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Speaker Hannig: "Good morning. It's 10:00. The hour of 10:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. The Members will please be in their chairs. 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. Katharine Drexel Parish Church here in Springfield."

Robinson: "Dear Father, we come to You this day and find ourselves needing to begin again on new projects and new ideas as the year 2007 began. We thank You that we live in a state and a nation governed by the rule of law. For that reason, we pray this morning for all our leaders and ourselves. For that reason, we also ask You to give this Legislative Body a clear vision and insight to understand the needs of the people today. May Your spirit guide these government officials as they search for answers to perplexing problems of our time. Make them a working force for the good of all people. Help them to face each task with open minds and deep concern for their governing of Illinois communities. Make the... Bring them together in a unity that serves our people best. May the proceedings of this day be fruitful for the benefit of us all. And when comes the end of this day, may we declare, as did the prophets of old, 'surely the Lord is in this place.' Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Amen. And Representative Parke, would you lead us in the Pledge."

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

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

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie, would you like to give us the excused absences on the Democratic side?"

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Patterson is excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Thank you Mr. Bost. And Mr. Clerk, would you call the Attendance Roll Call."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Arroyo. Bassi."

Bassi: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi is present. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien's present. Beiser."

Beiser: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser is present. Bellock."

Bellock: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock is present. Berrios. Biggins. Boland. Bost..."

Bost: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "...is present. John Bradley. Rich Bradley."

Bradley: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley is present. Brady. Brauer. Brosnahan. Burke."

Burke: "Burke is present. Chapa LaVia. Chavez."

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Chavez: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez is present. Churchill."

Churchill: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill is present. Collins. Colvin.
Coulson. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra is present. Currie."

Currie: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie is present. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico is present. Monique Davis. Will Davis.
Dugan."

Dugan: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan is present. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn is present. Durkin. Eddy. Feigenholtz.
Flider. Flowers. Fortner."

Fortner: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fortner is present. Franks. Fritchey.
Froehlich. Giles. Golar. Gordon. Graham. Granberg.
Hamos. Hannig."

Hannig: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig is present. Harris."

Harris: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris is present. Hassert. Hoffman.
Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook is present. Howard. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson is present. Jefferies. Jefferson.
Jenisch. Joyce. Kelly. Kosel."

Kosel: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel is present. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause is present. Lang."

Lang: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang is present. Leitch. Lindner. Joe Lyons.
Mathias. Mautino. May. McAuliffe. McCarthy. McGuire.
Mendoza. Meyer."

Meyer: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer is present. Miller. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell is present. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell is present. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt is present. Molaro. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan is present. Munson."

Munson: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson is present. Myers. Nekritz. Osmond.
Osterman. Parke."

Parke: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke is present. Phelps."

Phelps: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps is present. Pihos."

Pihos: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos is present. Poe."

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Poe: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe is present. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard is present. Ramey. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti is present. Reis."

Reis: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis is present. Reitz."

Reitz: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz is present. Rita. Rose. Ryg. Sacia."

Sacia: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia is present. Saviano. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz is present. Schock."

Schock: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock is present. Scully. Smith. Sommer."

Sommer: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer is present. Soto. Stephens. Sullivan.
Tracy. Tryon."

Tryon: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon is present. Turner. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore is present. Wait. Washington.
Watson."

Watson: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson is present. Winters. Yarbrough.
Younge. Mr. Speaker. Acevedo. Representative Acevedo.
Arroyo."

Arroyo: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Arroyo is present. Berrios.
Berrios. Biggins. Representative Biggins. Boland."

Boland: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland is present. John Bradley. Representative
John Bradley. Brady. Representative Brady."

Brady: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady is present. Brauer. Representative
Brauer. Brosnahan. Representative Brosnahan. Chapa LaVia.
Representative Chapa LaVia. Collins. Representative
Collins. Colvin. Representative Colvin. Coulson."

Coulson: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Coulson is present. Cross.
Representative Cross. Monique Davis. Representative
Monique Davis. Will Davis. Representative Will Davis.
Dunkin. Representative Dunkin. Durkin. Representative
Durkin. Eddy. Representative Eddy. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Feigenholtz is present. Flider.
Representative Flider. Flowers. Representative Flowers.
Franks."

Franks: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Franks is present. Fritchey.
Representative Fritchey. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Froehlich is present. Giles.
Representative Giles. Golar. Representative Golar. Gordon.
Representative Gordon. Graham. Representative Graham.
Granberg. Representative Granberg. Hamos. Representative
Hamos. Hassert. Representative Hassert. Hoffman."

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Representative Hoffman. Howard. Representative Howard.
Jefferies. Representative Jefferies. Jefferson.
Representative Jefferson. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Jenisch is present. Joyce."

Joyce: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Joyce is present. Kelly.
Representative Kelly. Leitch. Representative Leitch.
Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Lindner is present. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Lyons is present. Mathias."

Mathias: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Mathias is present. Mautino."

Mautino: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Mautino is present. May."

May: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative May is present. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative McAuliffe is present. McCarthy.
Representative McCarthy. McGuire. Representative McGuire.
Mendoza. Representative Mendoza. Miller. Representative
Miller. Molaro. Representative Molaro. Myers."

Myers: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Myers is present. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Nekritz is present. Osmond."

Osmond: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Osmond is present. Osterman.
Osterman. Ramey."

Ramey: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Ramey is present. Rita.
Representative Rita. Rose."

Rose: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Rose is present. Ryg.
Representative Ryg. Saviano. Representative Saviano.
Scully. Representative Scully. Smith."

Smith: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Smith is present. Soto.
Representative Soto. Stephens. Representative Stephens.
Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Sullivan is present. Tracy.
Representative Tracy. Turner. Representative Turner.
Wait. Representative Wait. Washington. Representative
Washington. Winters. Representative Winters. Yarbrough.
Representative Yarbrough. Younge. Representative Younge.
Mr. Speaker. Acevedo. Representative Acevedo. Berrios."

Berrios: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Berrios is present. Biggins."

Biggins: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Biggins is present. John Bradley.
Representative John Bradley. Brauer."

Brauer: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Brauer is present. Brosnahan.
Representative Brosnahan. Chapa LaVia. Representative
Chapa LaVia. Collins. Representative Collins. Colvin."

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Representative Colvin. Cross. Representative Cross.
Monique Davis. Representative Monique Davis. Will Davis.
Representative Will Davis. Dunkin. Representative Dunkin.
Durkin."

Durkin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Durkin is present. Eddy.
Representative Eddy. Flider. Representative Flider.
Flowers. Representative Flowers. Fritchey. Representative
Fritchey. Giles. Golar. Representative Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Gordon is present. Graham.
Representative Graham. Granberg. Representative Granberg.
Hamos."

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hamos is present. Hassert."

Hassert: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hassert is present. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hoffman is present. Howard.
Representative Howard. Jefferies. Representative
Jefferies. Jefferson. Representative Jefferson. Kelly.
Representative Kelly. Leitch. Representative Leitch.
McCarthy. Representative McCarthy. McGuire.
Representative McGuire. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Mendoza is present. Miller.
Representative Miller. Molaro. Representative Molaro.
Osterman."

Osterman: "Here."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Osterman is present. Rita.
Representative Rita. Ryg."

Ryg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Ryg is present. Saviano.
Representative Saviano. Scully. Representative Scully.
Soto. Representative Soto. Stephens. Representative
Stephens. Tracy."

Tracy: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Tracy is present. Turner.
Representative Turner. Wait. Representative Wait.
Washington. Representative Washington. Winters.
Representative Winters. Yarbrough. Representative
Yarbrough. Younge. Representative Younge. Mr. Speaker.
Representative John Bradley is present. Acevedo. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Chapa LaVia is present.
Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Brosnahan is present. Collins.
Representative Collins. Representative Colvin.
Representative Cross. Representative Monique Davis.
Representative Will Davis. Representative Dunkin.
Representative Eddy. Representative Flider. Representative
Eddy is present. Representative Flider. Representative
Flowers. Representative Fritchey. Representative Giles.
Representative Golar. Representative Graham.
Representative Granberg. Representative Howard.
Representative Jefferies. Representative Jefferson."

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Representative Kelly. Representative Leitch is present.
Representative McCarthy. Representative McCarthy. McGuire.
Representative McGuire. Miller. Molaro. Representative
Molaro. Rita. Representative Rita. Saviano.
Representative Saviano. Scully. Representative Scully.
Soto."

Soto: "Here."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Soto is present. Stephens.
Representative Stephens. Representative Turner.
Representative Wait. Representative Washington.
Representative Winters. Representative Yarbrough.
Representative Younge. Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "On this question, there are... On the Attendance
Roll Call, there are 83 Members answering the Roll Call, a
quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, on page 4 of the Calendar,
under the Order of Resolutions, Representative Currie has
Senate Joint Resolution 95. Representative Currie on the
Resolution, Senate Joint Resolution 95."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House.
We did actually adopt identical language on a House
Resolution that got stuck in Senate Rules. This Resolution
calls upon the United States Government and the United
Nations to work... to implement the World Summit Outcome, a
Motion that was adopted by the United Nations with the
support of the United States. The point is the
responsibility to protect... to protect populations that are
ravaged, protect populations that are the subject of ethnic
cleansing and other atrocities. As I say, the United States
has voted for this World Summit Outcome with the

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responsibility to protect. And this measure is really a calling upon our government and the United Nations to put their energies where their mouths are. I know of no opposition and I'd appreciate your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 95. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Then all in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 09, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted as amended' House Resolution 1571. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 09, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' are Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 895."

Speaker Hannig: "On page 4 of the Calendar, Representative Black has House Resolution 1525. Representative Bellock is going to present that on behalf of Mr. Black, who is excused today."

Bellock: "Thank you very much. House Resolution 1525 continues the animal control task force which was created by the House Resolution 866... continues it to June 30, 2007."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady has moved for the adoption of House Resolution 1525. Is there... is there any discussion? Now,

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Representative, this would actually require a Roll Call, but since it's a Resolution, I would ask the Body if we would perhaps, for this matter only, allow the Sponsor to use the Attendance Roll Call. Is there any objections? Okay. So, on this Resolution, by the appropriate Attendance Roll Call vote, the Motion is adopted. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1467, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 14... 1582, offered by Representative Black."

Speaker Hannig: Representative Currie..."

Clerk Mahoney: "And House Resolution 1583, offered by Representative Madigan."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. I'd remind Members who have come in after the Attendance Roll Call that you need to come to the well and sign a piece of paper stating you're here in order to be officially be on the Attendance Roll Call."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Turner, are you on the floor? Representative Turner? Representative Lang in the Chair. Representative Turner. Mr. Clerk. Senate Bill on Second Reading, page 3 of the Calendar. Senate Bill 2674."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2674 was read a second time, previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No... no Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2674, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill is a Bill that would actually delay the date that the budget address will be presented. We're moving it back 'til the second Wednesday... no, first Wednesday in March of this year. Ordinarily, that budget address is before then and with this Bill we're allowing the Governor to deliver the budget address two weeks later. And I move for the adoption of Senate Bill 2674."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of Senate Bill 2674. And on that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Lang: "The Sponsor yields."

Mulligan: "Representative, the opening of this Bill has a very unusual provision I'd like to ask you about. It says, 'if and only if Senate Bill 1959 of the 94th General Assembly becomes law, the State Budget Law of the Civil Administration Code is amended by changing the following section.' In referring to that Senate Bill, that's the Bill that Representative Currie passed yesterday, that gives first right of refusal for a specific state property to Loyola University. I'm curious as to why that would be the opening provision of this Bill, asking us to put the budget address off two weeks. Is this because we don't have a memorandum of understanding or something with the Governor

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that he's actually gonna sign this Bill? And we had passed it once before. But it seems an unusual provision to add."

Turner: "It is a rather unique provision, Representative. And all I can tell you is that I think the agreed parties, the Governor's Office and the Speaker's Office, agreed on this language. As you know, Senate Bill 1959 did in fact pass out of here yesterday. So..."

Mulligan: "And it's passed before."

Turner: "Right. I would assume that this will probably be a moot issue, ya know, when it's all said and done. It's... 1959, we all agree, is good legislation. And so, I'm not just quite clear as to the intent here, but, ya know, I don't see where it's really controversial."

Mulligan: "Well, it seems to me that there must be a lack of good faith that the Governor's going to sign this Bill in order to actually put it in a Bill that is giving him something else that he wants. So... it's just a very interesting part of this Bill."

Turner: "Even after... Representative, after 26 years every time I look at a piece of legislation around here, they're all interesting, ya know. I mean, I don't know how to... how to phrase it in any better way, ya know."

Mulligan: "This is just a little more interesting than most. Probably benign in some ways, but it does show the lack of..."

Turner: "It's a very creative Body, Representative. That's..."

Mulligan: "Yes. I... I just... Whoever drafted this... kudos to them. It's much faster than a memorandum of understanding, which the good ones took a really long time to work out. Okay. And... and yes, one of my colleagues said 'is this

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going to be a trend in how we pass Bills for the rest of the new coming...'"

Turner: "We haven't adopted the new rules yet."

Mulligan: "All right. Well, I find it very interesting. So let's... let's get to the meat of the proposed extension which I understand is because we're getting a new budget director."

Turner: "I don't know if that's a factor or not, Representative. I'm not certain..."

Mulligan: "Okay."

Turner: "...who the new... what the new line-up is going to be. I think part of it is just the difficulty of us not being in our chamber now. And so just... our whole legislative function between now and May has been set back. And so that's the... I believe the rationale for moving it back to the second Wednesday..."

Mulligan: "All right. Well, there are some things we've asked the Governor's Office for which I'd like to put on the record just as the opening of this Bill asks that he sign something, we just wanna put this on the record. It used to be in previous years and only in the first year of this past administration, but not since then, that the day before the budget was presented, the evening before, there was a pre-meeting held by the director of the budget, or the budget director and he would invite Democrats and Republican Senate and House Appropriation chairs and their staff and some appropriate directors to come in and answer questions about the proposed budget. We have asked that they reinstitute this practice which was very helpful to us. So I'd like to

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put that on the record that that was one of our conditions in order to have it presented later that we felt that they ought to redo that courtesy to the General Assembly again."

Turner: "Right. Representative, that you... you're absolutely right. That is a practice that over the years we have done with the prior administrations. I'm... I, with you, would encourage the Governor to have this meeting prior to the presentation of the budget address. If I had my opportunity I would've put that language also... Maybe that could've started out before this section dealing with Senate Bill 1959 but, as you say..."

Mulligan: "I... I think it's fair."

Turner: "Yeah. For the record we will pass that information on, but I do believe..."

Mulligan: "Right. And we are doing that also. But I just wanted it to be in the record. The other thing that we were asking for from the Governor's Office, which last year I wrote a letter for our staff, is for them to provide adequate CDs or adequate budget books early in that day before, when we're getting the presentation to our staff members. Your staff, as our staff, works very hard, particularly on that night before the budget, some of them stay here all night to do that work. We think it's only fair that the Office of Budget and Management or whatever the name is now... and maybe they'll change it without Filan, back to Bureau of the Budget... that they provide that so that our staff, who works very hard on budget, could have the adequate materials they need in order to do the analysis for the Legislature."

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Turner: "Representative, I, like you, will pass that information on to the Governor's Office. As I said, hopefully he will adhere to that. I think in the spirit of cooperation, ya know, yesterday they had the big unity... unity service and I think in the spirit of unity that hopefully the Governor will adhere to the request that you have so placed in the record today."

Mulligan: "Right. Unity goes a long way if you really do it. The other thing we'd like to ask, which basically is... is... would be a request of the Speaker, who I presume will be the Speaker again unless something unfortunate happens. The request is that we have real appropriation hearings this year, particularly big budgets. Last year I had a major complaint with the fact that we only had 45 minutes to hear the Department of Health Care and Family Services, which is a \$16 billion budget. So just because we're pushing this back two weeks does not mean that we do not require adequate hearings, not hearings over, ya know, the break when we're in Chicago, but adequate Springfield hearings that are not a sham on the proposed budget with adequate amounts of time. Now I know you can't promise that. You can't promise what we're asking for the Governor, but we feel very important... that it's very important that it's on the record that what we're gonna do this year, which is gonna be a really tight budget year no matter what this Governor says in his Inaugural Speech, we are in debt, we have problems, and there's lots of proposals. And I think it's fair that the Legislature be given its due time to take a look at a budget that is going to be very difficult and to find out what the

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agencies are doing and how we're working. So I think that's really important. And I want that on the record that just because we're pushing this out two weeks does not mean that we do not expect adequate hearings here in Springfield."

Turner: "Representative, your point is well-taken. I know that the appropriation... the various appropriation chairs are here in the room, currently. And I think that they also, on this side of the aisle, agree with you. And I think as Members we all feel that this process should be a process that's open and allow all the Members the ability to partake in the discussion. And so I will pass that information on. I'm certain the Speaker is listening as we speak now. And I think that your wishes will be, ya know, thoroughly... expressed and hopefully implemented."

Mulligan: "All right. Our Leader and our Chief of Staff will continue to pursue that. I hope that the Members on your side of the aisle along with our Members will continue to lobby their Leader for adequate hearings and adequate look at this budget which I think is gonna be an interesting budget year."

Turner: "Your point is well-taken, Representative."

Mulligan: "So, thank you very much."

Turner: "Okay."

Mulligan: "I'm certainly willing to support that... this request."

Turner: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Lang: "Chairman yields."

Turner: "Yes."

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Bost: "All right. Just... just for the purposes so the Body knows so those of us that work... some of the new Members and everything like that, have we ever done this before? Have we ever delayed the... the presentation of the budget?"

Turner: "Representative, I've been around here for about 26 years. I don't, ya know... I'd have to look at the three Members that's been here longer than me, but... 4 years ago we did it."

Bost: "And... and just... Do you remember the reasons why we did that 4 years ago?"

Turner: "To allow the new administration a chance to get in, ya know, there was a change..."

Bost: "To... okay. To allow administration to get in and change."

Turner: "Right."

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, to the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, 4 years ago this Governor came to us and said 'oh well, we wanna delay this.' And I think that... that not only did he say for the new administration to understand and realize what was going on so they could have those extra weeks. It was also because the previous administration had not done a real good job of... of straightening the budget out and it was in such turmoil that he needed those extra days to... to really figure things out to answer the questions because such turmoil existed. Now, my question is, is the Governor doing it this time because the previous administration has put him in such turmoil? He is the previous administration. How long does this learning curve have to work? He been there 4 years. Isn't it... Doesn't it make sense to you that if on all the years that we've passed a budget, the budget address is

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given at this time. Now we're gonna delay it two weeks and we've had to do it twice with this Governor. All the years and all the history we're able to keep up and do what's right and... and present the budget in a timely manner to the people of the State of Illinois so that we can move on with the business of the state. But yet, this Governor can't seem to get it together. I don't know. I know that, ya know, probably there's certain people that aren't bothered by that. As a Legislator, I'm bothered by it. And I know my constituents are bothered by it as well. I... I have a little problem with what we're doing here today."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Meyer passes. Representative Krause."

Krause: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Krause: "Representative, clear up for me why the Senate Bill, is it 1959, the one that you've tied this into. Was that vetoed by the Governor?"

Turner: "I don't know the answer to that question. I don't think it was..."

Krause: "I guess my question is if it was vetoed, we would've overridden it."

Turner: "No, it was not vetoed by the Governor."

Krause: "All right."

Turner: "It did not move in the Senate. This Bill is just sitting still in the Senate."

Krause: "All right. So the Bill has not been called in the Senate?"

Turner: "That's right. That's correct."

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Krause: "When was this Bill passed in the House?"

Turner: "Well, yesterday."

Krause: "All right. So we're putting... it was first passed
yesterday and now we're..."

Turner: "Well, I mean there was..."

Krause: "Will the Senate take it up today?"

Turner: "...there was similar language to this Bill that passed
over to the Senate that was not called. Yesterday we sent
this language..."

Krause: "We also did."

Turner: "...back to the Senate again."

Krause: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Further discussion? Seeing nothing further,
Representative Turner to close."

Turner: "I move for the adoption of Senate Bill 2674."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of Senate Bill
2674. On that question, the Clerk will call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Arroyo. Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'no'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios. Biggins.
Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

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Bost: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Brosnahan. Burke. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa... Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins."

Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin. Coulson.
Coulson."

Coulson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Monique
Davis. Will Davis."

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Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: Will Davis votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin passes. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'no'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider. Flider.
Flowers. Flowers. Fortner."

Fortner: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fortner votes 'no'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'no'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'no'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

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Granberg: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."
Hamos: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."
Hannig: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris."
Harris: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Hassert."
Hassert: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."
Hoffman: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook. Holbrook."
Holbrook: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."
Howard: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Jakobsson. Jakobsson."
Jakobsson: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."
Jefferies: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."
Jefferson: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."
Jenisch: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Joyce. Joyce."
Joyce: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."
Kelly: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."
Kosel: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause... Gordon votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'no'. Lang."

Lang: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch. Leitch. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'no'. Joe Lyons. Joe Lyons.
Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino. Mautino. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy. McCarthy.
McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. Mendoza. Mendoza.
Meyer."

Meyer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'no'. Miller. Miller. Bill
Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell.
Jerry Mitchell. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman passes. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey. Ramey.

Reboletti. Reboletti. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita. Rita. Rose."

Rose: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Saviano.
Schmitz."

Schmitz: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto."

Soto: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy. Tracy. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait. Wait.
Washington. Washington. Watson."

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Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker. Acevedo.
Representative Acevedo. Arroyo. Representative Arroyo.
Representative Berrios is present. Representative Berrios
votes 'aye'. Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Flowers votes 'aye'.
Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Representative
Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Representative Arroyo."

Arroyo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Arroyo votes 'aye'. Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Representative Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Representative
Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Representative Miller."

Miller: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Representative Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Representative
Osterman."

Osterman: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'no'. Representative Mendoza."

Mautino: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Mautino votes 'aye'.
Representative Mautino votes 'no'."

Mendoza: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Mendoza votes 'aye'.
Representative Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Joe Lyons votes 'aye'.
Representative Saviano. Burke. Representative Burke.
Colvin. Representative Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Colvin votes 'aye'. Biggins.
Representative Biggins. Representative Golar."

Biggins: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Biggins votes 'no'.
Representative Howard."

Howard: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Howard votes 'aye'."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Joyce votes 'no'. Representative
Leitch. Representative McCarthy. Representative Jerry
Mitchell. Representative Ramey..."

Ramey: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "...votes 'no'. Representative Reboletti.
Representative Reboletti. Representative Rita."

Rita: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Rita votes 'aye'. Representative
Saviano. Representative Tracy. Representative Wait. Mr.
Speaker. Representative Burke. Representative Burke.
Representative Golar. Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'."

Speaker Lang: "On this question, there are 66 voting 'yes'; 40
voting 'no'. Senate Bill 2674 passes. Mr. Clerk, Committee
Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "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 January 09, 2007, reported the
same back with the following recommendations: 'approved for
floor consideration, recommends be adopted' is Amendment #4
to Senate Bill 2300."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Hannig in the Chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill
2300?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2300 has been read a second time,
previously. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor
Amendments... Floor Amendment #3 was adopted to the Bill.
Floor Amendment #4, offered by Representative Lang, has been
approved for consideration."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

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Lang: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This is the Bill with that issue we've discussed several times regarding the 7 percent cap on property taxes. This Amendment has two areas of change in that Bill. The first is very technical. It deals with the notice that the assessor must put on the property tax bill. The second relates to a piece of legislation that Representative Black introduced to deal with a... an assessment problem in his area regarding a dam that this Amendment would deal with that on a statewide basis. In this particular case, the dam is used partly as open space, partly for commercial purposes and this will take care of the technical problems that they've been having as to how to reassess that particular property. That's all the Amendment does. I would ask for an 'aye' vote on the Amendment."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of the Amendment. And on that question, Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. May I ask, can this be adopted by a voice vote, or does it require a Roll Call vote?"

Speaker Hannig: "Well, an Amendment on Second Reading could be done on a voice vote..."

Krause: "Okay."

Speaker Hannig: "...unless there's a request for a Roll Call."

Krause: "Okay. If the Sponsor would yield, just a question on the Amendment."

Lang: "He indicates he'll yield."

Krause: "I understand you mentioned about this section that was added as it related to Representative Black's... as it related to Representative Black's district. On the notice

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provision, does that... what is the change from what we've discussed before on the notice? Is it just that it's gonna be on the second installment? What else was changed?"

Lang: "Representative, the..."

Krause: "I can't hear."

Lang: "Mr. Hannig. Mr..."

Krause: "I can't... I can't hear."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative, there's some expansive language here about what needs to be on the notice. There's no substantial change, I don't think, as to what it says, what it means. There's just more information to the taxpayer."

Krause: "And does it specifically say in Amendment 4 exactly the language or is there a discretion in the county assessor as to what... how it shall read? Or is it specifically stated in there?"

Lang: "The language of the Amendment specifically outlines what must be on the tax bill as notice to the taxpayer."

Krause: "All right. Is it gonna... And does it say, is it gonna be printed specifically on the bill or is it an attachment?"

Lang: "The tax bill itself will have a specific notice as to whether that particular taxpayer is a 'winner or loser'. These other provisions could be in a separate piece of paper within the tax bill."

Krause: "Okay. All right. As far as winners or losers, we are not adding that when there is a senior freeze and there's a shift, we aren't adding that are we? When there is a... when a municipality gives a B-6 to a business which permits them to have an assessment at a residential level for 12 years

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which shifts it to the residential, we aren't adding that are we?"

Lang: "The only type of shift that we refer to in this notice is the shift that might be caused by the 7 percent cap."

Krause: "All right. So all..."

Lang: "Not anything any municipality might do separate and apart from that."

Krause: "I know. But any other shifts, and there's so many other shifts that go from business to residential, those are not being put on here?"

Lang: "No, only those that relate specifically to the 7 percent cap."

Krause: "Okay. Thank you. I... I support the Amendment."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the Amendment be adopted?' Excuse me. No. Okay. Should the Amendment be adopted? All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment is adopted. Are there any further Amendments?"

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. All Motions have been filed."

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

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2300, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. I think we all know what this Bill is about. We've debated this several times on the House Floor. But let me reiterate. This is a Bill that's permissive in all the counties. Today in the county of Cook, or up until December 31 of last year,

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just last week, in Cook County there was a 7 percent cap on the effect of increased property assessments. That cap had a \$20 thousand limit. There was an effort to change that to \$60 thousand in the Senate. It passed the Senate. It came here. I do not believe we can pass that here. What this Bill does is keep it at \$20 thousand. If we fail to enact this today in the House and in the Senate, it is in effect a tax increase to the taxpayers of Cook County, Illinois. Now, most of you in this room are not affected at all by this piece of legislation. Most of you, in fact, all of you who are not from Cook County are from counties that did not opt into this legislation when it was originally passed 3 years ago. Your counties felt it wouldn't be helpful to you and that's fine. But Ladies and Gentlemen, as I said on the floor recently, we are State Representatives. We represent everybody in the State of Illinois. Not just our own districts, not just our own constituents, but all twelve and a half million people in the State of Illinois. And since this cannot possibly have a negative impact on your districts outside of the county of Cook, we are asking you to help us in the county of Cook. And yes, there are a few Legislators from Cook County who are not for this. But for you to vote 'no' on this is to vote for a tax increase to my constituents. When you come to me for help in your areas, I'm there for you almost all the time. I would not vote for a tax increase for your community. And I'm asking you not to vote for a tax increase for my community. A tax increase that has no impact in your community. And so leave aside the issues of whether or not this is a full fix to the

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problem, of course it is not. Leave aside the issues of whether we should have a better resolution to the property tax problem statewide and the education funding problem statewide, of course we should. For today, the only issue before us is will we continue to allow the residents of Cook County who get this benefit to continue to get it or will we provide to the average homeowner in a bungalow in the City of Chicago a 36 percent property tax increase or to the people in my community, a twenty-something percent property tax increase. This is up to you. This is in your hands. I would like very much your consideration on behalf of my constituents as I give you consideration for your constituents. Please vote 'aye' on this important measure."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of Senate Bill 2300. Is there any discussion? Representative Scully."

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

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

Scully: "Mr. Lang, nice tie."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Scully."

Scully: "Mr. Lang, the cap on the property tax inc... assessment increase... When we imposed this 7 percent cap, does this decrease the total assessment... assessed valuation for the county?"

Lang: "Yes."

Scully: "And when we decrease the total tax assessment for the county, what happens to the tax rate for each taxing body?"

Lang: "Well, presumably the tax rate would go up incrementally."

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Scully: "And mathematically, I think that's correct that it would have to go up. So, capping the tax... giving this tax relief to your constituents will mathematically cause tax rates to go up."

Lang: "That is true except that tax rates have been going down, Representative. And even with this legislation, in most areas of Cook County, and I underline most, the assessments have gone up at such an astronomical rate as to still provide a tax decrease for most constituents in Cook County even though the rate may incrementally move higher."

Scully: "Yeah. I'd ask you to remember that people south... on the south half of Cook county are still part of Cook County."

Lang: "That's correct."

Scully: "Ladies and... To the Bill. Ladies and Gentlemen, the tax relief that is being provided... that has been provided to Representative Lang's constituents over the past 3 years, somebody paid for that tax relief. Those taxes... That tax relief was paid for by the people in the south half of Cook County, the people whose property values didn't go up. That tax relief caused a tax shift, a tax shift away from the north half of Cook County to the south half of Cook County. Somebody's gotta pay this Bill and my constituents, the people... taxpayers on the south half of Cook County are paying higher tax rates because capping the assessment forces the taxing bodies to h... to pay... charge a higher tax rate. This is reverse Robin Hood. This is giving tax relief to the people whose property tax... property values climbed substantially and pushing that tax burden to the

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people whose property values didn't go up. This does not fix the problem. It is not a Band-Aid, it is not a solution. It's a shot of morphine. The system is still severely broken. We are merely reducing the pain. I strongly oppose this Bill. I have opposed this Bill from its very inception. And I ask you to think about the taxpayers on the south half of Cook County who are paying much higher tax rates to provide the tax relief for the people on the north half of Cook County. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. If I might... to the Bill and to the process... real briefly. First of all, if I could ask the Sponsor a quick question if the Sponsor would yield."

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Hoffman: "Representative, just for clarification, this Bill, as I understand it, came over... or a Bill like this came over and had a \$60 thousand limit. In other words, the Senate version of this Bill indicated that you could have property tax relief potentially up to a maximum of \$60 thousand. This Bill then limits it at 20 thousand. Is that right?"

Lang: "That's correct. This Bill goes back to the current law. And all we're trying to do now is extend the current law."

Hoffman: "And in addition to that, it's my understanding that the Bill that came over from the Senate had a provision regarding military families and property tax relief regarding military families that isn't on this Bill."

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Lang: "I would have preferred that that stay on the Bill, but we could not move the Bill that way and therefore it is not in the Bill currently."

Hoffman: "And in discussions... I don't wanna put words in your mouth... in discussions with you and others on the floor, it's my understanding that others would also have preferred that there be a greater limit than the current... extension of the current law, which is \$20 thousand, that it be something like 60 or something even great... less than that, a potential compromise in between without picking a specific number. You would rather have that higher if you could."

Lang: "Well, I would rather have it higher because property tax assessments where I live and in most of Cook County have gone up so quickly and astronomically that it's hard to keep up with it. On the other hand, many argued that with that kind of a cap, we were skewing this in favor of large homes and expensive homes. And we wanted to make sure we sent the message, Representative, that we were trying to help regular, ordinary people just get through their property tax issues. And so I think while I would prefer it to be a larger number, I understand why some thought the 60 thousand was too high."

Hoffman: "Well, let me just say I voted for the Bill. And I understand the issues of property tax relief. But I would just like to discuss, I believe, an issue that I have with process. And an issue that I see is continually happening on this floor with regard to process. Now this is my sixteenth year in the House of Representatives and, God willing, will wake up tomorrow and I'll start another term

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and hopefully go another term and will serve 18 years in the Illinois General Assembly. And this is not pointing a finger at anybody, it's not meant to be. What I wanna talk about is something that concerns me greatly about this Bill and about other Bills that we send over to the Senate that we don't... get called. Yesterday we sent a Bill out of here that dealt... or two days ago... that dealt with rate freezes on utilities, yet the Senate Leader has decided for whatever reason he's not gonna call it. But I gotta tell ya, isn't it time that we as Members be able to decide what Bills are gonna get called, when they're gonna get called, when we send them to the Senate, shouldn't they call the Bills? When we put a Bill in and they send it over here, shouldn't we call the Bills? When we see issues such as this where everybody acknowledges, who is for the Bill, that they would like to see a greater... a greater amount of property tax relief. And from my standpoint, I'm supporting you, by my standpoint, I believe, we should be helping military families, yet it's not in this Bill. And I'd like to say right now, on this floor, it's time we as Members say enough is enough. Call the Bills as we introduce the Bills. If we want property tax relief for military families, make it part of the Bill. Make it part of the Bill. I'm gonna help ya. I'm gonna support this Bill. And I am not... I am not standing on the floor of this House in any way saying I don't support the Leader. And tomorrow I'm gonna be proud to support my Leader and reelect him for Speaker of the House. What I am saying, though, today... what I am saying, though, today is we run for these offices. Some of this

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stuff that they send against us in the mail is nasty, is wrong. It isn't right. Yet, we run and we take it and we get elected. And we come here, and we wanna call a Bill that we believe is proper, we believe is good, and we can't get it out of committee onto the floor. From my standpoint, we as Members have to speak out and say we want to make sure that our Bills are called. We wanna make sure that they're called in a timely fashion. We understand the politics. But at the end of the day, we got elected to come here. Let's stand up. Call the Bills that we want called and let's, as Members, say 'we were sent here to do a job and that's pass Bills for our district.' I'm gonna support you, Representative. Thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Eddy."

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

Speaker Hannig: "Indicates he'll yield."

Eddy: "Representative, this Bill, in past debates, has been discussed in terms of the effect of the cap on the school aid formula and the distribution of dollars statewide. And in the past, the interpretation that I have is that because of the limiting 7 percent, that there would be an increased necessity for state dollars to go to... especially the Chicago Public School System to make up for what is not available locally due to that 7 percent. Now, in the past, my understanding from answers was that school district in Cook County would be 'held harmless'. Now, my understanding after conversations with representatives from Assessor Houlihan's office is that that is not the case. That additional general state aid will not be necessary because

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the amount that is limited is limited locally. It's not limited by the general state aid formula and the effect of the EAV on that formula."

Lang: "That is correct."

Eddy: "So the EAV figure that's used to calculate the local rate, and therefore the bill... that the cap on that... only effects locally, two things. One, the amount that... that they could access from the residential, and the potential that that could shift to a different part that's not capped, of the total assessment."

Lang: "You state it correctly, Representative."

Eddy: "So, when the calculation is done for general state aid, the EAV figure that's used is not a reduced figure. The local effort calculation still results in the same amount of general state aid necessary to go to the City of Chicago as if that cap didn't exist because the same number is used."

Lang: "That's correct. And I wanna thank you, Representative, for actually spending a significant amount of your personal time so that you would understand this issue because I know it's incredibly important to you. And I appreciate you standing up on the floor and straightening it out."

Eddy: "Okay. Thank you for... for that... for that and also for answering the question. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I wanna make perfectly clear that I'm not sure what I'm gonna do with this Bill. I don't know because I still have a problem in some parts of my mind with the concept of shifting this and limiting and some of the other things that have already been brought up. But, if your concern had to do with the effect on general state aid for other school

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districts, especially those downstate, I believe that concern is not valid. And I'm saying that, rescinding a statement I had made a few days earlier on this same Bill after getting a pretty good explanation. So, again thank you, Representative. Good luck with this. I understand the urgency. I understand the need in your area. And I appreciate the time you've taken to answer my questions."

Lang: "Thank you, Representative."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Krause."

Krause: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I... I do appreciate the comments of the previous colleague of mine and all the effort that Representative Eddy did put into this Bill... into meeting and discussing it and I appreciate it. Just very quickly, will the Sponsor yield? Representative, so that I'm clear again on the Amendment, it was only on some language that made going back to the issue of winners and losers it just basically clarifies some discussion as to how that is going to be presented. There was nothing else and then that one other section. Nothing else."

Lang: "Nothing that I would categorize as substantive. I would categorize it as just rhetoric designed to explain to the taxpayer what this is all about, what it is, and what it means. And I don't think there's anything else in there, Representative."

Krause: "Okay. Thank you. To the Bill, very briefly, I think it has been discussed. I rise in strong support of this legislation. We have discussed it throughout the 2 years of this term. It does extend for 3 years the alternative

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exemption. And also as discussed we have to look upon this as a compromise legislation 'cause it did reduce from 60 thousand, which many of us supported, to the 20 thousand limit. I think it takes into consideration the balances of all of those who are interested in this property. And as I had mentioned earlier, when... on the Amendment, there are many shifts that occur. And there are a number of shifts that go from business over to residential. And I think we always have to remember this. But this 3-year Bill that will provide for us the relief in our area is very significant, very important and really urge support for this legislation."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Then Representative Lang, you're recognized to close."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. We've debated this long and hard several times. I would just ask you to remember our role. We have a responsibility to everyone in the state, including the people of Cook County who need your help. A 'no' vote is a vote for a tax increase for my constituents. Please consider them. Consider the other people in Cook County. Whatever shift has taken place, most of that has taken place already 'cause this has been the current law of Cook County. Please help these people. Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 2300 pass?' All in favor shall vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

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Acevedo: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Arroyo."
Arroyo: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Arroyo votes 'aye'. Bassi."
Bassi: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien."
Beaubien: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'no'. Beiser."
Beiser: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."
Bellock: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Berrios."
Berrios: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."
Biggins: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'no'. Boland."
Boland: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."
Bost: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."
Bradley, J.: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley passes. Rich Bradley."
Bradley, J.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."
Bradley, R.: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."
Brady: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."
Brauer: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez. Chavez.
Churchill."

Churchill: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'no'. Cultra."

Cultra: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra passes. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis passes. Dugan."

Dugan: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'no'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy passes. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Flowers. Flowers... Flowers
votes... Fortner."

Fortner: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fortner votes 'no'. Franks. Representative
Franks. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon passes. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'no'. Hamos."

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Hamos: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris."

Harris: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook passes. Howard."

Howard: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson. Jefferson.
Jenisch. Jenisch. Joyce."

Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly. Kelly."

Kelly: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'no'. Kosel."

Kosel: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'no'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

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Leitch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'no'. Lindner."

Lindner: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino. Mautino."

Mautino: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'no'. May."

May: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy. McCarthy.
McGuire."

McGuire: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'no'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'no'. Miller."

Miller: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'no'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro."

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Molaro: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."
Mulligan: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."
Munson: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."
Myers: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."
Nekritz: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."
Osmond: "(Inaudible)."
Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond passes. Osterman."
Osterman: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."
Parke: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."
Phelps: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."
Pihos: "Yes."
Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe. Poe."
Poe: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard. Pritchard."
Pritchard: "Pass."
Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard passes. Ramey."
Ramey: "Aye."
Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reboletti."
Reboletti: "No."
Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti votes 'no'. Reis."
Reis: "Pass."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Reis passes. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose. Rita votes 'no'.
Rose."

Rose: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia passes. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'no'. Smith."

Smith: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith passes. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

Stephens: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'no'. Turner. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'no'. Verschoore. Turner. Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore passes. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'no'. Watson. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr... Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Representative Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Chavez. Representative Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Cultra."

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Cultra: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'no'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'no'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Representative Dugan.

Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. McCarthy. Representative

McCarthy. Osmond. Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Reis. Representative

Reis. Sacia."

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Sacia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'no'. Smith."

Smith: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'no'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Reis, did you wish to be recorded as 'no'? Mr. Clerk, could you record the Gentleman as 'no'."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 61 voting 'yes' and 54 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. On Supplemental one... on Supplemental Calendar #1 is House Resolution 1571. Representative Currie. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. As amended, House Resolution 1571 incorporates technical changes to the House Rules. And I will briefly describe a few of them and then would be happy to answer other questions. For example, the Amendment clarifies that committee rooms and chapels are also under the control of the Speaker as are the House chamber, the galleries, and so forth. It clarifies that the Clerk need not prepare a Calendar when the House is only in Perfunctory Session. It provides that cochairs may be appointed to standing committees as they are today to special committees and removes any references to telephone booths because, as you

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may know, in the new chamber, the newly renovated chamber, there will be no telephone booths at the back of the hall. It will reduce the number of copies of Bills that must be filed. We are saving trees across the State of Illinois. We are clarifying who... who has to give whom land conveyance appraisals. We are clarifying how Conference Committee Reports are to be voted upon, that they are not renewable, but in fact a second Conference Committee can be appointed and, of course, there can always be reconsideration of the vote on the first. In addition, the rule changes will permit Minority spokespeople to present Bills or Resolutions. Today that is reserved to the chair of the committee. In addition, we will expand the number of items that can only be moved if the Sponsor is present so that that would cover all legislative measures, not just Bills or Resolution. And if there's a question about dividing a question, it does not limit that Motion to only those things that are in debate. If it's a nondebatable Motion, for example, there still would be the opportunity to divide the question as long as that measure is under consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions. And I'd appreciate your support for these technical changes in the House Rules."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any discussion? Representative... Representative Chapin (sic-Rose), I believe, is first on the list."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Morning Majority Leader, how are you today? I was asked, and I think this was covered very briefly in committee this morning, but on the issue of

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notice for some of the committee hearings. Mr. Speaker, I can't see the Representative, let alone hear her."

Currie: "I'll stand on my chair."

Speaker Hannig: "Could we have a little order in the chamber. We're discussing a change to the House Rules."

Currie: "Is he making a... is he making a heightist kind of comment?"

Rose: "This is very important."

Speaker Hannig: "And so I think a lot of us probably should pay attention and..."

Rose: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. This morning we talked and talked about I think your willingness to... to try to make some accommodations to help particularly Representative Black who's on the Rules Committee. I know, back in December was given 45 minutes notice to make it to Chicago for a meeting. And I know in the past you and I had a discussion... For example, Eastern Illinois University that I represent had to go to Chicago to present their budget. And I was very encouraged by your words this morning about working with us to make sure that those type of technical or logistical problems are... are not repeated in the future and corrected in the future. Could you comment briefly on that?"

Currie: "I... I would be happy to. And, as I say, I think it happened only once. And it happened because there was a very severe time crunch and we were not able to reach people because it was a day upon which many people had that day off. So I would just renew my commitment to try to give maximum notice. And I think it might be helpful if all of

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us exchange cell phone numbers, Members of the Rules Committee, staff of the Rules Committee, and Leadership as well. But we will continue to make every effort to see to it that there is adequate notice to the Members of the committee."

Rose: "And I... I appreciate those words and it's just as important to those of us who are three or more hours away from Chicago that we not get called on at such short notice or our constituents have to drive up to present their budgets."

Currie: "Right."

Rose: "So thank you for those words of encouragement."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you. A question to the Sponsor?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Mautino: "Okay. Leader Currie, I just had a... had a couple of questions on... on the rules. And because of the level of sound in the chamber, I didn't... didn't hear those. But in committee, what are the changes to the rules of committee? Committee chairman responsibilities?"

Currie: "The..."

Mautino: "Vice chairman..."

Currie: "The only... the only change, I think, is the one that says that in the absence of a Sponsor, a Minority spokesman might be able to present a measure. Current rules say only the chair may do that. Is there... And maybe there are a bunch of changes here, Representative. If you have a specific question about something that you think has changed."

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Mautino: "My... my first question would be is, are there anymore Bills coming up after this today?"

Currie: "I don't know."

Mautino: "Well, when we announce sine die, then we don't abolish the rules, I believe that the rules stay in place for the next General Assembly until the General Assembly passes new rules, correct?"

Currie: "By statute."

Mautino: "By statute?"

Currie: "Yes."

Mautino: "So currently, we are changing on the last day rules to make some accommodations to the Republican Party."

Currie: "And... and from our staff as well."

Mautino: "And some of our... some of our Members."

Currie: "Yep."

Mautino: "Have anyone or any other Members been approached to discuss potential changes of the rules?"

Currie: "Representative, we've been talking about these for the last week or so. And I thought people were aware that there would likely be some technical changes to the rules. And, I repeat, technical."

Mautino: "But..."

Currie: "There are no significant substantive..."

Mautino: "There... and there are no Bills coming after this Bill."

Currie: "There may or may not be."

Mautino: "Correct. So, in the event that, say for example, the rules weren't passed tomorrow for the new General Assembly or the next day, these would stay in force."

Currie: "That's right."

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Mautino: "So why wouldn't we want to then discuss all the technical changes when we discuss the new rules?"

Currie: "Representative, I'm happy to. I did... I did cover a fair number in my opening. I thought people might get bored if I actually went through each and every. But I'm happy to go back and specify the ones I didn't cover initially."

Mautino: "I... I understand that. I just don't know that today is the proper day to discuss the changes of the rules which are abolished or not in effect for the next General Assembly until that General Assembly meets. So, for example, let's say the rules weren't passed or there were questions that Members might like to change in the rules..."

Currie: "Re... Re... Representative, remember we're gonna have many opportunities to deal with rules in the 95th General Assembly. For example, the committees that are in these rules are the committees we have today. They... there may well be changes in the names of the committees, in the substance of the committee responsibility. We are not going to make those changes, can't make those changes, until we come back at the very end of January. But these technical changes, these clarifications, put us in good shape, will be very helpful to the Clerk of the House in figuring out who does what when. Perfunctory Sessions, for example, why do they have to make a Calendar when it's only a Perfunctory Session? So wouldn't it be wise to get that clarified, off the table, done, before we look at substantive proposals for rules changes in the 95th?"

Mautino: "I kind of remember this discussion, actually it was in the Senate, when Steve Morrill wrote the rules for Carter

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Hendren at that time. And they were adopted and brought over here. But, from that point on, once adopted, my concern is there are not additional discussions of rules or potential changes that the Members may want. So I just wanted to say that I have real concerns about changing the rules of the House on the last day when the new General Assembly comes in tomorrow for an agreement that's been negotiated that basically no one knows about. Thank you."

Currie: "Let me just say, we did have a Rules Committee hearing a week ago Thursday here in Springfield and they.. the agenda was to talk about proposed changes in the House Rules. No Members came forward at that time with proposals. And what we were dealing with primarily, as I say, were these technical clarifications."

Mautino: "I think there's currently a number of Members that would like to discuss some changes to the new rules for the General Assembly."

Currie: "Good. And we will have that opportunity."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Myers (sic-Meyer)."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Sponsor (sic-Speaker). Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Hannig: "She indicates she'll yield."

Meyer: "Representative Currie, this morning in committee we had a discussion on several points that we wanted to bring up. I'd like to bring up one of them again here on the House Floor just so that the Members can hear. Not everybody, of course, was in the committee. And that is that.. the issue is that during a record vote, no Motion except a Motion to Postpone Consideration is in order and no other business may

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be conducted until after the announcement of the result of the vote. We had asked that... our side of the aisle had asked that that be included in the rules. What is proposed does not include that verbiage and I just wanted to make clear here on the House Floor that, in fact, when a Motion or wh... wh... when there is a Motion to vote that... and it's postponed waiting for Members to come back from other committees and things like that, that another vote cannot be taken prior to that one being closed out."

Currie: "That is absolutely accurate. That is what the current rule says. I think that you may just wanna underscore that point. I don't think we need additional clarification. But I totally agree that the current rule says you may not take a vote on another measure while a... an initial Motion is pending on the first. You could take testimony, as we talked about in committee, but you may make no Motion. No Motion can come before the committee. There can be no Roll Call, no vote on a second measure while the first is pending."

Meyer: "Thank you for the amplification on that rule."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Fritchey. Doesn't wish to speak? Okay. Representative Lindner. No? Okay. Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield? Representative Currie, one of the issues that we raised in the Rules Committee this morning in one of the proposals in which we had offered was a prohibition or the restriction of non-Members from participating in the questioning of committee witnesses. And we discussed that

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in the committee this morning. I would just like to go on... have you just discuss on the record with us, what is the process for having non-Members in place? Does our... the questions we raised is that, if yes, if you do have a non-Member who will participate and ask questions of a witness, we wanna be able to have those same rights as well."

Currie: "Right, right. And it is certainly the intention of the chamber that if there is an opportunity... if by... by leave of a committee, a staffer or another were invited to ask questions of a witness on a matter pending before that committee, that if leave were granted for a proposed questioner from the Majority staff, that same... that same opportunity would be offered to a Member of the Minority staff."

Durkin: "Would... we're talkin'..."

Currie: "And again, these... these opportunities only happen with leave of the committee."

Durkin: "All right. When we... we talk about leave, are we saying unanimous consent of the committee or is it a majority of the committee who would support?"

Currie: "Well, in my experience it... What happens is the chairman asks if there's leave for a non-Member of the committee to make comments or to ask questions."

Durkin: "Okay. So, would we..."

Currie: "And only when the committee gives leave does that happen. And it would certainly be the intention of the Majority Party to ensure that if that opportunity is given to a Member of the Majority staff or to a person chosen by

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the Majority Party, the same opportunity would be offered to a Minority staffer."

Durkin: "Exactly. That's... that's the point I just wanted to get across. And that we're talking about leave, we're talking unanimous consent of the individuals who are sitting in the committee on that day."

Currie: "Right."

Durkin: "Thank you very much."

Currie: "Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Any further discussion? Then Representative Currie, you're recognized to close."

Currie: "Thank you. These are technical changes. I would appreciate your support for House Resolution 1571."

Speaker Hannig: "The question is, 'Shall House Resolution 1571 be adopted?' This requires 60 votes. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. Mr. Clerk, the voting is open. Call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Acevedo. Arroyo. Arroyo. Bassi."

Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi passes. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'no'. Beiser. Beiser. Bellock."

Bellock: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock passes. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Present."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'present'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer passes. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia.
Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'no'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin. Colvin.
Coulson."

Coulson: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'present'. Cross."

Cross: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'no'. Cultra."

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Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico. D'Amico. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis. Will Davis. Dugan. Dugan. Dunkin. Dunkin. Dunn. Dunn. Durkin. Durkin."

Durkin: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'present'. Eddy. Eddy. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Fortner."

Fortner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fortner votes 'present'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey passes. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'no'. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos passes. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris."

Harris: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Hassert. Hassert.
Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch. Jenisch.
Joyce."

Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

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Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel. Kosel. Kosel.
Representative Kosel. Krause. Krause. Lang."

Krause: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'present'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch. Leitch."

Leitch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'no'. Lindner."

Lindner: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'no'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'present'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino passes. May."

May: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "May passes. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'present'. McCarthy. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer."

Meyer: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'present'. Miller."

Miller: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller passes. Bill Mitchell."

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Mitchell, B.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'no'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'no'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'present'. Maut... Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'present'. Munson."

Munson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'no'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz passes. Osmond."

Osmond: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'no'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey."

Ramey: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'no'. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti votes 'present'. Reis."

Reis: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis passes. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano. Saviano. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'no'. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens."

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Stephens: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'no'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy. Tracy."

Tracy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon. Tryon. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge."

Younge: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Arroyo."

Arroyo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Arroyo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'no'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will (sic-Lisa) Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will (sic-Ken) Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'no'. Eddy."

Eddy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hamos.

Representative Hamos."

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hamos passes. Hassert. Hassert. Jenisch. Representative Jenisch. Kosel. Representative Kosel. Mautino."

Mautino: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Mautino votes 'aye'. May. Representative May."

May: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative May votes 'aye'. McCarthy. Miller."

Miller: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Miller votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Nekritz votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Reis votes 'no'. Saviano. Representative Saviano. Tryon. Representative Tryon."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Oh, Representative Hamos, how do you wish to be recorded?"

Hamos: "(Inaudible)."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady wished to be recorded as 'present', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'present'. Hassert votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 62 voting 'yes', and 37 voting 'no'. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar we have, under the Order of Total Vetoes, Senate Bill 380 for Representative Lindner. Representative Lindner, would you like to present your Total Veto override on Senate Bill 380? Representative Lindner."

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Lindner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am moving to override the Governor's Veto on Senate Bill 380. This is a Bill that passed the House in November. The crux of the Bill is that I have a school district that is in such a high growth area that they have to build 14 new schools immediately. They have already gone to their voters to get approval for this and passed a \$450 million referendum. They are coming to the Legislature to ask to exceed the debt limitation. There're also several other entities in this Bill that are... to do with this same subject. And that is a Bill for David Miller's area, a Bill for David... Deborah Graham and Karen Yarbrough's area. Part of it is from Bill Mitchell's area and Renee Kosel's area. The Senate overrode this Bill 44-7. And I would ask the Body to override the Governor's Veto."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady asked... The Lady moves that the House override the Governor's Veto of Senate Bill 380. Is there any discussion? Representative Miller."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I do support the override of the Governor's Veto. This is important to my school district. Many of you supported this Bill when it initially came up. This is one of those Bills that helps everybody who's in the language. And I would ask for those who supported it the first time to do so again. I ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Quickly, I, too, rise in support of this Motion. One of the districts in here is my actual home district where my kids go to school. We passed

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a referendum locally for \$450 million. Representative Lindner referred to the huge need for new schools. I'd like to... So, for that reason and that portion of the Bill, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote. I'd like to also point out to Members of our side of the aisle this Bill actually contains really five separate issues or Bills. Three of the five involve Republican issues or Republican districts and benefit Republican lawmakers. The other two repres... benefit Members on the other side of the aisle. So, for that we appreciate it. It's something that was put together during Veto Session, issues that all... that are important to the respective districts. So, like Pat and like David, I would appreciate an 'aye' vote and an override on the Governor's Veto. So thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any further discussion? Is there any further discussion? Then Representative Lindner, you're recognized to close."

Lindner: "Thank you very much. And thank you, the two previous speakers for their input. And I would just ask for an 'aye' vote to override the Governor's Veto."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the question is, 'Shall Senate Bill 380 pass, the Veto of the Governor notwithstanding?' This Motion requires 71 votes. And this is final action. All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Arroyo."

Arroyo: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Arroyo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien. Beaubien.
Beiser. Beiser. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Boland passes. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brauer passes. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia.
Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

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Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross."

Cross: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cul... Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico. D'Amico. Monique
Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Dugan. Dugan.
Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn. Dunn."

Dunn: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider passes. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Fortner."

Fortner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fortner votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Present."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'present'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich passes. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar."

Golar: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Golar votes 'aye'. Gordon."

Gordon: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon passes. Graham. Graham. Granberg.

Granberg. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris. Harris. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook. Holbrook.

Howard. Howard. Jakobsson. Jakobsson."

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Jakobsson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies. Jefferies.
Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'no'. Kelly. Kelly. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons. Joe Lyons.
Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino. Mathias passes.
Mautino. Mautino. May."

May: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'no'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy. McGuire.
McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Just to give those who've already voted a heads up... Those who've already voted, I would announce that lunch has arrived downstairs. And Mr. Clerk, why don't you continue the Roll Call for those that are still hungry."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell.
Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

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Osmond: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke. Parke. Phelps."

Phelps: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'no'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe. Poe."

Poe: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'aye'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti votes 'no'. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz. Representative Reitz.
Rita."

Rita: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'no'. Ryg."

Ryg: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'no'. Sacia."

Sacia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'no'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

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Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully. Scully. Smith."

Smith: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens. Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner. Representative
Turner. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'no'. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough. Yarbrough.
Younge."

Younge: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Younge votes 'aye'. Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien votes 'aye'. Beiser. Representative
Beiser. Boland."

Beiser: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Beiser votes 'no'.
Representative Boland."

Boland: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'no'. Representative John
Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative John Bradley votes 'no'.
Brauer."

Brauer: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Brauer votes 'aye'. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'no'. Dugan."

Dugan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Flider."

Flider: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Froehlich."

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Froehlich: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'no'. Gordon."

Gordon: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'no'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'no'. Harris."

Harris: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'no'. Howard. Howard.
Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias. Mathias."

Mathias: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. McCarthy. Parke. Parke.
Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Turner. Turner. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Yarbrough. Representative
Yarbrough."

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Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Representative Beiser, did you wish to be recorded as 'no'? Representative Myers wishes to be recorded as 'no', Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Myers votes 'no'. Representative Pritchard votes 'no'. And Representative Beiser votes 'no'."

Speaker Hannig: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Then Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 78 voting 'yes', 31 voting 'no'. This Motion, having received the Three-fifths Majority, the Motion to override prevails and Senate Bill 380 is declared passed, notwithstanding the Governor's Veto. On page... Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rules Report. 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 January 09, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendations: 'approved for floor consideration' is a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 822."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, on page 3 of the Calendar, under the Order of Consideration Postponed, Representative Molaro, you have Senate Bill 948. So, Representative Molaro."

Molaro: "Well, I mean was a caucus called that I wasn't aware of? I mean... no, I'm not kidding. I mean, obviously, that's been on Postponed, I know that. It's been on Postponed. So, naturally..."

Speaker Hannig: "Do you wanna... did you wanna take it out of the record for a few minutes?"

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Molaro: "I..."

Speaker Hannig: "It's your call, Representative."

Molaro: "Yeah. We're gonna have to unless... Can they vote from the second floor or wherever they're at? We'll take it out of the record for now."

Speaker Hannig: "We'll take it out of the record at the request of the Sponsor. On... on... on the Order... On Supplemental Calendar #2, under the Order of Concurrence, Representative Reitz, you have House Bill 822. Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Bill 822 as amended in the Senate. And this is the coal mine safety Bill we had... that we passed in May. We had two issues that we put a trigger date in to drive us back. We had questions and we're waiting on some studies on rescue chambers and on caches for self-contained self rescuers. This Amendment will have the self-contained self rescuers at various distances based on seam height. But the... most of the mines in Illinois will be 57 hundred feet apart. It was 4 thousand feet in current law. This is... we've ran tests with Department of Mines and Minerals and made sure that... that this is a safe distance for these caches. The issue of rescue chambers, they are still looking at this on the federal level. I know in the Senate they've had opposition, just more to the premise of rescue chambers at all. What we're going to do is have rescue chambers within every 3 thousand feet of a working section of the mine. This should be a last resort for any miner in the event of a catastrophe, but in case they are not able to escape the mine and have to revert back to the mine face, we'll be able

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to have some safety measures in there that we hope will save lives. And I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman moves that the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 822. Is there any discussion? Is there any discussion? Then the question is, 'Shall the House concur in Senate Amendment #1 on House Bill 822?' All in favor vote 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The voting is open. And Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Arroyo. Arroyo. Bassi. Bassi. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beaubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Berrios. Berrios. Biggins. Biggins. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley. Brady. Brauer."

Brauer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Brosnahan. Burke. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill. Collins."

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Collins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson. Coulson. Cross.
Cross. Cultra. Cultra. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis. Will
Davis. Dugan."

Dugan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn."

Dunn: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunn votes 'aye'. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy. Eddy. Feigenholtz.
Feigenholtz. Flider. Flider. Flowers. Flowers. Fortner.
Fortner. Franks."

Franks: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Fritchey. Fritchey.
Froehlich. Froehlich. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

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Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

Hannig: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris."

Harris: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hoffman votes 'aye'. Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Jefferies.

Representative Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce. Representative

Joyce. Kelly. Representative Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause.
Representative Krause. Lang. Representative Lang.
Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lindner."

Lindner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias. Mathias. Mautino.
Mautino. May. May. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Meyer. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell."

Mitchell, B.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bill Mitchell votes 'aye'. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt. Moffitt.
Molaro. Molaro. Mulligan. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson. Representative
Munson. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard. Ramey.
Ramey. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti votes 'aye'. Reis. Reis. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita. Rita. Rose. Rose.
Ryg. Ryg. Sacia."

Sacia: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock. Schock. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

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Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'aye'. Soto. Soto. Stephens.
Stephens."

Stephens: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Stephens votes 'aye'. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy. Tracy. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'aye'. Winters."

Winters: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge. Representative
Younge. Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "(Inaudible)."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Acevedo. Arroyo.
Bassi. Berrios. Representative Berrios. Biggins.
Representative Biggins. Bost."

Bost: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'aye'. Rich Bradley. Representative
Rich Bradley..."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "...votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke.
Representative Burke. Churchill. Representative Churchill.
Coulson. Representative Coulson. Cross."

Cross: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cult... Representative Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra.
Will Davis. Representative Will Davis. Eddy.
Representative Eddy. Feigenholtz. Feigenholtz. Flider.
Representative Flider. Flowers. Representative Flowers.
Fortner. Representative Fortner. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich.
Representative Froehlich. Golar. Representative Golar.
Fortner. Representative Fortner. Representative..."

Fortner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "...Fortner votes 'aye'. Joyce. Representative
Joyce. Krause. Representative Krause. Representative
Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Mathias. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May. Representative May.
McCarthy. Meyer. Representative Meyer. Moffitt.
Representative Moffitt. Molaro. Representative Molaro.
Munson."

Munson: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Munson votes 'aye'. Pritchard.
Representative Pritchard. Ramey. Representative Ramey.
Reis."

Reis: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose. Representative Rose."

Rose: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg. Representative Ryg.
Schock. Representative Schock. Soto."

Soto: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Tracy. Representative May."

May: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. Berrios."

Berrios: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Berrios votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flider, do you wish to be
recorded as 'aye'?"

Flider: "(Inaudible)."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, Mr. Flider wishes to be 'aye'."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Flider votes 'aye'."

Arroyo: "(Inaudible)."

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Speaker Hannig: "Representative..."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Arroyo votes 'aye'."

Speaker Hannig: "Is all... Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this question, there are 90 voting 'yes' and 0 voting 'no'. And the House does concur in Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 822. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Holbrook, for what reason do you rise?"

Holbrook: "Thank you, Speaker. A point of personal privilege. You know, this fall a team that you and I have supported forever, the Cardinals, won the World Series. Isn't that right? And I was just wondering if maybe the House would like to extend an invitation to Tony La Russa and Mark Lamping to bring the team up and bring their trophy up. Maybe we could have one of these IDs made like we did with the White Sox if they come up this fall and have a Cardinal red bird on there. Just something to be taken under consideration by the Chair to extend that invitation to the Cardinal organization."

Speaker Hannig: "Very good. Thank you. Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Well, Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... I... I see that we might be about to get to other business, but while Speaker Madigan's on the floor, we had a committee meeting Sunday in which we heard House Bill 2197. Speaker Madigan took over sponsorship of the Bill. I have with me a principal Sponsor's change request and I would like to take over sponsorship of that Bill. I was under the understanding,

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because I asked a question of the Speaker who was in committee, 'When would he call the Bill?' And I thought I heard his response to be, 'It will be our first order of business.' Now, if that's changed, and I understand that it might have changed. I had a meeting with the Speaker just a moment ago and he said that we were not going to call the Bill. And I... I think it is a reasonable request. A lot of Members have put much consideration into House Bill 2197, which appears to many of us to be a compromise on the utility issue. Without further action by this Body, the state is about to undergo a huge change in utility rates from the residential to business communities... and business communities. There is nothing going on that's going to stop these rate increases if we don't pass 2197. The rate freeze Bill that was passed by this chamber yesterday has been called dead on arrival in the Senate. We still have time and, I think, the will to pass 2197 if we can just call it to a vote. So if... if we could get some clarification from the Speaker as to was... did I misunderstand him or has there been a changing of minds as to whether we're gonna call 2197? Thank you, Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Speaker Madigan."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Representative Stephens, I was in the committee with you and in response to your question, I told you that my plan... my plan was to call the Bill. I changed the plan."

Stephens: "Mr. Speaker, that's all I needed to hear. I... I appreciate it. And... and as I told you in committee, I... I

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understand why you and I probably have different utility rates. So I understand how the game's played. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan, on the Calendar, under Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 1577."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes, I was just caught off.. a little off guard. Here comes Representative Parke. This is a Resolution congratulating Representative Parke. And I presume the Clerk will read the Resolution."

Speaker Hannig: "Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 1577."

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Representative Terry Parke of Schaumburg on his service to the people of his legislative district; and

WHEREAS, Representative Parke has been a member of the Illinois House since 1984 and has served this body with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Representative Parke's accomplishments are numerous: he has been recognized as the Freshman Legislator of the Year by the Illinois Hospital Association; he was twice named Representative of the Year by the Illinois Health Care Association; he was named Legislator of the Year from the Illinois Nurses Association and Legislator of the Year from the Illinois Association of Park Districts; he was the recipient of the 2005 Presidential Award from the Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County, the Golden Apple Award from the Illinois Association of School Boards, and the Illinois Manufactured Housing Association's Legislator of the Year award; and

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WHEREAS, He has been the Co-Chairman of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, the spokesperson for the Insurance Committee, and a member of the committees on Environment & Energy, Consumer Protection, Environmental Health, Labor, and Telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving in the General Assembly, Representative Parke's public service also included terms as a Schaumburg Township School Trustee from 1979 to 1981 and a Schaumburg Township Trustee from 1981 to 1984; he was a member of the Republican National Convention, elected as an Illinois Delegate in 1988 and 1996 and as an Illinois Alternate Delegate in 1992 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, He has been a long-standing member of the Hanover Organization of Republicans and the Schaumburg Township Alliance of Republicans, and has served as a Precinct Captain for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Parke was born a politician, with his first political speech given as a two-year-old to a trainload of listeners, according to memories left from his loving mother; and

WHEREAS, He was a trusted Boy Scout and Eagle Scout; if requested, he would indulge you with his many camping stories, including winter camp-outs in tents in the snow; he was on the high school wrestling team, but was quite a lightweight, weighing in at 110 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Representative Parke honorably served in the United States Army for two years during the Vietnam War, serving our country in Germany; while in Europe, he provided leadership guidance as a Boy Scout leader for American boys

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whose families were stationed in Europe; during his tour he was a decorated "Soldier of the Month" and was recommended for Officer's Training School; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his overseas military duty in 1968, Representative Parke returned to Southern Illinois University to complete his degree in education; there he met his wife, Joanne; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we wish Representative Parke all the best in his future endeavors and congratulate him on a job well done in the General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Representative Parke, his wife, Joanne, and their two daughters, Kelli and Tiffany, as an expression of our esteem and respect for our colleague and friend."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Parke and I have been seatmates for a while, not the entire time we've been here, although I think he's been in the same row I have been in most of my entire part of the General Assembly and... but he's been my seatmate for a while and I certainly appreciate a lot of the things that Terry and I do. A very conservative columnist named Tom Roser once said in one of his columns... 'and everybody from Terry Parke to Rosemary Mulligan supported this issue', which meant that Terry was very conservative and I'm considered very moderate, although Tom likes to call me liberal, which I deny. But anyway, it was very interesting because many people said when Terry and

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I were seatmates, boy, this is gonna be really interesting. And except for an occasional disagreement on one obvious ideological issue, Terry and I have been really good seatmates. We extend each other the courtesy of a lot of information. Every now and then he'd say to me, 'Oh, I would've voted you differently on that.' And I'm always surprised to say, 'You didn't really, did you? Because I would've agreed with you this time,' when I'm sure he was surprised. But I will miss Terry probably more than most because he always has good information. We trade information on the budget. He gives me information from Ec and Fisc. He gives me information on Pensions, on Revenue, and I share Appropriations back and forth with him. And as far as what happens on our side of the aisle, on those issues we talk a lot. He gives me a lot of information and he's one of the other more vocal people in caucus, as I am. And I really think that he will be a big loss to our caucus and certainly as a valuable colleague who I can have a disagreement with and yet turn around and agree on issues. He and I have had a very good working relationship as seatmates, which I'm sure many people didn't think that would be the case, and we have. So, I like to think that maybe I've made him a little more mellow on certain issues. And I remind him that he has daughters and that he should vote, ya know, to represent his daughters. And many times he'd be calling them in college and talking to them and I'd say, 'Talking to your daughters?' And one time he said to me, 'And I took my wife to Chico's, the discount place out there.' And I thought, oh my God, I'm having this

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conversation with Terry Parke. This is really interesting. So, as a seatmate he's been very, very interesting and informative and I think I certainly, as a Legislator from our area and a Cook County Legislator, will miss Terry, will miss the information that we trade, and will miss the interest that people took in our relationship as seatmates who said this will never work, and it's worked very well. So, Terry, I'll miss you a lot. I'm sure I'm going to hear from you occasionally, if not often. And I hope that you will enjoy many successes from here on out, you and your wife. I hope you will enjoy where you're going and what you're doing. And I will tell you, as a colleague, I valued very much, especially, the years that we've been seatmates in the last number of years. So, thank you very much."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know if a lot of people realize this or not, and there was a... there was a statement in the Resolution that was read about his wrestling and that he was a lightweight. Well, that had to be just strictly on the wrestling because whenever I was first deciding whether or not I was going to become part of the Legislative Body and actually run, I came down and I sat in the gallery on the Republican side of the aisle and I... at that time it was... it was, like, gonna be a primary so nobody was really showing interest from staff or anything like that. I was just talk... thinking about filing and I was talking to somebody in the gallery and I was thinking about running. And there was an issue being discussed at the time on the floor and it was a very heated issue and it was about the...

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the changing of the Constitution on the education issue. And while watching this... Terry is strong and opinionated and holds his own. And his friend across the aisle, Bill Black, at that time held his own. As the two of them wrestled down the aisle over the issue, I could tell that Terry's no lightweight. It was a unique experience for me. And then so the first time that I saw Terry Parke he was fighting for issues of his district. I think he served as his repre... his area well and the state well. He's a friend to everyone on this side of the aisle and I know on that side of the aisle as well. You may disagree at times, but he's always there and he handles things very well. He's gonna be dearly missed. I consider him a friend. And also, because he is an alum from SIU, he's going to do great. So, go dogs."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Probably the last person anybody expected to speak here. But over the last 10 years, on hundreds of Session days you could probably count on one hand the time that Representative Parke and I have agreed on issues. And those disagreements, I think it stayed cordial although they've been vehement at times. But I think that my relationship with Terry underscores something that we saw in a Member in this Body, which is you do not have to agree with someone to respect their determination and their dogmatic approach to fighting for whatever it is they believe in. So, Terry, we may not have agreed, we may not agree going forward, but you'll always have my respect for the determination and the valor that you brought to those positions that you fought for. And I think that in your own way and with your own

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beliefs you do remind everybody of the determination they should bring to this job, and I commend you for what you've done over the last 10 years that I've been here. I wish you the best in the future."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I've known Terry since I was first elected 14 years ago and he was one of the first people that made an impression on me in that Terry, as we all have recognized, is extremely philosophical. That's good, because he's passionate about a belief. He exercises that passion through his discussion in his debate on the House Floor. He exercises that passion through the Bills that he... he proposes and... and passes and those that he supports that others propose. And that passion, I think, is what makes a successful Legislator. We all have roles in the House. We all have different feelings about issues. I doubt if there are any two people out of the hundred and eighteen of us that agree entirely with each other. But Terry has always held those agreements or disagreements in a respectful way. As an assistant Floor Leader... and we on this side of the aisle, of course, are the part of the loyal Minority, the loyal opposition, we have a responsibility for asking questions of those that propose the agenda. Terry has always asked tough questions. He does not accept half answers. He pursues the knowledge that he's after in his questioning, but he always has been respectful in every event that I've seen him in action. And I think it's important to... to note that. Terry has had a number of

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committee assignments, but there's one committee... the commission that he's assigned to and he's been assigned to it since 1993 and that's the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability. In 1993, when he was first appointed to it, it was called the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission. In 1996, after serving 3 years in that committee, Terry was asked to cochair it, and he's been the cochair of that committee since that time. And I just want to share with you a few of the things that he's accomplished as the cochair, along with the other Members of that committee, and these things have been accomplished for us because that commission is our accounting and forecasting commission. It represents the Legislative Branch to make sure that the state of the budget and the state of state here in Illinois is known to us. It's our information gathering commission. The Governor and the administrative arm have their own, but this is ours. And this is what that commission has done under Terry's leadership. The name, of course, was changed from the Ec and Fisc Committee to the Commission on Governmental Forecasting and Accountability. The duties and responsibility of the commission were expanded, which is why the name was changed. In addition to providing revenue estimates, analyzing revenue Bills, issuing reports on the state's bonded indebtedness, preparing state debt impact notes, and providing oversight to the state's group health insurance, the following duties were added during the last 3 years. The new duties include the oversight of the state's five pension systems, analysis of all pension Bills, preparation of the pension impact

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notes, administration of the State's Fiscal Closure Act and the Debt Responsibility Act. I am told... and I don't sit on that commission, but I am told that he is fiercely protective of the commission's bipartisan makeup and their independence and always wants to know if anyone is trying to exert undue influence over the commission's analysis. By his role on that commission he represents all of us, and I think he's done an outstanding job. I wish Terry good luck in the future. I'm sure that we'll be seein' him from time to time down here as... as he goes forward with his life. But I just wanted to wish him Godspeed and good luck."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'm proud to join as a... as a Sponsor of the revolu... Resolution here for... for Terry and... in looking back there, through 1984. Long time in the General Assembly and a lot of great institutional knowledge. But this morning he... Terry brought me by a letter that actually my dad had written to him when they served together. And they worked together and cooperated and did a lot of great things. I also enjoyed Mr. Bost's comment because I was in the General Assembly on the day of the big fight. And for those of you who weren't here, I want ya to know that the brave Member that broke it up was 72-year-old Janie Barnes. Representative Turner just reminded me, too, that on leaving here in your future, Don King is always looking for new talent and he, too, believes in the American way. Terry, I've enjoyed working with you on the Insurance Committee and also wanted to commend you for the things that you've done on the national level that most people and many

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people don't know about or will never realize. A lot of the policies that you created as the President of the National Conference on Insurance Legislators and the years and the work that you've put in have protected millions of consumers and have set up market conduct and rules that protect them that they may never see. But that is a great testimony of what you were able to do. I wish you well and I'm sure that you will be a success in any endeavors."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... I would be remiss if I didn't try to reflect on what it was like in the year 1966 when this country was torn by a extremely difficult war. And in those days, Terry Parke answered his country's call. Much like today, it was difficult getting a pay raise back then, by the way. Terry was paid \$81.97 a month as a young private serving in the United States Army. And you heard in the Resolution that he was 'Soldier of the Month'. Well, that was 'Soldier of the Month' for the European Theater. It was not a small war. It was a huge accomplishment for a young soldier who was doing his very best to serve his country in a very difficult time. We like to call ourselves public servants. Ladies and Gentlemen, until you've been a private in the military, like Representative Terry Parke, 'public service' is just a name. Terry Parke, congratulations for your public service as a soldier and as you continued that service up to this very day. And I look forward to your continued service in some capacity around the State of Illinois. Now your wife is shaking her head saying, we got kids we gotta get through college, but I got

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a feeling that we haven't seen the last of Terry Parke. God bless you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Flowers."

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Terry. Representative Parke, I want to say to you that 22 of the best years of my life I've spent with you. And, quite frankly, if you remember, it started in this House, downstairs at our freshmen reception. I want to thank you because you have made me the person that I am as far as all of our arguments, our fights. I'm a better person because you were there. I had to get up early, stay up late in order to be on top of my game, knowing that you were going to be there to challenge my very, very being. And for that, I want to say thank you. I want to say thank you for the... the speeches that you used to pass out on the floor years ago. Remember those days, around Memorial time? I remember the speech that you gave me. 'I am your flag. Respect me, protect me, never neglect me.' That's what you gave me 20-some-odd years ago to say. That's more appropriate today than ever before. I want to say to you that I'm going to miss you. And I meant it from the bottom of my heart when I said despite the fact... all the fights that we've ever had, we always embrace when it was all over. Thank you very much and I'm going to miss you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Graham."

Graham: "Well, Representative Parke, I want to thank you for all of your assistance in helping me when I first got here. I ran some really complicated Bills in the very beginning and you guys were a really intimidating bunch, between you and Representative Black and a number of other people on the

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other side over there. And I came to you one day and I said, 'I know what you're gonna do. Ya know, I know you're not gonna support me with this Bill. But if you could just not say anything... if you could just not say anything, ya know, kind of alleviate the pressure off of me, it would really help me.' You looked at me and you said, 'Well, I'll think about it.' Ya know? He said, 'Well, if I don't say anything, ya know, you oughta get a couple other people not to say anything.' And I said, 'Okay. I said, but if you just not say anything.' And I talked to you, and I won't name others, but I talked to others. And when the legislation ran, I was like saying... I saw you gesturing. I don't know if you were, like, helping somebody, but I said... said to myself, 'He said he wasn't gonna say anything.' But you kept your word. I wanna thank you for keeping your word. Each time I came to you to ask your advice on something you were very straightforward. You... you know, you didn't sugarcoat it. You let me know where you were. But you did tell me... you would quiz me on a Bill if... when I got ready to run it. You said, 'Well, what about this?' And if I gave you the wrong answer you would say, 'That's not it. You need to go back and take a look at that.' You wouldn't give me the right answer either, what the appropriate thing was. But you said, 'No, you need to go back and look at that.' And when I did, you were right, it was something missing in what I said. So, I wanna thank you for the little bit of tutelage that you gave me and the support that you gave me on the floor when I requested. And coming from the other side of the aisle, that meant a lot for me, a

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person who was, like, saying 'uh oh'. Ya know, I always carry come complicated stuff because in my district I have complicated issues. And so, I always say, 'Well, they don't like me as much 'cause I run all this hard stuff,' but that's what matters in my area. Thank you for your support."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Lyons in the Chair. Recognize Representative Washington. Representative Eddie Washington."

Washington: "Mr. Parke, I finally get a chance to say what's on my mind. You know, when I first came here... ya know, and I'm still a freshman, hopefully in my junior year after tomorrow. But when I heard you I used think, man, why is this guy always rampin' and ragin'? I didn't understand the role that you played. And I said, man, he's kinda on the mean side. It's like nobody could satisfy you. Every time somebody said something over here it's like you had somethin' else to say back. But as I got a chance to see what you were tryin' to do, I really found you personable and someone that I have learned a lot from. And if I ever get a chance to stand in your shoes or something close to it and I'm able to do what you do, I hope I can do it as well. And you definitely will be missed. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Don Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Terry, I can only imagine the memories and the emotion that you must be feeling after 22 years of great service here in the House chamber, and it's appropriate that

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we recognize that. I just wanna say, you never lost focus of what you came here to do and the interests that you came here to represent, and you did that very, very effectively. You have consistently served, in my opinion, as the voice, that... really the conscience, of what it means to be pro-business, pro-jobs, and to be fiscally responsible. You set the bar of what that means. And that example, I want to thank you for it. It's really been a privilege to serve with you, and you truly have made a difference by serving here. For that, I say congratulations. For that, I say thank you and wish you the very best. Godspeed. Thanks, Terry Parke."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Lou Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. And to my friend, Terry Parke, we're going to miss you around here. You know, one of the things that has bothered me in my almost 20 years in this Body is that we've got a lot of people here who from time to time go back and forth on issues, people who don't seem to have a coherent philosophy of government, people that change with the wind, but I'm proud to say, that's not you. Sometimes it means you're stubborn, but most of the time it means that you came here with a notion of what you thought government ought to be. You have principles that are unshakable, you have values that are... that do not move, and for this we should all thank you. As you've heard from this side of the aisle from many of the speakers, we don't always agree with you, in fact, not that often, but there's nothing wrong with that. We

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came here to debate major issues, and you and I have had many, but what comes out of it is that you are a Gentleman that came here with an idea and an ideal and a set of values that are important to you and, you believe, important on behalf of your constituents. And so, I wish we had more Terry Parkes around here, not necessarily your side of the political spectrum, but I wish we had more people like you in this Body, now and into the future, who understand that we must have our sense of what government is, our philosophy of what we ought to be doing here. And for that... from that, we've learned a great deal from you about how to go about doing that business. And so, as you go on to do other things, which I hope will be productive and enjoyable for you, remember that you leave that legacy with us. We appreciate what you've done for us and thank you for your being here with us. Godspeed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my friend, Terry Parke. As a freshman, I had the opportunity to travel to... to China with a small delegation of Representatives. There was myself, Terry, Bob Rita, Robin Kelly, and Joe Dunn. And I remember whenever we would go out to dinner they would prepare a menu in Chinese and of course we didn't understand what it was. And as the food would come out we'd always ask our translators, 'Well, what's this and what's that?' And there were a few times when we would ask them, 'What is this dish?', and they had to talk amongst themselves first before they told us what it was. And then they would always come

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back and say 'beef'. And then, of course, Terry would start going, 'Meow. Woof. Woof.' So, I had an opportunity to see Terry kind of in a whole different light. Ya know, just as a... as a person. And that travel to China gave us an opportunity to talk, and... and what we found out is that some of the issues that he deals with in his area aren't much different than the issues that I deal with in my area. But it was just an opportunity for all of us to just kind of talk and really get to... get to know each other. Terry, obviously, was the senior Member traveling with four freshmen Members of the House and it was good for myself and Robin and Joe and... and Bob to all just be able to sit and talk and... as we traveled and explored. Terry and I spent a lot of time walking up the Great Wall of China together. And... and I kept wondering why all these Chinese people wanted to talk and touch and take pictures with me. And little did I know that Terry was telling them that I was Michael Jordan. Because over in China, ya know, they don't see very many African-American folks, so I was kind of a novelty, and so was Robin in some respect. So I'm in a whole lot of pictures hanging on walls in Chinese houses and I don't know who these people are. But that's all because of... because of Terry. So, I just want to wish you well, Terry. Certainly going to miss you. I hear a lot of stories about how Members get to know people here in the chamber and... and they develop these longstanding relationships. And even though that we haven't had an opportunity to develop a very long relationship 'cause I've only been here for 4 years; nevertheless, they've been...

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they've been 4 good years. And I think they've been made better because I've had the opportunity to know and to serve you. So I wish you well, Terry, my friend and my colleague. God bless you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Mark Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. When you come down to Springfield, which I did 10 years ago, sometimes you get preconceived notions. As somebody said before, when I met Terry I said this is not going to work. As a matter of fact, I couldn't have been more totally wrong. I think since we've been down here sharing a secretary for a couple of years, office next-door-mates for a couple of years, he's become actually a true friend. And an individual who, in a strange sort of way, we've worked with each other, I think we kind of protect each other. We look after one another as kind of a strange bedfellows kind of relationship. But he's... he's become a truly great friend of mine and I certainly wish him the best in the future. And I think I'd like to point out, from my perspective, of my... what I have great respect for his legislative process. The cochairman of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, his knowledge of the budget, his historic knowledge of the process, his love of the process, and his knowledge of the budget, which is one of the best in the House. This House is going to miss this Gentleman. He knows his budget and he knows fiscal responsibility. He knows the process and he has the great

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historical values. And again, I just want to say best of luck to my very good friend, Terry Parke."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Art Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Terry, it... you are truly going to be missed. I'm not gonna echo what everybody else has said, but there were a few things I remember when I first met Terry some 24 years ago. The first thing that Terry told me... ya know, I said, 'Well, where are you from?' And then he wanted me to know that he had worked in the Ford Motor plant on the Southside of Chicago. He also wanted me to know that he was a tunk player. There's a very few people here know about playing tunk, but it's kind of like the African-American's bridge game. That would probably be the best descript... description I could use for it. So he wanted me to know that he knew something about African Americans and our lifestyle and poor people and what they go through. And then I watched him as he'd get up on the floor and vote. I think the first couple of times I'd look at this guy and go, wait a minute. Ya know, you said Ford Motor. You told me you understand what's goin' on. And then we would talk afterwards and, you know, I'd realized that Terry's political position on the floor was one thing, Terry as a person was something different, and yet, they were closely related. And the one thing that I remember most, and I think it's been said here, Terry was a guy that we all respected. He respected our opinions. He had no problem telling you where he stood on an issue. And even after the debate was over Terry would come over and talk

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with you, shake hands, and say, ya know, I differ with you on it but we would move forward. I think Mautino said it well when he talked about Terry's experience. And I served on the Insurance Committee early on in my years here. And he talked about Terry's expertise in the insurance field and what he did to enlighten us in that area. And, Terry, I am most helpful for your help back in the day when I was just starting to learn. And, Joanne, this guy is a great man. He's going... ya know, you've got a lot of time to spend with him and you can help remold him, send him back, and everything will be fine. But, we wish you Godspeed and I know that things are going to be well for both of you. Thank you again."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Ruth Munson."

Munson: "For the last 4 years, I've shared a Senate district with Terry Parke and most recently Terry and Joanne have become neighbors. So over the course of that time I've gotten to know them better. It's been a great privilege to work with Terry as a legislative partner. What I've learned about Terry you all know. He has always had the best interest of his district at heart. He always did his homework. And his kindness was always sincere and often given, and I very much appreciate that. I appreciate your advice, the information you would share with me on the budget, on insurance, on this institution and most importantly, I... I appreciate your commitment to the people of the State of Illinois, the people of your district, and the friendship you've given all of us. I'm looking forward

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to seeing you around the neighborhood. All the best, Joanne and Terry."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Paul Froehlich. Paul."

Froehlich: "Well, I... I've known Terry prior to his arrival here in Springfield because we were from the same township. But two things I appreciate most when I got here: his generous advice about the process, generous advice about legislation, and also in his job as Floor Leader. Other people have said it, he did his job with respect and courtesy toward his colleagues and I think really contributed to the collegial atmosphere that normally prevails in the institution. So, in short, I'd just like to say thanks for your advice, for your camaraderie, and for your example of being a full-time Legislator who takes your job seriously and has great respect for this institution. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Republican Leader Tom Cross."

Cross: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And I... I think a lot has been said, a lot of good things and appropriate things that have been said about Terry Parke, and I don't wanna repeat 'em. But I do wanna point out, Terry had a couple tough jobs on behalf of this caucus. One was to be a Floor Leader, and that's not an easy position to have when you're in the Minority. Unfortunately, he had a lot of years to get good at it 'cause we've been in the Minority for so long, unfortunately. But, Terry, I guess as we... all of us struggle to figure out what role we play in life and what role... what role we play in the General Assembly, in the role

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you had you really had an opportunity to effect change and mold legislation. And as you know, we don't always get everything we want. And in the Minority, oftentimes we don't. But, as you heard from so many of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle, you did make a difference and people had a lot of respect for you. And for that, I appreciate it. One of the other things that I've appreciated about Terry Parke is we had a rather contentious fight for Leader several years ago in our caucus, and that... those things happen and we're well past that. But at the time when we went through it, as I said, it wasn't that good, Terry came up to me early on and said, 'I wanna work with you. It's over. Let's move forward. And I wanna do what I can to make this a better caucus. I wanna do what I can to provide input to this caucus, and what happens, happens.' And he stuck to his word about that. And, Terry, you were and became, I think, a very valuable Member to this caucus. And I watched in our caucuses where you didn't always agree with me but you were... in the style and approach you took you challenged us, you asked the right questions, you educated us, you taught us on a variety of issues, not just business issues where people associate you with doing, but also on budget issues at a time where we needed to have us some healthy discussion about budgets. And for that, I will always be grateful, as will our caucus. So, Terry, I don't know what you're gonna do, and we've talked a little bit about that, but we will all be supportive of that. We want to help you as you move forward in the next stage of your life. But thank you for all you've done for this

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caucus, for this General Assembly, and for the people of the State of Illinois. And best of luck. All right."

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

Parke: "Well. Thank you very much, everybody. I am... I'm impressed. Let me just say that this is a bittersweet time. But as other people have pointed out, I mean, I bring a philosophy to my governance. But I respect the process. I respect the people that are part of it. I respect all of you. But I think we have not always agreed on issues. But I... I sort of look back at the philosopher Voltaire who said, in essence, that I may not agree with you but I'll fight to the death for you to say it. And that's what I agree. That is something that I have always respected people. I try to live my life by the Golden Rule. And when you... and I will tell you that as a freshman Legislator, it was a lot rougher on us freshmen Republicans with a Majority Democratic Party that was entrenched. But I always remembered how difficult it was to be a freshman. And so, when you guys would come up I always tried to remember that I can... I can lean on ya, I can ask the tough questions. But ultimately, I need to make sure that you feel good about what you're trying to do and that you have a certain amount of respect that's given to you. So, that's what I've done. I... I'm led that way. I'm a fiscal... I'm a fiscal and social conservative. I do not apologize for that. I believe that government should be a less government, that we should have less taxes, that the free market system is a good idea, and my greatest goal is to protect the unborn children. Those are things that I

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bring to the Body that I've always articulated and will always do that in my time in the General Assembly. I'm so impressed with the outpouring of kind words, and I thank you. So, all I can say is that I will miss this, I loved my job, and God bless all of you and God bless this great country we all live in."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative Parke, for a job very, very well done. All those in favor of the passage of House Resolution 1577 signify by saying 'aye'; opposed... The 'ayes' have it and House Resolution 1577 is passed. We have other Resolutions to do, but we do have an Order of Business. On page 3 of the Calendar, Representative Molaro has Senate Bill 948. What's the status of the Bill, Mr. Clerk?"

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 948 is on the... on Postponed Consideration."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Bob Molaro."

Molaro: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Representative Saviano is stepping... standing over there in a second. We've explained this Bill before. It adds one or two words, I haven't looked at it, one or two words to the Code. When we passed the happy hour all it did was we talked about not lining up drinks, but you could sell bottles of alcohol: wine, pitchers of beer. They failed to use the word 'spirits'; they use the word 'alcohol' 'cause spirits is there. This just codifies what customarily has been going along. Now, if I just... I know it's on Postponed which only means one speaker each. If I could just ask Representative Saviano

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for one minute to explain the Bill 'cause I've been told he does a better job than I do. So..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Skip Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank... thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'm very impressed that the Sponsor read the Bill this time. Ya did a good job. Ya did a good job. Southside versus northside, watch out. Mr. Speaker, as we said, last time this Bill was being considered the Illinois Liquor Commission needs a clarification on this because this practice has been in use since around the early '90s and it's in higher end markets such as downtown bars or restaurants. It's being supported by the Illinois Licensed Beverage Association. It's a very simple Bill. We need this clarification. Most of your regular establishments do not use this sort of bottle service, but in your high end clubs where they have V.I.P. sections and other places where it's a little more upscale, this is a common practice. And we shouldn't have to have law enforcement or investigators going out and enforcing a rule that really is something no different than putting a bottle of wine on a table or a bottle of champagne on the table. It's a common practice throughout your upscale establishments and I would ask for a favorable vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Paul Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Yeah. Would the Sponsor yield for a question?"

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

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Froehlich: "Isn't the purpose of the happy hour Bill to discourage over consumption? And that's... isn't that why it... isn't that why it prohibits serving more than one drink at the same time for one person's consumption? In other words, this came in to try and reduce drunk driving, isn't that your understanding?"

Saviano: "This is totally different here. You're mixing apples and oranges here, Representative Froehlich. The happy hour law was... the intention of that was not to give 'two for ones' in a short period of time where people may have a two-hour window to drink excessively and get on the road. This is bottle service, put it on the table and again, this is upscale establishments and you could only drink one at a time. This doesn't not encourage a person to do power drinking."

Froehlich: "Well, aren't you... wouldn't this Bill permit an establishment to put a fifth on the table for two people? Isn't that what this Bill would... would clarify and clearly authorize, that a fifth on the table for two people or more?"

Saviano: "Two people or more. But I'll be perfectly honest with ya, in common practice, this is... usually there's five or ten people. I don't understand the two or more..."

Froehlich: "Mmm mmm."

Saviano: "...but seriously, I believe that if there was two people there, in these upscale establishments, they're not gonna order a full bottle liquor."

Froehlich: "Well, I think the two or more came in when you're talking a pitcher of beer..."

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Saviano: "Yeah."

Froehlich: "...or a carafe of wine."

Saviano: "Yeah. They just fit it into that."

Froehlich: "Right."

Saviano: "That was established language already, like two people
and a bottle of wine..."

Froehlich: "Right."

Saviano: "...two people and a bottle of champagne. It... it's... they
just kept that the same."

Froehlich: "Well, can I ask, would you... would you agree to next
Session maybe clarify... join me in clarifying it to put a
higher limit for a fifth of spirits than we have for, say, a
pitcher of beer. That for two people, it seems to me, a
fifth, which amounts to 25 drinks, that's like a case of
beer put on the table for two people's consumption. When
you're talking amount of alcohol, that that would be
excessive and certainly, undermining the happy hour... the
intent of the happy hour law."

Saviano: "I would be happy to do that."

Froehlich: "Okay. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Bill was on Postponed Consideration.
We've had one person speak in favor of it; one person ask
questions... On the issue, Representative Molaro to close."

Molaro: "It was... it was explained very well by Representative
Saviano. The concerns are there about whether it be wine or
liquor. We'll look into that. And I would ask for a
favorable Roll Call."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Should Senate Bill 948
pass?' All those in favor should signify by saying 'yes';

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all those opposed should say 'no'. Mr. Clerk, call the roll."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo votes 'aye'. Arroyo."

Arroyo: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Arroyo votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi votes 'aye'. Beaubien. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'no'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock passes. Berrios. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Boland. Boland. Bost."

Bost: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost passes. John Bradley. John Bradley. Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer passes. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "No."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'no'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chapa LaVia votes 'no'. Chavez."

Chavez: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill."

Churchill: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Churchill votes 'aye'. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Colvin votes 'aye'. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra passes. Currie. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'no'. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn. Representative Dunn.
Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider. Flider."

Flider: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'no'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Fortner."

Fortner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fortner votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'no'. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Giles. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg. Granberg.
Hamos."

Hamos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hamos votes 'aye'. Hannig."

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Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris."

Harris: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman. Hoffman.
Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jakobsson votes 'no'. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'no'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'no'. Joyce. Joyce."

Joyce: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kosel votes 'aye'. Krause. Krause."

Krause: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'no'. Lang. Representative Lang.
Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Lang votes 'aye'.
Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."

Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. Mathias passes. May."

May: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell. Bill
Mitchell. Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'no'. Molaro."

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Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan. Mulligan.
Munson."

Munson: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'no'. Myers."

Myers: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

Osmond: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'no'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos."

Pihos: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'no'. Poe."

Poe: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'no'. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'no'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti passes. Reis."

Reis: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'no'. Reitz."

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Reitz: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita. Representative Rita.
Rose."

Rose: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg. Ryg."

Ryg: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'no'. Sacia. Sacia."

Sacia: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano."

Saviano: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Saviano votes 'aye'. Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock. Schock."

Schock: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'no'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer."

Sommer: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sommer votes 'no'. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens. Representative
Stephens. Sullivan."

Sullivan: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'no'. Tracy."

Tracy: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'no'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'no'. Washington."

Washington: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson."

Watson: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Watson votes 'no'. Winters."

Winters: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'no'. Yarbrough. Representative
Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge. Representative
Younge. Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bost votes 'no'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'no'. Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'no'. Cross."

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Cross: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cross votes 'aye'. Cultra."

Cultra: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'no'. Dunn. Representative Dunn. Golar. Representative Golar. Granberg. Representative Granberg. Hoffman. Representative Hoffman. Representative Joyce."

Joyce: "No."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'no'. Mathias."

Mathias: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'no'. Bill Mitchell. Representative Bill Mitchell. Mulligan. Representative Mulligan. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti votes 'no'. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Stephens. Representative Stephens. Younge. Representative Younge."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On Senate Bill 948, there are 78... 76 Members voting 'yes', 32 Members voting 'no', 10 not voting. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Moffitt, for what reason do you seek recognition?"

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Earlier this afternoon, the Speaker directed everybody to go to the basement for lunch if they had voted on a particular Bill, which a large number did, and then another Bill was brought up. And I think it

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was House Bill 822 dealing with mine safety. I think about 28 people missed being recorded. I'd like to have the record show that I support that; it would be a 'yes' vote. I think the..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The record will so reflect."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Moffitt, does Mr. Froehlich also wish to be recognized on that issue, is Paul Froehlich? We'll get back to Paul. Mr. Clerk, Rules Committee Report."

Clerk Mahoney: Sound malfunction of this Committee Report. (sic- "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 January 09, 2007, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3752.")

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've been informed there will be a short Labor Committee. The Labor Committee will go to the library downstairs for a very short meeting. Labor Committee, immediately, right now. And the House will stand at ease for approximately ten minutes. We're at ease for ten minutes. Labor Committee, the library downstairs. So, we are in recess to the call of the Chair in approximately ten to fifteen minutes. Mr. Clerk, Committee Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 09, 2007, reported the same back with the following

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recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3752."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "On Supplemental Calendar #3 we have House Bill 3752. It's a Motion to Concur in Senate Amendment #1. The Chair recognizes the Lady from Cook, Representative Susana Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to make a Motion to Concur with Senate Amendment #1 on House Bill 3752. Basically, what this does is it creates a... and makes a correction to the Minimum Wage Act that we passed. The Amendment would exempt the day and temporary workers from 90-day probationary wage of \$.50 below the state minimum wage that would go into effect on July 1 of next... of this year. This Amendment will ensure that over 400 thousand temporary workers across Illinois receive the full minimum wage. Day and temporary workers may work through day labor staffing agencies or may contract for more work informally. Tempor... The Bill is necessary because temporary workers are by definition working temporarily usually have no long-term stability because their assignment could end at any time. Because of this constant change of assignment and employers, the 90-day probationary wage would have the unintended consequence of creating a permanent subminimum wage for temporary workers and other contingent workers. I believe that the Illinois General Assembly did not intend to allow employers to use the probationary wage as a loophole to create an entire class of permanent probationary workers. So, Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill 3752 will ensure that

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day and temporary workers will receive the full minimum wage. And I would ask you for your support."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Are there any questions of the Sponsor? The Chair recognizes Representative Dave Winters."

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

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

Winters: "Representative Mendoza, I wanted to put on the record anyway in answer... if I'm incorrect... but this deals not only with temporary laborer or day labor but for occasional employment or irregular employment as long as they're over the age of 18, so in the minimum wage Bill... Susana, in the minimum wage Bill we are dealing not only with day and temporary labor but for something irregular or occasional that a homeowner might hire somebody to work in the garden, if they're under 18, they would be able play... pay \$.50 less than the minimum wage. If they're 18 or older, they would also be covered under the Minimum Wage Act. And I just..."

Mendoza: "Yes, that's correct."

Winters: "Okay. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Is there anyone else seeking recognition? Representative Mendoza to close."

Mendoza: "I was just asked that we do the right thing. And thank you very much for your support."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The question is, 'Shall the House concur to Senate Amendment #1... Senate Amendment #1 to House Bill #3752?' All those in fignis... favor should signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Acevedo. Acevedo. Arroyo. Arroyo. Bassi."

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Bassi: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bassi passes. Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Baubien votes 'aye'. Beiser."

Beiser: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Beiser votes 'aye'. Bellock. Representative
Bellock. Berrios."

Berrios: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Berrios votes 'aye'. Biggins."

Biggins: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Biggins votes 'aye'. Boland."

Boland: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Boland votes 'aye'. Bost. Bost. John Bradley.
Rich Bradley."

Bradley, R.: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rich Bradley votes 'aye'. Brady."

Brady: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brady votes 'aye'. Brauer."

Brauer: "Pass."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer passes. Brosnahan."

Brosnahan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brosnahan votes 'aye'. Burke."

Burke: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Burke votes 'aye'. Chapa LaVia. Chapa LaVia.
Chavez."

Chavez: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Chavez votes 'aye'. Churchill. Collins.
Collins. Colvin. Coulson."

Coulson: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Coulson votes 'aye'. Cross. Cultra."

Cultra: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Cultra votes 'aye'. Currie."

Currie: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Currie votes 'aye'. D'Amico."

D'Amico: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "D'Amico votes 'aye'. Monique Davis. Will
Davis. Dugan. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dunkin votes 'aye'. Dunn. Durkin."

Durkin: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Durkin votes 'aye'. Eddy."

Eddy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Eddy votes 'aye'. Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Feigenholtz votes 'aye'. Flider."

Flider: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flider votes 'aye'. Flowers."

Flowers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Flowers votes 'aye'. Fortner. Fortner.
Franks. Fritchey."

Fritchey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Fritchey votes 'aye'. Froehlich. Giles."

Giles: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Giles votes 'aye'. Golar. Gordon."

Gordon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Gordon votes 'aye'. Graham."

Graham: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Graham votes 'aye'. Granberg."

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Granberg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Granberg votes 'aye'. Hamos. Hannig."

Hannig: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hannig votes 'aye'. Harris."

Harris: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Harris votes 'aye'. Hassert. Hoffman.
Holbrook."

Holbrook: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Holbrook votes 'aye'. Howard."

Howard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Howard votes 'aye'. Jakobsson. Jefferies."

Jefferies: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferies votes 'aye'. Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jefferson votes 'aye'. Jenisch."

Jenisch: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jenisch votes 'aye'. Joyce."

Joyce: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joyce votes 'aye'. Kelly."

Kelly: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Kelly votes 'aye'. Kosel. Krause."

Krause: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Krause votes 'aye'. Lang. Leitch. Lindner."

Lindner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lindner votes 'aye'. Joe Lyons."

Lyons, J.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Joe Lyons votes 'aye'. Mathias."

Mathias: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mathias votes 'aye'. Mautino."

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Mautino: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mautino votes 'aye'. May."

May: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "May votes 'aye'. McAuliffe."

McAuliffe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McAuliffe votes 'aye'. McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McCarthy votes 'aye'. McGuire."

McGuire: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "McGuire votes 'aye'. Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mendoza votes 'aye'. Meyer. Miller."

Miller: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Miller votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell. Jerry
Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Jerry Mitchell votes 'aye'. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Moffitt votes 'aye'. Molaro."

Molaro: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Molaro votes 'aye'. Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mulligan votes 'aye'. Munson."

Munson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Munson votes 'aye'. Myers."

Myers: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Myers votes 'aye'. Nekritz."

Nekritz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Nekritz votes 'aye'. Osmond."

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Osmond: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osmond votes 'aye'. Osterman."

Osterman: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Osterman votes 'aye'. Parke."

Parke: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Parke votes 'aye'. Phelps."

Phelps: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Phelps votes 'aye'. Pihos. Pihos."

Pihos: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pihos votes 'aye'. Poe."

Poe: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Poe votes 'aye'. Pritchard. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Pritchard votes 'aye'. Ramey."

Ramey: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ramey votes 'aye'. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reboletti votes 'aye'. Reis."

Reis: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reis votes 'aye'. Reitz."

Reitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Reitz votes 'aye'. Rita."

Rita: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rita votes 'aye'. Rose."

Rose: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Rose votes 'aye'. Ryg."

Ryg: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Ryg votes 'aye'. Sacia."

Sacia: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Sacia votes 'aye'. Saviano. Saviano.
Schmitz."

Schmitz: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schmitz votes 'aye'. Schock."

Schock: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Schock votes 'aye'. Scully."

Scully: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Scully votes 'aye'. Smith."

Smith: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Smith votes 'aye'. Sommer. Soto."

Soto: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Soto votes 'aye'. Stephens. Stephens.
Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Sullivan votes 'aye'. Tracy."

Tracy: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tracy votes 'aye'. Tryon."

Tryon: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Tryon votes 'aye'. Turner."

Turner: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Turner votes 'aye'. Verschoore."

Verschoore: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Verschoore votes 'aye'. Wait."

Wait: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Wait votes 'aye'. Washington."

Washington: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Washington votes 'aye'. Watson. Watson.
Winters."

Winters: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Winters votes 'aye'. Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Yarbrough votes 'aye'. Younge. Mr. Speaker.
Acevedo. Representative Acevedo. Arroyo. Representative
Arroyo. Mr. Speaker."

Madigan: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Mr. Speaker votes 'aye'. Bassi."

Bassi: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Bassi votes 'aye'. Bellock."

Bellock: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Bellock votes 'aye'. Bost."

Bost: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Bost votes 'aye'. John Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "John Bradley votes 'aye'. Brauer.
Representative Brauer."

Brauer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Brauer votes 'aye'. Arroyo."

Arroyo: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Arroyo votes 'aye'. Chapa
LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Chapa LaVia votes 'aye'.
Churchill. Collins."

Collins: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Collins votes 'aye'. Colvin."

Colvin: "Yes."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Colvin votes 'aye'. Cross.
Representative Cross. Monique Davis. Representative
Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Monique Davis votes 'aye'. Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Yea."

Clerk Mahoney: "Will Davis votes 'aye'. Dugan."

Dugan: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Dugan votes 'aye'. Dunn. Representative Dunn.
Fortner."

Fortner: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Fortner votes 'aye'. Franks."

Franks: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Franks votes 'aye'. Froehlich."

Froehlich: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Froehlich votes 'aye'. Golar. Representative
Golar. Hamos. Representative Hamos. Hassert."

Hassert: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Hassert votes 'aye'. Hoffman."

Hoffman: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Hoffman votes 'aye'. Jakobsson."

Jakobsson: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Jakobsson votes 'aye'. Kosel."

Kosel: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Kosel votes 'aye'.
Representative Lang."

Lang: "Aye."

Clerk Mahoney: "Lang votes 'aye'. Leitch."

Leitch: "Aye."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Leitch votes 'aye'. Meyer."

Meyer: "(Inaudible)."

Clerk Mahoney: "Meyer votes 'aye'. Bill Mitchell.
Representative Bill Mitchell. Saviano. Representative
Saviano. Sommer. Representative Sommer. Stephens.
Representative Stephens. Watson. Representative Watson.
Representative Younge. Representative Churchill."

Churchill: "Yes."

Clerk Mahoney: "Representative Churchill votes 'aye'."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill,
there are 105 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting
'present'. The House having concurred with Senate Amendment
#1 to House Bill #3752 and this Bill, having received the
required Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed.
Mr... The Order of Agreed Resolutions on page 4 of the
Calendar, Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1578. Ladies and
Gentlemen, if we could have some silence on the floor, we're
doing Resolutions. We recognize the Lady from Cook,
Representative Carolyn Krause. Shhh."

Krause: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And on the Resolution, I'm
pleased to rise and speak in support of my colleague, Roger
Jenisch, who is leaving us here today. And I think I speak
of on... really on behalf of so many of us that sometimes
although our service is not as extensive as others
nevertheless the contributions that are made by a Member are
to be recognized and honored and I think that is true for
Roger. Let me just also briefly point out though, his
service not only here in the Illinois House but that he
served as a DuPage County Board member from 1997 to 2004, a

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DuPage County Forest Preserve Commissioner 1997 to 2002 and chairman of the Bloomingdale Commission and Zoning Appeals Board from 1991 to 1997 as well as other service back in his communities and in his county. Here, Roger served very ably and made contributions on commissions... on committees here in the House of the Financial Institution Committee, Human Service Committee, Insurance Committee, KidCare subcommittee, the Mass Transit Committee, Revenue Committee and Tourism and the Convention Committee. I've had the pleasure to get to know Roger during the term that he has served here and in our discussions, he would so often stress and bring up the importance of the integrity of this Body and how important it is to him to hold onto the principles of what he believes in and that that to him was more important than anything else. I was very impressed with his service, wish him well and know that with someone with that ability and commitment that he has expressed that he will continue, I hope, to serve in government in another position and also in his communities and in his profession. Roger, we will miss you and look forward to seeing you and having you come back and joining us again and again. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I'd also like to speak and congratulate and wish well Roger Jenisch, our colleague. I had the pleasure of helping Roger when he first came as a freshman here to this august Body and I had the opportunity to have several different meetings with Roger and help him through the legislative process. I did such a good job one day I found

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and I was coming back to my office, running a little late, to visit with a group from home and found Roger speaking to the group from my district telling them how important he was and the many things that he had going here in Springfield and the committees he was on. And when he was done, he said, 'Oh by the way, Dan's here, I guess he might have something he wants to say as well.' So, Roger, you've done an outstanding job and I can... I can only say that I'm sure the time I spent with you has had a profound impact on you from the lessons I've taught you because I can see my name's not on your Resolution and I... I know I'm very, very important to you. But in all seriousness though, I wanna wish you well. You've done an outstanding job. I know the future's very bright for you and there's good things coming and we look forward to having you back here in Springfield. Best of luck, Roger. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Majority Leader, Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Roger didn't serve with us for a very long time, but he certainly was a pleasure to work with. He was a neighbor of mine here in Springfield and I worked with him on the Revenue Committee. He was a quick study, not a showboater, not a loudmouth, but someone who did his homework, did it well, and was indeed a Gentleman and a pleasure to work with. Roger, we will miss you. And I will echo Representative Krause's hopes that you continue to devote yourself to community service. Thanks for being with us and Godspeed."

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Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Renee Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I had the privilege of sitting next to Roger on the House Floor for the past 2 years and I have to tell you, I do wanna thank you for your commitment to the State of Illinois. You really, really were here for the right reasons. I appreciate what you've done and I hope you do continue to serve as a public servant. You have done an admirable job doing it. We are proud to have you as a Member of our caucus and we all wish you the very, very best in the future. Thank you so much."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Patti Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much. I just wanted to wish Roger well and I served with Roger Jenisch on the DuPage County Board of which he was one of the most respected members of that board and the head of the Public Works Committee, I think, which he knows more about public works in DuPage County than anybody else. And then having served here with him for the last 2 years, I just want to say how wonderful you were, Roger, on the Human Service Committee when you got assigned because usually that's not the top committee that men wanna come on and you studied every Bill. The first meeting you came in and you had read every single Bill and knew everything. And we appreciated all of your dedication to that and to the State of Illinois and to all the Members of this caucus and the entire General Assembly. Thank you and good luck."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ken Dunkin."

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Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, would like to chime in to one of my buddies, Roger Jenisch. We, actually... we've been out to a number of receptions and outings over the summer months and in the evenings, and I must say, he's a better golfer than he is in other areas. He knows what I'm talkin' about. I won't... I won't get too personal, but no... a standup guy, an individual who has the right disposition, always with a... a quick-witted statement to make or something fun in committee and... to someone that I'll miss and the right disposition. So, best of success to you, Roger. I'm here for ya. Keep that right attitude and I think we'll be seeing a little bit more of you here in the State of Illinois. Thank you and God bless."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Bob Biggins."

Biggins: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. And echo my thoughts about Roger, you're the first person I served with down here that I... whose father I knew first. Sometime ago, some 35 years ago, when I lived in the same town... the same area where... DuPage, where Roger currently resides. And it's been... he and I ended up in our... due to our proximity, attending several things together. And I got the advantage to having him drive for those few times to help me around a little bit when I needed a little more help than I do last... last... today. But Roger's been somebody I could always depend on for things other than rides as well and it's just a joy to work with him. I'm sure we'll look forward to seeing him again and hear more from him and as his career

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moves along. And I salute his service and thank him for the time he's given us."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Mike Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ya know, for each and every one of us we have a freshman term and ya come in with somebody in that first term; it's a special friendship and ya keep that friendship throughout the time you serve together and I came in with Representative Jenisch. But more importantly, when we enter politics we know that it's kinda like a ride and then it... getting on a ride at the amusement park. Ya know that someday it's gonna stop and you're gonna have to get off. But when you get on that ride with Roger, it's more like getting on the Zipper than the Ferris wheel or the Tower of Terror because he really keeps ya on your toes and... and makes it a little more exciting. But more importantly, Roger and I had many conversations about what it was like to be here in our first term, we shared our frustrations together, we shared our successes together and... and I know many of those conversations Roger commented to me about what an honor it was to be here and to be a part of this process. And because you respect that process, I think your first term you had enjoyed many successes here and Roger, truly, you became a friend to me and I don't think we'll have seen the last of you in Springfield and look forward to working with you in the future. Good luck and thank you for being a friend."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Members of the House, the Chair recognizes Roger Jenisch. Representative."

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Jenisch: "Thank you. I hope Leader Currie is still in the room, but from the first time I met her 24 months ago when she asked me what I thought about reproductive parts and I said, 'mine works, I have three children.' I had no idea what she was talking about. And she looked at me and said, 'You're a DuPage Republican, aren't you?' So, she knew exactly where I was coming from but to being able to give Skip 71 twice this week or during Veto Session. It's been a great 2 years for me. I'm... but it very humbled to be able to serve with all of you. I'm not in favor of term limits, but I'm in favor of more people having the opportunity that I had. It has been a great opportunity; it has been a great 2 years. I hope I have the opportunity to work with all of you in the future. Thank you. Please be kind, loving and caring to Representative-elect Coladipietro as you were to me. So, God bless you and good luck the next year."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative, for a job well done. All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 1578 signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And House Resolution 1578 is adopted. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1579. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 1579.

WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert W. "Bob" Churchill has served for 20 years as a member of the Illinois General Assembly; and
WHEREAS, During this period, Bob Churchill has been a tireless advocate for the people of Lake County; and
WHEREAS, During this period, the population of Lake County has increased from 440,372 (1980 census) to 644,356 (2000

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census), an increase of more than 40%, and has continued to increase since the 2000 census; and

WHEREAS, This population growth has placed an unprecedented demand upon the infrastructure of the county; Bob Churchill has made this issue his own during his legislative career of more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, When Bob Churchill was elected to the Illinois House in 1982, he asked for and received an assignment to the House Committee on Transportation and Motor Vehicles, and he has worked ever since to improve the roads of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Bob Churchill is primarily responsible for most of the development at the College of Lake County, most notably the University Center, as well as the construction of the marina at Illinois Beach State Park in Zion; and

WHEREAS, Bob Churchill was a delegate to the 1980, 1992, and 1996 Republican National Nominating Convention and an alternate delegate in 1984; he served as the Chairman of the Lake County Republican Central Committee from 1990 to 1994; from 1981 to 1983 he served as a Lake Villa Township Trustee; and

WHEREAS, While a member of the Illinois General Assembly, Representative Churchill served as the House Majority Leader during the 89th General Assembly, also serving as the Chairman of the House Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Churchill served on the Legislative Redistricting Commission in 1991, spending countless hours working and traveling the State to ensure that the citizens of the State of Illinois were provided the opportunity to

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elect a person who could represent their area, diverse backgrounds, and interests in the Illinois General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Significant pieces of legislation passed by Bob Churchill include the approval of the construction of the new Comiskey Park, legislation that reformed Chicago schools, and legislation that reformed the Regional Transit Authority (RTA); and

WHEREAS, Representative Churchill has tirelessly served Lake County by working with various community organizations, including Victory Health Services, the Zion-Benton Moose, the Exchange Club of Antioch, the Lake Villa Lions, the Lake County Community Action Project, the Edward Bradley Counseling Center, and the Lake County Easter Seals program; Representative Churchill is a member of the Lake County, Illinois State, and American Bar Associations, and he was a director of First of America Bank from 1976 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Representative Churchill has distinguished himself as the leader of the C.I.A., Churchill Intern Association, allowing many young people from Lake County the opportunity to begin their government and lobbying careers in this esteemed body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Churchill was nominated by the Illinois Republican Party to serve as Illinois Secretary of State and campaigned Statewide for the position, adding to his many friends and acquaintances throughout the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor

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Representative Robert W. Churchill for his work for the citizens of Lake County and the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Representative Churchill, along with our sincere regards."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative David Leitch. David."

Leitch: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Frankly, I feel like I'm losing a brother here."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Shhh."

Leitch: "When I first showed up here in Springfield, everyone it seemed everywhere I went told me that I could have no better role model or learn to have a successful career than to emulate Bob Churchill and indeed, they were correct. I also will never forget I had, as a first Bill, an extraordinarily controversial Bill, one that my predecessor, Fred Tuerk, had tried to pass for virtually his entire career and obviously ran into considerable difficulty in committee, but my friend, Bob Churchill, bailed me out. We passed the Bill out of committee and as we were goin' out the door Bob said... he said, 'That was a gift.' And I knew it was a gift, but I also knew that my friend, Bob Churchill, would help me get that very controversial Bill out of committee. And subsequently, that thing actually passed and was enacted into law, but it was so bad it's, no doubt, been repealed by now. But in any event, we had so many wonderful times and often, back in his office, we had great discussions during late night Legislative Sessions. I'll leave out most of the

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details, but my seatmate, Mary Lou Cowlshaw, woke me up after we'd been discussing these issues back over a little bourbon and branch water in Bobby's office. But he... he soon established a reputation for hard work and for diligent service that, I frankly, have never seen the likes of down here. He took his job as Majority Leader extremely seriously. He literally read every Bill, every Amendment, getting up early in the morning, one of the first to arrive here in the Capitol, studied those Bills, read them very carefully and thoroughly knew not only what those Bills said but what they would mean to the rest of us. I always had the most utmost respect for that work ethic, for that intelligence and for the character that Bob Churchill has demonstrated throughout our friendship and throughout his service here in the General Assembly. I would say too, now as you leave us, Bob Churchill, that when any new Member comes I, too, will tell them, if you want to be a giant in this chamber you, too, should emulate the service of Bob Churchill. Bob, we're gonna miss you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Michael Bost. Mike."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Ya know, whenever I first came to this chamber, was a time that Bob had received a position that, if you look on this side of the aisle and I know not on this side of the aisle, and only one on this side of the aisle has had the opportunity to serve in and that is the Majority Leader. Ya know, that's something that I'm sure none of us can understand unless we would have had that position, because quite often

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their job is to be the hammer and keep everything in line. When I first came in, and we all do that as freshmen, we come in and we have... we're kinda... become in awe of people because of their position and what they do and it... the Majority Leader's position, quite often, was you'd try to move Bills and I was a target when I came here and when you start to do something, if you get called back to speak to the Majority Leader then obviously there's something that... it's kinda like being called into the principal's office, ya know... and but let me tell ya, that Bob Churchill truly handled that position with character, with class. He coordinated and worked long hours during the time that we were in the Majority. As David Leitch said, unbelievable the information that he had on every Bill, knowing what was gonna happen, how would it affect each district and how would it affect those people that were concerned about it the most. I mean, there right in their own district, he would know and he'd be able to talk with you and work with the staff to get that done. Of course, he's also one that probably has the only distinction... or only time I think in the Illinois history that I know of that we were able to move 19 Bills on one vote without it being an Agreed Bill. But that was... but it was a wonderful night and it's kind of a challenging after that. But when Bob left, Bob left and went... left here for a little bit and ran statewide and then was gone and came back as the Chief of Staff and then came back into the chamber, a friendship developed between he and I and I just want you to know that the experience, the information, the guidance that he has given to me and other

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Legislators and the fun of hearing the stories of... before I got here... and the friendship has been wonderful. And I'll miss you tremendously. I'm sure you'll be back down and we'll do other things but not serving here together I will miss undescribably (sic-indescribably). And I thank you for serving your constituency and serving the State of Illinois and just bein' a friend. God bless you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ed Sullivan."

Sullivan: "Thank you. As a fellow Lake Countian, I've been able to go and talk to Bob anytime I wished. It's a little bittersweet him leaving, obviously, ya know, he's retiring. Many don't know but he has an outstanding legislative aide that is a... my gain by him leaving, so I'm thankful for... for you talkin' to her and havin' her come work for me, as the phone rings. Ya know, when we come down here we, ya know, sometimes we think we know everything and it was nice to have Bob sit behind me and I could, at any point, go and ask him, what does this mean 'cause I have no clue what they're talkin' about here. And the institutional knowledge that he brought and he was very able to share with many of us, me specifically because I could just turn right to him and his district is right above me so in the district the same thing, is invaluable and it has been invaluable to me. So, I... ya know, I congratulate you on your next chapter of your life, it should be a fun one, lots of golf, lots of skiing, lots of anything that you would care to do, quite honestly. But I thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you've done to... to hopefully make me a better Legislator."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative JoAnn Osmond."

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Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In 1982, I remember being at the VFW hall in Lake Villa with many of your supporters getting the results of an election that you won by only 31 votes to launch your 20-plus year career in the Illinois General Assembly. At that time, I was working as the executive director of the Lake County Bar Association looking for a position that was going to be closer to my home and on a part-time basis. You talked to me about becoming your legislative aide only on a part-time hours or as you put it, work as many hours that it takes to get the job done. I soon learned running a district office took more than a part-time effort. You... you wanted above all to have every phone call answered, every letter responded to, attend every civic function and to always be available for the citizens that we represent. I worked for you for, as your legislative aide, for 16 years, learning all there was to know about keeping a responsive district office, but when you chose to run for Secretary of State, you approached me and asked me if I wanted to run for your State Rep seat. My response was, there was no way that I ever wanted to become a State Representative. It's the truth, isn't it. I did mention perhaps that my husband would be interested as he was serving as the township supervisor in Antioch and that he might have the desire, but being a good wife as I was I could not answer for him. You took him to lunch one day and gave him the idea and the rest is history. I know firsthand your love of the history of the Illinois General Assembly and all that the institution offers. I know that your representation of the 62nd District was one that earned you

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the respect of the citizens that you represented. I have learned from you and... I've learned from you the respect of those citizens and the honor of representing the citizens of the district is a challenging one but should always be handled with respect and dignity as you have done. Thank you for the years of service for the 62nd District, for Lake County and the State of Illinois. And best wishes to your return for the practice of law and your quest for a perfect golf game. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ed Washington."

Washington: "Thanks. I just wanna say to my friend and he was my friend before I got here and I know people know him by different dimensions because he served here for longer than he came back and then he came back again. And he reminds me of those old Rocky movies, just when you think they're over, ya know, they allowed to put another sequel together. So, you just can't write him off. Ya know, and for those of you who know him from Lake County, Mr. Churchill has a family history of leadership and he's keepin' that in good name and bein' a good standard-bearer for that. And I wanna say that when I first came here not knowing, somewhat like a city mouse with her hat tilt backwards lookin' up at everything that I'd never seen in person before, I was always able to come to Mr. Churchill and... for advice and counsel. And his advice was that of a friend; it was partisan; it was straight down the middle. And I don't really feel like he's leavin' because I know where he's gonna be, right in Grayslake that's right around the corner from me basically and I know if I have need of him, he'll always respond and

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he's also responded to people that I've sent to him for legal advice and he didn't charge 'em a leg and an arm. And I thank him for being a good friend. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Jim Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I had the opportunity to first meet Bob Churchill on a cold December morning in 1991, I believe it was, standing out in front of the Board of Elections to file my first group of nominating petitions so that I could run for this office. And Bob was standing in line just ahead of me with Senator Bill Peterson and Bob being a veteran down here standing with a Senator, obviously, they're part of the process already, they didn't really have to take time to talk to the person ahead of 'em... behind 'em in line, but they did. And right away I felt a friendship between both Gentlemen and Bob is the person we're honoring here today and you could ask Bob about... any question you wanted about the Legislature and he actually acted interested in talking with ya. And it wasn't just lip service, he took the time to explain things and he asked what I knew about anything that was going on down here. I said, 'Ya know, we don't even know what the map is gonna look like yet.' And he said, 'Well, I'll tell ya what, I'm gonna get you in touch with some of our staff people. If you're gonna hang around here after you file your petitions, I'm gonna give you some names and some telephone numbers to call and I'm gonna set it up.' And sure enough, I called those people and they met with me and I came out of Springfield feeling a whole lot better than when drove in that morning. I felt like, well, ya know, this could be

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home. This is something that maybe I can achieve. And that feeling certainly was brought about by the friendship that he exerted... exhibited that day. I also saw his work ethic when we were freshmen. There were some names of people and some of 'em are here, Jim McPike, Barbara Flynn Currie, Bob Churchill, those were names that we as freshmen were all in awe of, at least I was. And they were people that had a great deal of power over what we were doing as Legislators. And I always felt very, very comfortable going to Bob when I felt I had a piece of legislation that was stalled that was important to my district and he would say, 'Well, let me see what I could do.' And he would meet with his counterpart, Jim McPike, and see what he could do to shake that loose and quite often, he was successful. But the fact that he took time for a freshman, even though he was a leader of that level, to talk to them anytime they wanted to wander into his office and I also would echo that when you wandered into his office, you basically couldn't find much room to sit because the chairs and the windowsills, everything was piled high with paper. At that time we didn't have the computers, we had... everything was paper. And he would have stacks of Bills there that he would actually read everything. And he had... he took that responsibility as a Leader very, very re... very, very much to heart. He said, 'I have a responsibility to make sure that the legislation that we act upon, we know what's in it.' So, that when they did their Leadership meetings they could work on the strategy for, obviously, the Republican agenda, even though we were in the Minority we have an agenda also we try and push, and he took the time so

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that he could respond with a good Leadership position on all the legislation whether it was ours or from the other side of the aisle. I've had the opportunity the last 4 years to be Bob's officemate. And again, even though this is his second time back here he is not in the Leadership position now but always willing to sit down and talk on the issues and to express his point of view and to listen to yours and certainly correct ya where you're wrong. But Bob, I wish you well. I've enjoyed serving with you over all the years that we've been down here together and look forward to seeing you in the future too."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative David Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a... as a farmer we sometimes have a little saying that it... you may have a neighbor or somebody that you work with, it... if they're pretty flashy you call 'em a racehorse, but if they're a worker, they're a workhorse. And Bob Churchill has been a workhorse in this General Assembly. He takes things very seriously; he did read all those Bills. Today, the last Bill that came up, he pops it up on the computer and looks through it to see if there's anything there that we should be aware of that he might bring up to our point of view. But besides that, I've also had the pleasure of rooming with Bob for the last 9 years, I believe it is, and most of the checks got to him about on time. I would say that Bob, again, has been very straightforward about our relationship in the House with Senator Peterson. I will say that a few nights that I've come home he does snore quite loudly and you can tell in the condos which one was ours from the

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rumbles coming from his bedroom. But he also had another side of him, that when we were done with the day there were often movie nights and a number of Members around here have been privileged to do that, go out and see the latest new movie that was out and then have very interesting discussions about not only that movie but other themes that were in that movie that he might have seen, that you might have seen and very good conversations that dealt beyond the legislative life that we all share. Bob, you are, I think, going to enjoy your skiing and your golfing. Don't invite me on a golf outing, but I'd be happy to ski with ya anytime."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Mike Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I first met Bob Churchill, I believe, in 1980 or '81 when he was the Lake Villa Township Trustee, in those days he was a new political energy. And... and when he ran for State Rep, I got to see him as a candidate and... and he proved to live up to that political energy and when he won, he chartered a car on an Amtrak train called the Legislative Express and he filled up an entire Amtrak car with supporters that wanted to come down and see him get sworn in. And I had the opportunity to be there for that swearing-in and from that time on, I got to watch your political career for the last 20 years and seek your advice on occasion and most of it was good, I might say. But also to be able to call you my friend and I only hope that in the time that I am here I get to do only a fraction of what you were able to do because you were truly able to make a difference, not only for those in your

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district but for all of Illinois, so for that, thank you, Bob."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Pat Lindner."

Lindner: "Okay. I have the distinction of having done something to Bob Churchill that no one else in this Body has done. Now, life used to be a lot wilder down here. I don't know. I looked sort of at my colleagues and I'm not seeing too many people who were here at that time, but it must have been when we were here in the summer, when we were first down here. And we used to have caucus dinners and for some reason somebody would just sprinkle a little bit of water on somebody else and pretty soon this would turn into a huge water fight. We'd be throwing glasses of water at each other and he would always elude me and one time I snuck up in back of him with a bucket of water and I dumped it right on top of his head and it was the highlight of my evening. So, that's what I have done to Bob Churchill. But we were having a water fight. It was hot in Springfield. This was when we were here like 'til July 13. Remember, my first year we were here until July 13. But anyway, those were fun days. But Bob was good as Majority Leader, he was a taskmaster. We were scared of him because you had to know what you were talking about when you went in to talk to Bob because he always knew what he was talking about 'cause he was such a hard worker. But good luck, life is full of transitions; I'm sure you'll like your next transition and we've had a lot of fun."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ron Wait."

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Wait: "Thank you. Well, I didn't do somethin' to Bob like Pat did, but Bob and I did have somethin' in common. We were the first ones that came in together in the class of... well, it was the election of 1982, the class of 1983, when we went from three-Member districts that we had for 80 years, you recall, to single-Member districts what we have today. And as you recall, Bob, there was... as I recall, I think there was 16 Democrats and 13 Republicans that were in our class. Another thing that Bob and I have in common, we were in the Legislature, we're out of the Legislature, we're back in. So, we're retread tires, I kinda call it, ya know. So... so, anyway, but it's... Bob and I have somethin' in common also, we're both lawyers. Except he's smarter, he's practicin' law; he's making money with his law degree. I'm just a simple farmer. So, anyway, but... Bob and I, he's invited me to his wedding and I remember being at his wedding and seeing his three girls grow up down here, being Pages down here and it's always been an honor and a privilege to serve with Bob. He's done a fantastic job and I know whatever the future has in store for him, God will bless him. And best of luck to you, Bob and I'm the last one in our class. So, best of luck."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Sid Mathias."

Mathias: "Thank you. I will always be grateful to Bob Churchill. At the same time... approximately at the same time that he was having lunch with JoAnn's husband, Tim, he also called me, not to encourage me to run for his seat, 'cause obviously that was the one that Tim was running for, but to run for the seat that was being vacated by our former mayor

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of Buffalo Grove, Verna Clayton. And at the time I was... I was mayor and had really not thought about running for State Representative even though I knew that Verna was retiring. So, I think the first question I asked him is, 'How many people did you ask before me?' But... I was... certainly thought it was a great honor to be asked and I thought about it for a while and it was right actually before petitions had to be turned in and I decided to go for it after discussing it with my family. And I'll always appreciate the fact that... that you called me and asked me to run for this great Body. At the same time, I said, 'Well, it'll be great serving together.' And I, ya know, respected him and I knew all of his leadership capabilities. Of course, he told me that he wasn't gonna be there when I got there if I was successful because he was running for Secretary of State. But even in that race, we had something in common, we both ran... Bob ran against the... the former Member I will say ran against Bob and the brother of the former Member ran against me in my race. And so, we've had a lot in common that race and we talked a lot about our respective races at that time and fortunately, I was successful with mine otherwise I wouldn't be here today talking about it. But I'm glad that at least Bob had the opportunity to come back here and share his knowledge of all the years that he was in the House, not only with other Members but especially with me because it really helped me understand the process, understand politics, really and really was helpful. We also shared a common interest in Lake County transportation where, ya know, really we need new roads, especially we

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shared an interest in getting Route 53 extended. I'm sorry because I know you were the number one advocate in Lake County before I got there. I mean, still, up 'til today will be and I guess I'll... I hope to take over that role and hopefully we'll be successful together in... in getting that project done. So, it's quite an honor to serve here as you know and I really appreciate all of your help in my career, in getting me started and the knowledge that you gave to me. And so, I know you will have a great new adventure coming up in whatever you decide to do after you leave here. So, God bless you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Members of the 94th General Assembly, the Gentleman from Lake County, former Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, Representative Bob Churchill."

Churchill: "Thank you very much. Thanks to all of those of you who said kind words and to all of those of you who had kind thoughts to... in this reminiscence of the years that I've spent here. I talked with a few folks this morning and they were questioning, well, when you first got here, what were the major issues? And back in 1983, the major issues were equitable funding of education and of course, there was a point where we thought maybe we had helped education by increasing the income tax and ya know, that, perhaps, didn't work quite as well as we thought. Health care was a huge issue, in fact, there were lots of calls for universal health care back in 1983 and one of the things we tried to do was to make sure that our Medicaid bills were paid and that our nursing homes were paid and our doctors were paid and everything in health care was taken care of and that

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issue is still here. One of... another issue that was a major issue was the pension issue because we had just... we were in the middle of a small recession and we were using dollars that might have been used for pensions for other things and... and I was reflecting on this and when you think about that after 24 years that the major issues of 1983 are still the major issues of today. And what it causes you to reflect upon is that if these issues were easy they would resolve themselves and that they are difficult issues and that you're gonna face these issues this Session and perhaps in future Sessions. So, I wish you all well in coming to grips with those issues. It was a great honor for me to serve; it's a great honor for me to be with all of you. I sometimes would get mail in, where... as you do... it says, the Honorable State Representative Robert Churchill. And I always thought the word 'honorable' was wrong, it really should have been 'honored' because I'm honored to be here; I'm honored that the people of my district would elect me for all these times; I'm honored that the people of Lake County would support me financially and in so many different ways. It's a great honor to be here and I... I cannot imagine my life experience without 20 years in the Illinois General Assembly. Every day that you're here, cherish it, folks, because there's a day when you'll stand like I am right now saying good-bye. It's a wonderful place. God bless the Illinois House of Representatives."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 1579 should say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. House

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Resolution 1579 is unanimously adopted. Apologies from the Chair for not recognizing Mark Beaubien in his tribute to Robert Churchill. My apologies. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I can't believe it's been 9 years since Rob Uhe joined our technical review staff, quickly rising to the joint posts of chief counsel and parliamentarian. I expect if you asked Rob he would tell you that he learned a lot during these 9 years. I'm sure I'm not the only one in this House of Representatives who learned a lot from Rob and found much to admire in him. Rob is a hard worker. Everyone marvels at the work ethic of his boss, Mike Madigan, but I have to tell you that, if anybody outdoes Mike, it's Rob Uhe. Rob is thoughtful and intelligent and he's flexible. If you've got a knotty legislative problem, you can't figure out how to get from here to there, and you for sure haven't a clue how to say it, Rob is your guy. He's a first-rate legislative draftsman who is creative, who's able to find the right word to express the thought that's behind the Bill you're offering. He's flexible but he's not the kind of person who takes the easy way and cuts corners. He believes in the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Constitution of the United States of America and he's not one who's going to ignore his responsibilities on that front. He's committed to this institution and to all of us Members. I have seen him work with all of us, Republicans as well as Democrats, upstaters and downstaters, trying to help us out of a legislative jam. He always does these things with a

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great deal of politeness and warmth. He's soft-spoken and pleasant to all of us and... but in fact, if you check just behind the surface you'll find he has a wicked sense of humor. Rob is leaving us, but he's not going far away. In fact, he will reemerge after tomorrow wearing the clothes of a lobbyist. He didn't... he didn't ask for cake and ice cream for a party as he departs but the odds are really awfully high that he'll be right back asking for our votes. Rob Uhe, it's been a pleasure, a joy to work with you and I know all of the Members here will join me in wishing you Godspeed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Speaker Michael J. Madigan."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen. Barbara said it very, very well. Rob has served as counsel to the Speaker for, I believe, 8 years. You can imagine that I've had several people serve as Speaker... or counsel to the Speaker and so I've been in a position over these many years to evaluate the performance of lawyers working here in the House of Representatives, working as counsel to the Speaker, working as a lawyer available to all of the Members in terms of a whole variety of issues. And I can tell you that Rob would take a second seat to none of them. You know from your own experience that he's conducted himself with great distinction, demonstrated wonderful knowledge of the law, the ability to explain technical aspects of the law in such a way that you can actually understand them, all right, unlike many lawyers. And then in addition to all of that, Rob, you're a wonderful, wonderful human being. Okay."

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Absolutely. Obviously, I will miss you very much, but we have a very adequate replacement standing right here, David. I know the other Members will miss you very much, but we all wish you good luck in your future endeavor. We think that you'll do very, very well. So, good luck to you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 1583 signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. House Resolution 1583 is unanimously adopted. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 1584, offered by Representative Nekritz."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in... Representative Barbara Flynn Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair is the 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr... Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 1585. The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Deputy Leader Art Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Assembly. I rise to honor... I won't call him a great man, but that he is... he's been like a brother; he's been certainly a true colleague here in this General Assembly. I think it was 18 years ago... not quite that... 12 years ago when you came in here. But Calvin... Calvin Giles and... I need not tell you all here, you guys know who Calvin is. He served one time as the chair of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus. He was chair of our Elementary & Secondary Education Committee. He has just been one human being that, as I say, I can call him like a brother to me. For a long

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time we used to carpool together, coming back and forth, so you get to know a lot about an individual riding in a car with him for three hours... no, he's actually a three and a half hour driver, I do it in three... but in three and a half hours you can learn a lot about an individual. Calvin has been an individual who has, I think, all of the respect of us here in this Assembly. The one thing that they told us when we first came into this place and I'm certain the new Members heard it also is that all you have here is your word. That's the most important thing. And I think it's true to say that Calvin has been an individual who when he gave you his word, if he told you he was with you, Calvin was truly there. He is one who is committed and when I say committed, I mean, we'd spoke earlier of some of the other Members, Calvin takes an issue and he goes at it, not just in terms of the words, but in terms of individuals trying to explain to his constituents, even in working with his colleagues here, making certain that we're clear on how he feels about an issue. Sometimes the words didn't necessarily say it, but Calvin could express it just in his communication with you. In terms of his family life, he has a beautiful wife, now has a granddaughter and that has changed him considerably. And I also... in his... ya know, outside of the Legislative Body here, I can tell you and if you wanna see firsthand, he has an art for landscape design. This guy has done a great job on my yard. I know he did Representative Yarbrough and others and so I know that he has a future ahead of him, but the most important thing and I said it the other night when we had a little reception for

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Calvin, Calvin is a Christian man. He's a man who believes in God and in fact that leads his life. He's a guy who puts the Lord first and says this is how I oughta be in terms of his legislative affairs and in terms of his day-to-day duties. And I respect him for that. I'm just glad to know him; I'm glad to continue to know him. He's going to be missed here in the Legislature because he's truly been a passionate individual and the people of his district certainly have been well-served by Giles's tenure here in the General Assembly. And we wish you well, Calvin."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Karen May. Karen, didn't you seek recognition? Oh, okay. Representative Debbie Graham."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Representative Giles, I have an interesting story to tell about Representative Giles. I will, give me a minute. When I first was asked to run for office, 'cause it wasn't one of my bright ideas that I wanted to run for office, I went to see Calvin. I had to go and see a number of elected officials in my area and I went to see Calvin Giles. And I sat there talkin' with him; he asked me a lot of questions and I felt like I was being somewhat scrutinized, ya know, by him 'cause he's askin' me and I'm lookin' at him like why's he askin' me all this stuff. It should have been, ya know, if he was gonna support me and ya know, we had a little dialogue or whatever. But after we had... he had interviewed me, he said, well, yes, I can support you because you sound like you have a little sense and ya know, you got a little bit of rollin' with ya. So, he say, I get, ya know, see ya... He said, 'I can support you and your

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campaign and if there's anything that I could do for you, let me know.' Well, what I had known about politics before entering 'em, ya know, everything was really negative and sometimes you had to go back and check out what people said and whether they were really supportin' you or if they were just doin' it verbatim or just under the cover or whatever the case was. Well, on Election Day, ya know, that really tells the tale of somebody's really supportin' you. You see them on your... on the palm card or things that they're passing out. Well, not only did Representative Giles keep his word and have my name on his palm card, but he had my picture on his card and a number of other people. That meant a lot and ya know, it was working with people like him that really started building what was once a negative thought process about coming into politics 'cause I was... had a nervous sense about entering this arena. But it was through working with you and you just being very honest about your opinion on various issues and just trying to share your institutional knowledge with people who had come in behind, ya know, behind you. I really do thank you for taking that time out and just walking us through the process. And me and Representative Kelly, we was always talkin' about this was our first day of school, ya know, like, oh, we in the first day of school and people like yourself, Lou Jones, Chuck, ya know, they... you guys were really helpful and that when we thank them and I never got a chance to tell Chuck that and I never got a chance to thank Lou. When we thanked them for helping us, Lou Jones cried 'cause she said, nobody really ever came back to them and

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never gave them a card or said thank you or what have you or let it be known. So, again, I wanna thank you for just sharing your jelly beans and your cashews on your desk and ya know, giving us M&Ms, ya know, all that stuff and just thank you for just being who you are and being consistent and never really changing from what I knew. So, thank you and I wish you success in everything you put your hands on in the coming days."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Karen Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I rise in support of my colleague and district mate and I just, ya know, when he had his farewell party, I got up and I spoke at that and I just thought about some things about Calvin Giles. Ya know, when you come to Springfield you either get here, or you're appointed or you get elected some other kind of way, ya challenge somebody. I remember when I first met Representative Giles I was told to go to his office and to talk to him. I guess you were the go-to person, Calvin. So, I went there and I thought it was so kind of him to take the time out to talk to me about what I was endeavoring to do. He said, 'Ya know, if you're successful, perhaps we can ride to Springfield together. Perhaps we could, ya know, talk about issues.' I mean, he was really welcoming, a calming presence. And some of you know about my race, all of us have our stories to tell about our races, especially if we challenge somebody. But he was not hostile to me; he was open; he was honest. He told me things about this place and I just really appreciate that, Calvin. I also had an opportunity to be in his committee

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and I tell you, of all the committees that I've been on, I've never been on a committee that's been chaired so professionally, so honestly and forthright, allowing people to have their say. So, thank you for that and I noticed how much everybody on the committee, they would say the same things about you, how they thought that you gave people the opportunity to have their say. And it didn't matter whether it was the opponents or the proponents, you allowed everyone that. Finally, let me say that, I always wanted to have my yard done, professionally. And so when Representative Giles decided to start his business, I wanted to be the guinea pig. He came to my house; he looked at my yard. He didn't say it was a mess, but it was. But he has such an eye for his work, it's uncanny. He looked at my yard; he drew some sketches and then I told him, just go for it and just do the work. I'm so proud of the work that he did in my yard so that I'm happy to go home when I go home and I know, I mean, it's a loving touch that you put in my yard. So, Calvin, I know you're gonna do some great and wonderful things going forward. You are a gentleman and you are a scholar and I've appreciated serving with you in this place. I look forward to working with you in the future; the best is yet to be. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ken Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you. State Representative Calvin Giles, my good buddy and friend and confidante, mentor, big brother, soul brother. Ya know, it's... all of us remember the days or the week that we came here on our first... our first experience and we also remember those individuals who presented

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themselves as someone that they can go to. You were very, very genuine when I met you years ago, when I came down here and we took a picture right on the House Floor. But more importantly, when I came down here, ya know, all of us don't know where everything is or how to get things done or even what mindset to be in and I just wanna thank you for helping to set the tone for me even learning how to understand this process, how to listen, how to think critically on some of this legislation, makin' sure that one's word is valuable here in this great Body of ours and really to have an even approach an even keel at just sort of the cadence and the pace of this respective Body because it's a busy Body especially here in this House. So, I wanna thank you for just your patience and your strength that you have exemplified and provided myself. I also wanna make sure that all the new Members who may be hearin' this or who may come here with certain notions or preconceptions of here of this Body to find a Calvin Giles, find someone of his spirit, someone of his honesty, someone who is respected in the community, someone that most of us here in this room can't say too many negative things about. And if you do or you did, you would go over to his desk and either enjoy some cashews or some M&M peanuts. Consistently, you did a lot for a lot of people and I humbly and proudly and respectfully say thank you and keep on risin' to the top. Thank you, Calvin. God bless."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Chuck Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly, Calvin, my man, you're bringing the peanuts and

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the M&Ms. Calvin, in my estimation, you epitomize what a man should be. Ya know, you're God-fearing, you're honest, you're family orientated and you're good for the people you represent. You've always had that caring manner about you. So, I just wanna say to you, I appreciate your friendship. We became friends from the minute I came into the General Assembly. You embraced me, accepted me as your colleague. You even came back to offer to help work on my campaign. So, I wanna say to you, I appreciate that. I know you're gonna do well, so I don't have to wish you well in whatever you decide to do you're going to be successful at it. So, from me, I just wanna say to you, keep on doin' what you're doin'. You're God-fearing, just keep looking up and you'll know the direction you need to go in. So, all my blessings to you, the best of everything. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Don Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Calvin, I'm not good at good-byes and I don't look at it that way, but just to wish you well. I had the honor and privilege of serving on House Elementary & Secondary Education with you and if I had checked the record, I've probably served under you as chair longer than I have maybe any other person in the General Assembly in my 14 years here and that was really... it's been a pleasure to do that. Not only do I consider you a colleague and my chair of that committee but a true friend and that's the relationship that we've had. You're really the personification of what it means to be a gentleman. In fact, next time they rewrite the dictionary under 'gentleman' they can just put Calvin Giles. You truly are a

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man of your word, a man of integrity, a man of honor, a man of fairness and we really appreciate that. As chair of that committee, we could be in there for hours, be lots of Bills presented and you would oftentimes have a Bill, but you would go last. You made sure that every other Member that had a Bill to present or someone that came in, they went first. And just the fact that you put them first and at the end, if there was time, we would hear your Bill. And that's just the example that you set. You really set the bar very high for what it means to be an outstanding public servant. It's a bar that's set so high that other people will look to it in the future. To me, part of your legacy for your service here in the General Assembly is that your main objective in serving here was to help kids in Illinois by improving education. I see that as part of your legacy. In a way we're district mates, in a way we serve the same district and a lot of people might not think of that but because of Farm Bureau having Adopt a Legislator, Calvin Giles has been the adopted Legislator in my home district, my home county of Knox County and Calvin came down there and visited and it was a real pleasure to have him there. And I told him many times, you come to Knox County I hope you can stay overnight and you... I'd like to have you as a houseguest. And we got real close to that happening and then your plans changed and we're all set up to have you as a houseguest, but you came there. So, in a way we've... we've both represented my home county and I know Knox County... Knox County Farm Bureau was really proud to have you. And I hope there'll be another time when you'll come to Knox County and

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maybe can be a houseguest. Ya know, through our events and stuff we've... at our farm, we've had Governor, we've had Congressmen and we've had statewide candidates and judges and State Senators and State Representatives, but it'd be no higher honor than to have Calvin Giles come and visit our farm and be an overnight guest and I'd really... really like to do that. Ya know, if you come there, it just might be that you could offer some advice on our yard 'cause it could always use some improvement too. I just wanna say, in closing, that I truly believe we are a better Legislature, a better Legislative Body because Calvin Giles came and served here. We're a better state because of Calvin Giles and the children of the State of Illinois are better off because of Calvin Giles served as a State Representative. For all that, I say thank you, best wishes and God bless, Calvin Giles. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Annazette Collins. Annazette."

Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. Calvin, my seatmate, I've enjoyed sitting next to you for the last 6 years and Calvin has helped me so much to calm me down, gave me stories about different things and we shared stories about our families and the kids and all kinds of things. And so I really appreciate having a male's perspective on things... and I am so glad that, ya know, a lot of times when people get caught up in politics and when you're running against people you hear all kind of different stories. And I'm so glad that I allowed myself to form my own opinions and all those opinions were all wrong and I'm

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so glad that you were here and that you've given so much to everyone. And so, I just want to say thank you and thanks for being a great seatmate."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ed Washington. Ed on the floor? We'll get back to Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you. I just want to say about Calvin, when I first came here, as well. Ya know, naturally, I was intimidated and there was Bob Churchill, in counsel with him, told me to make sure I touched bases with Calvin Giles and I did so. And I know I was intimidated by the Speaker because when you in a low level of politics and you see Madigan on TV, he becomes bigger than real life and it was Calvin that shored up my nerve that mentored me and told me any question I have don't hesitate to go to the Speaker and ask him because that's what he's here for. And he's been here long enough that he probably knows every scenario. But I wanna say the next best thing to the advice that the Speaker's given me has been this man right here. He's been a brother and a true friend and it was a pleasure knocking doors with him during his campaign because I heard so many good things about the people that I engaged in conversation about the Giles' name and about this particular Giles in particular. And he will always be my brother and I'm hopin' the door will always be open 'cause I'm gonna always need some advice about somethin'. Calvin, I wish you the best."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Chapin Rose."

Rose: "A nicer fellow than Calvin Giles cannot be found. When I first came here, he was smilin' like he is right now and he's been smilin' ever since. I just wanna quickly say, I

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don't know what it is with this yard work, but my yard looks a lot better because of you too. We've been to a U of I game together, a couple years ago. You are without a doubt one of the happiest people I've ever met in my life. And I wish we had more of you in everyday life, not just in this chamber but in everyday life. We're gonna miss ya a lot, Calvin. And I'm gonna miss that smile but hopefully we'll see it somewhere around here soon and it will come as a shock to no one that I'll miss the M&Ms as well."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Suzie Bassi."

Bassi: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Calvin, I just wanna say ditto, ditto, ditto. You are a gentleman, a man of your word and just to be sure that you won't miss us too much I want to remind you that the children (sic-teachers) in public schools today are expected to teach good nutrition, have a... train students in pulmonary-coronary resuscitation, give specialized instruction for the hard of hearing, the blind, the neurologically impaired, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. God love you. God bless you. We will miss you. You have been just a joy to work with and thank you for everything. God bless."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you very much. I think, Ladies and Gentlemen, we really have a wonderful day today. It's really a pleasure to have Resolutions for people who are leaving of their own volition or on their own two feet. Calvin, it was a pleasure serving as your vice chair in Elementary Secondary Education. Almost every time I got a chance to serve, you always arrived before we finished the Bill and

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everyone gave him a huge applause when he arrived. Calvin, I sat behind you and you were the only person in this room that I know of who has never uttered a negative word about anybody. Few of us can say that. I never heard you utter a negative word about one person in this Body. I know that you're a Christian; I know that you're the epitome of a good husband, a father and you certainly have made many of us strive to be better Legislators. It was a pleasure serving you... with you and Godspeed. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Will Smith."

Davis, W.: "That's my alter ego, just in case anybody... anybody want... you know. Ya know. Yeah and Michael, exactly."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Will, my apologies."

Davis, W.: "No..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Davis, my apologies."

Davis, W.: "I know. I'll be all right. I know..."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "But you know, you do look a little like Will Smith."

Davis, W.: "We look a little bit alike, right. I got it; I got it; I got it. I know, I know. I don't know. I don't know. I promised... I promised Dave Winters that I wouldn't be... be long-winded. So, to my friend and my brother and I was out of the chamber so if anybody's already said this please forgive me, but if there's one word that I can use to describe Representative Calvin Giles, particularly as it relates to this process, that's integrity. That is the one word that just truly epitomizes the man that you are. You are a man, a father, a husband, just so many things and you've meant so many things to each one of us here in this

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chamber. And like I stated earlier, I didn't have the opportunity to really develop that... that long... long relationship that I would have liked to in this chamber. But I know that that doesn't mean that our relationship isn't gonna grow and that we aren't gonna continue to be friends and look forward to the life that... that comes after you leave this chamber. And I just wanna wish you well. Ya know, I can think back when we're on the floor and I'm sittin' there and you just kinda look over at me and you put your hand on me and say, 'Hey, brother, you okay? You all right, brother?' Ya know... As when you get a little excited that inflection in your voice and it, ya know, it's gonna be all right, brother. It's gonna be all right. And... and if nothin' else, it was just an encouraging word that you provided that just kinda helped all of us get through our day and also the M&Ms. So, again, Calvin, we wish you well. And as they say, the life that you lead after this one, there're gonna be so many more blessings that are gonna come upon you after this because the seeds that you've sown in this chamber are gonna manifest themselves over and over and over again in your private life and the life that you're gonna have with your family now that this one is over with. But we wish you well, Calvin. You've done a lot of good things for the people of your district and the people of the State of Illinois and you will truly, truly, truly be missed. God bless you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Thank you, Representative Will Davis. Representative Marlow Colvin."

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Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, my good friend, Calvin Giles. Ya know, I've known Calvin for more than 20 years going back to the middle '80s, being involved in Chicago politics up to our eyeballs. I can still remember when you were appointed to the General Assembly. And as a much younger man came down here and you have... and left an indelible mark on what education here in the State of Illinois, being part of that debate. But the most remarkable thing, once I joined you down here in the General Assembly, is how you conducted yourself in that committee. The way you are always being fair and level giving both sides of the aisle a chance to be part of the debate. The only person he ever cuts off in debate is me 'cause Calvin says I talk too long and a lot of different things. And he was always concerned whether or not I would probably lose votes and just talk my way out of votes on different Bills that I had there. But your fairness and I think, while Will Smith... Will Davis... Will 'Smith' Davis... Joe, you started somethin' bad there, Joe. But I think that Will summed it up best when because you are the epitome of what a man should be: a family man, an excellent Legislator, an excellent father, ya know, a excellent husband. We're gonna miss you here. Ya know, tomorrow we'll be sworn in in the new General Assembly and it's always an exciting thing to start fresh, to wipe the slate clean, but it'll be just a little bit less special knowing you're not gonna be here and part of our organization. You did a tremendous job running the Black Caucus for both the House and the Senate for 2 years. Calvin, your leadership will set the tone and

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example for how we conduct ourselves far into the future. We're gonna miss you here and we certainly gonna miss your friendship and being on the golf course all summer with you. I'll look forward to that as we've always have been. Thank you and God bless you for being here."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Calvin, I wanna wish you well. You did a great job with the Elementary Secondary Education. The passion that you have for kids showed through every single day. You were able to sit there calmly, watch us battle, very passionately sometimes. I can remember when they had the State Superintendent of Schools there and you almost had to put on a referee shirt. And daggonit, we got to be such good friends that... that it probably cost your election 'cause you hadn't spend all that time down going door-to-door for me, you had probably won your election. I serve now on a committee that is another passion of yours and that's how to reenroll dropouts. You don't forget about kids any time whether they're up, whether they're down, whether they're downstate, whether they're upstate. I've never known anybody that cares about kids any more than Calvin Giles. That's probably what makes you such a great father and a great family man. Calvin, I'm really gonna miss ya and it was an honor to serve with you in Elementary & Secondary Ed. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Roger Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanna take a second to add my feelings regarding Calvin's service. Ya know, I remember so many different times, it wasn't just once in a

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while where someone had driven a long way to provide testimony in the people's House and it sometimes was on an issue that maybe, ya know, we weren't even gonna deal with or it was gonna get... But Calvin would always say, 'Everyone calm down. I know we have a lot of Bills. I know there are a lot of people here, but you will be heard. Everybody will have their chance.' And because of the way he handled the committee in a gentlemanly manner that showed respect to the people who send us here, he also would say, 'I just ask that you'd keep it brief.' And ya know, out of respect for the way you provided them an opportunity to be heard, they did. It was just that kind of mutual respect, that... that kind of... it was the environment that was the culture of that committee and I wanna thank you for that. I wanna wish you the best and simply end by saying, I feel very, very fortunate to have been able to serve with such a gentleman who is so considerate of the people because that's what this is about and I think that's your motivation and I could always see that. Thank you, Calvin. Good luck and God bless ya."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Members of the 94th General Assembly, the Gentleman from Cook, the chairman of the House Education Committee, Representative Calvin Giles."

Giles: "Thank you very much. Thank you for all of those kind words. This is something that I will truly remember for the rest of my life. This... I've prepared for this day since 1993 since I came in the Legislature. And what I did was I tried to build relationships; I tried to respect others; I tried to find out what other's needs were, what their issues

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were... was, to be able to interreact and to be able to hopefully give some advice or either try to help find the solution. This is a very august Body. You all are very special individuals and I don't want you to take that lightly. There is individuals every day who will love to be in your seat. Sometimes we take it for naught, but this is a very special place to be. This is where it really happens, on the state level and I want you to... I want you to really reflect and think about your lives and what you mean to the people of the State of Illinois. But oftentimes we get involved into so many political scenarios that we forget... we forget about who we are and what... who we represent. We represent millions of people and I want you to... I want you to truly reflect on that and then after you reflect on that, I want you to do something. I truly want you to begin to love each other. Ya know, this is a very short life, ya know and we all have a true commonality and that is we are human beings first. You are a human being, every one of us. And so to love each other, to respect each other and of course, to make sure that you find, ya know, build relationships with each other because one day we all are not going to be here. So, I want you to begin to enjoy the fellowship that you have with each other and to love each other and to respect each other and then you can truly serve the people of Illinois. You can truly serve, you can truly see, you can truly begin to come up with solutions if you love your fellow man, so... so, if I can leave that with you and that's what I've tried to do. It's simple. It's easy to love each and every one of you because you are a

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human being. It's easy to respect you because you're a human being. That's who I am. And so, that's what I would charge each and every one of you to do is to... is to reflect on that and you will be a better person not just for your constituency but for yourself and your families. May God bless each and every one of you. I won't be going too far away from you, but I will always be in reach and I will always be thinking about this august Body. Thank you for the opportunity."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 1585 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. And House Resolution 1585 is unanimously adopted. The Chair recognizes Representative Dave Winter. Representative Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick announcement. If you haven't had enough legislative activity yet today, the Environmental Caucus is meeting in Room 118 immediately following Session or at 3:00, which ever comes first."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "The Chair recognizes Representative Bob Pritchard. Representative Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Yes, Mr. Speaker. I also would like to remind this Body that the Education Caucus dues are due tomorrow, if you wanna be part of the charter membership. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Mr. Clerk, we have House Resolution 1586. House Resolution 1586, Representative Susana Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise right now to add another name to the list of honorees tonight. Before I get started with that, I think that it's important to recognize

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I haven't spoken on any of the other people because I knew I'd be getting your attention speaking on Representative Michelle Chavez, but I'd add my words and sentiments to all those who have spoken before me about how much... or better yet, how great of a spot you all have in my heart and what a privilege it's been for me to serve with each and every one of the people who we've honored up until this point. I can tell you from a very personal standpoint that the person that we honor right now and congratulate for her service, Representative Michelle Chavez, may not have served as long as most of the Members that we have honored, but certainly I would say that in her 2 short years here each and every one of the 118 Representatives knows who Michelle Chavez is. I think all of you had... have had more than one, if not multiple, and many, many conversations with her, have gotten to know who she is, what Michelle Chavez is about. And I do reiterate that because when we first heard about Michelle Chavez no one knew who Michelle Chavez was, no one had ever heard about Michelle Chavez. And on election night when Frank Aguilar lost, he was a dear friend to all of us, we were all like, 'What? Who is this Michelle Chavez?' Well, over the last 2 years all of us know who Michelle Chavez is and I... we've not only know her name, but we know what she represents, the kind of woman that she is. And Michelle Chavez is a name that I... I would venture to say none of us, not just the Members that have served with her, but anyone who has had exposure to her will ever forget. That's a name that will forever be in our memories. She has built a legacy here just in her 2 years. And I think that the one

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thing that we can say about Michelle is that all of us can take it to our graves that we have a friend in Michelle Chavez. And, Michelle, I want you to know that you have a friend in a hundred and seventeen other Members that are in this Body today. We are a family, this is a fellowship, as others have mentioned. And some would like to say that it's a country club and that that's the type of mentality. That it's like a country club mentality, I've heard that, and that when we leave it's all over, that's it, no one ever hears about you or talks to you again. I don't believe that, because I know that in my 6 years here we continue to stay in touch with those Members who have moved on, continue to respect them, continue to love them, and it's an exciting moment for all us when we're able to reunite. And so, Michelle, I wanna say that in your 2 years you have earned my respect, my undying loyalty. I wanna thank those Members who campaigned very, very hard for Michelle, having known her for less than 2 years. So many people stepped up to the plate for her and it was a beautiful thing to see that those hearts, money, time, and dedication was really put into trying to bring you back. Unfortunately, things didn't work out, but I can tell you that it's been an honor to serve with you. I know I speak on behalf of many, and hopefully others will have some words for you too. But, Michelle, I have learned more from you than I think you've ever learned from us. So I know you always say that, 'I've learned so much and it's been such an honor to work with all of you.' Those are her words all the time. But I think all of us can say that it's been an honor to work with Michelle Chavez and

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we can learn about an aspect that sometimes we lose touch with here, and that's just simple humanity and what it's like to be a good person, what it's like to put others... other people's feelings and needs before those of politics. And that's the kind of person that Michelle is and that's the example that she sets for all of us. So, thank you, Michelle. A lot of people, outside of this Body, could learn a lot more from you and it's been an honor to serve with you, it's been an honor to try to help you over the last 2 years. But, again, you have helped me become a better Legislator and I thank you for your friendship and for the wisdom that I have acquired from you. Thank you, Michelle."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Debbie Graham."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Chavez. I mean, listen, we... our districts are close to each other and we have a lot of things that kinda criss-cross that we work on together. The special rec group throws a fund-raiser every year at, I think it's Arlington. Is it Arlington Racetrack? And when she had come to this event, I don't know who she was expecting to see, but you know how it is when you're traveling this road and sometimes if you don't have an entourage of people going with you, you're by yourself. And that's pretty much how I do a lot of things too. I don't have a bunch of people going places with me. I'm a lot of times by myself. But when she walked in a room and saw me she's like, 'Ahh. Amiga, I'm so glad to see you.' You know? And instantly, it made our day at that track so much more comfortable because she was there to

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comfort me and I was there to be with her. And I just wanna thank you for your friendliness and the songs that you belted out over here for us and... and just being you. And I know this was a tough 2 years, you know, coming down here unknowingly and, you know, just like, oh, not knowing that you're really gonna make it here and... and just being so gracious and taking it all in. I know it's been a life changing experience for you because it's been that way for me. So, thank you for gracing us with the flowers that you made for us and things that you always offered as a token of friendship, that's a lot. So, well wishes to you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Careen Gordon."

Gordon: "Michelle, it is very rare in life, much less in this business, to come across someone with a true heart of gold, and you are that person. I remember the very first day when you came around, met every single person individually, reached out your hand, introduced yourself with a smile, and said how you were willing to work with them. That means a lot, to me especially. And I remember one day Susana told me about a piece of legislation that you needed some help with and I immediately said 'yes', and so we worked on that. And there was someone who was going to push you around on that, and no, it was not Representative Parke, it was someone else who is outside of this room, and they attempted to push around my friend, Representative Michelle Chavez. And we put the kibosh on that immediately. And so, we made sure that Michelle had that legislation passed because she believed in it and it was the right thing to do. And because Michelle reached out to us and we reached out to

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her, she will always be a true friend to me. You inspired me to be a nicer person, which isn't a very easy thing to do sometimes. So, I thank you for that. I will treasure forever the flowers... the flowers that are in my office because people ask about them all the time and I always tell them the story of where they came from and who gave them to me. And I will also treasure a gift that you gave me that's at home in my office that I'm still a little bit afraid of, but someday I may open that too and toast you and think about that as well. There would also be calls that would come to me from Michelle and she always seemed a little hesitant to ask for help, but when she would ask for my help or ask for my name the answer was always 'yes'. So, please, always know in the future, forever, Michelle, the answer will always be 'yes' because you are a true, good-hearted person. And please know I will always be your friend and you will always be mine. So, thank you for... thank you for being here. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Kathy Ryg."

Ryg: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, had to come to learn to know Michelle. We sat together at committee hearings where I saw her work tirelessly to understand, ask very thoughtful questions, and then deliberate on the legislation she was working on that was to benefit her constituents and the other people of the State of Illinois. I think one of the best things that she has done for me, though, is to inspire me to understand what true effort can really mean. And when I worked with her in her district she would talk to her constituents and explain to them in Spanish, so I wasn't

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really sure all the details, but I would watch them respond and get a little fired up, especially when children were around, and she would say, 'My life is the American dream.' And I've used that story when I talked to students in my district because I want everyone to know that someone like Michelle Chavez can be a huge success and a huge inspiration to people. And we thank you for everything you've done and know that you'll continue to do good things. So, thank you."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Julie Hamos."

Hamos: "So, I had the honor recently of being invited into Michelle's district in Cicero to attend a party that her family and friends threw for her. And it really was an honor to be... first of all, to really see Michelle's life and to see around her the people who are... who give her so much love. And to see the warmth in that room, it really helped me understand what Michelle Chavez is all about. So, Michelle, in addition to everything that everybody else has said, I think, first of all, that heart of gold really captured it. So good, Careen, for... for saying that, because that's really how we will think of you always, is that very... the person who exudes warmth and love. But in addition to that, I think you honor us when you have been so joyful in being here and being part of us. And you have always been so excited about being a Member of the Illinois General Assembly that, in your way, that has honored us as well. So, we do love you and wish you the best."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Chapin Rose."

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Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanna... there was a Bill last year that came around I guess it was the first year of this Assembly and it got killed and it was a... it was a great idea and it involved the safety of students and it came out of a school district of Michelle's district. And the Bill was dead the first year and everybody was against it. Teachers were against it, the school administrators, the cops, the judiciary, Department of Corrections, everybody was. And I had the absolute pleasure of working with her to get that Bill resurrected, brought back, and it was only through her leadership that that happened. And kids in this state today are ten times safer because of that Bill and because of Michelle Chavez. And I just wanna say that and I wanna say thank you for letting me work with you on that Bill."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Patti Bellock. Chapin. Patti."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. I just wanted to say... reiterate what everybody else has said about Michelle Chavez. And I remember the first night of the election when I saw that thing that Frank Aguilar and Michelle Chavez... and then I think it was just two weeks later you were sitting next to me in the Human Service Committee and you were just a wonderful, wonderful Member of that committee and also became a good friend. And for all of us, especially the women of the Conference of Women Legislators, you have been such an asset to that organization and attended everything. And when Representative Danny Burke came to us and said, 'You should

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have Michelle Chavez sing My Way in the Capitol Capers skit.' We said, 'Okay.' So she came and sang for all of us, but we didn't know at first it was going to be in Spanish. And remember that? We were down in D-1 and everybody stood up and gave her a standing ovation and it was just the most wonderful thing. And since then she has brought down the house two or three other times and last time was just a few weeks ago down at the Conrad Hilton. And I said to her afterwards, 'Did you get a contract signed off of that?' So anyways... but you were a wonderful asset to all of us here and we just wish you the best of luck, Michelle. And thank you for your friendship and your beautiful smile."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Ruth Munson."

Munson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ya know, sometimes you connect with someone and you just don't know why it is. But I think I connected with Michelle because she just made it so easy. She was so approachable, she wanted to learn and she always wanted to help. Ya know, in this woman I see just a tremendous amount of courage and kindness and grace and determination. And it's been my honor to have found a new friend with Michelle Chavez and to have served with her in this Body. Thank you so much and good luck."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Representative Pat Lindner."

Lindner: "I only have one thing to say about Michelle. She did it her way (sang)."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "A tough act to follow. Representative Toni Berrios."

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Berrios: "Thanks. I can sing but I'm not singing anything now. How about that? No. I did wanna say a few words to Michelle. I remember 2 years ago when you came in I knew exactly what you were feeling 'cause I had just come in 2 years before that. And all the questions you kept asking, like Susana and me, we were like, 'Just make sure you ask us everything you need.' And I was like, man, I really must have asked Susana quite a few questions 'cause you were asking a lot of questions. But it didn't bother us. We were there to help you. And I think all in all you helped us because then we really had to learn what we were going to explain to you. So it made it a lot better for me at least 'cause it made me grow in the position that I'm in. Thank you so much for that. But not only is your friendship for me or Susana or anyone else in this chamber, but you welcomed our families too. As Julie was talking about the posada, I had my mom there. Susana had her mom, her aunts, her brother. The whole family was there. It was amazing. And it was really nice to partake in that posada, something I've never been a part of, a posada like that. So you welcoming not only me, but my entire family, my mom, my dad... my brother was just here. You ran up to him and gave him a kiss, too, just a couple hours ago. So it was really nice. Yeah, we know Michelle loves the guys. But you are an amazing person and you are a humble person. You have changed this chamber. I mean, it's a lot... it's a much warmer place to be in because you were here with us serving. So thank you for your... the time, your commitment, and everything you've done to help us grow just that much more

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because your heart, I've never met anyone with a heart as big as yours. Thank you for your time with us. You'll be missed."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "To conclude, Representative Dan Burke."

Burke: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. It's rather a sad day when we say goodbye to our colleagues that we have come to know and admire and in many cases love. And I share the sentiments of my colleague Susana Mendoza when she offered her best regards to those that I did not speak on behalf of earlier. It does become like a family around here. And I might say that when I say 'sad day', it's probably more sad in the way I interpret one's experience here for those who have been here for such a brief time. In the case of Michelle Chavez, who I adore, this to me was a flower that was beginning to blossom. Each day I would observe her getting it more and more. And understanding her humble beginnings, coming to this country, not speaking English as a first language, but in fact learning two languages: Polish, English, and Spanish... three languages. What a talent. Someone that was... and I think the Speaker might have suggested this to Michelle on her very early beginnings that she was a gold nugget. And Michelle responded, 'No, Mr. Speaker, I'm a piece of coal that would like to be that gold nugget.' Or a diamond, I think, was the expression. You're a diamond in the rough. And Michelle would say, 'No, I'm a piece of coal.' Well, we certainly observed, Ladies and Gentlemen, each of us have had, I think, a personal experience with Michelle and something that we will long remember. And I don't think in

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my 16-year experience that I've had one single person who has impacted on me as much as Michelle Chavez. She has been, in my estimate, the personification of the American dream and certainly one that I will always remember and continue to be associated with in the future. Michelle, you have changed so many lives, you will not realize. As all of your colleagues have spoken today, I think that encompasses what you have been in this experience. There's been no one like you. You have been a wonderful, magnificent addition to this government, to this democracy. You have made a contribution beyond what your wildest imagination could even expect. My love to you. And, Mr. Speaker, if it would be appropriate, I would ask that if after Michelle makes her remarks that we permit her to sing that world-famous song My Way in Español. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the Lady from Cook, Representative Michelle Chavez."

Chavez: "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. I would like to found... find the words in the dictionary to say a lot of things to you, but the only one that I can say is thank you from the bottom of my heart. You will be here forever. Thanks a lot. Now, there's a legend in Mexico that says La Llorona. It's a woman who always is crying. And I've been passing crying since day number one around here for everything. I was feeling like a Speedy Gonzalez trying to run one side to another one for the cameras and all over trying to hide. But believe me, I tried to do my best. I learned a lot from all of you. It was a great honor to be in the House of Representatives. And I would like to

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dedicate this song especially to all of you from the bottom of my heart, but also would like to say thank you to Mr. Speaker. This song is for you and for Mr. Tom Cross, too, that were working here. We are not a group of Republicans or Democrats. We are a group that are working here for the community that really needs you and the community that puts you here to give the best. Thank you. For all of you. (Sang My Way in Spanish.) Gracias."

Speaker Lyons, J.: "All those in favor of the adoption of House Resolution 1586 signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. House Resolution 1586 is adopted. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "Hello, everybody. Hello. We'd like to deal with some procedures for tomorrow if we could get your attention. So this concerns our Inaugural Ceremony at the University of Illinois, Springfield Auditorium. And in trying to work through this, some of this may get a little complicated. So, again, if we could get your attention and your patience. Number one, Members can collect their tickets for seating in the auditorium lobby, that's the ground level. So you'll walk in at ground level and there'll be a lobby and you can collect your tickets right in that lobby. Is that correct, that's the ground level? Okay. Members, at the beginning at 10 a.m.... beginning at 10 a.m., Members and their guests should collect the tickets before they proceed to the reception, which is being conducted right there in the lobby. And our goal here is to get the tickets dispersed as soon as possible so that there's not a rush at the end. Okay? So upon arrival,

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first get your tickets before you go to the reception. Only the Members may collect tickets for your family. There's one section of seats which are set aside for your family. There's another section, not as desirable, set aside for other guests. All right? And so the rule is that only you can collect the tickets for your family and guests... guests will need your name to collect the tickets. We're not just gonna give tickets out. Guests have to identify that they're associated with you. Photos with family and guests, please do these in the auditorium lobby. It's a very spacious lobby and there'll be plenty of room for picture taking in the auditorium lobby. And there are arrangements for special-needs people, and for that purpose you should contact my office. Now, Tim, have we covered everything? Okay, are there any questions on all of this? It's a very nice venue. A very nice venue; it's very spacious. I think that you'll be very pleased with the arrangements, but there... please understand there will be 2 thousand people there. That's how popular all of you are, 2 thousand people. Deborah."

Graham: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just so I'm making myself... making... that I got you clear here, the tickets for the guest... so the tick... the guests are to go to the door to say there are... they are a guest of mine and they will receive the ticket?"

Speaker Madigan: "Correct. Correct."

Graham: "Okay. But my family tickets, I retrieve those tickets from somewhere on the lower level from... on the entry level where... okay. On the entry level when I come in, somewhere

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on the entry level, I am to go and get my personal family tickets. So... 'cause see, my guest is not gonna be real comfortable with me sayin' go to the door and tell 'em you're a guest of mine. In the past, they've received a ticket or a sticker. So, that's what I'm gonna tell my guests."

Speaker Madigan: "Deborah, you could get the tickets for your guests, which really would be preferable. It would be preferable that each Member would collect tickets for the family, collect tickets for the guests, and then you distribute the tickets. That would be better."

Graham: "That would be a little... 'cause my people might be a little... and so that's fine."

Speaker Madigan: "We're just concerned with... given the number of people, there's gonna be confusion. And what we'd like to head off would be some level of complaints about the procedures."

Graham: "Okay."

Speaker Madigan: "That's all."

Graham: "So I could choose either to get my guests' tickets or leave 'em and let them get their own?"

Speaker Madigan: "Yeah, either one. Either one."

Graham: "All right."

Colvin: "So, if you have more guests than you have tickets, where would you like them? The viewing room?"

Speaker Madigan: "Yeah, this is a good question. Marlow is asking if you have more guests than tickets, there will be a room with the capability to view what's happening inside the auditorium. Marlow, that... that room is called the studio

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theater, studio theater. That's where they'll do the video.
Bob."

Molaro: "Thank you, I... I took a ride out there. Even though I've been here a lot of years, I don't know streets even. So I went out there, and it seems like it's a one lane road going into it, and I looked at a parking lot... well, it is... and then I looked at parking lot C and D that's on... it doesn't look very big. I mean, you start talking 2 thousand people, I assume we're gonna have... if they get filled, those parking lots, there are contingency plans of where you're gonna send people. 'Cause I was out there, it didn't look big enough that it's gonna hold 2 thousand people. You're saying 'yes'."

Speaker Madigan: "Tim... well, Tim says that there are probably additional parking lots that maybe you didn't see."

Molaro: "Yeah, and it does... and there's one road out there. Okay. Just wanted you to know that."

Speaker Madigan: "There's what?"

Molaro: "There's only one... it's a one lane road going out there. So, we probably should get there early, I... I guess, right?"

Speaker Madigan: "Well, we would recommend that you arrive, ya know, as early as you'd like. As I said..."

Molaro: "Well, there was... there was this talk on the sheet about a pre... some kind of reception. Is that on... well, I mean, what is that? Is there gonna be coffee or fruit... just so I know."

Speaker Madigan: "Beverages, light fruit. I believe that'll be in the lobby, starting at 10:00."

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Molaro: "Oh, we get a bottle on the desk now that we passed that law, if the Governor signs it."

Speaker Madigan: "Any other questions? Rosemary."

Mulligan: "If you have guests that you supposed were coming and now they've informed you someone's sick or something's happening so that you have extra tickets so people like Representative Colvin or someone who may have more people coming, is there some way we can let them know at the box-office or somehow that there are tickets available that someone's not going to use so other people might be able to use them?"

Mapes: "Yes, Representative Mulligan. There will be a crew of six staffers from both caucuses. They're Mike Thomson, John Lowder, Scott Reimers, Lisa Guinan, and a couple of others that will be out there that if that becomes available, they have some authority to go and assign them to other people if the Member tells them these are extra tickets. That's an option we'll do at the last minute. Okay."

Speaker Madigan: "Now, we've talked about the reception and that's scheduled from 10 until 11:30, that's on the lobby level. And we would ask that all Members be seated on the stage at 11:45 and that all guests be seated in the auditorium. We're scheduled to begin at noon. So we're simply asking you and everybody else be seated before 11:45. Now, if there's nothing else... For those of you that are interested and concerned about predatory lending, there'll be a meeting immediately after we finish right below this room. It'll be with Dean Martinez from the state agency. All right. Now, if... with nothing further to come before the

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Body, we're prepared to adjourn. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The moment we've all been waiting for, I move that the House adjourn sine die."

Speaker Madigan: "The Lady has moved that the House adjourn sine die. Those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The House does stand adjourned sine die."