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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on April 17, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' is House Bill 1813, House Bill... and 'referred to the Order of Second Reading' House Bill 1815, 'referred to the Order of Second Reading'; 'recommends be adopted' is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1918; 'recommends be adopted' is House Amendment #1 to House Resolution 1039; referred to the Order of Second Reading is Senate Bill 1863 and Senate 2030; 'recommends be adopted' Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2487; referred to the House Committee Rules is Senate Joint Resolution 83, offered by Representative Madigan."

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 laptop computers, cell phones, and 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 Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, Illinois."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Father, Almighty and most gracious God, our Heavenly Creator who has dominion over life and death, ask that You would grant to us the grace to remember with love and reverence that we are to go forth in peace with courage, holding fast of that which is good in

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Your sight, rendering to no one evil for evil. But Father, we ask that You would help us to strengthen the faint-hearted, help us to support the weak, help us to help the afflicted, give us the strength to honor all people, loving them and serving them in the same love and in the same spirit in which You have loved us. This we ask in Your precious name, Amen."

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

Hamos - 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. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representatives Brosnahan, Fritchey, Holbrook, Jones, Lyons, McGuire, Molaro, Osterman, Patterson, and Scully are excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative, would you delete Mr. Lyons from your list."

Currie: "Okay. Joe is not excused today."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative... Representative Currie. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Yes?"

Speaker Madigan: "Are you aware of the status of Representative Feigenholtz?"

Currie: "Representative Feigenholtz is in my office, right around the corner from the House Floor."

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Speaker Madigan: "All right. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect, Representative Bassi, Brady, Daniels, Dunn, Durkin, Lindner, Pihos, Osmond, Saviano, Sumner (sic-Sommer) are excused today. We also noticed that Abraham Lincoln is missing as well."

Speaker Madigan: "For purposes of the record, delete Representative Holbrook from the list of names read by Representative Currie. Mr. Clerk, are we ready? The Clerk shall take the record. There being 100 people responding to the Attendance Roll Call, there is a quorum present. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 1210, offered by Representative Howard."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2726. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2726, a Bill for an Act concerning individuals killed in the line of duty. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Are there any Floor Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No Floor Amendments are pending on 2726."

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill for a third time. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill for a second time. Clerk informs the Chair that he just read the Bill. Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Representative Chapa LaVia, we will not be able to call the

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Bill until tomorrow. Re... recognize Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "I... I'd like to table Amendment 1 and go with House Amendment #2, which hasn't been let out of Rules yet, so we have an issue."

Speaker Madigan: "All right, Mr. Clerk, put the Bill back on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Mathias, did you wish to call Senate Bill 2295? Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2295. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2295 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #3 has... offered by Representative Mathias, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mathias. Mr. Mathias."

Mathias: "Yes?"

Speaker Madigan: "The Clerk advises that there's an Amendment #4..."

Mathias: "Yes."

Speaker Madigan: "...which is still assigned to the Rules Committee. Mr. Mathias, did you..."

Mathias: "Four actually incorporates 3, but I'm not sure if 4 is going to come out of the Rules Committee or not."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mathias, the... the plan is that the Rules Committee will approve the Amendment #4 for consideration. So, I think you wanna wait for 4? All right. Mr. Clerk, take the Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2445."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2445, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, put that Bill on the Order of Second Reading and then take the Bill out of the record. Mr. Clerk, on page 8 of the Calendar there appears Senate Bill 3086. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3086, a Bill for an Act concerning government, which may be referred to as the Equity and Eminent Domain Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 7 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2772. Mr. Schmitz. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2772 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Schmitz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask that we adopt Floor Amendment #1."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Schmitz, did you wish to call 2772 on Third Reading?"

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Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 2772, read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2772, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This... this Bill simply requires homeowner associations to follow the Open Meetings Act. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Mathias, did you wish to call Senate Bill 1827? Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1827. What is the status of the Bill? Page 5 of the Calendar. Senate Bill 1827."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 8... Senate Bill 1827, a Bill for an Act concerning energy conservation, has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Mathias, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #2 becomes the Bill. Basically, this Bill then builds upon the already successful program which allows currently, units of

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local government to enter into energy conservation contracts. This would then allow public elementary, secondary schools, as well as park districts, to have the same benefits. As far as I know, there is no opposition to the Amendment or the Bill and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

McCarthy: "Representative Mathias, on our analysis there's like 14 opponents and I thought I heard in your description... After this Amendment, was it agreed legislation that was not opposed by the earlier opponents?"

Mathias: "That is correct. This... that's what... this Amendment takes away the earlier opposition of..."

McCarthy: "So, like, the AFL-CIO is no longer opposed?"

Mathias: "...of labor and construction. Yes, that's correct."

McCarthy: "And IBEW is no longer is opposed?"

Mathias: "That's correct."

McCarthy: "Architects no longer opposed?"

Mathias: "That's correct."

McCarthy: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mathias has moved for the adoption of the Amendment. The question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

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Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading.
Mr. Clerk, read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1827, a Bill for an Act concerning
energy conservation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I stated when the
Amendment was adopted, Senate Bill 1827 builds upon an
already successful program which previously allowed units of
local governments, school districts, community colleges in
the state, and universities to enter into energy
conservation contracts. The main point of the Bill is to
allow park districts to utilize the program and to allow
community colleges and universities to utilize a 20-year
payback schedule instead of the current 10 years. This Bill
is the result of many interested parties negotiating over a
period of time. And I know of no opposition at the present
time and I ask for your 'aye' vote."

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

Rose: "Sorry, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a
wonderful Bill and I simply would urge everyone to vote in
favor of it. It's gonna be a big shot in the arm in many of
our public universities and help them with their... their
capital plan. So, I would urge an 'aye' vote on this
measure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?'
Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by
voting 'no'. The Clerk shall take the record. On this
question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'.

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This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 6 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2487. The Chair recognizes Mr. Lang. And, Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2487 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. This deals with the MDS system for paying nursing homes. This is an agreed Amendment between all the nursing homes, all the advocates, and the administration to simply take the date that's in the Bill from October effective date to January effective date. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. 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. No Motions filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading and read the Bill for a third time."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2487, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment became the Bill. It delays the effective date of the MDS system to January 1. I'd ask for your support."

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

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Representative Reis: "Is there anything in this Bill, Representative, that... about the phase-in plan, the 5-year phase in for the MDS? Or does this just extend the execution date?"

Lang: "It's just extending the execution date, Representative. No other changes."

Representative Reis: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 8 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 3086. Put that Bill on the Order of Second Reading. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "I move to suspend the posting requirements so that the following Bills can be heard in committee this week: Senate Bills 94, 304, 619, 927, 1279, 2202, 2330, and House Joint Resolution 122. I understand that this Motion has been approved by... by both parties in the chamber."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves to suspend the posting requirements. You've all heard the Motion. Is there leave?"

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Leave is granted. The posting requirements are suspended. Mr. Clerk, on page 6 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2673. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2673 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Brady, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "The Chair recognizes Mr. Rita. Mr. Rita. To offer an Amendment, Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Senate Bill 2673, House Amendment #1. What it does is includes the word 'hospital' in the order of clarifying... within the or... there's a set of orders in disposit... when disposing of remains. It includes the word 'hospital' within that and it also allows that order to follow... it allows the hospitals to act on that order."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Rita, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rita on Amendment #3."

Rita: "I'd like to withdraw Amendment #3."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #3. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. Mr. Parke. Mr. Parke. Mr. Clerk, on page 5 of the

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Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 1625. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1625 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. Floor Amendment #2, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is a proposal that would provide... that would authorize the State of Illinois to sell \$500 million worth of school construction bonds for the purposes of building public schools... K-12 schools around the State of Illinois. So, it's... the program is already in existence. It would continue to be funded along the lines that exist today. This would provide the money for the state board..."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig. Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker. My apologies. I've got the two Bills that I have today mixed up. This is a Bill that would... that would increase the... the bonded authority that the Illinois Finance Authority has by \$1.2 million. The Illinois Finance Authority is the place where many of our local governments go, especially small local governments go, in an effort to... to get low cost bond money. They've indicated to us that they're... that they're just about out of authorization. And so, we anticipate that if we would put this Amendment on and pass it, that we would give them enough authority to continue 'til about April of next year. So that's what the Amendment does. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Amendment #2. The Chair recognizes Mr. Black."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Representative, the Illinois Finance Authority has approximately \$2.8 billion in bonds that they haven't even issued yet. Why is it now time to increase their bonded indebtedness over their cap?"

Hannig: "Representative, they've indicated to us that they are basically almost out of authority to go forth with any new projects. There are a number of in... there are a number of projects in the pipeline, typically about 70 percent of those are approved. And at that point, they will be out of money. So, in order for them to take on any additional projects that you and I and our constituents may bring forward, they're gonna need some additional authority."

Black: "The latest information that any of us are privy to from IFA indicates that they have ample bonding authority. Now, if that has changed considerably since their last report, why wouldn't they, in the form of transparency and information, why wouldn't... why don't we have a sheet from them showing how much of the current \$2.8 billion in unissued bonds are in fact obligated and where they're obligated? I mean, I'm not comfortable on these kinds of issues when people are asking me to increase their bonding authority when they have almost \$3 billion in unissued bonds and then they tell you, 'Well, we've almost used those up.'"

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Hannig: "Representative Black, I need to withdraw this Amendment. So, Mr. Speaker, I'd like to withdraw this Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #2. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Withdraw Amendment 3, please."

Speaker Madigan: "Withdraw Amendment #3. Any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This, Representative Black, is the Amendment that I just explained that would increase the authorization. So I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Let me ask a question, if I might, Representative."

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Black: "Why is the... why was the language taken out that had the reform for the various economic development authorities in the state?"

Hannig: "Representative..."

Black: "I mean, many of those were created years ago and, as I understand it, have the ability to issue bonds, and perhaps not do due diligence. And I thought there was a question

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that some of those bond issues may eventually become the obligation of the State of Illinois rather than the Economic Development Authority that in fact issued the bonds. Now I see all of that reform language is gone."

Hannig: "Representative, I... I shared your concerns. And as a Sponsor of the previous Amendments, that was something that I hoped would happen and I hope still will happen. But from time to time, as we go through this process, we have to set aside certain things that we're trying to do in an effort to advance others. And so, this is a part of the Bill that we believe that we can move forward on and that's why it's in front of us in this... in this manner today."

Black: "All right. Well, I... I know the individual that I talked with regarding that Amendment felt very strongly about it, and I... I was in agreement. I thought it was never the intent that those bonds become the obligation of the State of Illinois. But it's been removed, so I won't beat that issue over the head. Let me go back then to the original line of questioning. The only information that I can work off of is the last report issued by IFA. And if staff is correct, and I never have reason to doubt staff, they show that they have almost \$3 billion in... in unissued bonds. Now, you're telling me... and I have no reason to doubt the voracity of your statement, that they in fact have almost used up that 2.83 billion. But I... I haven't seen anything that would tell me how much of the 2.8 billion they've used up, where... where is it obligated, and what is it obligated for. And... and without that documentation, I'm not extremely comfortable saying, well, ya know, what the heck. What's

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another 2, 3 billion dollars among friends? If... if, in fact, the Illinois Finance Authority has recently used up some of their bonding authority, why don't we have that information or why can't we get it? Where is it?"

Hannig: "Well, Representative, we know that historically there are a number of projects that are under review by the agency and that we know historically that about 70 percent of those projects are approved and 30 percent, obviously, are rejected. So we took the amount of money that's already in... we took the amount of projects that are in-House and applied the 70 percent of value towards those projects, added it to the amount that's already been authorized, and obviously they're basically out of money. So, we were able to calculate that if we authorize this additional amount of money, that this could get them to April 1 of next year. So, Representative, it's based on what's in-House and what we know has historically been the amount of money that they've needed."

Black: "Representative, I... I have worked with you for a long time and I have great respect for you. This Bill has some controversy attached to it. All I'm... all I would like is something from the agency that says, 'Here are the projects we've obligated in the last quarter or the last six months. Here is the current unobligated bond... bonding authority and we think by Labor Day, 2006, that'll be gone, and that's why we need the new appropriation.' As I said earlier, I'm not... I'm just not comfortable voting for a blind bond authority increase when I don't know how much of the 2.8 billion is obligated. And I don't even have a..."

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Hannig: "So, Representative..."

Black: "...fraction of an inch on information of what may or may not be obligated of the 2.83 million... billion and I don't have any information on what they want with the new bonding authority."

Hannig: "Right. So, Representative, I have a list of the 2.23 billion that they have in hand, at this time, that are under consideration. Now, they won't approve all of those. Typically, they'll approve about 70 percent if we just use historic amounts. I'll be happy to share this list with you. But based on those historic data and the fact that we hope to get out of here shortly, we need to give them some authority, I think, so that they can continue to accept projects in good faith as they come in the door."

Black: "Okay."

Hannig: "So that's what this Amendment's about."

Black: "Would... would you be kind enough to have your staff share that with our staff? We... we don't have that information. And as... and as you know... and I'm not gonna go down the path that I'd like to go down because it's not productive. Things didn't use to work this way. Staff, whether it's Democrat or Republican staff, had access to all pertinent information and that doesn't happen lately. I'm not saying it's your fault or anybody's fault, but I think it's something that needs to be corrected. And if you would share that with our staff, I'd certainly appreciate it. And, Mr. Speaker, thank you for your time. As always, Representative, thank you for your indulgence."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Granberg."

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

Speaker Madigan: "Sponsor yields."

Granberg: "Gary, I just wanna clarify 'cause I couldn't tell by the computer. Does this Amendment... or does the underlying Bill eliminate the moral obligation authority for various economic finance authorities located throughout the state?"

Hannig: "It does not, Representative."

Granberg: "The Amendment of the underlying Bill? I know we're confined to the Amendment right now."

Hannig: "No. That... that was... Could you repeat the question?"

Granberg: "Amendment... the Amendment we're addressing right now has nothing to do with local economic finance authorities or their moral obli... or the state's moral obligation."

Hannig: "Okay. So, I... I think the confusion is that Amendment #1 would have done that, Representative, but #4 does not. So... so I guess when I said 'no', that's correct."

Granberg: "Just one more question, Gary. Is Amendment #1 on the Bill?"

Hannig: "If we adopt 4 it will... it will override 1, Representative."

Granberg: "Thank you."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Well, I would just move for the adoption of the Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. But a fiscal balanced budget and state debt note have been requested on the Bill as amended by #4 and those notes have not been filed."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Clerk, leave the Bill on the Order of Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar, on the Order of House Bills-Second Reading, there appears House Bill 3904. What is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3904, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. The Bill's been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Hannig, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Hannig."

Hannig: "Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. This is the Bill that I... that I know will please many Members on both sides of the aisle. It would provide for an additional \$500 million in bond authority so that we could fund projects on the FY '02, '03, '04 list under school construction. So, we know how the program operates, the state board runs it. This would provide them with the dollars so that they could continue funding those schools that they deemed to be in need. So, that's what the Amendment does and I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Put the Bill on the Order of Third Reading. On page 6 of the Calendar, on the Order of Senate Bills-

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Second Reading, there appears Senate Bill 2673. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of the Bill?"

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2673... Senate Bill 2673 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Madigan: "Read the Bill a third time."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2673, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Rita."

Rita: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senate Bill 2673 is... has some cleanup language. The Disposition of Remains Act was created by House Bill 1517 and there was some issues when friends and family failed to agree upon the method... or details of disposition of the remains of a body. And basically what Senate Bill 27... 73 (sic-2673) provides is that a priority list is applied unless there's a power of attorney, and that power of attorney would supersede over that list if it wasn't designated within that power of attorney."

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

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise in support of the Bill. My... my thanks on behalf of Representative Brady to Representative Rita for calling the Bill today. As you all know, Representative Dan Brady is a former coroner. He's well versed in this. The Gentleman has portrayed the Bill accurately, it's a technical cleanup of something we did a year ago. The Illinois State Medical Society is in support, the Hospital

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Association is in support. We know of no opposition. I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Has Mr. Granberg voted? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 99 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 9 of the Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, there appears House Bill 5407. Mr. Beaubien. The Gentleman indicates he does not wish to call the Bill. Mr. Beaubien. Mr. Beaubien on concurrence."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Speaker Madigan: "Proceed."

Beaubien: "Yeah, I urge concurrence on House Bill 5407. It's a Bill that came back from the Senate with, I think, some very good language. It deals with the issue of youth hunters and hunters in the State of Illinois. It's very positive in terms of... of the economics, in particular in Southern Illinois where hunting's a major... a major business. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Madigan: "The Gentleman moves that the House concur in Senate Amendment #2. On that question, the... on that question, those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Has Mr. Jenisch voted? Mr. Jenisch. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 85 people voting 'yes', 15 people voting 'no'. The House does concur in the Senate Amendment #2."

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And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 8 of the Calendar, on the Order of Concurrence, there appears House Bill 4186. Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2. Simply clarification to remedy concerns about HIPA violations and other small details. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves that the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2. There being no discussion, the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does concur in Senate Amendments #1 and 2. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, there appears HR 1039. Representative Bellock. Bellock. Bellock. HR 1039."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution regards the community colleges in the State of Illinois being allowed to be funded for the money that they deserve for the veterans' tuition grants at the community colleges. Over the last couple of years, there's over \$3 million owed in tuition and fees to those community colleges and we want to be able see the veterans that are coming back from Iraq and all veterans, men and women, be able to go to college

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and resume their lives. So, this is an extremely important Resolution. Oh, I need to adopt the Floor Amendment."

Speaker Madigan: "Representative Bellock on Amendment #1. Representative, did you wish to move for the adoption of the Amendment?"

Bellock: "Yes. Thank you very much."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of the Amendment. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Amendment is adopted. On the main question, Representative Bellock moves for the adoption of HR 1039. Those in favor of the adoption of the Resolution signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does adopt HR 1039. Representative Bellock, you're up again. HR 1055. Autism Awareness Month."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I'm proud to present this Resolution today before the House. House Resolution 1005 which addresses the issue of autism, which has become an epidemic. We all know that 1 out of every 166 children will have autism. And so, I appreciate all of your support during the last two months. A lot of you participated in the parent day of which we had 400 parents come to Springfield. And I thank you. And this Resolution honors all of those people."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1055. Those in favor signify by voting 'yes', those opposed by voting 'no'. Have all voted who wish? The

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Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 100 people voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. The House does adopt HR 1055. Mr. Lyons in the Chair."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost. For what purpose do you seek recognition?"

Bost: "Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have an inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "State your inquiry."

Bost: "Well, as we came in here today, I was looking around and I noticed that more chandeliers are missing, the paintings of our great Abraham Lincoln, Douglas also missing. Now, I understand that they could probably hide Douglas, he's a little bit shorter. But I'm trying to figure out... you know, and I trust our doorman, Lee is a fantastic doorman and he serves us well here. What has he been doing that he isn't paying attention when all these things are going missing? And where are these things going? I know this art is worth quite a bit. Has the Governor decided to auction that off to pay for the pensions of the State of Illinois?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative, have all these great ideas come to you since the Speaker left the podium and I'm here as the acting Speaker?"

Bost: "Actually... actually, I was gonna ask the Speaker. I pressed in to ask and... and he was busy. And I don't know, maybe he was just ignoring me. That wouldn't be the first time that happened."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Well, Representative, we're gonna look into that and we're gonna get you answer as soon as we can."

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Bost: "If you could check into that and let us know, I would appreciate it."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative Bost. Good observation. Mr. Clerk, on page 15 of the Calendar, under House Resolutions, we have House Resolution 1067. Representative Jakobsson. Naomi Jakobsson. Do you wish to call House Resolution 1067? The Chair recognizes the Lady from Champaign, Representative Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "House Resolution 1067 recognizes our workforce development facilities that we have throughout the state and establishes Workforce Development Week the last week... begins the last day in August and ends in September for that... that first week in September. And this would establish that week."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is... all those in favor of adoption of House Resolution 1067... Representative Mulligan. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "She indicates she will."

Mulligan: "Representative, where did you get this Resolution?"

Jakobsson: "This was brought to me by our local workforce development director. I believe from the organization... their statewide organization."

Mulligan: "Okay. I think it's a good Resolution but I wanna speak to this issue in general. The Governor has taken the workforce development board and made it into a mockery. And as far as that goes, he really has done a really bad job. The things that were passed, money to go to community

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colleges to redevelop workers, has been cut consistently. We're hopeful that it'll be put back in. I was on that board for a number of years. I left last year because I thought it was not a good place to be any longer. He's taken the money and supposedly given out to regions. He doesn't support the local boards anymore and basically, he's making workforce development in Illinois a general mockery overall. I think this is a shame. I think it's important that we stress what's going to happen because by the year 2015, we're gonna have more people retired than we have working, and the object was to compete with other states in promoting our workforce, which is supposed to be a partnership between education, labor, and business. He no longer understands that coalition at all and he's making a mockery in our state. I'll support the Lady's Resolution, I'm sure her local board needs it, but I think what the Governor's done to workforce development in the state is horrible."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one further seeking recognition, the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Ron Stephens."

Stephens: "I'm kinda having a flashback to a couple years ago and we had a... this Resolution kinda reminds me of a time when the Speaker put up a... an easel down front how much money we were wasting on a daily basis. I think he was using that to criticize the administration. Maybe he should reinstate that. I know that didn't come out of state funds and I'm asking you as the Speaker pro tem, I guess you are, could we use your campaign fund to reestablish that daily

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ticker about how much money that taxpayers are having stolen from them on behalf of this sort of stuff?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative, we'll... I'll consider that and get back to you. Thank you for the suggestion. No one seeking further recognition, Representative Jakobsson moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1067. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 1067 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 12 on the Order of Resolutions, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie has House Resolution 943. 943. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. We're all very enthused about the prospect of reducing our reliance upon foreign oil when we produce energy, and one of the things we are talking about enthusiastically is the possibility of wind farms. I'm as enthusiastic about that as anybody else in the chamber, but I think it's important before we install a lot more wind farms in Illinois to make sure we know that we're putting them where they're not going to interfere with bird nesting and seasonal migration areas. Iowa has done a good job of showing us how we can increase wind energy without causing damage to the ecological system. This measure, House Resolution 943, would ask the Department of Natural Resources, in conjunction with the Commerce Commission, to do a study of the possible effects of wind turbines and where they might be located so as not to create problems with... with birds and endangered species. I would

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be happy to answer your questions and I'd appreciate your support for this measure."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition... the Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It's not an easy task to rise in opposition to this rather general Resolution, but I... I'm probably much older than Majority Leader Currie and I've just seen things in my life. Folks, some of you need to read the paper. Gasoline is headed to \$3 a gallon, maybe three and quarter by Memorial Day. Electric rates will no doubt increase because of the cost of generating electricity continue to go up. And I don't think we've built a new electrical generating facility in this state for decades. We haven't expanded our oil refineries in this state for decades. Why? Because of things like this. We have to do a study. We have to make sure that the... the... what was the one that killed the reservoir in my district? The blue salamander or the wide-eyed chub or the horned toad or the tufted owl or God knows what. Study, study, study. And every time you'd do a study, the implementation of new energy creation devices goes slower and slower and slower, and pretty soon those people just go to another state. I have no intention of trying to kill the Resolution, but some of you are gonna have to figure out on a cost benefit ratio what you wanna do. Do you want to find additional sources of energy and go after them aggressively or do you wait and wait and wait as we have done to create new electrical

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generating facilities, new supplies of natural gas, new places to drill for oil, and, heaven forbid, new places to refine oil? We can't even get Bills out of the Rules Committee that would give people a sales tax incentive to buy a flexible fuel vehicle. We can't get Bills out of the Rules Committee that would give retailers an income tax credit to install ethanol 85 percent blend pumps, but we've got time to pass a Resolution that says before you put in any wind turbine electrical generating facilities, you have to study what impact it may have on birds. I can tell you what impact it's gonna have on birds. Some birds are gonna fly into 'em. And they aren't gonna win that battle. Some birds fly into the Hancock Building. Some birds fly into various skyscrapers in Chicago. Some birds get eaten by cats. Some birds may be carrying bird flu, but whatever. We... we tend to worry about energy prices when it's politically convenient to worry about energy prices, and yet we continue to delay, obfuscate, and make it literally impossible to do anything about the expansion of energy alternatives. And this Resolution, no matter how general, no matter how well-meaning, will have the ultimate impact that we delay and delay and delay. And one of these days we're gonna look in the mirror and find out we've met the enemy as far as energy costs. And guess what? It's us."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke."

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. Ladies... to the Bill... Resolution. I normally am in support of my colleague that just spoke, however, one must remember that we're

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talking thousands of birds that die. And I'll remind the agricultural community of this state that birds are our best friend in the eating of insects that affect our crops. And I think if there's ways that we can come up with protecting these birds, not only for the aesthetic quality that they bring to our environment and to our lifestyles, it's that they also are really good in terms of keeping down the insect population. This is something I think is necessary. I support the Lady's Resolution and would ask the Body to pass this Resolution so we can take a look and find if there's any way to protect these birds. It's something that I think we have an obligation to do."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from St. Clair, Representative Tom Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. This Resolution doesn't stop any construction whatsoever. Many states have already done this and all they're looking at is for migratory patterns of the migratory waterfowl and wildlife. It'll just make us a little bit smarter on our feet when we locate these things around our state. We're not gonna stop 'em going in. All we're gonna do is put 'em maybe in a little better spot. Other states have done it. In fact, I believe Iowa, which is one of the largest wind farm states of all, has this same Resolution. I believe it's Iowa, I'm not absolutely positive. It is Iowa, yeah. But we went through this in committee and I'm going through my memory. So, I would hope everyone would support this. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Currie to close."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Just to reiterate the point, this Resolution stops not one wind farm/wind turbine from siting in the State of Illinois, but it does let us get information by the beginning of July next year about where those turbines might do the best good and the least harm. This is about energy development, but it's about smart energy development. I hope you will vote 'aye' on House Resolution 943."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those for the adoption of House Rule (sic-House Resolution) 943 should vote 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, there are 77 Members voting 'aye', 23 Members voting 'no'. And House Resolution 943 is hereby adopted. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Williamson, Representative John Bradley. For what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Madigan: "Please proceed, Representative."

Bradley: "Up in the gallery out here to the west I've got a Ewing Grade School. Why don't you stand up and take a bow and wave, everybody? Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thanks for coming down, kids. Enjoy your day. Mr. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar, under Order of Resolutions, Representative Bill Black has House Resolution 866. Representative Black. Representative Black, we have your Resolution, House Resolution 866."

Black: "Yes, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 866 creates an

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Animal Control Task Force. It urges hearings during the Spring Session, which is rapidly coming to a close, concerning dangerous and vicious dogs in matters related to the Animal Control Act. I think this Resolution is a little different than some we've seen. It is not breed specific and I don't wanna even go into breed specific legislation. I think that's impossible. It involves local officials, veterinarians, and heaven forbid, it even involves local animal control officers, the frontline people who have to deal with these dogs and their owners on a day-to-day basis. That's what the Resolution does. I'll be glad to answer any questions if there are any. If the questions are too rough, I will sic my dog on you at a later date."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "As no one is seeking recognition, all those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 866 should say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 866 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Beth Coulson has House Resolution 936. The Lady from Cook, Representative Beth Coulson."

Coulson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 936 supports Taiwan's submission... admission as an observer to the World Health Organization and expresses the belief that the Republic of China should be permitted to participating in meaningful and appropriate way in World Health Organization. With the bird flu epidemic that may occur, we need to make sure all communities that could have bird flu are part of our World Health Organization in order to stop any epidemics. And I'd appreciate your support."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "As there's no one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Should House Resolution 936 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 936 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar under Resolutions, Representative Ron Stephens has House Joint Resolution #110. House Joint Resolution 110. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Ron Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This authorizes the City of Springfield... or urges the City of Springfield to authorize the creation of a memorial for military women to built here in Springfield at... out with the other military memorial locations. I would urge its passage."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Since no one is seeking recognition regarding House Joint Resolution 110, the question is, 'Should House Joint Resolution #110 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Joint Resolution 110 is hereby declared adopted. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Terry Parke. For what reason do you rise do you seek recognition?"

Parke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... I and many of my colleagues would like to have some clarification from the Speaker as to what the schedule is for tomorrow and when we could be expected to adjourn, and if we can have an idea if we're actually gonna be in next week because we understand the Senate is back on May 2. Are we expected to be in on the

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first week of May? And if so, what days? 'Cause we do have schedules for our lives other than the General Assembly schedule."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Parke, if you'll give me a moment or two, I'll be glad to get back to you on that. I'll get right back to you on that, Representative."

Parke: "Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Parke, we should be getting that schedule out to you, momentarily. We're finishing up the details on that. Within a few minutes we'll get it to the... to the Body. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 of the Calendar, Representative David Miller has House Joint Resolution 102. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative David Miller."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I believe there's an Amendment that needs to be adopted first."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Proceed with the Amendment."

Miller: "The Amendment just simply makes a change in which that the report... reporting from SIU, Southern Illinois University, will be to the entire the General Assembly as well as the Black and Latino Caucuses. It was recommended by Chairman Kevin McCarthy in committee."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, then on Floor Amendment #1, all those in favor of the adoption of Floor Amendment #1 should signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Amendment #1 to House Joint Resolution 102 is adopted. On the Resolution, Representative Miller."

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Miller: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Joint Resolution 102 is in response to what had happened earlier... happened last year in regards to a reverse discrimination case brought forth by the Department of Justice to SIU, that SIU and in addition to the Black and Latino Caucuses, would desire more diversity in some of their grad... in all their graduate programs. This allows that SIU will report to both caucuses and as well as the General Assembly on their numbers of... of the diversification of their numbers in these particular graduate... in graduate programs. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition on House Joint Resolution 102, the question is, 'Should House Joint Resolution #102 be adopted?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative May. Representative Flider. Representative Jenisch, you wish to be recorded? Renee Kosel. Representative Jenisch. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, there's 100 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. And House Joint Resolution 102 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 10 of the Calendar, Representative Tim Schmitz has House Joint Resolution #104. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Kane, Representative Tim Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 104 is creating a Fire Service Task Force. We're gonna study fire protection coverage and payment for these services. Some

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areas of our state have some gaps in the protection of payment. We'd just like to create a task force to take care of that."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Seeing as no one seeks recognition on House Joint Resolution 104, all those in favor of its adoption should signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, 100 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Joint Resolution 104 is hereby declared adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 11 of the Calendar on Resolutions, Representative Jim Meyer has House Resolution 843. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Jim Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 843 is under consideration. In August of 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused damage to several Gulf State refineries, illustrating the vulnerability of our nation's refining infrastructure, resulting in gasoline shortages and dramatic fluctuations in fuel prices. No oil refinery has been built in the United States in the past 30 years and the United States is reliant now on imported supplies of refined petroleum products. The U.S. refining industry runs at nearly 100 percent capacity in order to keep up with the demand. House Resolution 843 creates an Oil Refinery Task Force, which is made up of 12 members. One member appointed by the director of Environmental Protection Agency, one from the Commerce and Economic Opportunity, one representing the interest of the petroleum industry, one representing the

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state's petroleum marketers, two Members appointed by the President of the Senate, two by the Minority Leader of the Senate, two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and two by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. And the purpose of this task force is to study the lack of sufficient gasoline and diesel fuel refining capacity in Illinois. Provides that the task force shall make recommendations on ways to improve the condition of the oil refinery business in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Jack Franks."

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

Speaker Lyons, J.: "He indicates he will."

Franks: "Representative, what's the genesis of this Resolution?"

Meyer: "Well, I... I introduced it... quite honestly, I believe that part of our problem here in the United States is the fact that with the rise in gas prices is the fact that we need more oil refinery capacity. Quite honestly, I don't think the Federal Government has taken the lead on this. We in the State of Illinois, though, I believe, should be looking within our own state to see what our own capacity is. Oil refineries can be safe, they can be good neighbors. I've represented a district that had one in it and it was a good neighbor in that district, provided a lot of good-paying jobs. And it is away from the Gulf of Mexico, which is where we saw during Katrina the devastation that was caused there and the amount of oil refinery and its capacity was taken offline. I just think it's something we here in this state should be interested in and... and should be evaluated."

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Franks: "Well, how much gasoline... or oil, I should say... how much oil was pumped from Illinois in the last fiscal year?"

Meyer: "How much was pumped?"

Franks: "Yeah. How much..."

Meyer: "You mean at the gas stations?"

Franks: "No, not... I don't mean at the gas stations. How much oil was taken from the ground in Illinois in the last fiscal year?"

Meyer: "You know, I don't have those figures, but the fact that we are in an area where oil is refined, in the Chicagoland area for instance, we have major... some major refineries up in that area. I don't have the capacity that was pumped here. I do know that south of Springfield, if you drive along you see oil pumps working. I suspect they are pumping at the same level that something out in the Gulf of Mexico is."

Franks: "Well, I guess my question is what are our reserves? I'm sure geologists know what are reserves are, or an approximation."

Meyer: "I would say, Representative, that this is one of the things the task force should be looking at. Again, my concern is... is trying to make certain that we have the capacity, it's distributed around the United States, Illinois has played a role in that, good-paying jobs here... located here from it. And all these things that would help to focus on this issue, well, I think this task force would be involved with."

Franks: "I understand what your goal, but I'm reading what the Resolution does and that's not what it does. What I'm

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reading is it says it studies the lack of sufficient gasoline in diesel fuel refining capacity."

Meyer: "That's right. That's quite right."

Franks: "Maybe... it sounds to me like it would need to be amended to answer the questions that we have, how much is our reserve... how much reserves we have, how much we've been pumped, and then maybe get to the refining issue. Because I'm wondering if we're putting the cart before the horse."

Meyer: "Well, again, most of the oil that is refined here in this state is not pumped here, it's brought in from other locales. For instance, the refinery in Lemont, Illinois, which happened to be in my old district, that's Venezuelan oil and that... that refinery's set up for sweet crude. Different refineries are set up to produce... to refine different types of oil. In other words, you couldn't take oil from the North Sea and refine it in that... in that facility because it's just not set up for it, it's set up for sweet crude. But again, those are things that this would take a look at."

Franks: "Do we need a task force for essentially... it sounds to me like it's more of a business decision. Has any... have you reached out to the businesses who used to refine and ask why they aren't refining in Illinois? Maybe they've got valid reasons for that."

Meyer: "Well, Representative, quite frank... quite honestly, there's been no refinery built in the entire country in the last 30 years."

Franks: "Well, I don't mean built, but you were saying they used to refine here in many locations and they stopped refining."

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I'm wondering has anyone spoken to the... the business entities that previously refined to find out why they don't do it now here in Illinois instead of ordering a governmental task force."

Meyer: "Our... our problem is certainly further than Illinois. Illinois is where, I think, we can control is in terms of what we look at. Refining capacity in the United States over the last 3... 30 years has declined, which is part of the problem. No new oil refineries are being built. Again, I think this refining... or this task force will be looking at the issue here in Illinois and what should we be doing here in Illinois for this. I think it's an economic issue that would benefit us."

Franks: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Meyer to close."

Meyer: "All right."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Meyer, excuse me for a moment. Representative Black just put his light on. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Yeah, than... thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And since there's no more lights, let me be very brief. I rise in strong support of the Resolution. In contrast to one earlier, read the Resolution. There hasn't been a new oil refinery built in this country in the last 30 years, and the reasons are, I think, as Representative Meyer has said it very clear, we study, we study, we study, we put restrictions, restrictions, restrictions. And, of course, nobody wants any refinery built or added on to if it's in their neighborhood. But we all want cheap gas. Well, we

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can't have it both ways. We're finally learning that problem. And I think the Resolution simply is... is timely as gasoline continues to go up, crude oil closed at an all-time high price yesterday. It's time that we force ourselves to look at this issue and say, yep, we're gonna expand or we're gonna build new refineries, or we're not and then we'll pay the price and we'll have to figure out what alternative means of energy we wanna pay our attention to. I think the Gentleman has a timely and necessary Resolution and I hope you can all vote 'yes'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Meyer to close."

Meyer: "No, Ladies and Gentlemen, you heard the debate. I believe that this is a necessary task force that should be implemented and I just ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 843 should signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Amendment, there's 101 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And House Resolution 843 is adopted. On page 10 of the Calendar, under Agreed Resolutions, Representative Brandon Phelps has House Joint Resolution 93. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from White, Representative Brandon Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I have House Joint Resolution 93. All this Joint Resolution does is to promote tourism for my area in deep Southern Illinois. It designates Illinois Route 127 between Aldridge Road and Orchard Hills Road, south of Carbondale,

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and various county highways in Jackson, Union, Johnson, Alexander, and Williamson County highways as part of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail. I ask for a favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Since no one seeks recognition for House Joint Resolution 93, the question is, 'Should it pass?' All those in favor should signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Amendment, there's 101 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. House Joint Resolution 93 is passed. On page 10 of the Calendar, Mr. Clerk, Representative Mike Boland has House Joint Resolution 101. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Mike Boland."

Boland: "Thank... Thank you, Mr. Speaker. What the House Joint Resolution 101 does is creates a Vicious and Dangerous Dog Task Force to hold hearings to explore and make recommendations designed to address protecting the public health and safety, stemming from vicious and dangerous dog attacks. It's made up of 17 members and 2 ex parte members. Would ask the adoption."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Should House Joint Resolution 101 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Flowers, would you like to be recorded? Mary? Mary Flowers? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, there's 101 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'.

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House Joint Resolution 101 is passed. Mr. Clerk, on the top of page 11 under Resolutions, Representative Connie Howard has House Joint Resolution #107. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Connie Howard."

Howard: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 107 creates the task force on employment of persons with past criminal convictions to examine barriers faced by persons with past criminal convictions with respect to obtaining employment. I ask for the support of my colleagues."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition on House Joint Resolution 107, the question is, 'Should it pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Cyndie Soto, like to be recorded? Representative Soto? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, 101 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. House Joint Resolution 107 is adopted. Page 11 of the Calendar, Representative Chuck Jefferson has House Resolution 864. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Chuck Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 864 simply urges Congress to pass the Medicaid (sic-Medicare) Informed Choice Act of 2005. And I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Should House Resolution 864 pass?' All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the

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opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 864 is passed. Mr. Clerk, on page 14 of the Calendar, Representative Sara Feigenholtz has House Resolution 1050. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Sara Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 1050 requires the Department of Health (sic-Healthcare) and Family Services to expand its data warehouse to incorporate currently isolated health care data residing at other agencies. Mr. Speaker, the House Human Services Appropriations Committee for years has been working on data management so that we could spend money smarter. This actually is going to be able to provide us with a more integrated comprehensive information exchange between state agencies, allowing for better management and better birth outcomes. And for purposes of legislative intent, the Resolution won't replace the WIC system currently at Department of Health (sic-Healthcare) and Family Services. In fact, by integrating this data, we will allow the state to proactively assist at the most at-risk pregnant women, thereby achieving better health outcomes."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Since no one's seeking recognition... The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd rather be discussing the budget, but this is what we have. So, will the Speaker... or will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Sponsor yields."

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Black: "Representative, is the Department of Health (sic- Healthcare) and Human Services opposed to the Resolution or have they come off of that and are now neutral? Or what's their position?"

Feigenholtz: "Representative Black, I think that there was a misunderstanding about the information about what was gonna happen to WIC data. And the legislative intent that I just read into the record I believe was discussed with HFS and I... I know of no opposition to the Resolution."

Black: "All right. Are you sure that there could be a misunderstanding in this administration? I... I just didn't think that ever happened."

Feigenholtz: "I think you're setting me up here again, aren't ya?"

Black: "No. No. I just... I'm shocked and appalled that anyone would say that. I just... I guess I don't read the right papers. I just thought that there wasn't any misunderstanding in this finely honed, well tuned operation. Oh, that's right, we were supposed to have a budget by April 7. I guess it isn't as finely tuned as I thought. According to staff, the idea for this came from Bull. Bull Services Inc. or 'BS' as their corporate initials are. Who is BS? What do they do? I know what it does in my neck of the woods, but I hope it's different in yours. I can't go home..."

Feigenholtz: "Was that a... was that question?"

Black: "...and tell people I voted for something that was suggested by BS. Who's BS? What do they do?"

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Feigenholtz: "Right now, Representative Black, they're working with the data warehouse at DHS."

Black: "The what warehouse?"

Feigenholtz: "They're working... they're actually already working with some components of HFS and DHS to integrate information."

Black: "So, are you telling me that Bull Services Inc. is a company doing business with the State of Illinois?"

Feigenholtz: "And I think that they wanna help us do a better job at collecting data on birth outcomes. That's what I'm saying."

Black: "Are they in Illinois con... firm or are they from out of state?"

Feigenholtz: "I really..."

Black: "I mean, I'm... seriously, I've never heard of Bull Services US. Are they from Illinois or from out of the state?"

Feigenholtz: "I can't answer that, I don't know."

Black: "All right. Well, I... I appreciate you answering the questions, Representative, as always. But I... I'm just fascinated. Maybe it just kind of sums up the whole Session that this good idea has come from BS Inc."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Peoria, Representative David Leitch."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. While we've been whiling away a lot of time on perhaps trivial issues, I would commend the Lady for this Resolution because it truly is one of the more important things that's come before the Body. Until we actually got a

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data warehouse about 4 to 5 years ago for a portion of what was then public aid, we could not manage the \$10 billion Medicaid budget. Were we to look for fraud or do other investigations, the people at public aid would've had to have gone through individual hospital bills, doctor bills, pharmacy bills, and on and on and on. We had one of the worst systems in the United States, and with the advent of the data warehouse we quickly established ourselves in the country as having one of the very best systems in the United States. The purpose of this Resolution is to urge that the law that we passed last year be actually implemented. And let me tell you why that is so important. Back in 1995, when we were creating the Department of Human Services, many of us in this Body required that Governor Edgar not accomplish that by Executive Order. Instead, we wanted to have legislative input, oversight, and direction in that decision. To make a very long story short, many of us spent a lot of time on respective committees to implement the Department of Human Services. And it's important for the Members to know that one of the most primary reasons to make that consolidation of those agencies was to actually be able to provide one-stop service throughout the entire Human Services offices and other access points throughout the state. One-stop service, which means you could go into any place in the state where there were Human Services, pull up a screen, and understand, even use a common application form, and in a very efficient fashion be able to proceed to secure what you thought to... need to get for your family and so forth. That cannot be accomplished without a computer

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spine. That vision cannot be implemented without a data warehouse. We have the best data warehouse in the United States. Our shortcoming is we are not expanding it enough. The most progressive and best functioning human service systems in our country, specifically in Michigan, New York, and Minnesota, have comparable systems to the one that we have to the extent that we have it, only in their states they have taken the system to include school records, public health records, virtually every kind of record that they have in the state so that they can access this information, make the decisions, be able to very efficiently manage the information that they have. We stunt that access to information by not aggressively moving forward to expand the data warehouse. In the first year that we had the data warehouse we saved a billion dollars in fraud, which is not my speculation but the number from the Inspector General at the Department of then Public Aid. We shortchanged ourselves of the economy. We shortchanged ourselves from access to information. We shortchanged ourselves from implementing a one-stop vision that was adopted so many years ago. So, I would strongly urge support for this Resolution and I compliment the Lady for bringing it to us. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Julie Hamos."

Hamos: "Thank you, Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen, I also stand in strong support of this, especially in light of the fairly sarcastic remarks earlier. You know, I... we don't have a good sense of how data can help us, and actually in foreign

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policy. But for example, if we wanted to ask the question, how many families who receive WIC services at the Department of Public Health actually end up in the Early Intervention Program in the Department of Human Services and actually need Medicaid services in our MI system or DD system or any other Medicaid system?, we would not be able to answer that, and that's because they're in three different agencies. And those three different agencies have been more intent on holding on to their turf and developing their own systems and cutting their own deals and entering into their own contracts with different computer companies than caring about a holistic approach to public policy. I'm sorry, I... I... This got me excited, all this policy talk. So, without belaboring the point, I think the previous speaker was very eloquent. He and I have been working on this issue for the entire 8 years that I've been here. He worked on it even before then. And this is the approach to take and I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Rosemary Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, stand in support of this. You can look it up, and if Representative... one of the former Representatives who is concerned about this. My seatmate who is a very good computer person just Googled this all. They're part of Tera... Teradata Division. They're out of Dayton, Ohio. They're one of... 8 out of the top 10 global communication companies. They're in... the Bull Services customers include the State of Michigan, Illinois, New York, Utah, Minnesota, Iowa, New Jersey, Honeywell,

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First National Bank of Marin County, and it goes on. So, I think parti... particularly Representative Leitch, who has been working on data and consolidation for years in Human Service Appropriation, I thank his speaking to it and I thank Representative Feigenholtz for sponsoring it. We think this is very important. It's really important to be able to put this information together and get good information. The company has good credentials. And so, I wanted to support the Lady's Resolution."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Black, your light is on to seeking recognition. You've already spoken to the Bill and I don't believe your name has been used in debate."

Black: "Well, I wanna tell you something, Mr. Speaker. A previous speaker responded to some of my remarks as sarcasm. If she could tell me where the sarcasm was, tell her to come over here and tell me. If you don't know the difference between hyperbole satire and having fun because we're all bored to death out here, then you're in worse shape than I thought. I in no way intended my remarks to be sarcastic. And for God's sake did it... do any of you think this thing is gonna fail? I asked a question about what I thought was a humorous name of a company and that's turned into sarcasm and 15 minutes of talk about a Resolution that will pass unanimously. God forbid we spend 15 minutes talking about the budget."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Feigenholtz to close."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to tell everyone that this is gonna move Illinois forward. Procuring all of this data and condensing it so that it

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could be useful, as previous speakers have articulated, have really saved this state a lot of money and will continue to do so. And I encourage an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 1050 should vote 'aye'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Resolution, there's 101 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. House Resolution 1050 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of Senate Bill 3086? Senate Bill 3086."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 3086 is on the Order of Senate Bill... Senate Bill 3086 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Keep this Bill on the Order of Second Reading. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Larry McKeon. For what reason do you seek recognition?"

McKeon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On the previous Resolution sponsored by Representative Feigenholtz, if I had been able to move quick enough I would've voted 'aye'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative. The Journal will so reflect your intentions. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1198, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution 1199, offered by Representative John Bradley. House Resolution 1200, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 1201, offered by Representative Osterman. House Resolution 1202, offered by Representative Jakobsson. House Resolution

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1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, offered by Representative Saviano. House Resolution 1209, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 1211, offered by Representative Giles. House Resolution 1212, offered by Representative Black. House Resolution 1213, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 1214, offered by Representative Mautino. And House Resolution 12... 1215, offered by Representative Mautino."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Parke... in response to your request, Terry... Representative Parke, we are passing out a schedule for the remainder of the Session. That will be distributed to all Members of the House. And the Clerk will read the committee schedule. Mr. Clerk, the committee schedule... revised committee schedule. Members, pay attention."

Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet immediately upon adjournment: Agriculture & Conservation in D-1, Consumer Protection in C-1, Insurance in 118, and Transportation Motor Vehicles in Room 114. At 4:00 p.m.: Judiciary II-Criminal Law will meet in Room D-1, Revenue in Room 114, Veterans Affairs in Room 118. And at 4:30 p.m., Environment & Energy will meet in Room 118. Please note a change in tomorrow's schedule. The Elementary & Secondary Education Committee scheduled for 8:30 has been changed to 9:00. Elementary & Secondary Education will meet tomorrow at 9:00 a.m."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "No further business to come before the House, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned. Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House will stand adjourned until the hour of 12 noon, tomorrow, Wednesday, April the 19th. All those in favor of adjournment signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the Chair... the 'ayes'... the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of 12 noon."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary II - Criminal Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 622 and Senate Bill 1145; 'recommends be adopted as amended' to House Joint Resolution 111. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans Affairs, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' to House Joint Resolution 112. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Consumer Protection, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 2310. Representative Granberg, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be

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adopted' House Joint Resolution 115. Representative Mautino, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 916. Representative Hoffman, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 624, Senate Bill 1088, and Senate Bill 1089; 'recommends be adopted' Senate Joint Resolution 73. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Revenue, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 837 and Senate Bill 680; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2185 and House Bill 5475; 'recommends be adopted' Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 17. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 619. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on April 18, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: referred to Personnel and Pensions Committee is Amendment #2

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to House Bill 1813 and Amendment #1 to House Bill 1815; referred to the House Committee of Rules is Senate Joint Resolution 82 and Senate Joint Resolution 87. The following Bills will be read a second time and held on the Order of Second Reading. Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 279, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill... Senate Bill 2684, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 2871, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 2872, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."