning. And I urge you to vote for it."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Moore, the Lady from Lake."

Moore: "Thank you much... thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. To the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Moore: "No, this is not a perfect Bill. I cannot argue with what one of my esteemed colleagues on the other side of the aisle has stated. But, in fact, it is something that we can support to be able to improve services in mental health. I know that many of the business groups have still signed in against it. I have a study that shows that those people who suffer from some of these chronic mental illnesses, in fact, when medicated, now actually improve

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their productivity at work. There are countless studies that show that there's a cost... these pharmaceutical benefits that are included in this for these chronic illnesses will, in fact, be a reduction in cost to many businesses. This is something that the Conference of Women Legislators fully supports. And we would encourage all of you to do the same. Though it is a compromise Bill, it is a Bill that is worth your vote. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Parke, the Gentleman from Cook."

Parke: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Parke: "Representative, I understand that this is a compromise, but can you tell me why the Manufacturers, the Employment Law Council, the State Chamber, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, and the Municipal League are still opposed to this?"

Bellock: "Yes, because philosophically the business groups still oppose any mandate that they think will make it higher insurance rates for their business people."

Parke: "So, this is only philosophical? Why... why would..."

Bellock: "I shouldn't say just philosophical. They did not speak to the Bill in committee, but they did file slips of opposition."

Parke: "Okay. Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Parke: "Certainly, the Sponsor, both the House and the Senate Sponsor, are trying to solve a problem that does exist in our society. But, let me point out that the Blue Cross/Blue Shield found in five states that passed a limited mental health parity mandate onto the backs of small businesses found that the rate increase to small

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businesses increased from 4 to 10%. Ladies and Gentlemen, 4 to 10% increase in their premiums. And for every percent increase in health care premiums, 2.6% of small employers dropped their health care. Ladies and Gentlemen, at a time when health care costs are going through the ceiling and, again, small businesses are the ones that are affected the greatest. Though we're trying to solve a problem, Ladies and Gentlemen, at this point in time, we are seeing double-digit increases in health care premiums. And now we want to pass this which, again, will be easily... could by virtue of this one Bill, have a double-digit increase on the backs of small businesses in this state. And we wonder why we continue to find businesses dropping their health care, finding more and more of our citizens going without health care. This is another example of trying to solve one problem, but in the long run we create major problems. Unfortunately, those major problems will fall on the backs of small businesses in this state. I respectfully ask the Body to vote 'no'."

Speaker Hartke: "Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for questions?"

Speaker Hartke: "The Sponsor will yield."

Osmond: "Representative Bellock, it was mentioned earlier in discussion that the insurance industry was in favor of this legislation. Was that a true statement?"

Bellock: "Yes. The industry... Well, I don't know if you can say... The insurance company did in... When Senator Radogno presented this in the Senate, the insurance industry did file and speak to the Bill as a proponent for the Bill. They have worked very long and hard in the discussions in

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the Senate to get this Bill out. And I wanted to mention business and insurance working towards this Bill even though business still has a problem. They... The insurance company did sign in and did support the Bill."

Osmond: "Who was it that supported it, specifically?"

Bellock: "I have to check that. But that is what I was told what happened at the Senate meeting. But I better check that."

Osmond: "In our analysis..."

Bellock: "Representative Lang said that also, that the insurance people did speak to the Bill in the committee."

Osmond: "Our analysis still shows that the Life Insurance Council is against it and they represent most of the health insurance providers."

Bellock: "I'll have to find out. I heard that... I was told that the insurance actually testified for the Bill in the Senate subcommittee meeting."

Osmond: "Okay."

Bellock: "In the House meeting, they did not speak to the Bill."

Osmond: "Thank you. And could you tell me, I think, in this legislation, you said that you're gonna ask the Department of Insurance to do some kind of a study. And what exactly are you asking them to do?"

Bellock: "The Department of Insurance will do a study over the next three years as to the cost and the benefits of how this affects insurance in the State of Illinois. And they are required by this law to come back in 2005 with a report as to the cost and benefits of how this law has affected insurance in Illinois."

Osmond: "And that's only gonna be those eight specific mental illness items? That's the only thing they're going to check on, or will it be broader in nature?"

Bellock: "It's the eight degrees of serious mental illness that's

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defined by the American Psychiatric Association. Do you want me to repeat those?"

Osmond: "No, that's fine."

Bellock: "Okay."

Osmond: "The other thing that was talked about and I think another Representative mentioned that there are several reports out there, or at least one report, that shows that if mental illness covered by this Bill were, in fact, treated that there would be higher productivity and the business community would, in fact, save money. Are you familiar with that report?"

Bellock: "Absolutely. That's what I wanted to speak to, I was just waiting till the end, is that I... you know myself, I am probusiness also. So, I take into effect how this will, like what Representative Parke said, effect the businesses in Illinois and I respect that. But I also know that the Surgeons General's Report said one out of every seven people is suffering from some form of mental illness in the United States. In my county alone, depression, serious depression, is the #1 health issue. These are illnesses that have been overlooked throughout the years and now are being accepted as actual illnesses that need to be addressed by physicians and hospitals and have some form of coverage. So, yes, people will be able to stay out of mental health facilities that cost all the taxpayers money. They will be able to be productive at work, being able that just a simple form of medication can keep them in working condition and stable and be able to go to work. A few visits, even though it's only 35 visits a year, can help somebody be a stable individual who goes to work and stays out of our emergency rooms with suicides, stays out of our mental health facilities, stays out of our regular

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hospitals. So, I think in the end when all the studies are done, it will save the taxpayers of Illinois money."

Osmond: "Representative, if this study is so accurate and so convincing, do you think the business community has not seen the study? Or in your discussion, do you know why they don't embrace this concept then, and voluntarily add mental health coverage to their plans?"

Bellock: "Representative Osmond, I think it's something similar to prevention in medicine. People are finally coming around to realize how important the prevention end is, rather than people ending up in physical diseases, rather than ending up in emergency rooms in hospitals. I think, finally throughout the United States and especially in Illinois, we are recognizing the fact of how serious mental illnesses are affecting people. And if they can just be treated ahead of time on the front end, we can keep them stable and out of these other institutions that are so costly and so expensive."

Osmond: "You know, I... To the Bill."

Speaker Hartke: "To the Bill."

Osmond: "You know, I believe that the diseases are real and they are treatable. But the only thing I question is if there's such and so much fact out there that shows how businesses can save money by having this covered under their plans, I don't know why the business community then doesn't embrace it and voluntarily add that to their benefit program, which they can do now. I don't think the state needs to mandate another coverage. Perhaps the state would be well-served publishing these reports, working with the Employment Law Council, or the Chamber, or the NFIB, making sure that their members know of this benefit and let them voluntarily, as a cost-saving measure, add that on to their

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own programs. Thank you."

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

Bellock: "I want to thank everyone in this House, and especially those that spoke to this issue, including Representative Lang, because I appreciate all of his comments that this is not the Bill that everybody wanted, but it is something for this most vulnerable population in Illinois. I respect the business community, the insurance community, especially Senator Radogno, and all the Senators that finally got some form of a mental health coverage Bill out of the Senate this year. And I look forward to an 'aye' vote on this and all of us addressing this issue and the prevention. There's 40 states throughout the United States that have some form of this Bill. And I hope and I encourage all of you to give it an 'aye' vote so that we may provide coverage for those that are the most vulnerable population in Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "The question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 1341?' All those in favor will signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 1341, there are 103 Members voting 'yes', 10 Members voting 'no', and 1 Member voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Ladies and Gentlemen, we've finished the Third Readings for today. We're going to do a Death Resolution and then proceed to Second Readings after that. So, if the Members will please be in their chairs and staff please retire to the rear of the chamber. Mr. Clerk, would you please read House Resolution 275."

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Clerk Rossi: "House Resolution 275, offered by Representatives Daniels and Madigan.

WHEREAS, Lynda Lee Ladley was born on October 2, 1941 in Ashland, Illinois; the loving daughter of John T. and Mardelle Canfield; and

WHEREAS, Following an education in public schools, Mrs. Ladley moved to Springfield and began a distinguished 34-year career in State government as a telecommunications operator in the Secretary of State's Index Division, later accepting a position as a legislative secretary and a committee clerk with the Illinois House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, Mrs. Ladley was assigned as a secretary to a group of legislators that included a freshman Republican from Kankakee, George H. Ryan; and

WHEREAS, While Mr. Ryan moved through the ranks of State government, he called on Mrs. Ladley for 30 years to organize and administer his executive office as he fulfilled his obligations as House Republican Leader, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and Governor; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley also organized and supervised a succession of clerical support staff in the legislative and executive branches of government; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley was a friend, mentor, and mother confessor to a generation of officers and legislators from both sides of the political aisle, countless State workers, and members of Mr. Ryan's extended staff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley deftly handled all assignments with a constant, infectious good humor that charmed everyone who entered her presence, as well as grace, dignity, and a high standard of professionalism; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley was a board member of Illinois Inaugural 1999 and the co-chair of the Inaugural "Relay for Life" of the Sangamon County chapter of the American Cancer Society, and supported several charities as well as the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley is survived by her husband, Ronald; her mother; three daughters, Nancy, Patricia, and Milynda; her three stepdaughters, Cynthia, Ronda, and Judith; her brother, Wayne; her ten grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ladley succumbed to a lingering illness on April 28, 2001, bringing to a close a life dedicated to the well-being and service of her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Illinois House of Representatives are deeply saddened to learn of Mrs. Ladley's passing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lynda Lee Ladley and our desire that her memory and good works be honored sine die; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Lynda Lee Ladley with our sincere condolences."

Speaker Hartke: "The Chair recognizes Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, upon the adoption of this Death Resolution honoring our friend, Lynda Lee Ladley, I will leave the House and go to her funeral. I've been asked by the Governor to make some remarks to honor her memory and to honor her service to the people of Illinois. In 1975, when I had the pleasure of being elected to the General Assembly and join this august

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Body, one of the first persons I met was Lynda Ladley. I knew, then, immediately that she was a person that all of us in Illinois could be proud of because she was the type of individual that represented what we wanted to have in state government, the type of individual that cared compassionately about the direction of this government and the people that served in it. And she was known as a strong person. She was known as an individual that cared deeply about people that worked in the office that she was responsible for. I also learned very quickly the whole theory about the meaning of gatekeeper. And boy, did I learn fast that I wanted to be Lynda's friend. And there's not a person here that didn't come in contact with Lynda that didn't understand that very quickly 'cause she was, indeed, a strong individual. But she served this state and she served our government in the ultimate fashion and in the best fashion that anybody could ask to do. Now, since that time, I've thought a lot about my relationship with Lynda and how I interacted with her in her various positions, working for the Illinois House of Representatives for a young freshman Legislator by the name of George Ryan, staying with him throughout his career as Republican Leader of the House, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, and then Governor. And, you know, frequently, I'd say to Lynda, 'Lynda, I've got to see the Governor. What do you think? Well, Lee, you know, he's got a busy day today, and why don't you tell me what you need to see him about and I'll see what I can do.' And sometimes, I couldn't get in to see him because he was so busy, but Lynda would call back and say, 'You know, I was able to talk to the Governor and he said maybe if you try this or do this, it might work out.' And I

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said, 'No, you know, Lynda, you really helped a lot, because you enabled me to get my job done and I thank you very much.' But in doing so, she really kept the process moving and kept this very busy man in the ability to meet with those critical sessions that he had. And she ran that office. And she is going to be missed. Because those of us that have to relate to the Governor's Office on a regular basis understand how important that position is. But boy, did she train a lot of good people. You will run into person after person that's been trained by Lynda Ladley, that will carry on in her fashion in the excellent manner that she represented all of us in State Government, will carry on in that fashion. I'm gonna miss her. And this government will miss her. I know the Governor has a deep sense of loss. And I can only imagine what that would mean to lose somebody so close. But to all of us that have benefited by 34 years in state service, we can smile and say, you know, we were fortunate to be associated with Lynda. We were fortunate to have her as a friend, and we are fortunate that she represents the best that there is in State Government. Ladies and Gentlemen, we want to adopt this Resolution with a sense of pride, because Lynda gave that to us. We want to adopt this Resolution with a sense of knowledge that her memory, her service, and her attention to Illinois will carry on through the many people that she interacted with. So, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, not only do I ask that we adopt the Resolution and that all of our Members be added as cosponsors, but we do so with a sense of joy. Lynda's in a better place now, we know that. Lynda will rest now, finally, after this lingering illness. But we will carry on because of what she has given to us. God bless you,

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Lynda. God bless your three daughters, your three stepdaughters, your husband, and those people that will remember you for many, many years to come. Thank you, Lynda."

Speaker Hartke: "You've heard the Gentleman's Motion. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and House Resolution 275 is adopted. On page 6 of the Regular Calendar, on Second Reading appears Senate Bill 20, Representative Coulson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 20, a Bill for an Act amending the Illinois Vehicle Code. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 21, Representative Durkin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Mr. Clerk, take Senate Bill 21 out of the record. Senate Bill 28, Representative Brosnahan. Mr. Clerk, out of the record. Senate Bill 37, Representative Parke. Terry Parke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 49, Representative Leitch. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 49, a Bill for an Act concerning home mortgages. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 95, Representative Mathias. Sid Mathias. Out of the record. Senate Bill 37, Representative Parke. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 37, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 117, Representative Hamos. Julie Hamos. Out of the record. The Chair recognizes Representative Eileen Lyons."

Lyons, E.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Today we have with us a group called the Mikva Challenge, a nonpartisan program that actively engages Chicago high school students in civic life and the political process. There are 60 students from nine Chicago high schools here today who are really trying to get involved in the political process. So, please give them a Springfield welcome. They're up in the gallery."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to your State Capitol. On page 7 on Second Reading, on Senate Bills appears Senate Bill 133, Representative Coulson. Representative Coulson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 133, a Bill for an Act in relation to limited liability companies. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 153, Representative Granberg. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 153, a Bill for an Act amending the Kaskaskia River Watershed and Basin Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 213, Representative Mautino. Frank Mautino. Out of the record. Senate Bill 23... 233, Representative Schoenberg. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 233, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. 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 265, Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 265, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 285, Representative Franks. Jack Franks. Mr. Franks. Out of the record. Senate Bill 286, Representative Berns. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 286, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Public Health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 325, Representative May. Representative May. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 325, a Bill for an Act relating to schools. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 329, Representative Dart. Out of the record. Senate Bill 382, Representative Osterman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 390, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 390, a Bill for an Act in relation to health care surrogates. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 394, Representative Slone. Representative Slone. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

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Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 394, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 397, Representative Mathias. Out of the record. Senate Bill 401, Representative Brosnahan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 401, a Bill for an Act amending certain Acts in relation to mentally retarded persons. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 95, Representative Mathias. Out of the record. Senate Bill 434, Representative Lindner. Pat Lindner. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 434, a Bill for an Act in relation to mental health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 500, Representative Fritchey. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 500, a Bill for an Act in relation to senior citizens. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 544, Representative Hamos. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 544, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 677, Representative Brosnahan. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 677, a Bill for an Act concerning county officers. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 686, Representative Lang. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 686, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 721, Representative Turner. John Turner. Turner in the chamber? Out of the record. Senate Bill 724, Representative Murphy. Mr. Murphy. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 724, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 727, Representative Franks. Jack Franks. Out of the record. Senate Bill 750, Representative Dart. Out of the record. Senate Bill 727, Representative Franks. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 727, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 285, Representative Franks. Out of the record. Senate Bill 789, Representative Dart. Tom Dart. Out of the record. Senate

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Bill 817, Representative Feigenholtz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 817, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 926, Representative Erwin. Judy Erwin. 926. Would you like to move that Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 926, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 938, Representative Lang. Mr. Lang, 938. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 938, a Bill for an Act in relation to domestic violence. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 980, Representative Stroger. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 980, a Bill for an Act concerning local governments. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1017, Representative Pankau. Carole Pankau. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1017, a Bill for an Act concerning emergency services. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1046, Representative

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Erwin. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1046, a Bill for an Act in relation to property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1058, Representative Dart. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1065, Representative O'Connor. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1065, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1080, Representative Hoffman. Representative Hoffman. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1080, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Motions have been filed. No Floor Amendments approved for consideration."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1166, Representative Lawfer. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1166, a Bill for an Act concerning real estate. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1306, Representative Reitz. Dan Reitz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1517, Representative Winters. Dave Winters. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1521, Representative McKeon. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Rossi: "Senate Bill 1521, a Bill for an Act relating to education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment

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Speaker Hartke: "Third Reading. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Schoenberg. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Schoenberg: "Thank you, Mr... Mr. Speaker, for... one is a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hartke: "State your point."

Schoenberg: "The Mikva Challenge Program is with us in the gallery today. These very talented and committed high school students from across the Chicago Metropolitan Area are here observing how public service can be rewarding and fulfilling. And I'd like us all to extend a welcome to them. They're up in the gallery on the other side of the aisle."

Speaker Hartke: "Welcome to the Illinois General Assembly. Mr. Schoenberg, for a second announcement."

Schoenberg: "Thank you. The other is a matter of housekeeping. The House State Procurement Committee, which was scheduled to meet today at 2:00 p.m., has been canceled. Please note your calendars accordingly."

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

McGuire: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd just like to announce that there will be no Aging Committee this week. I don't believe it was scheduled, but for those who are concerned and not sure, there will be no Aging Committee meeting this week. Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you, Representative. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kenner. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Stroger: "Mr. Speaker, my..."

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Speaker Hartke: "You don't look like Representative Kenner."

Stroger: "...speak light is not... Yeah, he's much taller and not quite as handsome. My light is not working and I wanted to make an announcement."

Speaker Hartke: "Representative Stroger."

Stroger: "The Labor Committee will meet at 2:15 today. And if you could send the electrician to figure this out for me."

Speaker Hartke: "An electrician will go to your desk."

Stroger: "Thank you."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you very much. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Mr. Fritchey. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. On a point of clarification. There seemed to be some confusion and just to dispel that, the Registration and Regulation Committee will be meeting today as scheduled with our full agenda. It should go relatively quickly, but we will be meeting."

Speaker Hartke: "Thank you very much. Any further announcements? The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Giles."

Giles: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Elementary & Secondary Education will meet tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. Tomorrow at 12:00 p.m."

Speaker Hartke: "Any further announcements, should come before the Body? If not, Representative Currie now moves that the House stand adjourned, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, until the hour of 1:00 p.m. tomorrow. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it, and the House stands adjourned. Committees will begin at 2:00 p.m. prompt, except for Labor, 2:15."