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Speaker Turner: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the House shall be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Elmer Wilson with Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Kankakee, Illinois. Reverend Wilson is the guest of Representative Dugan. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Elmer Wilson."

Reverend Wilson: "Let us pray. Most High, we are blessed and honored this morning to be able to come into this place and to offer prayer to these, Thy children. We ask that You will bless them accordingly, that they will be strengthened to do the things which must be done in times like these, in making the decisions that are to help all people at a time when it is needed. We pray for the unity of all that is here. We pray for the blessing and the girding up of the Governor of this state, as well as all of those that are here in this House. Thank You, dear Lord, for Thy humble one who has invited me to be here on this occasion. Now Lord, as we come to the close of this prayer, but not into the close of the fellowship with one another, we must stay together as one in Christ Jesus and then we must continue to look up to He who is stronger than all of us. We ask this prayer in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, we pray, amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led in the Pledge today by the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lyons."

Lyons - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands,

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one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost, for what reason do you rise?"

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Watson, Lindner, and Representative Jim Meyer are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie, for what reason do you rise?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Jones and Patterson are excused today."

Speaker Turner: "The record so shall reflect. We have 110 Members answering the quorum. A quorum is present and we will proceed. Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 15, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2255 and Senate Bill 2445. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 15, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2326, Senate Bill 2455, Senate Bill 2578, Senate Bill 2782, Senate Bill 2913, Senate Bill 2936; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2483. Representative Scully, Chairperson from the Committee on Electric Utility Oversight, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 15, 2006,

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reported the same back with the following recommendation/s:
'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 1705.
Representative Giles, Chairperson from the Committee on
Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following
measure/s was/were referred, action taken on March 14, 2006,
reported the same back with the following recommendation/s:
'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2546 and Senate Bill
2882; 'do pass Standard Debate' Senate Bill 2191."

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

Osterman: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Osterman: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, last week when we
were home with our communities and with our families and
friends, the hope and promise of two young girls ended
violently. Starkesia Reed, 14, was killed in a spray of
gunfire that killed her in her home as she waited to go to
school. Siretha White, 10, was shot in the head at home
while her and her family were waiting to cut cake to
celebrate her birthday. Two children at home, two families
whose lives have changed forever. I rise today simply
because before soon we will be dealing with the measure that
will rid the state of guns like the ones that killed these
children. The Leadership in the Senate has decided to turn
its back on this issue for this year, but soon we'll be
voting on this issue, each of us will make a decision. And
today I rise simply to say this. In a good faith effort,
that those of us in this Body that have reasonable concerns
about the legislation, that we take those concerns to

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Sponsor Acevedo. There've been nine Amendments this legislation. He has shown a willingness to be reasonable. We owe it to the families of our state, to the children of our state to vote on the best possible piece of legislation. And when we do, the people of our state are gonna be watching us. Our votes should be based on substance, not nuance. Only you have the ability to bring forth these ideas and concerns. We've shown we've done that before and I simply ask that we use the time before us to make the Bill the best possible Bill for all the people of the State of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Stephens: "No matter our position on a... a rifle... a gun Bill, we certainly mourn the loss of... of this child and we would point out that there are... weapons were outlawed in her city already."

Speaker Turner: "The Chair would like to announce to the Members that we are going to go to the Order of Second Readings, Second Readings on page 2 of the Calendar. We're gonna go down that order and we ask that you be prepared to move your legislation. The first Bill that we're going to hear is Senate Bill 918. Representative Flider. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 918, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On top of page 3, we have Representative Winters on House Bill 20... Senate Bill 2271. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2271, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 2400. Representative Yarbrough. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate... Senate Bill 2400, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Fritchey on House... Senate Bill 2465. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2465, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Franks on Senate Bill 2711. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2711, a Bill for an Act concerning the transfer of real property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Fritchey on Senate Bill 2718. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2718, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Beaubien on Senate Bill 2772. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2772, a Bill for an Act concerning business."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "The Bill should remain on Second Reading. Hold the Bill on Second. Representative Wait on Senate Bill 2807. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2807, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Currie on Senate Bill 3062. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3062, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Burke on Senate Bill 2302. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2302, a Bill for an Act concerning fire safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Black on Senate Bill 2489. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2489, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz on Senate Bill 2165. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2165, a Bill for an Act concerning property. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Hoffman on Senate Bill 2243. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2243, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Tryon on Senate Bill 2878. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2878, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Concurrence, we have Representative Black on House Bill 708. Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is a concurrence Motion on an Amendment added in the Senate. The original Bill dealt with uniform weight limits. Let me assure everybody in the House, there is nothing in this Bill that deals with weight

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limits. This now can be portrayed as a IDOT administration Bill. What the Bill does is to put the State of Illinois in sync with Federal Law on the hours of service that a trucker... truck driver can operate. That's all the Bill does. I'm not aware of any opposition. I'll be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments 1 to House Bill 708?' 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 110 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Phelps, on the Order of Resolutions, House Joint Resolution? Out of the record. Representative Pihos on House Resolution 8... Out of the record. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. If I might, a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like you to welcome with me some representatives that are in the northeast gallery today. They are representing more than 250 thousand scouts and adult scouters in Illinois and visiting the State Capitol today. And I know some of the most enjoyable days of my youth was spent as a Boy Scout, as we were called back then. I'm very

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proud of the fact that I'm an Eagle Scout. And let me introduce these members who are here today with you, and after I read their names if you'd give them a Springfield welcome, I would appreciate it. I hope I can pronounce their names correctly. Ethan Graue, age 13, from Lincoln, Illinois, from the W.D. Boyce Council. April Harman, age 16, from Woodstock, Illinois, Blackhawk Area Council. Andrew Pluff, age 6, is a Tiger Cub Scout, as is my grandson, from Waterloo, Illinois, from the Okaw Valley Council. Ryan Scannura, age 18, an Eagle Scout from Springfield, Illinois, from the Abraham Lincoln Council. Ayal Sharitz, age 16, a Venturer from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, the Northeast Illinois Council. Cindy Wilson, age 16, a Venturer from Quincy, Illinois, Mississippi Valley Council. And Ian Yamamoto, age 15, an Eagle Scout from Murphysboro, Illinois, the Greater St. Louis Area Council. Ladies and Gentlemen, would you welcome these young scouts and thank them for what they do. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. On the Order of Second Readings, we have Representative Eddie Washington on page 2 of the Calendar. We have Senate Bill 2233. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2233, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Ryg on... we have Senate Bill 2308. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2308, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Lady from Kankakee, Representative Dugan, for what reason do you rise?"

Dugan: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker. Again, all of us, of course, thoroughly enjoyed and are happy to have Reverend Elmer Wilson here from Kankakee who did the invocation. But also, here with Reverend Wilson is his partner in life, other than the Lord, and that's Mrs. Loraine Wilson. So I would like the House, if possible, to please welcome Mrs. Wilson also. She's back here by Reverend Wilson. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you rise?"

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to make an announcement that the Adoption Reform Committee scheduled for 4:00 today will be canceled."

Speaker Turner: "Members will be so advised. The Adoption Committee's canceled. Representative Beiser, would you like to move Senate Bill 2334? That's a Bill that you're cosponsoring with Representative Reitz. Mr. Clerk, read 2334."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2334, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 987, offered by Representative Hamos. House Resolution 988, offered by Representative Daniels. House Resolution 990, offered by Representative Kelly. House Resolution 992, offered by Representative Eddy. House Resolution 993, offered by Representative Eddy. House Resolution 994, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 996, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. House Resolution 997, offered by Representative Poe. House Resolution 999, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 1000, offered by Representative Munson. House Resolution 1001, offered by Representative Ramey. House Resolution 1002, offered by Representative Kelly. House Resolution 1003, offered by Representative Richard Myers. House Resolution 1009, offered by Representative Hannig. House Resolution 1010, offered by Representative Krause. House Resolution 1011, offered by Representative Black. House Resolution 1012, offered by Representative Parke. House Resolution 1013, offered by Representative Parke. House Resolution 1014, offered by Representative Coulson. House Resolution 1015, offered by Representative Parke. House Resolution 1016, offered by Representative Parke. House Resolution 1017, offered by Representative Munson. House Resolution 1018, offered by Representative Granberg. And House Resolution 1019, offered by Representative Phelps."

Speaker Turner: "House moves for the adoption of those Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. The opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. The Gentleman

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from Sangamon, Representative Poe, for what reason do you rise?"

Poe: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Poe: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, just quickly, as many of you know, we have had a tragedy in Springfield this last week with the storm. And Representative Brauer and I have decided that we'll go around tomorrow and take up a collection for the American Red Cross. I wanna point out that this is the most of ya's second home. We welcome you here and the American Red Cross has gotta plea out to collection some funds to help residents here in Springfield. So, tomorrow we'll come around... and not only I think this is a legitimate campaign expense, you wanna dip into that we'll even take a little of that money to help out Springfield and take care of your second home. So tomorrow when you see Representative Brauer and I come around that's what we're gonna be doin', we're gonna collect some money. And so, staff be prepared, we might even hit you up, too. So thank you."

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

Molaro: "Thank you. For purposes of an announcement."

Speaker Turner: "State the announcement."

Molaro: "Well, for the Body... first of all, for people who are on Jud II, the Criminal Law Committee, we're meeting at 4:00 this afternoon in Room 114 on a very important issue, which is the CLEAR Initiative. So, if I'd ask all Members to be there at 4 we will hopefully have it done. This is the

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first time that the Judiciary-Criminal Law Committee is meeting as a joint hearing with the Senate Judiciary Committee. Very, very rarely done in this building. So, the Senators and their chairman along with ours. We will all be there to hear about the clear initiative. Now, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker?"

Speaker Turner: "Yes, Sir?"

Molaro: "We were gonna try to have this at either 2 or 3, but we had to agree on 4:00 'cause the Senators had to take their nap at 2:00 and if they... ya know, I didn't want to disturb their nap time. So we are gonna have it at 4:00 and we'll be in Room 114, not D-1, 114, 4:00. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "We do understand the importance of a nap. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 989, offered by Representative Pihos. House Resolution 995, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 998, offered by Representative John Bradley. House Resolution 1004, offered by Representative Connie Howard. House Resolution 1005, offered by Jerry Mitchell. House Resolution 1006, offered by Representative Cross. House Joint Resolution 107, offered by Representative Howard. And House Joint Resolution 108, offered by Representative Pihos. The following are Senate Bills for First Reading. Senate Bill 880, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Senate Bill 1085, offered by Representative Berrios, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Senate Bill 2358, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act

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concerning government. First Reading of those Senate Bills."

Speaker Turner: "Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, March 16, at the hour of 2 p.m. The House stands adjourned until Thursday, March 16, at the hour of 2 p.m. The House is adjourned."

Clerk Bolin: "The House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 2369, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."