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Speaker Madigan: "The House shall come to order. The Members shall be in their chairs. We ask the Members and our guests in the gallery 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 Victory Temple Church, here in Springfield. Pastor Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Most gracious and worthy king we humbly submit to You, we pray Your sovereign mercy upon this Body. Father, I pray that You would give comfort, that You would grant grace, You would grant peace that would rule our minds and rule our hearts in all things in all of our doings. This we ask in your Son's name. Amen."

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

Grunloh - 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: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Would the record show that Representative Currie and Representative Acevedo are excused today?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Prit... Pritchard is excused today. Pritchard is excused today."

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Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk shall take the record. There being 114 Members responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Ladies and Gentlemen, if I can have your attention for a few moments. We have distributed a schedule for the month of June and it provides that we shall leave here today and we shall go on a schedule of perfunctory days for the remainder of the month. We are asking all of you to remain available on a 24-hour basis to be notified to come back to Springfield for the consideration of an agreement that would relate to the budget and implementation of the budget. So, again, the plan would be to leave here today, and to go on a perfunctory schedule basis, as reflected in the schedule which you have in front of you. Asking everyone to be prepared to come back on a 24-hour notice. But, to consider an agreement that relates to the budget. I... I have spoken this morning with all of the Legislative Leaders and they've all indicated that they are available to meet at any time to consider negotiating positions relative to the budget and implementation of the budget. And we will keep everybody advised as to how those negotiations progress or do not progress. We'll just tell you the way it is. Mr. Lang. Thank you. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Giles, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be

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adopted' House Resolution 1006 and House Resolution 1028. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 985, House Resolution 1008, House Resolution 1015 and House Resolution 1038. Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration and Regulation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1033. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 1737. Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1007 Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1010 Representative Saviano, Chairperson from the Committee on Registration & Regulation, to which the following measure/s

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was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1033. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 3197. Representative Osterman, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 996."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a question, I don't know whether it's for the... a question for the Chair or just for the... for the Body. I'd like... and a couple of statements. I'd like to figure out where we are as far as the fact... I know we're... we're gonna work on the budget, and you've said that. But, whenever we have... as of... as of yesterday, five docs that have signed letters of intent that they... they are planning to close their practices. And that's about 5 thousand... 3 thousand patients a piece. And I've got one OBGYN and two regular practitioners and... and one internal medicine doctor and one ears, nose and throat specialist. You know, when already about 35 thousand doctors have... have left the Metro-East area and... and not counting the other docs that are leaving in our area. And I... I know the

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budget is important. But, is it our intention to do anything on... on the medical mal prob... mal problem and deal with the concerns that are out there or we just going to say, okay, never mind on that one?"

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Bost, speaking for myself, I'm prepared to continue to work on that problem."

Bost: "Today? Or before we leave?"

Speaker Madigan: "Whenever."

Bost: "I would... I would hope so, Mr. Speaker. I think it's an important enough issue that I... I'd like to see something come to the floor. I'd like to have some negotiations back and forth prior to that so that we can actually really cure this problem that is hitting my area so severely. I know that... that we went through this... this yesterday and I know many Members of your side of the aisle were concerned about it. But it's very difficult to go back and tell the people in our area that, well, they were concerned but then nothing happened. So, if... if we could do something on that I would appreciate the indulgence."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Reitz. Is Mr. Reitz in the chamber? Mr. Clerk, on page 6 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 3197. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3197 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Reitz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Reitz."

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Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 3197 deals with the... the concerns that we had... the state fair had with the Mongo ruling and addresses that to address some of the concerns that the court had in publishing the rules and procedures that they have for the state fair. They recommended that it goes... go to JCAR. This should take... address the concerns that the court had. In addition to that, it also adds... increases the membership on the State Fair Board from 15 to 20 members. This would allow the... the State Fair Board to expand, take in some corporate membership and... and also allow people from other regions to participate in the Du Quoin and the Springfield State Fair. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. The Chair recognizes Mr. Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Gentlemen yield?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Rose: "Is this the court case regarding Mongo from the state fair last year?"

Reitz: "This... yeah, this clarifies some of the concerns that the court had in that... it in no way jeopardizes the... the court cast that is, I guess, currently pending on... on Mongo."

Rose: "And in that case, the State lost. At least in trial court, the State lost, correct?"

Reitz: "It's still ongoing, but it's my understanding that, yeah, the first ruling that..."

Rose: "It's on appeal..."

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Reitz: "Correct."

Rose: "...I believe."

Reitz: "You know, I... I salute what you're trying to do here, Representative, and I... I think this is well-intentioned, I think we're gonna be voting for this. But at some point in time, we need, as a State, to apologize to that family for what happened to them at the state fair last year and the inappropriate remarks that came out of that. So, thank you."

Reitz: "Appreciate that."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "The Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, what... what happened to Mongo? Is he available to testify?"

Reitz: "He... there was a witness slip in committee, oral testimony if needed. But apparently the committee didn't see fit to need it, so."

Black: "All right. Hasn't he gone on to that great pasture in the sky?"

Reitz: "I'm... I'm not sure. Maybe..."

Black: "Well, I..."

Reitz: "...that's why he wasn't in committee."

Black: "He did. He did. Which I thought I was strange since I thought we had a moratorium on capital punishment. So..."

Reitz: "On champions, especially, yes."

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Black: "Yes. So... so, Mongo isn't available to testify. On... on a serious note. This occurred in Representative Cul... I mean, the family involved lived in Representative Cultra's district and I... I applaud the stand that he took on this and he's been very vocal, and I think rightfully so. The integrity of a young 4-H member was questioned, the family's integrity was questioned, and I... I think it was very unfortunate the way this whole thing was handled. But be that as it may, is it your intent with this Bill to bypass JCAR on rules and regulations that the state fair might want to impose?"

Reitz: "Essentially, yes. The... right now, if... according to the court ruling, they... they recommended that everything go to JCAR. They're trying this... we're trying to... to make sure that we don't make J... the JCAR proceedings more cumbersome. There's over 15 thousand, I believe, 15 thousand different contests and fees and they don't want to burden JCAR with that. They want to continue to do things as they've been doing it. All this really does is... is to say that the rules... clarify that the rules will be published and available to everyone so that we don't run into another problem like we did there where there was uncertainty over the... the rules that were in place."

Black: "But, as I understand it, these rules will now be promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and not be subject to review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. Is... is that..."

Reitz: "They never have been."

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Black: "...standard practice?"

Reitz: "Right. That's... that's the way it's always been. They... what this... what this is trying to do is to clarify the language. The way the... the court interpreted the language is that... the way we had it written in current law is that they probably should have went through JCAR. This is trying to clarify the language to make sure that we do it as we've done it for the last hundred years... one hundred and fifty two years."

Black: "So, under a... under a certain scenario then the Department of Agriculture could promulgate a rule, their own rule, without review by any legislative body and could conceivably even increase fees to exhibitors or vendors."

Reitz: "It... this... it's... it's not an administrative rule. It doesn't apply to regulatory. It's just for contests. It strictly is for the contests that they run every year."

Black: "But, as I understand this would not this allow the Department of Agriculture to also then have the authority to perhaps raise entry fees for contestants or fees... increase fees for vendors who want to sell a product at the state fair or any exposition held under the aegis of the Department of Agriculture at the State Fairgrounds?"

Reitz: "Right. And they... they can currently do that. We're not changing that in anyway with this... with this law. We're just clarifying that they will publish whatever fees are out there to make sure that there's... there's a better explanation for the public. This... there's nothing in this

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that changes the ability of the state fair to... to set any type of fees or regulations on contests."

Black: "Okay. Well, Representative, the fee structure without any legislative input... it... it's not a major concern to me, they're gonna be reasonable fees, of that I'm... I'm fairly certain. But, well, you know, I'm sure there'll be other questions. But I would like to publicly acknowledge it's good to see Mr. Kolaz back on your staff. He'll be a welcome addition."

Reitz: "Yes, it is."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Cultra."

Cultra: "To the Bill. This... really all this Bill does is codify the standard practice that's been in place for many years at the state fair. And I would recommend an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor say 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. But a fiscal note has been requested and not yet received."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Reitz, there's been a request for a fiscal note. The Bill should remain on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy. On page 14 of the Calendar, on the Order of Resolutions, there appears House Resolution 1022. Mr. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 1022 is a... a first for me

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since... in my 8 years here. It's actually a Committee Resolution, which is why it doesn't list me as the Sponsor. But as chairman of the committee, I will present it. Through Leadership we decided to do it this way. And I will tell you that 12 out of the 13 people on the committee did support the Resolution. So, that... I don't wanna intend by my remarks in calling it a Committee Resolution that it is supported by all... all of the Members. And... but it basically calls for the extension of I-355 South. Many of you who are familiar with the transportation problems up in the Northeast section of our state understand that this is a proposal that has been on the drawing board for probably 20 years. I think Representative Hassert and Representative McGuire were two of the Sponsors of the original Resolution calling for the construction of this much needed road. It also calls for the construction and the improvements that have been designated by the Toll Highway Authority for 294 going from 95th Street out to I-80. And it also talks about the need for a stronger consensus on the travel needs in Lake County, including the funding and construction of the extension of Route 53. I think that any of you have traveled across the country have seen that most of the major cities in our state... in our country have two or three loops that surround their... their major city in order to keep people out of those cities, keep the smog down, keep the pollution down. And we need to complete this vital link of transportation across our state so that people who don't need to be in the immediate

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Chicago area won't be in that area. I... I think it's a great idea that we appointed this special committee. And I was proud to be the chairman of it. And I'm glad we came forward at this time with this Resolution. I will state that other Resolutions may come out of this committee in the future. But this is our first Resolution and I'm proud to be the Sponsor of the... the Committee Resolution. So, I would entertain any questions that the Body would have."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Kosel. Kosel. Mr. Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I want to thank the chairman and the Members of the committee. We held meetings throughout the tollway area and I want to thank everyone for those of you who could attend the various meetings to get the input from the various local officials and residents of... of the area as to improvements to the tollway system. And I just want to make sure even though on the board it... it only mentions 294 and 355, as the chairman spoke he also stated that the Resolution does include the construction and funding requests for the extension of Route 53 into Lake County, which is a much needed improvement just as all of the improvements mentioned in this Resolution are much needed. And are needed as a group so that we have a solid system that makes sense. And just as it makes sense to extend the south end to meet Route 80, it also makes sense to extend the north end so that it'll also meet the tollway and be able to go into McHenry County where their transportation needs... also call for a major highway. So, again, I wanna thank the

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Sponsor and look forward to the toll... working with the toll highway system so that they will implement the improvements that are called for in this Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative May."

May: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. Since I was a Member of the Toll Highway Committee and this is a Committee Amendment, I guess at this point I'd just like to present a minority opinion. I have been a critic of the tollway in the past and they have made many reforms. But, I believe this... this Resolution here does not go far enough. It doesn't address the quality of life issues. It seems that we are asking for an expansion of the Toll Authority, which could be millions, billions of dollars and it would lead to a toll increase. Think it needs to be a little more comprehensive. I did ask for an Amendment to it and was told it would have to be a trailer. But I just want to put into the record that we had hearings in Rockford to talk about an entrance and exit ramp there, a booth there that I think isn't addressed. We talked about quality of life issues right along 294. This is a section of the highway that pays for itself. It needs repair, it needs buffering to protect the quality of life for the citizens in that area. I fear that if we go ahead without... and recommend this without knowing the true cost, it truly will be a toll increase and affect the quality of life in other areas. And that part was ignored. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Kosel."

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

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McCarthy: "Yes."

Kosel: "I'd like to thank you for your hard work on this. As it's been stated before, 355 South is a major concern. The proposed road would end in my district and I must tell you that there is no question that is asked more than what the future or 355 is. More than property tax relief, more than schools. This particular project is so needed in the area to move traffic north and south. It is... it is something that is desperately overdue and I commend both the Sponsor of the Resolution and the Speaker for his work on this. And hopefully, we will see some resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Mr... Representative McCarthy, have any of the civil engineers at the University of Illinois looked at your highway specifications on your proposal here?"

McCarthy: "Yeah, I... I think that the assistant to the Minority Leader, Representative Hassert, would probably have a more exact answer to that. But, I'm sure the fine engineers at our premier university would be more than willing to endorse this worthwhile project."

Rose: "Very good, Representative. I look forward to voting for it."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would request a Roll Call vote on this, please. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "There's been a request for a Roll Call vote. And Mr. McCarthy to close."

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McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'm grateful for that request and I want to thank especially Representative Kosel, Representative Hassert, Representative McGuire. They did a wonderful job getting the support for 355. No one can say that there's not a unanimous agreement that that road needs to be built by all of the interested parties out in that area of the world. So, I would ask for your favorable consideration of House Resolution 1022."

Speaker Madigan: "Question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution 1022?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Mr. Franks voted? Mr. Osterman. Has Mr. Osterman voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'yes', 7 voting 'no'. The House does adopt House Resolution 1022. Representative Coulson, did you wish to call House Resolution 701? The Lady indicates she does not wish to call the Resolution. Hamos, do you wish to call House Resolution 739? Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 739."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. On the Order of Resolutions, Representative Hamos on House Resolution 739."

Hamos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is a Resolution that urges the United States Senate to ratify the U.N. Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. There... the Majority Leader, Barbara Flynn Currie, advises me that this House passed this about 10 years ago, and she was the cospons... the

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Sponsor at that point. This has been around for quite a few years since it was introduced in 1980. This is basically urging the United States to join a hundred seventy-four other nations that have ratified the treaty. And I urge your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the Lady moves for the adoption of House... the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

Davis, W.: "Well, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Davis, W.: "Very quickly. I notice that this Resolution specifically identifies women. Is there something that exists for elimination of all forms of discrimination, period, against everybody?"

Hamos: "You know, I think that's a very interesting point, Representative Davis, and I would certainly support that. This was introduced back in 1979 by then President Jimmy Carter. And I can only guess that at that point the status and rights of women, not only in this nation but around the world, were... were being strongly promoted. So, I think that's why this became a discrimi... a treaty on discrimination against women. But I do also want to point out that even today, 24 years later, the problems of international trafficking of women, the problems of some of the dowry burnings in... that we hear about, there are unique problems to this day with domestic violence and slavery and trafficking and health. So... and even independence. So, I

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think this has relevance even today. But, I would certainly support what... what you're suggesting."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Representative. To the... to the Resolution. I appreciate what you're trying to do and certainly plan to support this Resolution. But I certainly hope that we get to the point that one day in this particular society when we have to stop passing Resolutions encouraging the stopping of discrimination against individuals, that we'll all be able to live happily ever after. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Hamos moves for the adoption of House Resolution 739. All those in favor shall say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 757. Representative Pankau."

Pankau: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 757 officially designates April of the year 2004 as Car Care Month. And I ask for your approval, even though it'll be a little late."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 757. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. And the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 760, Repres... Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 760 directs the Department of Revenue to undertake a conference of study of its current individual taxpayer filing deadline

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calendars with the goal of... of bringing the state filing deadlines into compliance with the federal guidelines for similar documents being requested by the Federal Government... the Federal Internal Revenue Service. What we're asking is that, where possible by Administrative Rule, the department go ahead and streamline its filing deadlines. And where not possible by Administrative Rule to issue a report back to us so that we can undertake the ability statutorily to authorize new filing deadlines that are... that would be basically be the same time as the similar documents being requested by the Federal IRS. The goal here is just to not have two different calendars. I've had constituents in my district completely confused over when and where they have to file documents with the Federal Government versus the State Government and often incurring penalties from one or the other, thinking they had been timely filed in one venue and not the other. I'd ask for its favorable adoption."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution 760?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk... Mr. Black? Mr. Meyer? Mr. Meyer? The Clerk will take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes' and 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have House Resolution 761. Representative Jakobsson."

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Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 761 declares November the American Music Month in celebration of John Philip Sousa's birthday. Further, this Resolution honors all of the contributions of John Philip Sousa who was born November 6, 1854. I don't know if anybody here remembers that. But... I don't. The following are some of his contributions just to this state. He performed over 275 concerts in Illinois. When he was 62 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy to serve as the coordinator of the music program. And he was a great model for the U of I innovative band program. And also, the University of Illinois has his entire performance library in the music library. So, this is a great collection that he has bequeathed to the University of Illinois. And I urge an 'aye' vote for November becoming the American Music Month."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 761. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. And the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Hassert on House Resolution 771."

Hassert: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 771 simply names the month of May 2004 Foster Care Month in the State of Illinois. Just a day late."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 771. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. And the opinion of the Chair, is

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the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted.
Representative John Bradley on House Resolution 772."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, fellow Reps. This
Resolution would name March as Colorectal Cancer Month.
I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall
House Resolution 772 pass?' All those in favor should say
'aye'... The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Davis, W.: "The Speaker stated earlier that... that we would be
adjourning at some point today. Did he offer a time for
that?"

Speaker Turner: "After I finish this Bill. No, he didn't.
But, you should let me finish this Bill first.
Representative Bradley moves... moves for the adoption of
House Resolution 772. All those in favor should say 'aye';
all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair,
the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. You
will be advised. Didn't we just start? On the Order of
Resolutions, we have House Resolution 773. Representative
Coulson."

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Resolution... House Resolution
773 is the Yo-Yo Ball... Water Ball Resolution. And what
we're asking... since there've been several injuries and many
possible strangulations, we're asking that the U.S. Cus...
Consumer Product Safety Commission to look into banning the
sell of yo-yo balls and to protect the children of the

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State of Illinois, as well as the country. Thank you. The demonstration... the danger of the yo-yo ball being wrapped around your neck... a child in my district was almost strangled, he was 5 years old. It wrapped around his neck and almost strangled him. His mother had to cut it off. And I would encourage your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Joyce. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I had not seen a yo-yo ball until Representative Coulson gave me this. Now I understand why she gave it to me. She was hoping. But after I've... after I fooled around with this a little bit, I don't think I'd want my grandchildren to have it. But you know, Mr. Speaker, I think the issue at hand is, is this a great country or what? We can't make up our mind on a budget, but we can come together in overtime to ban yo-yo water balls. Mr. Speaker, this is a great country."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 773. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, if the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 775. Representative Bradley. Richard Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Resolution urges Congress that core principles should be maintained in the reauthorization of the Federal Workforce Investment Act. The core principles are: workforce development must

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continue to recognize the value of local decision making; the system should offer comprehensive services, universal access and lifelong learning possibilities for individuals. The public private partnership concept should continue as a cornerstone of the system and needs-based funding should be maintained in allocating federal and state financial resources to localities for workforce development. I urge its passage."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 775 pass?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We have House Resolution 777. Representative Jones."

Jones, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 777 simply asks the State of Illinois and the Depart... also the Department of Public Health to do an extensive awareness program on postpartum depression. Eighteen other states are doing an excessive awareness program and I can truthfully say right now our state is... is in the progress of doing the same thing."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall House Resolution 777 pass?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Bailey on House Resolution 782. Out of the record. House Resolution... House Resolution 797. Representative Froehlich."

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Froehlich: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 797 urges the Governor to convene a working group of the procurement officers of the major state agencies, so they can identify opportunities to use environmentally preferable products without adding to the cost of what the state purchases. I ask for everybody's support."

Speaker Turner: "The question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution 797?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Brauer on House Resolution 810."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just ask for a favorable vote. This proclaims Robert McDonald Day. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 810. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative John Bradley on House Resolution 821."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, colleagues. This Bill urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to reconsider its proposed ruling concerning mercury pollution from coal-fired electric plants. This is a Resolution which is in support of the Illinois coal mine industry, which as been hit hard already by what I would call biased federal coal mine regulations."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 821. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is

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the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted.
Representative Miller on House Resolution 830."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 830 urges the State Board of Election along with the soft drink industry and statewide managers to eliminate soft drinks and sales of junk... school products... food products in school settings. Ask for a favorable adoption."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "The Lady from Cook, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "You're absolutely right."

Davis, M.: "Representative Miller, I rise in support of your Resolution."

Miller: "Thank you."

Davis, M.: "I think you may not know, but Chicago has already banned soft drinks from in schools, recognizing the health of children as being extremely valuable. And even though they may go home and have a soft drink, the feeling from Chicago Public Schools was at least when they're here we're gonna try and instill healthy habits with our children. So, I commend you on this Resolution. And I'd like to be added as a cosponsor."

Miller: "Certainly."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, I'd like a Roll Call on this, please?"

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman requests a Roll Call. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. The Resolution is very commendable in its spirit, but I think the... the issue that I have was pretty well put in perspective by the gentle Lady from Cook County. Some schools have already done this. I don't think we need a Resolution telling locally-elected school boards how to run their schools or how to maintain their nutritional standards. I think they're very capable of doing that themselves. But as many of you so eloquently said yesterday, the failure to address the fundamental funding problem with how education is financed in Illinois, many school districts have entered into... you may criticize them, it may be wise, it may be unwise, but many school districts have found it financially to their advantage to enter into long term contracts with a soft drink company. And this is not a minor change to some of these school districts. They... they may reap fifty, a hundred thousand dollars or more per year in the franchise agreement with a soft drink distributor. And that money is used for good purposes. So, while we may differ about the wisdom of making soft drinks available in schools, it... it is an issue that local school districts can and many of them have addressed. That aside, one of the things that concerns me is that we continue to put more and more requests on schools and eliminate all forms of parental responsibility and

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individual responsibility on people who make these choices. I think school districts are free to make them, parents are free to make them and, believe it or not, even children are free to make their own decisions on... on items like this. And I... while I... I have no particular objection with the referendum, I just simply am opposed to again trying to interfere with locally-elected school boards, tell them what they should do or what they should study on an issue that they can already take action if they so desire. I don't think we need to give a sense of the Illinois House of Representatives on this issue."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Daniels, for what reason do you rise?"

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have a potential..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, Representative Miller asks to take it out of the record."

Daniels: "That's good."

Speaker Turner: "On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 832. Read the Resolution... I mean, Representative Aguilar."

Aguilar: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House... House Resolution 832 requests the United States Congress to study an issue of United States Children's... the United States Citizen Children of Immigrants who have deported with their parents' to their parents' origin of... origin of their country. I ask... this for the children. I ask for your support. It's just a study."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 832. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We're gonna go back to House Resolution 806. Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. This Resolution deals with recognizing Medical Laboratory Week and the efforts of laboratory professionals in the State of Illinois. And I would hope an 'aye' vote on it."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 806. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Flowers on... Representative McCarthy on House Resolution 845."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'm proud to present this House Resolution. This Resolution actually began as House Bill 5018, but with the cooperation of the original proponents and the Members of the Higher Education Committee we are able to achieve the goals of the original Bill by working through existing initiatives instead of creating another commission to study the articulation process. This Resolution addresses our state's need to increase the number of early childhood educators. I do want to especially thank Brandy Lawrence from the Kids Public Education Policy Project for her persistent efforts in this endeavor. And I'd ask for a favorable vote on the Resolution."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 845. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk shall... Clerk shall take the record. On this question 112... 112 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received... this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative McKeon on House Resolution 851."

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 851 addresses the issue of people living with disabilities that are in nursing homes. In many cases a temporary situation if they can develop the resources necessary to provide independent housing and support and not depend on... on nursing care, which I'm sure you'll all agree is much more expensive. Currently, people with disabilities in nursing homes, some may have some source of income or potentially are able to get back into the employment market are not allowed to develop nor to retain some of that income for their transition into independent housing. What this Resolution does is ask the Department of Public Aid, Department of Human Services to review the income retention policies, both federal and state, and recommend in all likelihood that we add, for the personal development accounts in nursing homes, persons with disability who want to transition back into stable housing within a community. That's no longer covered, it's not authorized. And some

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will argue that this is something the state can do on its own initiative and others argue that we would require support from the Federal Government, as well. Those of you that having nursing homes in your district, and I'm sure that all of you do, the whole issue of retention of resident income or from the \$35 a month they receive out of their Social Security benefits for their personal use. So, what this would do, hopefully in the long run, would create a category authorized for these personal development accounts that would cover disability and their potential return to a community-based living or community-based arrangements. I urge your approval and I'll answer any questions that you may have."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 851. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received... this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Flowers on House Resolution 833."

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this Resolution out of the record."

Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. Representative Leitch on House Representative 8... House Resolution 854."

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Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For years and years Illinois has been losing out on sales tax, millions and millions of dollars of sales tax. Notoriously on furniture sales and especially in North and South Carolina. Recently, Furnitureland South in North Carolina announced that it would begin a program to begin collecting sales taxes and forwarding those to the states that have sales taxes. The purpose of this Resolution is to encourage our Department of Revenue to cooperate and contact and have Furnitureland begin doing that on behalf of Illinois, to seek out other retailers to do likewise and to have a much more aggressive posture, especially in these urgent times for revenue, a much more urgent posture in collecting the sales tax that is due in Illinois from out-of-state purchases. I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Will, Representative McGuire."

McGuire: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of Representative Leitch's Resolution. I know it doesn't exactly address the... the subject that I'm very interested in and have been for a long time. Many of you know I've been Sponsor of Bills to tax the Internet sales. This does not address that issue, but it goes in that direction. So, I'd like to compliment Senator... or excuse me, Representative Leitch for his Resolution. And keep in mind that the Internet tax collection is something in the future that we certainly, certainly have to look at. I appreciate

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the time and I'd ask for an 'aye' vote on Representative Leitch's Motion."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 854. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Order of Resolutions, we have House 857. Representative Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. HR 857 simply urges the Department of Central Management Services to reconsider the decision to eliminate Health Alliance as a preferred provider available to state employees. Many of you have followed this ongoing debate and discussion. They did, in fact, temporarily rescind Health Alliance's termination of contract. We are now in a period in the next few months where they're rebidding. This would simply urge CMS to keep Health Alliance as a preferred provider for state employees. I'd ask for its favorable adoption."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 857. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Younge on House Resolution 862."

Younge: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 862 creates the Community Investment Cooperation Development Task Force, consisting of nine Members. One appointed by the Director of Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, four appointed by the Speaker and four appointed by the Minority Leader. A community investment

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cooperation is a for-profit, citizen-owned, professionally managed real estate and planning and development cooperation. I move for the adoption of the Amendment... Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 862. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all... voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye' (sic=yes), 1 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 863. Representative Lang. Lou Lang. Out of the record. On the Order of Resolutions, we have Representative Poe on House Resolution 881."

Poe: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that... your support for November as designated Pulmonary Hypertension Month."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman asks for the adoption of House Resolution 881. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 894. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 894, which is to recognized Kristy Worthen of Salem, Arkansas in efforts to waise... to raise public awareness of mental

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illness throughout the United States. She is currently touring the 50 states to increase awareness of mental health issues and to help erase the stigma of mental illness. She has designed and hand painted a 5 foot by 9 foot Mental Health Flag. And Kristy Worthen is meeting with all Lieutenant Governors of all 50 states and asking them to fly the Mental Health Flag one day at each State Capitol to focus attention on mental health issues. She visited Springfield on May 11th, we did raise the flag over the State Capitol. And we're just seeking to recognize Ms. Worthen and ask for your support. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 894. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 898. Representative Slone."

Slone: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 898 would create a task force to look at the possibility of a uniform building code for the State of Illinois. The task force would be convened by the Building Commission and would allow anyone who is interested in participating to let the Building Commission know so that they could become part of this discussion group. I would appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 898. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'aye', 35 voting 'no'. And this Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, House Resolution 907. Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. One of the most important Bills that we passed in the final hours through the years, one of the most neglected and misunderstood Bills by most Members, is the Budget Implementation Act Bills. Those Bills contain important details to the implementation of the budget. And indeed last year, if you recall, the so called Bent BIB were not shared in a timely way with Members of each staff, each side, House and Senate, and their respective staffs. So, there were a series of errors. There were a number of community-based providers and others who were unable to get their revenues because there were errors in those Bills. Routinely, there have been lengthy periods of time so that each staff could go through and look for those mistakes and make those types of corrections. But more importantly than that, under the circumstances that we are presently encountering it's even more important that Members are empowered to actually have time to know what the details are and have very informed reports from our respective staffs on these issues within the budget implementation Bills. To that end, it was very gratifying to see such an overwhelming number of Members sign on as cosponsors to this initiative which calls for a

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24-hour preview before we are asked to vote on a budget implementation Bill. With that, I would urge its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 907. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Leitch on House Resolution 911."

Leitch: "House Resolution 911 is a very important Resolution in Central Illinois because of the presence of OSF... OSF St. Francis Medical Center. Frankly, there are more procedures in the medical community performed in Peoria than there are in Iowa City, almost as many as there are in Indianapolis. And the medical center that we have in... in Peoria is a very important one. To that end, many of us were very concerned when we learned that the OSF health plans were going to be dropped by CMS as providers for health insurance. This Resolution simply urges that CMS continue to include the 15 thousand people now who are covered through health plans... OSF health plans and also prevent the loss of over 40 jobs, were OSF health plans to be dropped from the CMS..."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Fulton..."

Leitch: "...eligibility."

Speaker Turner: "...Representative Smith."

Smith: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. I rise in support of the Resolution. I want to commend Representative Leitch for bringing this to our attention. And to those Members who maybe are less familiar with the

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OSF situation, this is very similar to what has happened with Health Alliance. And I'm very pleased to see this Resolution come forward. I have asked that we have some consideration on the Health Alliance Resolution, but it was too late in the process. This is very important to many of the residents in Central Illinois, as Representative Leitch mentioned, who depend upon OSF health plans for their healthcare. And hopefully, this can be resolved along with the Health Alliance issue by CMS in the next six months."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady, for what reason do you rise?"

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. I also stand in support of this Resolution. OSF healthcare providers in my district, in the Bloomington-Normal area, provides medical services and health insurance for hundreds of state employees. And I ask for an 'aye' vote, as well, and thank Representative Leitch for working with me to bring this Resolution forward."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 911. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Younge on House Resolution 917."

Younge: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 917 would establish a property tax task force consisting of nine members. Five..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, there's an Amendment that has to be adopted to this Resolution."

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Younge: "Yes. Amendment #2 would make the membership of the task force five members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom will be designated the chairman, and four members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. I move for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves for the adoption of House... Floor Amendment 2 to House Resolution 917. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Younge on House Resolution 917 as amended."

Younge: "I move for the adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 917. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 1 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Rose on House Resolution 922."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 922 asks for a study on dextromethorphan. Despite having 'meth' in the... in the word, this has nothing to do with crystal methamphetamine. This is the 'D' in Coricidin-D. And if

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taken in a high enough dosage it will produce a... six-hour long LSD-like trip hallucination. It is perfectly legal at this time. There's nothing law enforcement can do to stop it. Unfortunately, the problem is if you do too much of it, it is easy to overdose and actually kill yourself. And unfortunately, in my district, as well as Representative Brady's district, we have both experienced deaths from individuals attempting to get high off the 'D' in Coricidin-D and killing themselves in the process. This is a very unfortunate situation for the families involved. In my particular circumstance we had two individuals, one died, one ended up in a coma and is... thankfully lived. But nonetheless, it's a bad circumstance. Dextromethorphan in powder form is available on the Internet. In fact, up until the deaths in my district it... you could purchase it on e-Bay in powdered form. This is bad, bad stuff. Unfortunately, state is actually preempted under Federal Statute from regulating dextromethorphan. What we're asking the state to do here is not just study it, but to talk to the Federal Government about the possibility of allowing the State of Illinois an exemption to regulate the dex... the use of dextromethorphan. At a minimum... at a minimum, the stuff that's being sold on the Internet has to go. It's killing people and it's gonna kill more people. And God forbid it hit someone in your district and a family in your district has to go through what families in my district and Representative Brady's district have

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experienced. I'd ask for your favorable consideration.
Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative...

I mean, the Gentleman from McLean, Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Resolution. First off, I'd like to also call to the attention of the Body that to think that we're now dealing with a phenomenon that is starting with our youth of actually using byproducts of this drug from cough suppressant. And the problems that we are going to have and already are incurring in certain parts of the state, as Representative Rose indicated, a death in my district recently from this. I thank the Representative for working with me on this Resolution. I certainly ask for the support of the colleagues here in the House of what's going to be, unfortunately, another drug problem, especially for the youth throughout this state and this country. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 922. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sacia on House Resolution 923."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Most of you have already signed on this Resolution

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recognizing the importance of it. This is the OSLAD grant. In 1963 the State of Illinois was the first state in the nation to create a program for protecting rare and natural areas. In 1989 this very Body and the Senate created the funding to ensure that that would happen hereafter. Unfortunately, as of this date we are 47th in the nation out of 50 states in public open space per capita. And obviously, with the Governor removing the funding for this very important program, we will probably very rapidly fall to number 50. I encourage you to support it. And if anyone else would like to sign on as a cosponsor I would certainly welcome that. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 923. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Parke on Rep... House Resolution 927."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I present to you House Resolution 927, it supports Taiwan's admission as an observer to the World Health Organization. It expresses the belief that the Republic of China should be permitted to participate in a meaningful and appreciative way in the World Health Organization. With the problem of SARS occasionally coming up both in Taiwan, China and Mainland China, we would like to see them participate then. And I ask the Body to vote for this Resolution."

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Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 927. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 928, Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 928 calls upon the Federal Railroad Administration to recognize an exception the interim pr... rules on the requirements for the use of horns at railroads at highway rail crossings. Currently, communities in the northeastern section of Illinois have what are called quiet zones, which provide that railroad horns are only used at crossings if there is an emergency. This Resolution calls upon and urges the FRA and the Secretary of Transportation to accept the alternative report that these communities have supplied so that the quiet zones would continue."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 928. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Flider on House Resolution 929."

Flider: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last year the House unanimously passed House Resolution 222 which called for a study of energy efficiency on Illinois' university campuses. And of all the state buildings, universities consume more than half of the state's energy. And certainly given the difficult financial challenges that the state faces, we believe that energy dollars that are spent...

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that could be spent on our universities becoming more energy efficient would be dollars that would be well spent. Then in turn, those dollars that would be saved could certainly be used in the classroom. The study that was conditioned by... commissioned by House Resolution 222, which was conducted by Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, found that estimated savings of 18 to 25 million dollars could be found at our universities. And what this Resolution does is a follow-up to that study and that Resolution, which encourages that state's universities to work with the State Board of Education and DCEO to develop an energy efficiency and conservation plan and to submit the plan to the Illinois Clean Energy Community Trust Fund for funding assistance. In this day and age when we have a challenge of finding dollars to continue to support our institutions of higher learning, which we certainly need to continue to support. And in this day when tuition costs are increasing and I know, for example, at my alma mater the increase for incoming students is 16 percent over the previous year. I Think we need to do what we can to encourage energy conservation and... and find ways to take those steps toward saving energy dollars. And I would encourage your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 929. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Flowers on House Resolution 931."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Since 1990 more than 5 thousand students and workers have gotten sick from eating what has been served in their lunchrooms. There are growing questions about food safety in our nation's schools' cafeteria. Health violations have included rats, mice, roaches in the cafeterias, meat not cooked at the right temperature, food not kept in the right temperature on the food line, the presence of toxic materials like those used for cleaning that are not labeled, nor are they stored properly. And the Chicago Tribune has previously done a report on this. And NBC News has also reported on this issue. And as a result, Senator Dick Durbin has introduced what is called the Safe School Food Act. And it is calling for better training of cafeteria workers in setting higher standards for those who supply food to our children and also reinforcing that the taxpayers' dollars are used to pay for these schools lunches... school lunches and they should not be used for programs that give substandard food and make our children sick. And so..."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves..."

Flowers: "...this Resolution is calling for Congress to pass the Safe School Food Act."

Speaker Turner: "...the Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 931. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Flowers on House Resolution 934."

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Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We're calling for May 18th to be HIV Vaccination Awareness Day. And I would move for the adoption of House Resolution 934."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 934. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And that Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 955, Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This just recognizes June 6th as Bob Bramley Day and celebrates the 80th anniversary of the funeral home. Ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 955. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 960, Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Resolution 960 proclaims June 2004 as Northwest Suburban Cook County Mosaic Book of the Year Month. The purpose is to raise awareness of and to help reduce prejudice and racism."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 960. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 970, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "House Resolution 970 urges DCEO, and DCEO agrees, to do a study of extending daylight savings time to the calendar.."

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parts of the calendar that we don't currently observe it.
I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 970. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We have House Resolution 971, Representative Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Last year, the House enacted the 211 Bill which will provide at some point a 211 phone access for Human Services, similar to the 911 for contacting the criminal... police authorities and other authorities. This Bill calls on Congress to support the pending appropriation so that we can get the federal money that has been pending for this important project to Illinois and to get busy with our pilot program. This is a very important initiative and a major initiative of United Way of Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 971. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Millner on House Resolution 1013."

Millner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. In Illinois, nine food banks provide food assistance to needy families and their children with a variety of feeding programs, including Kids Cafes, Summertime Lunch Bag, after school snack programs throughout the year that are designed to reduce childhood

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hunger. And the date of June 3, 2004 has been designated as a National Hunger Awareness Day and the Illinois Food Bank Association members, in partnership with 1,925 emergency food providers, have committed their support for America's Second Harvest National Campaign to provide additional resources from our communities to combat child hunger. The additional attention generated by this National Hunger Awareness Day will benefit for than 1 million adults and children who are at or below the poverty level and are likely in need of food assistance within Illinois. I urge its adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1013. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Jefferson on House Resolution 1031."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 1031 names June 10 through June 17, 2004 as Nursing Assistants' Week in the State of Illinois. And I would move for the Resolution to be adopted."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1031. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Senate Joint Resolution 53, Representative Collins."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have two Bills, I was just trying to figure out which is which."

Speaker Turner: "SJR 53, first."

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Collins: "This... this Senate Joint Resolution is for... to create a task force for juveniles to be tried as an adult. As you know, I tried to get this legislation passed. In this Session we passed House Bill 4610 and it's over in the Senate. So, we just want to study... put a task force together to study the effects of juveniles in the adult system."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of SJR 5... SJR 53. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 112 voting 'aye', 0 voting 'no'. And this Resolution is passed. We have Senate Joint Resolution 58. Representative Collins on the..."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution just simply says that we're gonna put together a task force to study on siblings adoptions and whether siblings should be together or not. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of SJR 58. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill... Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Saviano on House Resolution 1019."

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Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 1019 simply urges... just an initiative of the West Central Municipal Conference. It urges any community in... in Cook County that was... may end up being awarded a casino license to abide by a revenue-sharing agreement where all the communities would be able to share in the profits of any riverboat license that might be sited out in the suburban Cook County area. And I would ask for your favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1019. On that, Representative Millner (sic- Representative Miller)."

Miller: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Miller: "Yeah, just what's the... what's the genesis of this?"

Saviano: "Well, the genesis is the West Central Municipal Conference represents 38 communities of West Cook County, and all those communities are currently in a revenue sharing agreement with the Village of Rosemont. I know that there's other communities that have limited revenue-sharing agreements with other towns. This simply urges those communities to share it throughout all of suburban Cook County. It doesn't mandate anything, it just asks them to consider that."

Miller: "So, it's not... it's not specifically asking to share with all of Cook County municipalities, but just with ever those that they decide to go into that agreement with? Is that..."

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Saviano: "Well, no. I think this West Central Municipal Conference wants to make sure that if there is one out there that their communities would also benefit from any revenue-sharing agreement."

Miller: "Okay. To the Am... to the Resolution. I... I would strongly ask the Body to agree with this. That spirit is definitely needed. If there is a south suburban casino, if that ever happens we would definitely encourage those communities to join in any type of revenue-sharing agreement within themselves and would encourage wherever any... if there is any expansion, that those underserved communities in... do have that same kind of spirit involved. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lyons, for what reason do you rise?"

Lyons, J.: "Speaker, I rise in support of this Resolution. Skip, I compliment you for throwing this up here. That was the beauty of the Bill we passed... Repre... Mayor Stephens put this thing together with the 71 different communities when we voted for that first package. I think for a lot of us that had any questions, that was the real beauty and the selling point of this whole sharing value for all this. So, I wish there was more of this for the whole general Cook County area. It's a great idea and I'm strongly support this. It's a great Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook County, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

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Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Molaro: "Well, not... not to box you in, but I... I guess I have to ask you. Let's say, for instance, we get lucky enough and we get this boat... what's it been 5, 6 years since we passed the legislation? Let's assume great minds get together and we have this boat in Rosemont. There is currently some agreement... would this Resolution say the agreement you have would now be opened up to include all the villages in Cook County? Or would that be stuck with just the villages that are now in your agreement?"

Saviano: "Well, if you remember, this revenue-sharing agreement was offered to all 126 suburban municipalities in suburban Cook County. In that... in that program, 71 opted in."

Molaro: "Right."

Saviano: "They were all eligible for it..."

Molaro: "Right."

Saviano: "...but only 71 out of the 126 took advantage of it. I don't know if it would necessarily affect that revenue sharing agreement. I guess that would be up to the West Central Municipal Conference if they would be willing to open it up. But, this is just in case it goes somewhere else that the same opportunity would be available to all the communities."

Molaro: "Well, I... I just wanna make sure that you're... you're not criticized, 'cause it's a great idea. Just want to make sure that someone doesn't read this and say, 'Okay, if it goes to Des Plaines or if it goes to the south suburbs now it's gonna be shared by all the suburbs, all..., 'cause

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it does say 'all other Cook County'. Where the one in Rosemont, if that happens to be built, it's only 71 out of 150. Even though they definitely had their shot. There's no question, you gave everybody a shot."

Saviano: "Well, just... just so you know, that... that was offered to all 126."

Molaro: "Right."

Saviano: "Some had philosophical differences that they opted out of it and only 71 took advantage."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1019. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Black on Senate Joint Resolution 24."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. With the... with the leave of the Chair, I present this for Leader Cross. Is that all right with you, Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Turner: "Leave is granted."

Black: "Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "You just..."

Black: "Senate Joint Resolution..."

Speaker Turner: "...Rep..."

Black: "...24 proclaims the month of March, 2003, as American Red Cross Month and applauds the work that Red Cross volunteers and staff accomplish, better late than never."

Speaker Turner: "They're always dependable, that's for certain. Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall Senate Joint Resolution 24 pass?' All those in favor should say 'aye';

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all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. We have Senate Joint Resolution 59, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Senate Joint Resolution 59 is a memorial to the late Senator Stan Weaver who also served in... in this chamber and was the Dean of the Senate when he retired. It simply designates a portion of U.S. 45 in his old legislative district as the Stanley B. Weaver Memorial Highway."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 59. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We have Senate Joint Resolution 82. Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. Senate Joint Resolution is a Death Resolution for Mayor Tom Tarpey, the Mayor of River Grove. For those of you who knew Mayor Tarpey, he was a pretty unique guy."

Speaker Turner: "Death Resolution."

Saviano: "Tom Tarpey started his career as a police officer in the Village of River Grove just about 40 years ago. He moved up through the ranks and eventually became the Chief of Police of River Grove. In 1985, he ran for the Mayor of the Village of River Grove and was successful and was the

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city mayor up until two weeks ago when he passed on. I know a lot of Members in this chamber know Tom. He... he was friends with everybody. He was friends with Republicans, he was friends with Democrats. He had a quick wit about him. He was very knowledgeable in politics. What he did for the Village of River Grove has... will probably never be matched. His heart and soul went into that town everyday. From the flowers on the bridge on Granite River Road to the beautification committee to the River Grove Riverfront Fest, which is every year a huge success. His public works department which was one of his key... his key components in keeping the village up to speed in beautification. I met Tom when I was a small, small boy when he was a police officer. And he knew everybody by first name. I can remember a time sitting in my district office in the summertime and he would stop by and say, 'Come on, take a ride with me.' And he always drove a convertible. He'd have the top down, we'd pull on a street in the middle of the village and we'd get out and start walking down the street ringing doorbells and talking to the people. He would do this just about everyday to keep in touch with what the people wanted in his town. He was truly one of them, but he always wanted to stay in touch. He knew every grandchild, every grandfather, he... he knew everything about every family in that town. He was truly a magnificent public servant. He died a couple weeks ago, I think he was 60... he was 65 or 66. He... he was real close to the schools, he was born and raised in the village, went to St. Cyprian

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Grammar School, went to Fenwick High School. The Tarpey name is an institution in River Grove. All of his brothers all grew up and lived there. Now his daughters and sons and grandchildren all live there. He's been greatly missed. He was a fine, fine guy. And I offer this Senate Joint Resolution to honor his memory. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 82. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Rules Committee Report."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on June 01, 2004, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'approved for floor consideration' on the Order of Concurrences, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4098, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4818, a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 6740; 'approved for consideration' Senate Bill 431 on the Order of Third Reading and Senate Bill 938 was referred to the Order of Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Supplemental Calendar #1, on the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 1033. Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Speaker, Members of the House. This Resolution calls for the creation of the Private Sewage

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Disposal Review Commission to review and provide recommendations regarding Sewage Disposal Licensing Act. This is been before the Body a few times before, we have authorized it. There have been no rewrites of the Sewage Disposal Licensing Act since 1973. And it points out that, ya know, throughout innovations and recent growth trends, technology changes, we oughta start looking at... at some other solutions. Two-thirds of the state is in... is in unsewered areas. So, there's about 130 thousand systems that are out... out there which are currently unregulated. So, we want to look at some of the surface discharge systems and report back to the General Assembly."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1033. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those... Representative Black."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, it's an excellent Resolution. I... I would hope that you expressed your intent to not only the Speaker, but the House Republican Leader that these appointees, hopefully some, if not the majority, will be actual contractors who understand this issue. Because I think that's of critical importance to get something and some ideas that we can work with and implement in the future."

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Mautino: "That would absolutely be my intent. You and I have worked on this issue for about 10 years. And I respect your... your comments as well and I share those same wishes."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1033. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 111 voting 'aye', 1 voting 'no'. This Bill, having... this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions we have House Resolution 985, Representative Jones, the Lady from Cook. The Gentleman from Fayette, Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Point of curiosity, I guess you might say. Is the Senate debating these... these issues as we speak?"

Speaker Turner: "It's kind of hard for me to listen to the Senate and you, too."

Stephens: "Well..."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair, is unable to answer that question. Senate has adjourned, I've just been informed. Representative Lou Jones."

Jones, L.: "Just one minute, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "We'll come back to it, Representative."

Jones, L.: "Okay."

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Speaker Turner: "We have House Resolution 996, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 996 is a Resolution that asks the Governor to redeposit \$2 million into a dedicated fund for local government health insurance. Last year the General Assembly allowed some authority for funds to be taken that would otherwise go unused. However, in this particular fund which deals with Local Government Health Insurance Reserve Fund, \$2 million has been taken from that fund. And we've heard from several municipalities regarding the importance of that money staying in there for future use. And they are not funds that would not go otherwise unused. I ask for the adoption of the Amendment... or the Resolution. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 996. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, Representative Jones on House Resolution 985."

Jones, L.: "Come back."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Kurtz on House Resolution 1006."

Kurtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This establishes... this Resolution establishes a task force to study impact fees that pertains to subdivisions, growth, homebuilders. And the genesis of this is a statute of limitations that the

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homebuilders objected to. And the only kind of compromise was just a task force."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1006. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all... have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 110 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill... Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 1007. Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of House Resolution 1007 is to encourage the Governor and the executive and legislative branches of State Government and the Department of Human Services to take actions necessary to reconsider the Lincoln Development Center and the plans for it."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady... the Gentleman from Macon, Representative Mitchell, for what reason do you rise?"

Mitchell, B.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would first of all like to request a Roll Call for this. Just a... I appreciate, I know Representative Feigenholtz as Chairman of Human Services has worked very hard in your capacity. But I'd like to get the record straight on Lincoln Developmental Center. If we could just... some facts. First of all, there was... this was a much maligned center with hardworking people, 6 hundred

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hardworking people. Since that center has closed unemployment in Logan County ranks among the highest in central Illinois. It's a... facts, these are the facts about LDC and this House should hear them. There was more deaths after the closure of LDC than before. This closure, engineered by the scandal-plagued Ryan administration. Their appointee at the LDC was a crone who had no experience in running a mental health or developmental disabled place. There are 6 hundred people out of work. Now, again, Logan County has a tremendously high unemployment. And the 3 hundred residents that were there, if you talk to the parents, some of them quite elderly now have said that institutions like this deserve a place in the treatment of people with developmental disabilities. I certainly have a lot of respect for you, Representative, but I think that the record has to get straight in terms of LDC. The administration... the Ryan administration wanted to close it. They had a personal vendetta against this institution and the facts didn't get out. And I wanted to set the record straight today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Menard, Representative Bauer... Brauer, I'm sorry."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, like Mitchell, also want to set the record straight. We've had a series of meetings with all the players, this was done over a period of probably 12 months, and I guess I'm a little upset when a Representative doesn't even contact me and then tries to

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establish what's good for my district. I think this is wrong and I think it's a bad precedence (sic-precedent)."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang, for what reason do you rise?"

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I see nothing wrong with this Resolution except that I'm not yet sold on the Lincoln part of this Resolution. When I chaired the House Mental Health Committee, which we used to have, I had extensive hearings on the issue of Lincoln. And I can tell you that while there are those that wanted to close Lincoln, there were quite a few people that thought that this facility could be made into a model facility. In fact, shortly before things went downhill there, Lincoln was one of the more accredited, highest-ranking facilities in Illinois and, in fact, in the whole region. And so it could be again. And so, while I support much of what's in the Representative's Resolution, I cannot support without more information the notion that we should be telling the Governor to shut down this facility. I don't think we've heard quite enough about it yet. At least recently, the hearings I conducted were a few years ago. If the Representative would take Lincoln out of this I'd be for it, but without that I'm gonna be voting 'no' on the Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan, for what reason do you rise?"

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think several years ago we tried to keep Lincoln open, but at the present time

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we're mowing grass and doing things to the tune of a million dollars. The staff has mostly moved away from there and the way we deal with individuals with developmental disabilities has changed quite a bit over the years. The money should follow the client. When we were trying to do things at Kiley, individuals that we never thought could be mainstreamed into CILAs or into lower residential facilities and be perfectly happy and functioning were taken by different providers around the state. And it was accomplished, where there are caregivers, parents, siblings that had the main control over that person and where they would be placed were very happy with what happened. I think if there was some way to move this forward, that that might be feasible. But at this point, we are spending a lot of money to just take care of that property. And I think what happened in Human Service Appropriation when we asked the department and looked at how many dollars were being set aside to just mow grass and keep the property open without moving, we felt that there were better ways to spend the money. Unfortunately, that may not be the same kind of facility it is now. There are other proposals out there. One currently floating around is to do a residential facility such as New Hope at Rantoul. So, I think there are other ways of looking at this. But I think it's inappropriate for the state, in this budget crisis, to spend that kind of money to mow the grass and keep the place open on the hope that perhaps we're gonna reinstitute that facility, which

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doesn't appear to be happening. So, I think the Resolution, as brought by Representative Feigenholtz who's the Chair of the committee, with the feeling that either we do something strategically or we stop spending the terrible amount of money that it's costing us just to keep the upkeep of the place."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Fayette, Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "She indicates she will."

Stephens: "Representative, there is a physical plant here, right? We're talking about buildings and acres of yards and fields and..."

Feigenholtz: "Hundred and three acres, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "And if the State of Illinois spends no money, we still own the property?"

Feigenholtz: "Yes, we do."

Stephens: "What... what do you suggest? We just let it crumble?"

Feigenholtz: "Well, I'll tell you what I suggest, and I'm glad you asked. Is that actually I think that what we need to do is stop worrying about the land that this property is sitting on. And I think what we really need to focus are the 40 families that are still involved that need state assistance."

Stephens: "Well, I... I'm concern... we are concerned about them, but that's a separate issue. I want to know..."

Feigenholtz: "No, that's the main issue, Representative."

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Stephens: "...are we just going to just let these buildings crumble? How about all the tax dollars, all the tax... all the energy that we put into this? The reason I'm asking is, the Governor's now talking about closing other facilities around that state. In his... in his wisdom... for instance, Vandalia. We noticed that he wanted to close the Vandalia Correctional Center. And he said in his budget address, 'Well, we'll close it and the \$32 million we spent last year will just... it will save it all.' That's what... Governor, what are going to do with the buildings? He said, 'Well, we're going to board them up.' Well, do you have any money in the budget for that? No."

Feigenholtz: "Representative, there's..."

Stephens: "Do we have any money in the budget to maintain this facility? Do you... do you expect... what if we have a need for it later in the year?"

Feigenholtz: "It depends which budget you're..."

Stephens: "How about next year?"

Feigenholtz: "...talking about."

Stephens: "Excuse me?"

Feigenholtz: "It depends which budget you're talking about."

Stephens: "Well, we're not getting much help..."

Feigenholtz: "Right now..."

Stephens: "...from the second floor on any budgets are we? Probably you and I find some agreement there. I just think... Representative, I understand what you're... the message you're trying to send, but I... I think there are unintended consequences, even message wise. And if we're

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talking about just letting this facility crumble and fall apart, that serves no public good."

Feigenholtz: "Representative Stephens, I respect what you're saying. I, however, would like to respond in that right now on a... the nation... the whole nation is looking at the State of Illinois and what it is we're intending to do with Lincoln Developmental Center. And I... I encourage my colleagues to read this Resolution. We are at a very critical point right now in our budget situations and also in a very critical point in how we speak to... how we invest our dollars for people living with developmental disabilities. What I've seen so far and what the advocates have seen so far have not really included the 40 families and their input. Most of the discussion has been around the land and the property. What I'm trying to do in this... in this Resolution is get people to start thinking about those 40 individuals and what the needs of those forty individuals are and where they want to live."

Stephens: "Well, Representative, I'm not opposed to that. And we... we stand in support of making sure that those families... those 40 individuals receive the sort of care and understanding and reach the potential that... in their life that all of us deserve. And... and you know that... and you and I have worked on issues, for instance, for families of autistic children. We are not about... I... I am opposed to your Resolution, but we're not about abandoning anyone here in the State of Illinois that needs us. That's not what

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this is about. That's not what our opposition is about.
My opposition..."

Feigenholtz: "Well, what... what is it about, Representative?"

Stephens: "Well, you know what, the State of Illinois has made a commitment to that facility. And if we follow the... the dictates of your Resolution as I understand it, and correct me if I'm wrong, but we're going to spend no dollars, no dollars maintaining what might otherwise be an institution that could be reopened some day in the future, or at the very worst... at the very best we're going to lose value in that property. And that should be a separate issue from supporting those 40 individuals that you reference. That's what I'm saying. That they... that they should not be tied together. That's all. Thank you."

Feigenholtz: Well, Representative, I appreciate your comments. I don't know that there are very many people in this chamber looking forward to opening institutions in the State of Illinois. I think what people in this chamber do, especially in the Appropriations-Human Services Committee, is they concern themselves more about person-based planning, which is actually already being done in most states in the country. And Illinois is struggling to get on that list. When you talk about the property, there's also discussion about building a golf course on this property. And I will tell you, when it comes to spending capital dollars in the State of Illinois, I don't know about you, but I don't wanna be voting for a golf course. I would rather take that money and give it these families

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and give it to these people so they can live lives of dignity. So, that we... they can chose their services. They could actually buy their services with these dollars instead of us build... putting money into this 'white elephant'. There are jobs in community settings where people are living with disabilities. This is not an affront, there are plenty of jobs to take care of these people. I think that we could make these people's lives wonderful with less than half the money. And all this Resolution is doing is essentially saying, let's stop and talk to these people and see what they need and make this person-centered planning instead of funding a piece of land with a golf course on it."

Speaker Turner: "A Roll Call has been requested. The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1007. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 75 voting 'yes', 34 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 1008. Representative P... We're at Resolution 1010, Representative Dunn."

Dunn: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Resolution urges the IEPA and the IEPA agrees to develop a procedure to notify people when there is pollution in excess of standard safety levels that can cause them harm. And I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1010. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Lou Jones on House Resolution 985."

Jones, L.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 985 urges Nielsen Media Research to delay the deployment of Local People Media (sic-Meter) Technology to measure television viewership until it has thoroughly investigated and explained the undercounting of minorities. As a result of the use of this technology and developed and tested new approaches that corrects the deficiency, the Nielsen ratings are used to determine the amount of television stations will charge for advertising and to determine what programming content will be offered. By their own admission, they have stated that minorities in radio and television have been undercounted. And they have chose to go into the... through three... the three large cities, Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, to bring the new technology in. We're asking them not to do that here in Chicago until, by their own admission, that the technology is straightened out so minorities can get a correct count."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 985. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Brauer on House Resolution 1008... or Representative Poe on House Resolution 1008."

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Poe: "Yeah, Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 1008 urges the Department of Defense and Members of Congress and the President of the United States to realize the significance of the National Guard base here in Springfield. And this is another way we'd like to express to our Congressmen to support this closure. It is a big part of the economy in Springfield. Would ask for your 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1008. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Molaro on House Resolution 1015."

Molaro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Came to our attention last year, there was a staff sergeant, U. S. Military, that was on leave from Bosnia, I didn't even know we had fellows still over there. But he came to the state fair and his license was still at his parents' home. And he shows... he's 24 years old, he showed his military I.D. and was refused service of alcohol. He wanted a beer. And when he found out it was that the vendors that are hired by the state fair, they give'em rules and one of the rules are that you have to have a valid license to be served. Well, anywhere in America they accept military I.D. as proof of age and proof of... you already have Social Security and everything else. And this just tells the people at the Illinois State Fair that they have to tell their vendors that we here in the State of

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Illinois will take a military I.D. as proper identification to be served a beer at our state fair."

Speaker Turner: "The gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1015. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Winters on House Resolution 1038."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution would ask that if the... in the unlikely case that a riverboat be sited in Winnebago County in Rockford, that it... the city where it is hosted would enter into agreements with other municipalities in the county to share the revenue. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1038. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 1028. Representative Giles."

Giles: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House... Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 1028 merely addresses the issue of... one of the issues of childhood obesity and diabetes and... and the reference of physical education. This Resolution is to urge the... and encourage the General Assembly to end the practicing of granting P.E. waivers, physical education waivers. Now, as we talked about in committee, there are certain circumstances in which P.E. waivers... there's dire situations in which P.E. waivers have been granted and... and... and maybe should continue to be

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granted. Such as we've had various school districts come before the Elementary & Secondary Committee that have expressed that they do not have the proper facility or they're in process of constructing or repairing a facility for physical education. So, there are some cases... some dire cases in which physical education is not administered in those... granting those waivers, whether it be a one-year waiver or two-year waiver have been granted. I think what we're trying to say is that we want to end the practice of just simply granting a waiver without looking... without taking each particular waiver on its face, on its merit and... and judging it. Part of the problem that we have with the physical education waivers are... are for the most part any waivers, whether it be teachers... substitute teachers' waivers or any waivers that we grant, we approve or disapprove in this Body is that one chamber, the Senate, simply have their hearings and they basically make the decision on... they make the decision coming from the recommendation of the State Board of Education which waiver should be entertained, whether it should be approved or disapproved. And so, the Senate make those choices and then they send that language over to the House. And what we have to do is to approve that actual language, if we make any changes and then if the Senate do not concur with our changes then all the waivers are granted. And so, we... the House of Representatives have very limited... have a very limited scope of actually having some input into the process. And that's something that we talked about in

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committee that we hoped to maybe have some Subcommittee hearings and to actually address that particular problem. But what we're trying to do is to make sure that... that many students have the opportunity of physical education. It's something that's very important. It's very important for the body of... of..."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Grundy..."

Giles: "...young individuals and we ask for its adoption."

Speaker Turner: "...the Lady from Grundy, Representative Gordon."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Gordon: "Representative, are you aware of any direct study or hard evidence that the child obesity and diabetes epidemic is directly late... directly related to the level of physical activity that children get in school?"

Giles: "Representative, yes, I... and that's one of the reasons... that's one of the main reasons why we... we are drafting this particular resolution."

Gordon: "So... so, there is direct evidence that if there was more physical activity in school then this wouldn't be such a problem?"

Giles: "Yes. Representative, every... every child should, especially at a small age, should be introduced to physical education and have the opportunity. The physical education, what it does is simply lets that individual know that that the body needs activity. And because certain students do not have the opportunity for physical education, especially in our schools where there are some

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schools which have been very crafty and have been very creative in trying to get around the actual physical education requirement. yes, those problems are... are enhanced. Obesity and diabetes in later years in that... in that child's life."

Gordon: "And I absolutely agree that... that exercise and physical activity is very important for children, and also to learn good habits. And also, I guess I just ask for a clarification on something that you said. You said that some schools are... are coming in and... and asking for waivers because they don't have the facilities, but then you talked about the House of Representatives and what you feel is a limited scope of input in the process of granting the waivers. So, do we have an answer if the... if the school does not have the facility, what do we do then?"

Giles: "Well, in most cases, Representative, there's been various waivers. For instance, the State Board of Education will... will recommend a particular waiver to be approved or disapproved. And the school district would come down and sort of give their case on why they should have this particular waiver approved. And being a Member on the committee for 11 years, and I'm a strong advocate of physical education, but there have been some special situations in which the school district have not been able to provide an adequate facility. That facility may be tainted with asbestos, that facility... for some reason, some real valid reason, that that school... that that particular school district having hardship in providing a... a... very

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accommodating place for physical education. And so... so their waiver... the language in their waiver is... may ask that they have maybe a year to get their act together or two years to get their act together. But what has been happening on some instances is that they'll continue to ask for those waivers and we just want to make sure that these school districts are putting physical education as a priority and not just having an excuse not to... to have physical education."

Gordon: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Davis, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Davis, W.: "Representative, you were going into some of the reasons why schools ask for waivers. Could you just state a few of those again for me, please?"

Giles: "Well, in... in committee there's... there's been quite a few. But... and I'm sure some of the other Members on the committee could maybe give you more cases, more examples. But I... I would say one of the main reasons is because maybe a school district may be in a... in a dire situation because of their financial situation or... but I... I think the pattern has been the facility, not a proper facility for physical education."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Representative. To the Resolution. I just simply want to describe another reason why a school district has requested one of those waivers. In School

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District 205, one of its feeder districts is School District 152. And for whatever reason, and we can place that blame on a number of different reasons, the superintendent of that school unfortunately is receiving children that are reading below the appropriate grade level. So, one of the things that she has done has... she has requested several of those waivers so that she may offer additional reading and math classes to her students, her incoming freshman students, so they will have the opportunity to progress along with the rest of their class and hopefully graduate on time. So, I do support your legislation, I understand what your intent is here. But I just wanted to simply offer another reason why school districts may request those waivers regarding P.E. classes. Not just for those reasons you stated, but simply... but also for a reason such as trying to make sure the kids are properly educated and receive the appropriate education that they need. Thank you."

Giles: "And... and Rep..."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1028. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, if the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Joint Resolution 91. Representative Bradley, John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House..."

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Speaker Turner: "Out of the record. On Supplemental Calendar #1, Senate Bills-Third Reading, we have Representative Morrow on Senate Bill 431."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 431, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook."

Morrow: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Basically, Sen... the language that we adopted on Senate Bill 431 is some cleanup language that was requested by Commonwealth Edison, Ameren, which are electric utilities, to House Bill 4856. Basically, it... the language that we adopted it says, 'Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the resale of electric service.' I'd be glad to answer any questions on Senate Am... on House Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 431."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House pass Senate Bill 431?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 1 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we have Senate Bill 938. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 938 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Hold the Bill on Second. And on Second Reading we have Senate Bill 1737. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1737, a Bill for an Act in relation to real properties. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Hold that Bill on Second Reading. On Supplemental Calendar #2, we have House Bill... on the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 4098. Representative Hamos. The Lady from Cook."

Hamos: "Excuse me. Okay. Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This is the universal fare card legislation that we passed unanimously earlier this year. There were... I move to concur with Senate Amendment #2 and to nonconcur with Senate Amendment #3. But is that on... can you give me the status of that, please?"

Speaker Turner: "We have to concur with Senate Amendment #1 and then you want to... in another Motion, noncon... with Senate Amendment #2 and then in another Motion we wanna nonconcur with Senate Amendment #3."

Hamos: "A different Motion?"

Speaker Turner: "Different Motion. So..."

Hamos: "Okay. Thank you. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #2. This is a purely technical Amendment at the request of the RTA. It really just changed some language in the underlying Bill. And again, it passed unanimously."

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I think there's strong support with moving ahead on the universal fare card. And I seek your 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Senate Amendment #2... or concur with Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4098?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion... all those... all those who support should vote 'aye'; all those who are against should vote 'no'. And the voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And the Amendment is adopted. The House does... in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 4098. The Lady now moves to nonconcur in Senate Amendment #3. And with that, the Lady from Cook, Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. I move to nonconcur with Senate Amendment #3. Unfortunately, this very teeny, tiny Amendment was drafted incorrectly. We don't need it. The CTA has agreed that we don't need it. I'm sorry that we couldn't just move ahead with this and it has to back to the Senate one more time to recede, but that is their plan. And I am... I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Lady moves that we nonconcur with Senate Amendment #3. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House does nonconcur with Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 4098. On the Order of

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Concurrence, we have House Bill 4818. Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #1."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves that the House does concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4818. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Motion, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Concurrences, we have House Bill 6740. Representative Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would... I would encourage an 'aye' vote on the concurrence with Senate Amendment #1. It changed one word from 'ensure' to 'encourage' is all it did."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the concurrence of Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 6740. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Concurrences, we have Representative Burke on House Bill 1336."

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Burke: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would move to concur with Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 1336. This is IDOT's annual land conveyance issue."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1336. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'aye'... the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Colvin, for what reason do you rise?"

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My vote wasn't recorded on the last Roll Call. And I would like to be... the record to reflect that I intended to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "On the previous Roll Call? The record will..."

Colvin: "On House Bill 1336."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Aguilar, for what reason... On this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority... there was 103 voting 'aye', 5 voting 'no'. And the Bill does pass. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Having voted on the prevailing side, I now move to reconsider the vote by which we concurred in Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1336."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman asks leave to reconsider the vote by which Senate Amendment #2 to House Bill 1336 passed. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those

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opposed vote 'no'. Voting is now... all those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House will reconsider the vote by which House Bill 1336 pass. Representative Burke moves that the House does concur in Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 1336. With that, the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, in the time it's taken to pass this Bill we could have developed all the land to be transferred. Is there... is there any quick-take? IDOT normally doesn't do that, but I just wanna make sure. There's no quick-take conveyances in here?"

Burke: "Not that I am aware of."

Black: "Yeah, I was gonna say, they... they seldom do that. But, I know there are a lot of people in the chamber who just have a philosophical objection to... to quick-take. All the land being conveyed is done on the basis of fair market value unless it's a unit of government to a unit of government? Is that your understanding?"

Burke: "That is correct."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman moves for the adoption... moves that the House does concur in House Bill... Senate Amendment 2 to House Bill 1336. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all

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voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 103 voting 'aye', 4 voting 'no' and 2 voting 'present'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Second Readings, page 6 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3197. Representative Reitz. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3197 has been read a second time, previously. Floor Amendment #1 was adopted to the Bill. No... all Motions have been filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3197, a Bill for an Act concerning state fairs. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is... this is a Bill we spoke on earlier today dealing with the state fair. It simply allows the state fair to codify the changes that... basically what they do now to clarify the... the concerns they had over the Mongo situation. And... and it also increases the fair board from 15 to 20 members to allow for additional representation. Be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves... the Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt, for what reason do you rise?"

Moffitt: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

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Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, we had some discussion in Ag Committee today and just for clarification, this is not changing any policy in terms of actual rules that were in place, this is putting in statute procedures and policies that have actually been... the state fair has been using. Is that correct?"

Reitz: "That... that's exactly right."

Moffitt: "We're not changing any rules as a result of..."

Reitz: "No, we're not changing anything."

Moffitt: "...the situation last year?"

Reitz: "Right. We're just clarifying the... the current law."

Moffitt: "And the... the situation that developed that turned into some... some controversy, the rules that were allegedly violated had been printed, were clearly made available to the public and... and was out there so anyone entering would know that those rules took place, right? Or were in effect?"

Reitz: "That's my understanding, yes."

Moffitt: "And then you said this adds some members to the Fair Advisory Board?"

Reitz: "That's correct. Five members."

Moffitt: "Five members. Take it up to 20, is it?"

Reitz: "Twenty. Right."

Moffitt: "And is it the intent that there will be a real effort at geographical representation from all parts of the state?"

Reitz: "That's... that's what the State Fair Director testified to in committee and I believe that's their intent."

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Moffitt: "Ya think that could be..."

Reitz: "And we'd be happy to add any input that you could have... you... myself and you and the... the Senate Ag Chairman and Minority Spokesman all serve on that committee, also. So, I'm sure we could put our input in."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Representative. I appreciate your input and clarification."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

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

Speaker Turner: "He indicates he will."

Black: "Representative, has Secretary Hartke signed off on this, the Director of Ag? Is he okay with this?"

Reitz: "Yes. No, he's..."

Black: "That's... good enough for me. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Senate Bill 3197. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 109 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, page 8 of the Calendar, we have House Resolution 413. Representative Younge."

Younge: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I move to ad... to adopt Amendment #2, which... which urges the

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Department of Health and Human Services to consider the feasibility of a advocacy program for the mentally ill homeless. And I move for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to House Resolution 413. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution... and Amendment #2 is adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Younge on House Resolution 413."

Younge: "I move for the adoption of the Resolution."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 413. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 108 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill... Resolution, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 435. Representative Mitchell, Bill Mitchell. Out of the record. On the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 616. Representative Bradley, John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, this is a Resolution to support the Federal Government's FutureGen project, which is the clean coal power plant and also to

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recommend and encourage the Federal Government to locate that site in the State of Illinois. I'd ask for your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of House Resolution 616. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Kelly on House Resolution 492. Read... Representative Kelly."

Kelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Resolution urges the U.S. Congress to pass legislation regarding the labeling of food products containing gluten and other known allergens in order to address the needs of those with celiac disease and other food allergies. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 492. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1040, offered by Representative Joyce; House Resolution 1041, offered by Representative Bellock; House Resolution 1042, offered by Representative Stephens; House Resolution 1043, offered by Representative Osterman; and House Resolution 1045, offered by Representative John Bradley."

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Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang moves the House does adopt the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted."

Clerk Mahoney: "Referred to the House Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1044, offered by Representative Flider."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Molaro, for what reason..."

Molaro: "I have..."

Speaker Turner: "...do you rise?"

Molaro: "...I have a question of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "I'll try."

Molaro: "I... I had a Bill that was on Postponed Consideration and I don't see it on the Calendar anymore. Am I... Am I supposed to understand anything by that? Did it go... did it go back into Rules or..."

Speaker Turner: "If the deadline was not extended on your Bill, which it must not have been, then it goes back to Rules."

Molaro: "Is it... is it too late to ask for an extension of the deadline?"

Speaker Turner: "You can make a request."

Molaro: "I'll... I'll take it up with the Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. Representative Lang now moves that the House stands adjourned until Friday, June 4 at the hour of 12 noon, where the House will be in Perfunctory Session. Now, the Members... the Members heard the earlier announcement from the Speaker stating that you will be

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notified at least 24 hours prior to when we have to return to the Capitol. But for the time being, the House will stand adjourned 'til Friday, June 4th, 12 noon, where it will stand in Perfunctory Session. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, will you be handing out pagers for all of us to wear so that we can feel like we're, ya know, emergency room workers? We get a page, we have like 24 hours to come back?"

Speaker Turner: "I think we all have cell phones and some of them serve as pagers and I think that's what we'll be utilizing."

Black: "A Cell phone doesn't work in my district because the wire isn't long enough to stretch when I'm on the road between here and Springfield. It always unplugs."

Speaker Turner: "You..."

Black: "A... a pager would be nice."

Speaker Turner: "I'll tell you what, just look for smoke signals coming from the Capitol and when you the smoke is clear you'll know."

Black: "I'm gonna... I'm gonna tell you what, Mr. Speaker, there's more truth to that than you wanna believe. You call us back here very often on 24-hour notice and you're gonna see some smoke signals emanating from this chamber."

Speaker Turner: "With that... the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Jefferson."

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Jefferson: "Mr. Speaker, I was just trying to get a clarification as to when the End of Session Party's going to be?"

Speaker Turner: "You also should watch the smoke. All those in favor of the House standing adjourned should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, is the 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned."