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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members and our guests are asked to turn off their laptop computers, their cell phones and their pagers. And we ask the guests in the gallery to rise and join us for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, the Assistant Pastor of the Victory Temple Church in Springfield."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us come boldly before His throne of grace. Father, we pray according to Thy word which instructs us to pray as this, our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy will done, in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

Speaker Madigan: "We shall be led in the Pledge of Allegiance 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 Madigan: "Roll Call for Attendance. Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Let the record reflect that Representative Howard and Representative Morrow are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

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Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and let the record reflect that Representative Jerry Mitchell and Representative Parkes (sic-Parke) are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 111 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk. Mr. Fritchey, did you wish to call House Bill 4063? Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 4063, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions Filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Third Reading. On the Order of House Bills- Third Reading there appears House Bill 3937. Mr. Holbrook? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3937, a Bill for an Act concerning propane. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 3937 changes some regulations on the Propane Education and Research Council. This is an initiative of their council. It allows more retail marketers to be active in it and it also does away with the cap on term limits. They had some very effective members on that board and they wanted to continue to serve. I know of no opposition to the Bill and be glad to take any questions."

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

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Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand in support of the Bill. In committee hearing, there was no dissenting votes and would appreciate a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, I... my eyes were drawn to the section of the Bill where they will be requesting travel expenses. And I know the Governor has indicated that that's one item of the budget that we need to perhaps get a... get a better handle on, travel expenses, per diem. Have the members of this council always been given travel expenses when they meet?"

Holbrook: "The public members have and they wanna extend that to some of their retailers that are smaller businessmen that this could be a burden upon. Right now, their checkoff is all voluntary, that is they... they don't even have to pay into it unless they want to."

Black: "All right. Okay."

Holbrook: "And 99 percent of the expenses right now go to things like they... they give the propane to the University of Illinois for their fire schools, things like that and by bringing in more of these retail members to where they may be moving around and may be a burden and they ask that they be covered also. And since it's a completely voluntary checkoff on a self-contained fund the state has nothing to

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do with, they have it audited and would give us their audit. They asked for that."

Black: "Is this council also involved in a safety instruction and related... because propane... many people... I'm afraid that many people do not understand the... the necessity to handle propane more safely than many of them that do, but I see so many people who smoke, for example, while filling a propane tank and that is not... that is not a wise thing to do. Are they involved in safety instruction?"

Holbrook: "It's one of two of their main missions."

Black: "Good, okay, fine. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Has Mr. Osterman voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Hannig on Senate Bill 1913? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1913, a Bill for an Act concerning the executive branch. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Hannig: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This Bill is an initiative of the Governor and the Governor's Office of Management and the old Bureau of the Budget and they're suggesting that in an effort to shed more light and give the public and Members of this Assembly more of an opportunity to digest the capital budget that we give the Governor an additional... a different date, a later date to introduce the capital budget from the ordinary and

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operating budget that we will see him talk about next week. So, this is a very simple proposal. It's a onetime request. It's a innovative idea that the Governor's Office has that we'd like to try out with the consent on both sides of the aisle and it will shed more light and I think, make the process work better. So, I'd be happy to answer any questions and I'd ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Boy, this Bill is just getting me in trouble with you all the way around. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Mulligan: "Representative Hannig, this isn't exactly a onetime request. I mean the Governor requested this last year."

Hannig: "Well, no, last year's request was that we extend..."

Mulligan: "The whole budget."

Hannig: "...Right, for the whole budget. This is a request on a one-year basis that we look at the capital budget as a separate entity and that that'd be introduced at a slightly later date."

Mulligan: "And when do they anticipate presenting this?"

Hannig: "I'm advised that sometime by the middle of March the Governor would... plans to be able to present us with the capital budget."

Mulligan: "So, will he take another hour or two of the General Assembly in a Joint Session to present it or..."

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Hannig: "No, I think it's... it's more in a case where there will be a presentation made, perhaps a press conference, but they're not planning to come and address us."

Mulligan: "Don't you think that it... you know, we always lookin' at... this is the Governor's budget and we have some input. But the budget is the budget of the people of the State of Illinois. It is not the Governor's budget. It's the people's money and by making it a late presentation it doesn't allow the people of the State of Illinois enough time to come before the appropriate committees and make comment. Last year this happened repeatedly because the budget was so late we had very little time for the public to make comment on it and also it seemed very little time for the Governor to negotiate with the General Assembly. Perhaps that was the reason he chose to close out the negotiations that what we thought was the end of Session and then make over 600, approximately, red-line items out of the budget which has caused all kind of consternation with any number of groups for the whole summer and which leads us not to even know what the current FY04 budget is. So, don't you think that perhaps the Governor should go ahead and present this at the current time and then negotiate it, as other Governors have in the past, rather than ask once again for an extension which really hampers the people of the State of Illinois from adequately knowing what's going on with their budget?"

Hannig: "Well, Representative, this is the... this is a one-year request. It's an experiment to try to shed some additional

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light on an important part of the spending plan that we'll have to enact before we adjourn in May and that's the capital budget, a budget that will in the end require a three-fifths vote for us to put on the Governor's desk. This will be the Governor's proposal. You and I are free to, ya know, come up with our own proposals should we choose even today. But my point is that when the Governor introduces his budget next week the billion dollar general operating budgets of Department of Corrections, DCFS, certainly the... the budget for education will dominate the talk that day. There will be very little that we'll see or hear about capital expenditures on that day and so the Director Filan has felt for a long time that too often this capital budget just flies under the radar and that we need to highlight that budget, lay it out in a way that the press, the people, you and I can take a separate look at it and in that respect make the process work better. So again, this is an effort to try to shine more light on the process and give people an opportunity to look at it in its entirety from a capital point of view."

Mulligan: "Representative, when I first started in the General Assembly we adjourned at the end of June and then it was changed to the end of May and we adjusted when the budget was presented accordingly to allow enough time to discuss it. How can moving the process ahead 30 to 45 days from when he introduced the budget allows us more time to shed more light on it? I mean, that does not logically track and I think there's a problem with stating it that way."

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Hannig: "Representative, I think it... the appropriations committee and particularly the one you serve on will be swamped with hearings on Human Service operations almost immediately after the day the Governor introduces his ordinary operating budget. The capital expenditure part of that budget is an item that I believe needs to be looked at separately. Let's face it, the money we spend in the capital budget is mostly borrowed money and so we're asking that those two be separated, the ordinary and operating budget which spends money that we collect on an ongoing basis and the money that we borrow in the capital budget and that we look at that separately. But I think that we're gonna have plenty to do even before the capital budget is introduced in beginning to analyze the operating budget in all the committees."

Mulligan: "Doesn't it impact what we borrow since the Governor has borrowed extensively last year and shouldn't they both be presented at the same time? Perhaps then, we could all look at it. There are all these advocates and people who are interested in each part of the budget that look at those things and start getting organized. I don't think giving him an extra 45 days, it's not like they didn't know this was coming ahead. He might want to segregate them out in his speech. He might want to present an organized speech and segregate them out or present it another day, but we still should have that amount of time to look at it. I understand that you being in the party of the Governor need to present this, but as a budget person who has been

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doing this for a long time, I would think you would be offended by having the time cut down that you can examine what we're to be voting on. We always end up voting on at the end of the day and advocates and people that we represent come to us at the last minute or then over the summer after we walk out of here going, oh my god, I didn't know what was actually there. I don't care to be in that position again. I think the Governor has known about this for a while and I don't think it would hurt for them to put out even a draft so that we could discuss it with him, although he thinks that it is 'his budget'. The budget reflects the values of the people of Illinois, people that we represent, the people's budget, their tax dollars that we're spending. I don't think it's fair for him to do this once again. Last year we cut him slack. It did not do us well in the end, because in the end we had a budget that was a mess all summer long. I think it's time that he get his ducks in a row. He's had umpteen months in office now. He should be able to present at least a draft budget that we could all look at. Personally, I would urge a 'no' vote against this and I don't see why we're doing it once again. I think it is a bad thing to not shed enough time, have enough light shed on this budget and to do this as we've done before, the way all Governors have done it since I've been here and not what we did last year, even partially. I understand your position in having to present it, I don't agree with you. I definitely think the people deserve more time for editorial boards, for the people that we

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represent, for the Legislature to sit and look at this and know what we are doing. I think what we're doing is not giving more light, we're denying the people of the State of Illinois the ability to take a good, hard look at what's in that budget and come to some reasonable negotiation and demand that the Governor negotiate fairly with us while we're still in Session."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, how does moving the presentation of the capital budget to later in the Session, how does that give anybody more time to react?"

Hannig: "Representative..."

Black: "I'm looking at my calendar and it gives us less time."

Hannig: "Representative, it gives us an opportunity to highlight what is in that budget on a day when there'll be no other budget items likely to be in the news. When the Governor introduces his budget next week, all the billion dollar spending agencies starting with Education, Higher Education, Corrections, DCFS, Public Aid, Public Health, those are the agencies that will dominate the discussion and I think if you go back and look at what is said about the... the program on capital in the past, very little is ever looked at or said on the day the Governor introduces the budget. So the budget director feels very strongly and the Governor agrees that if we set a date separate for the

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capital budget to be introduced, much like we do with the Department of Transportation road program, that it allows that to be highlighted, that those things will be reported in our local newspapers, we'll take the time to look at the proposals more closely. In the end, all of these procedures will have hearings in our appropriations committee and they have to be approved by us and in particular this budget needs a three-fifths vote to advance to the Governor so it will have to have bipartisan support in order to advance. So I think it's an effort for the press, the public and even for the Members to have a day when we, much like we do with the Committee of the Whole, where we focus on capital."

Black: "Well, will this be a Senate Bill or a House Bill, do you know yet? The capital budget will be introduced as what, a Senate Bill or a House Bill?"

Hannig: "I don't know the answer, Representative. It could be either."

Black: "Well..."

Hannig: "In the end, we'll both have to pass it in the House and in the Senate and we can have hearings in this chamber even if it is a Senate Bill."

Black: "Well, my... my... I'm looking at the Session Calendar. The capital budget would be introduced on March 30. That gives us two days before the deadline of House Bills-Third Reading. It gives us six days on the deadline for Senate Bill out of committee and thirteen days before final Third Reading deadline, period. Twenty-three days until the date

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set for adjournment. I don't know how in the world we're gonna be able to focus more attention on the capital budget in less time... you know, you're compressing the amount of time by a considerable degree. I don't think that will get more attention, I think it will be less attention because of time pressures it will be rushed through the process."

Hannig: "Representative, I think it's more like what we do with the Department of Transportation Road Program. That will not be introduced next week, we know that, but at a later date it will be introduced and when it is it will be a headline in most of the downstate districts, I am certain of, when they talk about what that means to us and what it doesn't mean to us and we believe that we can do the same kind of thing with the capital projects. And again, this is a one-year request, if it doesn't pan out in the end we just won't do it this way next year. But the Governor is trying to put some innovation in government, trying to think a little bit outside the box. We're trying to look for different ways and we believe that this is the way we can highlight the budget, the capital budget, so... so that's all we're asking is a one-year experiment."

Black: "Representative, maybe you could shed some light on a question that I have been asking now for one full year. Those projects that were approved and bonds were sold for those projects, that have been under review now for 13 months, when will we have an answer on what those projects, the fate of those projects, will be? I have, as I said when the last time this came up, a community that may be

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without a safe source of drinking water without a bonded project. We aren't even given the courtesy of a yes, a no, or a maybe or a possibility. We have been told over 30 times in the last 13 months that project for the Village of Potomac is under review. How many capital projects do we currently have under review?"

Hannig: "Representative, I have capital projects under review as well as yourself and probably every Member other than the freshmen Members who are in this chamber. But that, I don't think, has anything really to do with this Bill which is a proposal to look at the capital spending for 2005 and beyond."

Black: "Well, Representative, I would submit it has everything to do with it. If we can't get an answer on the current bond Bill, which is well into the end of its fiscal year, now we want the FY05 capital bond Bill to be considered in 23 days. We can't get an answer on the current bonding status in almost 13 months."

Hannig: "But Representative, I think your biggest... the biggest leverage that you'll have, that we'll have with the Governor is really not so much on when he introduces that... this budget but when he asks you to vote for it at the end of May and you know that's a discussion you can have with the Governor's Office on your own and I suspect every Member can. But we're asking for a... that we look at a different date for introduction only in this Bill, one-year trial basis and we hope that we can shed additional light

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on the projects that are introduced and make the process better. If it doesn't work, we won't do it next year."

Black: "Well, Representative, thank you very much. Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. But Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I could ask for a show of hands about how many of you have questions about the current bond Bill. How many of you, like me, have been told it's under review, if you're lucky enough to even get that response. Generally speaking, you don't get any response, whatsoever. I have written hundreds of letters, dozens of memos, hundreds of phone calls. The best I get is, that's under review. Now, I don't think that's any way to handle our capital bond Bill. That's no way to deal with Members of the General Assembly. It's no way to deal with projects that were submitted in good faith, backed by one of the Members of this or the other chamber across the rotunda, submitted by people in communities from Chicago to Cairo and almost a year later we get no answer whatsoever. Where... where is the bond money? I mean it isn't like General Revenue dollars. If you're not gonna fund a water or a library project at least tell that community so they can see if they can borrow money from a revolving loan fund from the Federal Government or figure out what kind of capital campaign they're going to have to try to run in their area to pay for a project that they went forward with in good faith and cannot get an answer out of the State of Illinois on capital bonding. So here we're asked, while we're still involved in last year's bond Bill, now we're asked to give

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carte blanche to put the bond Bill for FY05 on a March 23 introduction date three days before Third Reading deadline of House Bills. I would submit to you that we are abdicating the leverage that we have as a Body to look, dissect and ask questions of the capital bond Bill. Why in the world would you want to give up what little authority we have left and compress the bond Bill for FY05 into a total number of Session days of 23? And I daresay that number will probably be less than 23 by the time we get there. I do not think this is a good idea. I don't think it's a good idea for one year. I don't think it's a good idea for an experiment. I'd be a lot more comfortable with this idea if we could just simply get an answer to the status of FY04 capital bond projects. But we can't seem to get that answer and yet you, many of you, will vote to compress the FY05 bond issue into 23 days. I don't think that's good public policy and a 'no' vote or a 'present' vote should be the required vote on this issue."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Just... in response to the previous speaker, let me just say I have the utmost respect for him, his abilities as a Legislator and I would like to say if there is indeed a fact that he is not hearing from the administration then he has point. But this is about this year's budget and in a week or so we're gonna highlight the operations portion of the budget. The operations portion of the budget as you know is facing a deficit. And we're

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just saying, from the administration and from the Sponsor of this Bill, that what we're going to do is we're gonna talk about the operations budget which is not stagnate. We are just going to have to take on and fix the deficit. As you indicated, as the previous speaker indicated, the capital budget is somewhat stagnate, is somewhat set. We kind of know what it's going to be. This is not without precedent. The Illinois Department of Transportation's five-year road fund traditionally has come after the original budget. We're just saying let's do something similar, let's make sure we shine the light eventually on the capital budget but right now begin to look at operations which is what's going to have to help us deal with the deficit. I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Madigan: "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? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 63 'ayes', 44 'noes'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on the Order of the Agreed Resolutions, read the Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 647 offered by Representative John Bradley. House Resolution 650 offered by Representative Daniels. House Resolution 651 offered by Representative Rita. House Resolution 652 offered by Representative Turner. House Resolution 653 offered by Representative Grunloh. House Resolution 658 offered by

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Representative Mautino. House Resolution 661 offered by Representative Biggins. House Resolutions 662, 663, and 664 offered by Representative Morrow. House Resolution 665 offered by Representative Slone. House Resolution 666 offered by Representative Howard. And House Joint Resolution 50 offered by Representative Beaubien."

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk has read the Agreed Resolutions. Representative Hannig moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we'd like all of the Members to take their seats and we'd like the staff to retire to the rear of the chamber. The plan is to adjourn today upon the adoption of a memorial Resolution for a former Member. Please be advised that tomorrow we will convene at 11 a.m. and that today is the last day for the introduction of House Bills. So again, we convene tomorrow at 11 a.m. and today is the last day for the introduction of House Bills. And Mr. Clerk, read House Resolution 657. Members should please stand."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 657.

WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of their former colleague, U.S. Senator Paul Simon, of Makanda, on Tuesday, December 9, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Senator Simon was born on November 29, 1928 in Eugene, Oregon to Reverend Martin Simon and his wife, Ruth; he attended Dana College in Nebraska; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Simon's success in politics began with the reformer's zeal he evidenced at the Troy Tribune, where he was a crusading owner-editor, the nation's youngest newspaper owner, before he was old enough to vote; he testified in 1951 before Senator Estes Kefauver's Crime Investigating Committee, and in 1954, after a two-year stint in the Army Counter Intelligence Corps along the Iron Curtain, he parlayed exposure of political corruption and organized crime in Madison County into a successful race for the Illinois House; and

WHEREAS, Senator Simon served eight years in the House of Representatives, where he met his first wife, Jeanne Hurley of Wilmette, shortly after she was elected to the State legislature in 1956; they married in 1960, becoming the first husband-and-wife team in the history of the Illinois General Assembly; she preceded him in death in 2000; and

WHEREAS, As a legislator, he was chief sponsor of the law that required governmental agencies at all levels to open their meetings to the public and the news media; he voluntarily disclosed his personal finances in his first race for the State legislature - long before any disclosure was required - and continued baring his finances in more detail than the law required throughout his political career; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, voters elected Republican Richard Ogilvie as Governor and Democrat Paul Simon as Lieutenant Governor, the only time in Illinois history that voters would pair politicians of different parties for those offices; as Lieutenant Governor, he held town meetings throughout the

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State to field complaints about State government; following his term as Lieutenant Governor, he started the public affairs reporting program at Sangamon State University, now the University of Illinois at Springfield; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Senator Simon was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, serving 10 years until winning election to the U.S. Senate; he held the seat for 12 years before retiring in 1997; he helped overhaul the federal student loan program to enable students and their families to borrow directly from the government; he advocated for liberal causes and increased funding for social programs, but he also campaigned for a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution; he was known to be a man of integrity and a voice for the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Simon wrote weekly newspaper columns for 46 years and authored or co-wrote more than 20 books between 1964 and 2003; his most recent book, "Our Culture of Pandering" was published earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the U.S. Senate, Senator Simon took up teaching, writing, and heading the Public Policy Institute, a think tank which he founded at Southern Illinois University Carbondale; he married Patricia Derge in 2001; he is the recipient of several honorary degrees and other accolades; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Senator Paul Simon has been deeply felt by many throughout the State of Illinois, but especially by his wife, Patricia; his daughter, Sheila; his son, Martin; and his step-daughter, Jennie Derge; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Senator Paul Simon, a great man who will long be remembered for his devotion to serving the least fortunate people of our society, for his genuine personality, and his trademark bow-tie and glasses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Senator Paul Simon as an expression of our sincerest condolences during their time of bereavement."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I knew Paul Simon in kind of a different way than most. I knew of his activeness in politics. But as a constituent and friend even though our beliefs were probably a hundred and eighty degrees out of phase at most times. He was a man that truly believed in the system which we hold dear, so much so that in the latter part of his life the public policy institute was formed at SIU. Because of that many young college students, many of them not even in college yet were encouraged to become actively involved in politics on both sides of the aisle, to participate in the process. Paul Simon believed in the process, as well he should. As many of you know, he was one that truly won his popularity by going door-to-door and meeting with people and having himself recognized in his first and his districts from the north and when he moved to the south. He became known, respected. You didn't always have to agree with him but

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you knew he was trying to do what he thought was right. Paul Simon, when you had him as a constituent never aggressively came and said, hey, I want you to do the following. He talked to you as a friend. His neighbors in Makanda and I know a few of you have been to Makanda but Makanda is just kind of a very small, small community and he kinda lived out of the main part of Makanda he was part of what was known as the 'hill people'. You had the 'hill people' and the 'valley people' and as one of the 'hill people' if you didn't know that he had nationwide recognition, most of his neighbors just knew him as Paul. Paul, who'd walk down the street and down the road because you know the streets are a little bit different in Makanda than many of you that live in the nonrural areas. And as he'd walk down the road he was the man with the bow tie. I'd sometimes think if he was walking in a sweat suit he still had a bow tie on. But... he was loved and respected I know in the 115th District in Jackson County, in Makanda and you know in the State of Illinois and yes, in the nation. He will be dearly missed with his ideas, his leadership and from a person that knew him as a neighbor, he'll be missed as a neighbor. Our condolences go to Patty, to Sheila, Mark and Jenny. And he will truly be missed."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I am very honored to get a chance to say something about my mentor, one of them anyway, Senator Paul Simon. I wasn't able to attend his..

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final resting date for the funeral. But Senator Simon, myself and Cliff Kelly were together on November 12, 2003 and being I'd been knowing him for a while I asked him for some advice since I was getting ready to serve in this honorable Body. And I think these words are really important for everyone here to know. The advice he gave me in terms of the role of walking in places where he had already been was that he'd said to me, Eddie, remember that the rich will always be able to take care of themselves. And I thank you for allowing me to share that."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A number of years ago before I came to the General Assembly I was the state legislative chair for the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women and one of our things we did was to go to Washington to lobby and when you lobby a lot of different people it's always interesting how they respond to you. When we'd bring a group of women into Senator Simon's office, he had his chief of staff meet with us. Although she was a woman, she was not at that time 'the women's specialist', she was his chief of staff. And he would come in and talk to us and he was always very open and he really treated us with a lot of care for a U.S. Senator and for the women that were there from around the State of Illinois that were visiting him to lobby him on issues. In the years after I was elected, it always impressed me that for the few times I met him, although I knew his wife a little more because she'd worked with us,

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he always remembered me and that to me is so stunning that when you don't see someone very often they remember who you are. After he retired, I had the good fortune to sit with him as he was honored by Lutheran Social Services at a large dinner and I had a little chance to just chat with him and once again he remembered who I was and it's so interesting that someone who has been around, meets so many people, actually remembers people and can comment on things that maybe you've talked to him about before. And a lot of the things that he's presented have so much common sense that I don't think it matters what party you belong to. I think he was just a really special person that treated people well and particularly treated the women of Illinois when they came to visit him to lobby extremely well and he was always very impressive to me."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I didn't get a chance to make it to the funeral last month, but I remember Senator Simon as a person who was exactly what the Representatives pointed out, a man of integrity, a man of will and even vision. My first internship ever when I was at Morehouse College was at... was in Senator Simon's office on Capitol Hill on his Senate Judiciary Committee. And the way in which he and his office staff allowed me into their way of life and the way they were doing things made an indelible impression on me and then to be serving here, in this Body where he served, is an equal honor. So, I simply want to express my sincerest appreciation to the Senator and the

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way that he left his legacy here in this State and his impact on an individual like me who could only wish and yearn to be even close to where he came to in terms of the respect and accountability that he had for the constituency of this great state of Illinois. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. Paul Simon was in fact a remarkable man and a dedicated public servant, something that all of us in this chamber want to aspire to but unfortunately often fall far short of the legacy of Paul Simon. And in all due respect to my friend and colleague, Representative Mulligan, anyone in public life who meets Representative Mulligan always remembers her. And I mean that in the most kind way. I remember Senator Simon coming to Danville many years ago. The thing that impressed me about this gentleman and I often rail against it and shake my head about it. This Body has become very political and very partisan. That's the nature of the business that we're in. I sometimes think we take it to extreme, but one of the things that so impressed me about the late Senator Simon, I never saw that side of him. He was a Democrat, he was proud to be a Democrat, but he was also very cognizant of the fact that he represented people throughout the State of Illinois. Some of those people were Republicans, some were Democrats, some were Independents, some were La Rouchies, some hadn't voted probably in 10, 20, or 30 years. I remember onetime, and it spoke volumes about this

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man, he came to Danville at the time we had a General Motors foundry that employed about 2 thousand people and the talk in Washington was raising the corporate average fuel economy standards, CAFE as it's called in Washington. The General Motors foundry in Tilton, Illinois, right outside of Danville made heavy metal castings for the automobile market and obviously, to bring about higher corporate average fuel economy would require that you go to new technology rather than heavy malleable iron castings which is what the foundry made in Tilton and had since 1946. The UAW workers and the salaried workers and members were very concerned about that and the meeting was held in the City of Danville council chambers and he was asked about that. And he was a man who was committed to the environment and committed to trying to wean this country from our dependence on foreign oil and yet I was so impressed, he didn't just take the Washington attitude, he didn't say, 'look, we have to do this. We simply have to raise the corporate average fuel economy, we have no choice.' He said, 'you know, let me... I understand that many of you work at a foundry and let me come out and visit that and let me see what you do and let me see how it would impact your ability to make a living and he did that. And he followed up and he took a very, not neutral stance, but he took a stance tempered by the reality that it's very easy to talk about a policy in Washington, label it with a fancy word like CAFE. Very easy to say absolutely everyone should be in favor of this, but he looked at those working

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men and women and salaried men and women in that foundry and he said, 'now, I have a better idea of why we must make incremental steps in the CAFE standard.' And it always stuck with me. While he was a man of principle he was not a man of political expediency. He would've been re-elected, he could've said absolutely not, we have to raise the corporate average fuel economy and if you can't compete that's just too bad. And he went to Washington and he did exactly what he told those people he would do. He said, 'you know, it's very easy to sit here in Washington and think this is a simple exercise in... in... some kind of white paper, philosophical debate if you will. But I have visited people who have a direct im... will... directly impacted by what we do. And what we... what we do must be reflected by the marketplace and by people who make a living and by employers who employ people, for without employers there will be no employees.' And he was always a voice of moderation on that issue. Didn't sacrifice any principles. But he took the time to visit a factory that employed about 2 thousand people and he did his homework and I was always impressed by the fact that that's the way he handled almost every issue I ever saw him deal with. And he was very kind when he got back to Washington and he wrote me a note about how glad he was... to be able to visit the General Motors Central Foundry Division. And unfortunately, the foundry is gone and unfortunately Senator Simon is gone and in my area we sometimes wonder will anything take Central Foundry's place and its 2 thousand jobs. I sometimes sit

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and wonder will anybody take Paul Simon's place. He left a legacy that won't be easy to fill and he left a void in Illinois that needs to be filled and that is our challenge."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost moves for the adoption of House Resolution 657. Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does adopt House Resolution 657 and the House does stand adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., providing perfunctory time."

Clerk Bolin: "Attention Members, the Insurance Committee for 2:00 this afternoon has been canceled. Attention Members, the Health Care Availability & Access Committee for 3:00 this afternoon has been canceled. Again, the Health Care Committee has been canceled."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 09, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'direct floor consideration' for Senate Bill 1914 which is referred to Second Reading 'short debate'. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 660, offered by Representative Joyce and House Resolution 667, offered by Representative Black. These Resolution are referred to the House Rules Committee. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6578, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning immigrants and refugees. House Bill 6579, offered by Representative

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Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6596, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning seeds. House Bill 6597, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6598, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. House Bill 6599, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 6600, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6601, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6602, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6603, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 6604, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6605, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 6606, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6607, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 6608, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6609, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6610, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning energy. House Bill 6611, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles.

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House Bill 6612, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6613, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning state procurement. House Bill 6614, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6615, offered by Representative McKeon, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6616, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 6617, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning child labor. House Bill 6618, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning labor. House Bill 6619, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6620, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 6621, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 6622, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6623, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education. House Bill 6624, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6625, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 6626, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6627, offered by Representative Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6628, offered by Representative Myers, a Bill for an Act regarding

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Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6646, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6647, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6648, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning workers' compensation. House Bill 6649, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6650, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to highways. House Bill 6651, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to transportation. House Bill 6652, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to aircraft. House Bill 6653, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to railroads. House Bill 6654, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning alcoholic liquor. House Bill 6655, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 6656, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning wineries. House Bill 6657, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to education. House Bill 6658, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 6659, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. House Bill 6660, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to bodies of water. House Bill 6661, offered by

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Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to conservation. House Bill 6662, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 6663, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning livestock management. House Bill 6664, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 6665, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 6666, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6667, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to agriculture. House Bill 6668, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6669, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning wineries. House Bill 6670, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 6671, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning airports. House Bill 6672, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning waterways. House Bill 6673, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to wildlife. House Bill 6674, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. House Bill 6675, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning natural resources. House Bill 6676, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6677, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act

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concerning grain. House Bill 6678, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 6679, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 6680, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act to increase the availability and facilitate the delivery of venture capital to emerging and expanding enterprises in the State of Illinois. House Bill 6681, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 6682, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 6683, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning alcoholic liquor. House Bill 6684, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act in relation to vehicles. House Bill 6685, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 6686, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6687, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning athletic trainers. House Bill 6688, offered by Representative Dunn, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6689, offered by Representative Dunn, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 6690, offered by Representative Dunn, a Bill for an Act concerning property taxes. House Bill 6691, offered by Representative Daniels, a Bill for an Act concerning municipalities. House Bill 6692, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act

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concerning civil liability. House Bill 6693, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6694, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6695, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6696, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6697, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act in relation to state procurement. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6698, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6699, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6700, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 6701, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6702, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning the licensure of nurses. House Bill 6703, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6704, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6705, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning small business loans. House Bill 6706, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House Bill 6707, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 6708,

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offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 6709, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 6710, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning dental hygienists. House Bill 6711, offered by Representative Rich Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning food service. House Bill 6712, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6713, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6714, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act regarding school buses. House Bill 6715, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6716, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning estates. House Bill 6717, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 6718, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning highways. House Bill 6719, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning the exercise of police powers by state employees. House Bill 6720, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning counties. House Bill 6721, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 6722, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6723, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning tuberculosis

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sanitariums. House Bill 6724, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 6725, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. The following Bills are offered by Representative Colvin. House Bill 6726, a Bill for an Act in relation to forest preserves. House Bill 6727, a Bill for an Act in relation to forest preserves. House Bill 6728, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6729, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6730, a Bill for an Act concerning clerks of courts. House Bill 6731, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6732, a Bill for an Act in relation to courts. House Bill 6733, a Bill for an Act in relation to courts. House Bill 6734, a Bill for an Act in relation to counties. House Resolution... House Bill 6735, a Bill for an Act concerning sexually violent persons. House Bill 6736, a Bill for an Act concerning fees. House Bill 6737, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 6738, a Bill for an Act in relation to property taxes. House Bill 6739, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 6740, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning the Office of Banks & Real Estate. House Bill 6741, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6742, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department on Aging. House Bill 6743, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act

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concerning sex offenders. House Bill 6744, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6745, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6746, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 6747, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 6748, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act in relation to police training. House Bill 6749, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6750, offered by Representative Bassi, a Bill for an Act concerning hospice programs. House Bill 6751, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 6752, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning women's access to education and training. House Bill 6753, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 6754, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6755, offered by Representative Meyer, a Bill for an Act in relation to environmental safety. House Bill 6756, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act relating to telecommunications. House Bill 6757, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act in relation to utilities. House Bill 6758, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental protection. House Bill 6759,

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offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6760, offered by Representative Dunn, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6761, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning licenses. House Bill 6762, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 6763, offered by Representative Bost, a Bill for an Act concerning physicians. House Bill 6764, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6765, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6766, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6767, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6768, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning disabled persons. House Bill 6769, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning health facilities. House Bill 6770, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6771, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6772, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6773, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6774, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6775, offered by

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Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning computers. House Bill 6792, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. House Bill 6793, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments and making technical corrections. House Bill 6794, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act making revisory changes relating to the renaming of the Bureau of the Budget and the Department of Commerce & Community Affairs. House Bill 6795, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6796, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act in relation to sex offenders. House Bill 6797, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 6798, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning human services. House Bill 6799, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6800, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6801, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to create the Old Man River Anticipatory Design Center Act. House Bill 6802, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act to create the East St. Louis Historical District Act. House Bill 6803, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act in relation to gambling. House Bill 6804, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning human

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services. House Bill 6805, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6806, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6807, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning child care. House Bill 6808, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6809, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6810, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6811, offered by Representative Bailey, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. House Bill 6812, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6813, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6814, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 6815, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6816, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning the departments of State Government. House Bill 6817, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 6818, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 6819, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to state finance. House Bill 6820, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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state finance. House Bill 6821, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6822, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6823, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6824, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6825, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to budget implementation. House Bill 6826, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to unemployment insurance. House Bill 6827, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to pensions. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6828, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning boards and commissions. House Bill 6829, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning boards (sic-bonds). House Bill 6830, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 6831, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 6832, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 6833, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agency reorganization. House Bill 6834, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to

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gaming. House Bill 6835, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to gaming. House Bill 6836, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6837, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6838, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 6839, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 6840, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning economic development. House Bill 6841, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6842, offered by Representative Grunloh, a Bill for an Act concerning faith-based rehabilitation of prisoners. House Bill 6843, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 6844, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning identification. House Bill 6845, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning long-term care. House Bill 6846, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 6847, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6848, offered by Representative Slone, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 6849, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 6850, offered by Representative Delgado, a Bill for an

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Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6868, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6869, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning state employees. House Bill 6870, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 6871, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act to create the Pharmacy Benefit Management and Regulation Act. House Bill 6872, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning the executive branch. House Bill 6873, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6874, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6875, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6876, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6877, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6878, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act in relation to the transmission of drug information by the Internet. House Bill 6879, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning alcoholic liquor. House Bill 6880, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6881, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning conviction information. House Bill 6882, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning

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criminal law. House Bill 6883, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6884, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6885, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6886, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6887, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6888, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6889, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 6890, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6891, offered by Representative Millner, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6892, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act concerning the Industrial Commission Operations Fund. House Bill 6893, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning campaign finance. House Bill 6894, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6895, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6896, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 6897, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 6898, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning

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workplace health. House Bill 6899, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6900, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6901, offered by Representative Eileen Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning driving offenses. House Bill 6902, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 6903, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 6904, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning state's attorneys. House Bill 6905, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning driving violations. House Bill 6906, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6907, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 6908, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning the regulation of professions. House Bill 6909, offered by Representative Rich Myers, a Bill for an Act relating to higher education. House Bill 6910, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning accounting. House Bill 6911, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6912, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6913, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 6914, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act in relation to aging. House

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Bill 6915, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning elder abuse. House Bill 6916, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6917, offered by Representative McGuire, a Bill for an Act concerning sexually violent persons. House Bill 6918, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 6919, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act in relation to telecommunications. House Bill 6920, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 6922 (sic-6921), offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 6922, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6923, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6924, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6925, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act to amend the Illinois Income Tax Act. House Bill 6926, offered by Representative Rich Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6927, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6928, offered by Representative Rich Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6929, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning income tax. House Bill 6930, offered by Representative Coulson, a

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Bill for an Act concerning public benefits. House Bill 6931, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6932, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act regarding taxation. House Bill 6933, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxation. House Bill 6934, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6935, offered by Representative Jim Meyer, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6936, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6937, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6938, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6939, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 6940, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning higher education student assistance. House Bill 6941, offered by Representative Rich Myers, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 6942, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6943, offered by Representative Biggins, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6944, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning medical malpractice. House Bill 6945, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning medical malpractice. House Bill 6946, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning

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human rights. House Bill 6947, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 6948, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 6949, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning human rights. House Bill 6950, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 6951, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 6952, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6953, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act with regard to vehicles. House Bill 6954, offered by Representative Wait, a Bill for an Act concerning school students. House Bill 6955, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act in relation to contributions to candidates, political committees, and public officials. House Bill 6956, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning commerce. House Bill 6957, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 6958, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6959, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. House Bill 6960, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act in relation to taxes. First Reading of these House Bills. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6961, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations.

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House Bill 6962, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 6963, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 6964, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6965, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6966, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 6967, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act in relation to whistleblowers. House Bill 6968, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning infectious medical waste. House Bill 6969, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning gift certificates. House Bill 6970, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning child care. House Bill 6971, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 6972, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning adoption. House Bill 6973, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning business transactions. House Bill 6974, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 6975, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning cervical cancer. House Bill 6976, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 6977, offered by Representative

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Bellock, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 6978, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 6979, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning health care workers. House Bill 6980, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning Medicaid funding for substance abuse treatment facilities. House Bill 6981, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning child support. House Bill 6982, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act in relation to criminal law. House Bill 6983, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 6984, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 6985, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 6986, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 6987, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 6988, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act to increase the availability and facilitate the delivery of venture capital to emerging and expanding enterprises in the State of Illinois. House Bill 6989, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an Act concerning license plates. House Bill 6990, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act in relation to executive agencies. House Bill 6991, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 6992, offered by

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Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6993, offered by Representative Giles, a Bill for an Act concerning executive agencies. House Bill 6994, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 6995, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning tourism. House Bill 6996, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 6997, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcohol. House Bill 6998, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act in relation to alcoholic liquor. House Bill 6999, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7000, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 7001, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. House Bill 7002, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act in relation to fireworks. House Bill 7003, offered by Representative Rita, a Bill for an Act in relation to business transactions. House Bill 7004, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 7005, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning taxation. House Bill 7006, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7007, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning advertising. House Bill 7008, offered by Representative

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Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7009, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7010, offered by Representative Kelly, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7011, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7012, offered by Representative John Bradley, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7013, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 7014, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 7015, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning driving offenses. House Bill 7016, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 7017, offered by Representative Grunloh, a Bill for an Act concerning firearm ammunition. House Bill 7018, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act in relation to county government. House Bill 7019, offered by Representative Steve Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning procurement. House Bill 7020, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 7021, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act in relation to public aid. House Bill 7022, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 7023, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 7024, offered by Representative Mulligan, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House

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Bill 7025, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. House Bill 7026, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 7027, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning suicide prevention. House Bill 7028, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 7029, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning nursing. House Bill 7030, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 7031, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 7032, offered by Representative Lyons, Joseph, a Bill for an Act concerning alcoholic liquor. House Bill 7033, offered by Representative Dunkin, a Bill for an Act concerning provider billing. House Bill 7034, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 7035, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act regarding education. House Bill 7036, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning the Department of Public Health. House Bill 7037, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 7038, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning human services. House Bill 7039, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 7040, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill

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7041, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning driving offenses. House Bill 7042, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 7043, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning minors. House Bill 7044, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 7045, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning public health. House Bill 7046, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning financial institutions. House Bill 7047, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning health care. House Bill 7048, offered by Representative Dugan, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 7049, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 7050, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act in relation to insurance. House Bill 7051, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 7052, offered by Representative Osmond, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 7053, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 7054, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 7055, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning bonds. House Bill 7056, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning budgeting. House Bill 7057, offered by Representative Richard Bradley a Bill for an Act

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concerning criminal law. House Bill 7058, offered by Representative Parke, a Bill for an Act in relation to health in the workplace. First Reading of these House Bills. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."