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Speaker Turner: "The regular Session shall come to order. And with leave of the Body the Attendance Roll Call from Special Session #1 will be used for our regular Session. Leave has been granted. And the regular Session is now in Session... the eight... the regular Session, I should say. The Lady from... Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 588, offered by Representative Beiser. House Resolution 589, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 590, offered by Representative Sullivan. House Resolution 591, offered by Representative McGuire. And House Resolution 592, offered by Representative Granberg."

Speaker Turner: "You've heard the Resolutions. All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolutions are adopted. The Lady from Cook, Representative May... The Lady from Lake, Representative May."

May: "Yes, the Lady from Lake, thank you. I'd like to advise Members of the Assembly that we have an exciting tour tomorrow morning, a wind farm tour, the Twin Groves Wind Farm in Elsworth, Illinois. Bus will be leaving right west of the Stratton Building at 9 a.m. sharp and will return by the time of Session. We'll have a briefing on the bus of the number of wind farms and the status in Illinois. We will tour the farm itself so wear comfy shoes and box lunch will be served on the way that we return. So, the Environmental Law and Policies Defender has worked with us on this tour. So, for everyone who can attend see me or

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call my secretary if you want to make sure that we have space on the bus for you. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters, for what reason do you rise?"

Winters: "In a purpose of an announcement, Mr. Speaker. Anybody that doesn't have dinner plans tonight, the partners of R2D1, Representative Myers, Representative May, and myself would invite you over to our house. We do have burgers on the grill and would happy to host anybody on the House Floor. It's at the northwest corner of Washington and Walnut. Parking is probably going to best behind Springfield High School, one block east of Walnut on Washington. And I do thank the Speaker for the... for the ice that he brought over earlier this morning."

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

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Ramey: "Having been a founding Member of the Educational Caucus and noticing today, being back in regular Session, we are having committee meetings again. I was just curious is the Disparities in Educational Achievement Committee gonna have a meeting today?"

Speaker Turner: "Ask the... While we're on it, Mr. Clerk, could you read the committee schedule and... yeah, could you read the committee schedules, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet immediately upon adjournment: Appropriations-Human Services Committee will meet in Room 114, the Health Care Availability and

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Access Committee will meet in Room 122B, the Labor Committee will meet in Room 118, the Registration and Regulation Committee will meet in C-1, and the Judiciary II-Criminal Law Committee will meet in D-1. The following committees will meet one-half hour following Session: Judiciary I-Civil Law Committee in C-1 and the State Government Administration Committee in Room 122B."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, do you know if the Education Disparities Committee is meeting today?"

Clerk Bolin: "No hearings are scheduled for that committee today."

Ramey: "Well, why not? Are there not plenty of disparities in educational achievement in this state? Our caucus is meeting Friday, I mean, I'm sure we want to attend these committee meetings so we understand exactly what they're talking about."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Froelich, the Chair of that committee..."

Ramey: "Oh, is he?"

Speaker Turner: "I... I assume..."

Ramey: "Congratulations."

Speaker Turner: "Well, I know that if your caucus then maybe we'll have a meeting after your caucus meet."

Ramey: "I look forward to it."

Speaker Turner: "So, if you... if you give us a briefing after your caucus meet..."

Ramey: "I would do that, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "...then we'll set up a formal committee meeting."

Ramey: "I appreciate it. Thank you very much for the inquiry."

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Speaker Turner: "Okay. Representative Currie now moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, July 12, at the hour of 1 p.m. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned until Thursday, July 12, at 1 p.m."

Clerk Bolin: "The House regular Session Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of House Joint Resolutions for Constitutional Amendments. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #26, offered by Representative Dunkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 17.5 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

SECTION 17.5. RIGHT TO DECENT HOUSING

- (a) All persons shall have a right to decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, which right shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Illinois.
- (b) The General Assembly may provide by law for the enforcement and implementation of this Section.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This has been First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment

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#26. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 849, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning education. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."