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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 12:15... 12:15 having arrived, the House will be in order. The Members will be in their seats. 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. We shall be led in prayer today by Fred Robinson who's a member of the St. Katherine Drexel Parish Church here in Springfield."

Robinson: "Almighty God of Earth, the heavens, and time, may Your presence be felt in this Assembly Session, delegate in our elected officials to the governance of this nation and, more especially, our state. We know without Your presence, care, and grace, we are as ships rigged but unable to sail. Without Your truth, we labor here in vain. May Your blessings be upon the entire staff involved in this Legislative Session and all who work for the common good of Illinois citizens. You have bestowed upon this Legislative Body a multiplicity of gifts and graces. Grant them, at this time, redemptive power of wisdom, people sensitivity, and understanding of present day trends and direction. Cause them to bring to this floor minds rich in perception and creativity, hearts that feel and are rich in imagination and courage so that from this House comes wise legislation and faithful administration. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Gordon, would you lead us in the Pledge."

Gordon - 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."

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Speaker Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie on any excused."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I couldn't find my microphone. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Brosnahan, Holbrook, Jones, Lyons, McGuire, McKeon, Molaro, Osterman, Patterson, Scully, and Yarborough are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Bassi, Brady, Daniels, Durkin, Kosel, Osmond, Pihos, and Saviano are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 99 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, do you have any 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 April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 946 and Senate Bill 1520; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 2330 and Senate Bill 185. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 1146, House Resolution 1073, House Resolution 1129, and House Resolution 1158; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 585 and Senate Bill 623; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 304; 'recommends

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be adopted' is Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 14. Representative Ryg, Chairperson from the Committee on Developmental Disabilities & Mental Illness, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 998. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted as amended' Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2339. 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 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' is Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2445 and Amendment #3 to Senate Bill 3086. Representative McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1121, House Resolution 1101, and House Joint Resolution 122, and a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 4339. Representative Mendoza, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is Senate Joint

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Resolution 74; 'recommends be adopted as amended' House Resolution 1113. Representative Fritchey, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1144; 'recommends be adopted' is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendments 1 and 2 to House Bill 4715. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Environmental Health, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' House Resolution 1134. Representative Flider, Chairperson from the Committee on Local Government, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 848; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' Senate Bill 94; 'recommends be adopted' is a Floor Amendment #5 to Senate Bill 2664. Representative Giles, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 857; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 859, Senate Bill 2202, Senate Bill 2795, Senate Bill 2796; 'recommends be adopted' is House Joint Resolution 118, House Joint Resolution 119, House Resolution 1078, House Resolution 1084, House Resolution 1085, House Resolution

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1148, and House Resolution 1185, and Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 2762. Representative Richard Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Floor Amendment #2 to House Bill 1813 and House Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1815. Representative Delgado, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' Senate Bill 927 and Senate Bill 1001; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2328; 'recommends be adopted' is Senate Joint Resolution 78, House Resolution 1150, and House Resolution 1116. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 1222, offered by Representative Mendoza, and House Resolution 1223, offered by Representative Washington."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 10 in the Calendar, under the Order of Concurrences, Representative Lindner, you have House Bill 4357."

Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to concur with Senate Amendment #3 which makes a couple of minor changes and then changes the adoption Section to state that if there is an adoption, all visitation by grandparents ceases, but if there is a relative adoption, grandparents would have standing to file for visitation."

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Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves that the House concur in Senate Amendment #3 to House Bill 4357. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #3 and shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Colvin, do you wish to be recorded? Representative Monique Davis, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #3. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. We're going to move to the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading for those items that are ready to move forward. We'll start with Senate Bill... on page... we'll start on page 5 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 622. Representative Kelly. Out of the record. Representative Black, you have Senate Bill 624 on page 5 of the Calendar. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 624, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Bradley, for what reason do you rise?"

Bradley, J.: "A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Bradley, J.: "Up in the balcony, I have my 'Create a Bill' winner. A junior high student... grade school student from

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Benton, Scott Johnson. Scott, why don't you stand up. Scott created... had the idea of having Nurse and Doctor Appreciation Day and we welcome he and his family to Springfield."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens, for what reason do you rise?"

Stephens: "For the purpose of an apology. The young man in the gallery behind me, Scott from Benton, was indeed in our committee this morning and presented a Resolution recognizing Doctors and Nurses Day in Illinois, an idea that he came up with. But he was there for the debate on Senate Bill 14, which got a little heated. And I understand that, as I was vehemently debating Senate Bill 14, Scott sat there thinking that he was going to have to undergo that sort of... And so, he... he had brief remarks and had to go to the hallway. And so, Scott, I apologize. My remarks were directed at the... at the Governor and this administration and not at a fine, young man like you."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 5 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, is Senate Bill 680. Representative Moffitt. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 680, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Gordon, you have Senate... Senate Bill 837. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 837, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Mautino, you have Senate Bill 916. Do you wish us to read that? Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 916, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. On page 6 of the Calendar, Representative Ramey, you have Senate Bill 1088. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1088, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Sacia, you have Senate Bill 1089. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1089, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Collins. Representative Collins has Senate Bill 1145. Out of the record. Representative Hamos, you have Senate Bill 1863. Do you wish us to read that on Second? Okay. Okay, Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1863 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1,

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offered by Representative Hamos, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Hamos on the Amendment. Representative Hamos, do you wish to present the Amendment? Take it out of the record? Okay, let's take it out of the record. Representative Currie has Senate Bill 2185. Out of the record. Okay. Representative Feigenholtz, you have Senate Bill 2445. Do you wish us to read the Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2445 has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 2445 is... addresses some of the concerns that were brought up in committee by some of the Members and actually narrows the scope of the Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #1. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Saviano, you have Senate Bill 2556. Okay. He was excused. My mistake. Out of the record. Representative Parke, you have Senate Bill 2626. Okay. There's... I'm sorry. There's notes on this, Mr. Parke. Representative Acevedo on Senate Bill

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2684. Out of the record. Representative Chapa LaVia on Senate Bill 2726. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2726 has been read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was approved in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Representative Chapa LaVia, do you wish us to just call this Bill now? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2726, a Bill for an Act concerning certain individuals killed in the line of duty. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This has to do with the benefits... death benefits for our service men and women. We've kept the integrity of Representative Verschoore's Bill, but we added in the House Amendment 1, which becomes the Bill. Allows a valid will to be used by law enforcement... enforcement officers, civil defense workers, civil air patrol members, paramedic, firemen, chaplains, or other state employees in cases where a designation has not been made or no designation beneficiary (sic-beneficiary) survives before defaulting to the statutory benefits. But what it does is that right now there is two service people that have been killed in the line of duty and the state is holding their money in probate, even though they've requested the money going to a different member. So, this clears up some of that and it goes with the service member who has fallen last wishes to

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get the money to the appropriate people. And I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2726. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative May, do you wish to be recorded? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On page 10 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, Representative Chapa LaVia, you have Senate Bill 3018. Do you wish us to read that on Second? Okay. So, the Clerk advises me that there are two Amendments and that one still remains in Rules. Okay. Out of the record. Representative... Representative Bradley, you have Senate Bill 3086. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3086 has been read a second time, previously. Amendments 1 and 2 were approved in committee. Floor Amendment #3, offered by Representative John Bradley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley on the Amendment."

Bradley, J.: "Yeah. The Amendment simply makes technical changes to the Bill. It should still be substantively as we indicated in committee where it received the unanimous vote."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #3. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor

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say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Any further Amendments?"

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

Speaker Hannig: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 3086, a Bill for an Act concerning government, which may be referred to as the Facility of Eminent Domain Act. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman... Mr. Speaker, Members of the House of Representatives. Ever since the Supreme Court case of Kelo, the people of the State of Illinois and of the United States have asked the deliberative Bodies of the different and various states to go back and reconsider and think about the concept of public takings, particularly in the context of takings from private landowners to other private individuals or groups. Over the last several months, beginning in the Senate with the efforts of Senator Garrett and Senator Cronin and others, a Bill came over attempting to deal with a certain aspect of eminent domain proceedings, namely blight. As a result of looking at that Bill, thinking about it and working on concepts, we now have an eminent domain Bill which deals with all aspects of eminent domain. We have taken all the different eminent domain or condemnation proceedings from throughout the statutes put them into one location, an eminent domain statute, for convenient... convenience and ease for people that are trying to work through these very complicated issues and we made substantive changes. Basically, we broke down the different takings into different categories of

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takings. For instance: public to public, like for an airport, a railroad, a highway; public to private, with public ownership of private control; the taking of private land with private control but public ownership; public control but private ownership; the context of blight. And then we created the default provision, which has the highest legal civil standard available to us in the State of Illinois, which says that a condemning authority that wants to condemn property under this default provision when none of the exceptions applies must do so with a clear and convincing evidentiary standard. In addition to that, we shifted the burden of proof to the condemning authorities. These are substantial wins for private landowners in the State of Illinois. In terms of changing valuation, we also increased the value of property that might be condemned in terms of additional potential attorney's fees, relocation costs, and changes to the valuation date which can be, in many cases, preferable to private landowners. This is a significant piece of legislation, which required the efforts of many, many people. I'm humbled to have been a part of that and I wanna express my sincere thanks to the Members of both caucuses, to the Members of both chambers, and to the various groups that are affected by this throughout the state in terms of creating a Bill, which helps private landowners but which the municipalities and others that have been opposed to the Bill indicated was livable. Having said that, I will open the floor then... to answer whatever questions that might come up. And I would ask for an 'aye'

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vote on this important piece of legislation to swing the pendulum back in favor of the private individual landowner."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 3086. And on that question, the Gentleman from Madison, Representative Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Beiser: "I'd like to thank Representative Bradley for bringing this forward and I know for a fact the many hours that he and many others put into this, but I do have a question. In Section (c) of the Bill, general references are made to the eminent domain procedures conducted after the ICC's grant of a certificate. Is it the intention of the Bill that the reference to certificates created under the Public Utilities Act include certificates issued under all portions of that Public Utilities Act including the common carriers by pipeline law?"

Bradley, J.: "Yes."

Beiser: "Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Parke."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Parke: "Representative, this is a Bill that all of us have gotten a lot of correspondence from, especially from our municipal government. And they've brought up concern and I have, in some of my towns, have brought up concern that the effective date will interfere with some projects they have. Can you tell us the effective date of this legislation?"

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Bradley, J.: "We spent about two weeks... the effective date is January 1, 2007. We spent the better part of the last two and half weeks negotiating with the groups that you're concerned about, and I didn't wanna do anything in terms of grandfathering or dealing with that. But we did put that in the Bill and there is a grandfather provision for certain TIF districts as of April the 15th, 2006. We did push the effective date back to 2007 at their request. So, to my knowledge... to the extent we could without undermining what we wanted to do, which was strengthen individual property owners' rights to the extent we could, we accommodated the municipalities to the extent possible. And that's why I think that they've backed off in terms of their strident opposition to this Bill."

Parke: "So... well, last night I was lobbied by a local... local community in opposition to this Bill. And so, I... what I'd like to know is have you found that there's been a real compromise with municipal government and the City of Chicago to the degree that maybe they don't like conceptually but..."

Bradley, J.: "Yes."

Parke: "...in principle they understand what we're doing here?"

Bradley, J.: "Yes. What I told them was we're gonna do something, so it's my opinion that you should work with us to try to get it in a manner that you can live with. And that's what I think we've done."

Parke: "All right. To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think that this is a major piece of legislation. I believe that all of you should pay attention to make sure you know how you're gonna vote on this Bill. But I will

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remind this Body and the people of Illinois and of the United States that the reason, one of the major reasons that this country was formed was under the basis of private ownership of property. And I rise in strong support of the Gentleman's legislation. I think that we'll find this passed overwhelmingly in all 50 chambers in the United States because people want the ability to negotiate in good faith for their property that they own and that they have for themselves and the future of their families. I think it will make it up more difficult for municipal government to move forward projects that might relate to eminent domain and what is in the common good of the general public. But ultimately, we must protect individual property owners. I commend the Sponsor of this legislation, this is what it does, and I rise in strong support of the Gentleman's legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, you and I spent a lot of hours discussing this piece of legislation and I commend you for the work that you've done, and I was delighted to be a part of that process. I just have one question that's... that's come up since all that discussion. You mentioned in your opening remarks the highest standard..."

Bradley, J.: "Yeah."

Nekritz: "...the clear and convincing standard that has to be met in certain circumstances."

Bradley, J.: "Yeah."

Nekritz: "Can you... can you described what situation that might occur in?"

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Bradley, J.: "Well, there's... there's... as you know, Representative, there's four exceptions carved out in the Bill. There's the truly public for public with highways, airports, railroads, et cetera. Then you get into these other contexts where you go into blight which would be one of the exceptions would be preponderance. Then you get into other exceptions in terms of the Starbucks Coffee that's in the county hospital, the Avis Rent A Car that's in the... in an airport. Ya know, we don't wanna have to put those at necessarily at a higher standard than what would be necessary on a truly public taking. And then if something doesn't fall into one of those four categories of exceptions then there's just a default provision, which would be the clear and convincing standard, and that would apply to private takings for other private development."

Nekritz: "So what..."

Bradley, J.: "It's in the context when you can't proceed under one of the other exceptions. It's a catchall."

Nekritz: "Okay. And... and any of the... any of the... if someone were condemning pursuant to a redevelopment ordinance, a TIF district, an industrial park... one of the industrial park ordinances and so forth, which stand... standard would they be under?"

Bradley, J.: "Well, they... they could avail themselves of any of the exceptions would apply, but I would assume they would probably go under the blight exception. And that would be for new ones coming on, not for existing ones as we hashed out over the last two and a half weeks."

Nekritz: "Right. Right. Right. Okay."

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Bradley, J.: "Yeah."

Nekritz: "Thank you very much. Ladies and Gentlemen..."

Bradley, J.: "Thank you for your help."

Nekritz: "...this is a good compromise. The City of Chicago and many of the municipal groups were engaged in very lengthy dis... discussions on this and did come to an accommodation and something that they consider to be livable. And I'd like to thank the Sponsor for... for making those accommodations. And with regard to the effective date on this, the effective date was moved back because this is a 400-piece... 400-page piece of legislation. It's gonna take everyone awhile to absorb it and understand it. So, if there are some technical changes and so forth, we will have an opportunity to come back and look at that again before it goes into effect. So, I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Hannig: "So this is on Standard Debate. We've had three speak in favor: Representatives Bradley, Parke, and Nekritz. One in response. Representative Black, would you like to speak in response?"

Black: "I don't have a clue, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to ask the Sponsor some questions."

Speaker Hannig: "That would be in response."

Black: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady will... the Gentleman will yield."

Black: "Fine. Thank you very much. Representative, the... the Bill that started all of this controversy... the Supreme Court... Hello? Hello? They not only stole the chandeliers, they're trying to steal the microphones. Whatever. The Supreme Court case Kelo v. New London, Connecticut would

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really have had little, if any, impact in Illinois, the way Illinois case law reads, correct?"

Bradley, J.: "Well, we don't know for sure. And there's... there's no assurance that... SWIDA was the law of the land in Illinois and the Kelo case said it did not restrict the states from going back and putting further restrictions on eminent domain."

Black: "Okay. All right."

Bradley, J.: "And we don't know for sure, Representative, that the Kelo case wouldn't have been held differently here in Illinois."

Black: "All right."

Bradley, J.: "And so, I think that was... that was part of it."

Black: "Do you see, as I possibly do, some irony in the fact that we rolled out a eminent domain Bill so if... if a municipality doesn't like its water company it can condemn it and buy it? And now here we're doing an eminent domain Bill that says, well, wait a minute, let's be real careful here."

Bradley, J.: "Yeah."

Black: "I... maybe the water company was owned by... it was a foreign-owned company, so maybe that's different."

Bradley, J.: "Well..."

Black: "But I... some of the things we do here... on one day we'll do something and then the other... and I'm not criticizing you... the next day we come back and we do something that appears to me just the opposite. But I... I just wanna thank you for the work you've done. Mr. Speaker, if you'll permit me the... an opportunity to speak to the Bill. The..."

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Speaker Hannig: "Proceed."

Black: "I just want to commend the Sponsor, first and foremost, for working with the proponents and the opponents in a calm and reasonable matter... manner. He's to be congratulated for that. I also wanna thank him, and do so effusively, for inviting Republican staff to always sit in on the meetings. That's not always happened this year and we appreciate his outreach to Republican staff so that we can be aware and our staff can be made aware of what's going on with legislation. And I think... in conclusion, I'd like to thank the Sponsor because he's demonstrated what I've said on many... on more than one occasion, when we work together and when we work slowly and deliberately and try to accommodate proponents and opponents, we can generally reach an agreed compromise, and that's what the Gentleman has done here very effectively. And I would just simply be remiss in my personal philosophy if I didn't say first of all, again, congratulations to Representative Bradley for doing the process that I think that's the way we should be doing most of the work here. And if we were to have had meetings... open meetings, inviting staff, working slowly and deliberately on the budget for the last few weeks, as Representative Bradley has done with this Bill, I think we would've been able to adjourn on time. And that's just a... an unpaid political announcement. I find it amazing that we can work so well together on some issues and that we're absolutely excluded from working together on others. But this Bill reflects Representative Bradley's hard work and deserves an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Hannig: "We've now had three in support, two in response. The rules would provide one additional speaker in response. Representative... Representative Krause, do you wish to speak in response? Okay. Representative Krause."

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

Speaker Hannig: "He indicates he'll yield."

Krause: "Representative, I have several concerns with this legislation. First of all, as it relates to your Amendment 2. You made the statement that the date of January 1 is when this Bill would go into effect. Amendment #2, have you changed the provision that... in effect, the language is used for grandfathering and I'm not quite sure what's been grandfathered in on existing TIFs, but the language in Amendment 2 says that only those TIFs that were... had been in existence prior to April 15, 2006."

Bradley, J.: "Right. Right. Yeah."

Krause: "Does that still apply?"

Bradley, J.: "Yeah. Right. That's the..."

Krause: "All right."

Bradley, J.: "That's the applicability date, and we didn't want people..."

Krause: "Okay."

Bradley, J.: "We didn't want municipalities racing to the courthouse, so to speak..."

Krause: "Well..."

Bradley, J.: "...to try to get all of the TIFs filed before..."

Krause: "Well, but..."

Bradley, J.: "...January 1, 2007."

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Krause: "But what this does is it just about does not grandfather in any TIFs because look what happens. You filed this on... really this Amendment on April 12, the date is April 15, Representative. And then, in addition, it says that for those TIFs prior to April 15, 2006, there had to be a property assessment cost before that date included as a budget line item. So my question is that even if the TIF is before April 15, if there is not a budget line item identifying the cost, does that mean also that that TIF isn't included?"

Bradley, J.: "That was language that was given to us by the Municipal League and by the city. And so..."

Krause: "Well, I'm gonna ask..."

Bradley, J.: "I mean, that was part of our discussions for the last two and half weeks and I intentionally made it as limited as possible."

Krause: "Yes, you have."

Bradley, J.: "And that... they... they acquiesced to it in that regard."

Krause: "But I am asking the question, does that provide then that not only a TIF prior to April 15, 2006, but that it had to have had in it a budget line item is my concern. It says, 'a budget line item in the plan...'"

Bradley, J.: "Right."

Krause: "...as part of the redevelopment project.' Does... do you require that they must have had on the record what that cost is?"

Bradley, J.: "That's what the Bill says, right? Yes."

Krause: "And is that how it was identified?"

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Bradley, J.: "Yes. I think so."

Krause: "So, it's not just TIFs prior to April 15, but they would've had to identified the cost."

Bradley, J.: "Well, we had to have some way to... to limit it to the extent we could, yeah. So, I mean, we couldn't just say if you had an existing TIF you could go... just keep going back out and enlarging and extending and expanding and adding additional property to it."

Krause: "But what I'm saying..."

Bradley, J.: "And so, yeah, we intended to restrict it."

Krause: "But many governments have really no knowledge of this, even if you were negotiating 'cause this doesn't... it barely would grandfather in any TIF."

Bradley, J.: "And... and I have to rely upon who I've got at the table, which was pretty much anybody that... I mean, the Municipal League, the cities, the Northwest Conference, Legislators representing the Municipal League from both sides."

Krause: "Okay."

Bradley, J.: "And that was language that they request that I put in there."

Krause: "Let me ask you about the O'Hare exception 'cause I..."

Bradley, J.: "Well, I'm trying to answer your question. But, I mean, that was their language. So..."

Krause: "On the O'Hare exemption that is in this legislation, under the O'Hare Modernization Plan where there are to be condemnations, this legislation will not then apply to any of the condemnations of homeowners and businesses under that OMP."

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Bradley, J.: "That... that was my understanding before the actual exemption language was put in there under the provision that that's a public to public, which..."

Krause: "Well, it's a public..."

Bradley, J.: "...would be airports, railroads, and highways. So I... I didn't feel that that language was necessary, but the municipalities and the different people wanted that language in there..."

Krause: "So that..."

Bradley, J.: "...so I didn't feel like we were giving anything up."

Krause: "Okay. So that the relocation costs will not apply to those homeowners."

Bradley, J.: "No. But..."

Krause: "The attorneys' fees will not apply to those homeowners."

Bradley, J.: "...the city... the city already pays..."

Krause: "And they do not."

Bradley, J.: "...relocation costs and it was my opinion under... that they didn't need that language in there but they wanted it."

Krause: "To the Bill. I believe that this Bill does continue to raise concern as far as the economic development that is available for many of the communities, particularly for the older communities that there are. And I think that these issues will have to be revisited some time in the future because they are not resolved as of this time in this Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "We've now had three speak in favor, three in response. Representative Bradley's recognized to close."

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Bradley, J.: "And I'm humbled by the comments that have been made in here this morning. I appreciate the work of all the people that have been involved in this. I think this is testament to the democratic process and I appreciate the work of staff involved, I appreciate the attorneys' work, I appreciate the efforts of LRB and the late night meetings that we've had here over the last several weeks. And I would ask for an 'aye' vote in support of this very important piece of legislation strengthening the rights of property owners in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Soto, do you wish to be recorded? Representative Turner. Okay. The Gentleman's recorded. So, Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 85 voting 'yes' and 6 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Phelps, for what reason do you rise?"

Phelps: "A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I would like for all of you and join me in helping me welcome to Springfield the Student Advisory Council to the Illinois State Board of Education. Some of the members from Illinois, Cody Sandusky, Kylie Harby, Mary Jo Sprout, Whitney Thorpe-Klinsky, and Ed Dumoulin. Help me welcome to Springfield."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative Joyce, for what reason do you rise?"

Joyce: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Joyce: "Were we trying to protect the identity of the previous speaker?"

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "State you..."

Bost: "Ya know, yesterday we were... there was some question about the taking of the paintings and I was noticing the Calendar that's been distributed, there are several days off, probably not as many we would like, but several days off. Is there gonna be guards posted to make sure that nothing else is taken from the chamber because I'm really concerned about that. It's gotten so dark that that last speaker you couldn't tell who he was. The lights are all being taken away. We're gonna come in here under the dark of night and not be able to deal with the budget. I just got worried about these... these days that we're gonna have off."

Speaker Hannig: "On... on page 3 of the Calendar, under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading, Representative Davis has Senate Bill 2199. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2199, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We passed an Amendment last week on Senate Bill 2199 that discussed all of the changes. But just to try to recap, this is an initiative of the

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Department of Human Services along with several advocates and the Bill does a couple of things. First, it abolishes a nonfunctioning board, which was called the Interagency Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency Board, while at the same time it strengthens the existing Illinois Advisory Council on Alcoho... Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependency. Additional representatives of related departments will be appointed to the council and this council will now be required to meet quarterly as well as report on an annual basis to the General Assembly regarding its activities and recommendations. And second, it clarifies in statute that the Department of Human Services has the authority to license recovery homes and more clearly specifies the categories of residential treatment that are currently licensed by the Department of Human Services. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the passage of Senate Bill 2199. Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Turner in the Chair. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, page 7 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 2185. Representative Currie. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2185, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

Rose: "Yeah. An inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Rose: "Do you know if there's any Leaders' meeting scheduled for today on the budget?"

Speaker Turner: "I'm not certain if the Governor's in town. There's... there is some meetings going on."

Rose: "The Governor's not in town today? Where's the Governor today?"

Speaker Turner: "I'm not... I'm not the Governor's keeper."

Rose: "Very good, Representative."

Speaker Turner: "On page 6 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 1145. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Collins. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1145, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On page 8 of the Calendar, Representative Parke, we have Senate Bill 2626. Out of the record. Members, we are not prepared to adjourn at this point. We do have a couple housekeeping matters that we wanna take care of. We're going to ask the Clerk to read the Adjournment Resolution and Agreed Resolutions, but we

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will not be adjourning for a few minutes yet. Mr. Clerk, can you read the Adjournment Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 124, offered by Representative Currie.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that when the House of Representatives adjourns on Wednesday, April 19, 2006, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.; and when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 13, 2006, it stands adjourned until Thursday, April 20, 2006, in Perfunctory Session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, April 25, 2006, in Perfunctory Session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Thursday, April 27, 2006, in Perfunctory Session; and when it adjourns on that day, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 12:00 noon."

Speaker Turner: "You've heard the Resolutions. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Adjournment Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1216, offered by Representative John Bradley. House Resolution 1217, offered by Representative Stephens. House Resolution 1219, offered by Representative Lang. House Resolution 1220, offered by Representative Dunkin. And House Resolution 1221, offered by Representative Joyce."

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Speaker Turner: "You've heard the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. On the Order of Resolutions, on page 12 of the Calendar, we have House Joint Resolution 111. Representative Chapa LaVia. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 111 extends the reporting deadline for the Joint Gang Task Force created by House Joint Resolution 11 until January 9, 2007."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kane, Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker... Speaker and Members of the House. This is just cleanup language to make sure that we have a department that actually oversees the Joint Gang Task Force created by House Joint Resolution 11 and the first meeting will be held in Aurora on May the 15th. So, I ask for the adoption. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Joint Resolution 111?' 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? Golar. Representative Beaubien. Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 99 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill... this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Moffitt, on Resolutions on page 12, we have House Joint Resolution 112. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "House Joint Resolution 112 urges the Illinois National Guard to either name the National Guard Readiness Facility under construction in Galesburg in honor of Sergeant First Class Kyle B. Wehrly or make some other appropriate honorary designation."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And... and I would, just because of the nature of what we're doing... although this is not a Death Resolution, I would appreciate your attention. This is a Joint Resolution to urge the authorities that... that will be responsible for naming a facility or something at the facility for a fallen soldier. This is not the Death Resolution for him, but we think it'd be a very appropriate way to honor him. In Galesburg, a new National Guard readiness center is under construction. We were saddened that Staff Sergeant Kyle Wehrly lost his life in the current conflict, and this was... we're just urging that it be named. Like I said, this is not the Death Resolution but certainly would appreciate your support. It's... we will send this then to the appropriate authorities in the military urging that either the readiness center or something appropriate there be named after Sergeant Wehrly. We think this is a proper way to bring honor and respect to a fallen soldier and it's a reminder of the price that some individual soldiers and their families pay for serving their country. So, I would appreciate your support for this and we thought we would add... ask the Senate to join us then in urging that this be named after Sergeant Wehrly. Thank you."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Joint Resolution 112?' 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? Representative Fritchey. Representative Golar. The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there are 98 voting 'aye', 0 'noes', 0 'presents'. And this Bill... this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On the Order of Resolutions, Representative Davis, Monique Davis, we have House Resolution 939. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 939 declares Monday, May 8, 2006, to be 'Hug a Principal' day in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Davis."

Davis, M.: "...Mr. Speaker. 'Hug a Principal' day was an idea that came to my attention after Chicago lost three principals in a matter of three months. Three principals lost their lives, all younger than 60. Today's principal is under tremendous stress. Today's principal is required to be responsible for the building, the safety of the children, the lunchroom, the buses, as well as academic leadership. We just felt that to show our appreciation for all that principals do that we would take May 8, a day or sometime after their standardized tests were given, to say thank you to the principals of the schools of our children. And I urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution 939?' All those in favor

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should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "I was just rather excited to hug Representative Eddy. I noticed he was on there and... oh, a school... you're a school superintendent. I'm sorry. Maybe we can do that next and we can all give Representative Eddy a hug on the way out of the chamber today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "On page 8 of the Calendar, on the Order of Second Readings, we have House Bill 2310. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2310, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. Correction. Senate Bill 2310, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Supplemental Calendar #1, we have Senate Bill 94. Representative Mathias. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 94, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 304. Representative Currie. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 304, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment

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#1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have Senate Bill 185. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 185, a Bill for an Act concerning the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Hold that Bill on Second. We have Senate Bill 585. Representative Flider. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 585, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 623, Representative Smith. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 623, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 848, Representative Wyvetter Younge. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 848, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 857, Representative Reitz. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 857, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 859, Representative Dugan. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 859, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 927, Representative Bellock. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 927, 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. Senate Bill 946, Representative Fritchey. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 946, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "That Bill shall remain on Second. Senate Bill 1001, Representative Howard. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1001, 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. Senate Bill 1144, Representative Phelps. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1144, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1520. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 1520, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "The Bill shall remain on Second. Senate Bill 2202. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Representative Soto."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2202, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2328, Representative Delgado. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2328, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendments 1 and 2 were adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2330. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 23..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative McAuliffe."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2330, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill."

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Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments.
No Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2795,
Representative Smith. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2795, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment
#1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No
Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2796,
Representative Giles. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2796, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment
#1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No
Motions filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Lang in the
Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Remain calm. On Supplemental Calendar #1 appears
House Resolution 1113. Representative Turner."

Turner: "It's a nice tie you have on, Lou."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative."

Turner: "Ladies and Gentlemen, House Resolution 1113 is... urges
Congress to... I should say is a Resolution that we're sending
to the White House to urge President Bush when he meets
tomorrow with Hu... the President of China that they have a
discussion about the organ harvesting from the Falun Gong
prisoners in China. We've amended this Resolution so that
it in fact takes out the provision that breaks the
relationship between Chicago and its sister city, Shenyang,
and we also ask that the United Nations, the Urban... I should

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say, International Red Cross and Amnesty International prepare to do an investigation regarding this issue. And I... I move for the adoption of House Resolution 1113."

Speaker Lang: "Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all in favor shall vote 'aye'; those opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House does adopt House Resolution 1113. House Resolution 1116, Representative Holbrook. Out of the record. Representative Bradley, for what reason do you rise?"

Bradley, J.: "For what is a per... point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "State your point, Sir."

Bradley, J.: "Up in the balcony, I have another guest here today. Grant Nolan and his grandmother, Mrs. Hutchins, are here. Grant's a member of my Youth Advisory Council and passed two Resolutions out of committee today. Welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Clerk, can ya tell us the status of Senate Bill 585?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 585 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Place that Bill on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. House Resolution 1218, Representative Miller."

Miller: "Mr. Clerk, can you read the Resolution, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Resolution 1218, offered by Representative Miller."

WHEREAS, The Members of the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois learned with sadness of the combat death in Iraq of Lance Corporal Philip John Martini of Lansing on Saturday, April 8, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Martini graduated from Thornton Fractional South High School in 2000; he joined the military in the autumn of 2003 and was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps; he joined the Marines to serve his country and better himself; and

WHEREAS, He was an avid fisherman and really enjoyed a family trip to Canada; he was a very social person, never alone and always with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, The passing of Lance Corporal Philip John Martini has been deeply felt by many, especially his mother, Laura Martini; his father, Philip S. Martini; his brothers, Anthony Martini and James Martini; and his girlfriend, Kristine Thompson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of Lance Corporal Philip John Martini, and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Martini and his willingness to serve his country and fellow man, which led to him making the ultimate sacrifice; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to his family as an expression of our sincerest condolences."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Miller."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the second time I had the unfortunate honor of... of saying such a thing in front of this Body of a fallen

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soldier in my district. Lance Corporal Philip John Martini died Saturday from sniper fire in Fallujah. He was undergoing a combat operation and was en route to help another platoon... platoon. I just wanted to read a few excerpts from what was reported in the paper of what his family had thought and from him. 'My hero would've been my mother. As corny as that sounds, she is the only one there for me whenever I need her. Even though she had her own stuff to deal with, there seriously is no better person that I know', in lieu of impending Mother's Day. His brother, Anthony, 'I lost my wingman, my drinking brother. I wanted more for him. He could've been so much more after he had came back.' We go through our proceedings day in and day out and we have some very vigorous debates about all types of issues. But this young man sacrificed something that I have never... have not done, my father has not done, and I pray my children will not do, but in the name... for all of us here in this esteemed Body. Today he's being buried in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery today. And I just wanted to say to everybody, regardless as if you believe in the war or not, regardless if you believe what can be said and what isn't, I believe and his family believes that God loves him, God loves us, God loves America and all the struggles and everything that this young man has believed in and tried to accomplish in his short life. I'd like to, Mr. Clerk, at the proper time, add all the Members of the General Assembly to this Resolution. And a moment of silence in his honor. Thank you."

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Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Mr. Clerk, Mr. Miller has asked that all Members be added as Sponsors. Hearing no objection, that will done. All in favor of the Resolution shall vote 'aye'; all opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House does adopt House Resolution 1218. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Tuesday, April 25 at 12 noon. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Reading of Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 619, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 622, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. These Bills will be hold on an Order of Second Reading."

Clerk Bolin: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on April 19, 2006, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'direct floor consideration' for Senate Bill 490, which is referred to Second Reading. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."