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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. The Members will please be in their seats. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance. We shall be led in prayer today by Dr. Terry Ewing who's the senior minister at University Place Christian Church in Champaign. Dr. Ewing is the guest of Representative Jakobsson."

Dr. Ewing: "Let us pray. Holy God of grace and wonder, whom we know as love. Spirit, whom we know as breath upon our lives between the mornings of our lives and the even song of rest, we walk among the beauty, the glory, the majesty of this world. We can offer only praise and thanks. Thank You, Oh God, beloved friend and companion, the journey of our days is a journey whose course leads along paths of greatest joy and deepest loss, tests and trials, victory and honor, quiet longing and happiness. It is a journey that is blind to privilege. It is a journey that finds us no matter where we are. It is a journey marked by practice and discipline. It is a journey upon which we are never alone. It is a journey we share with You, with others, with ourselves. Oh God, be among us now in this place, sweep wisdom through our thoughts. Fill our hearts, Oh God, that they might flood each decision with compassion and care. May justice be traced upon each word; may dignity stand alongside each one. May friend be our common name; may unity of land, of spirit, of country mark our pride. May no heart remain locked; may no mind be nailed shut.

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May hands grasp and arms embrace for no one walks apart from another. Oh God of such majesty and providence, we place our lives upon the day's journey, receive our prayers spoken and unspoken. Bless us, Oh God, as our time is complete, as our work is set aside at day's end may we know peace. These thoughts and prayers we offer now in the name of all that is holy. Amen."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Connie Howard, will you lead us in the Pledge."

Howard - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Hannig: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representatives Rich Bradley, Dunkin, Fritchey, Molaro, Patterson, Turner, and Washington are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Let the record show Representatives Poe, Hassert, Mathias, and Watson are excused."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 106 Members answering the Roll Call. A quorum is present. Representative May, for what reason do you rise?"

May: "Yes. For the purposes of an announcement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "Proceed."

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May: "In addition to being Valentine's Day, today is also Go Red Day for women in Illinois to call attention to the... the fact that cardiovascular disease is a very serious disease for the women in Illinois, the #1 killer of women in Illinois. In fact, 36 percent of all the female deaths in the state are attributable... attributable to cardiovascular disease and fifty-four (54) females die every day, and this is an older number, it's rising. So, we are calling attention to this on the part of the Conference of Women Legislators along with the American Heart Association. We had a press conference. I'm happy to say that most of the Members of COWL, men and women alike, were there to bring this serious message to the women of Illinois. We are encouraging all the women of Illinois to take care of their health, to eat right, to exercise, watch their diet and lead a healthy lifestyle which includes giving up smoking, if you are a smoker. So, for the women of Illinois and the men who love the women of Illinois, we're happy to bring this message. We thank the American Heart Association for the rose boutonnières they've given to every Member, for the red dress pins that they've given us and we hope that we can bring this message to all of the residents. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, read the reports, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee Reports. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 14, 2008, reported the

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same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4522; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 4471 and House Bill 4225. Representative John Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 14, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4119 and House Bill 4220. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 14, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4199 and House Bill 4573. Representative Collins, Chairperson from the Committee on Juvenile Justice Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 900. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 4536. Representative McAuliffe, Chairperson from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 896; 'recommends be adopted as amended' is

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House Resolution 840. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 909. Representative Flowers, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Availability and Access, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4255. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Environmental Health, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4407. Representative Soto, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriation-Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4523. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on February 13, 2008, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is House Bill 4549; 'do pass Short Debate' is House Bill 4605. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Joint Resolution 98, offered by Representative Pihos. House Joint Resolution 99, offered by Representative Reis.

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And House Joint Resolution 100, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Mr. Speaker, a point of personal privilege if I could?"

Speaker Hannig: "Yes, proceed."

Black: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let me first of all let you know that what you saw on television in a ten-second video clip does not accurately portray the reason that I was a little upset in the committee yesterday. And let me try to explain. The Majority Leader asked me to hold a Bill yesterday and I always would acquiesce to the Majority Leader and I agreed to hold that Bill in committee. When we got to the committee I had an Amendment that I wanted adopted that was written by the Democrat Technical Review Staff that I had agreed to, that our staff had accepted and given to your staff twenty-four (24) hours in advance as required by the House Rules. And then I was denied an opportunity to have that Amendment adopted to the Bill which makes the Bill, in a technical sense, correct. Now, I had clearly said I wasn't going to move the Bill on Second... out of the committee, but that Amendment needed to be adopted. It was in full accordance with House Rules. Your staff had adequate constructive notice. And there is no reason that that Amendment should not have been adopted to that Bill. Did I handle it as effectively as I could have, no I did not. But I'm... I'm out of time, Ladies and Gentlemen. I don't have time to wait to do what's right. I expected that Amendment to be adopted, I trust it will be

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next week. And I have apologized to the chairman of the committee. While differences of opinion are... can be healthy and debate can be healthy, calling a fellow Representative a name, while it was not a... certainly not an off-color name, a name nonetheless, crosses the line and I apologize to Representative May for that. And that leads me into my next point, Mr. Speaker, and if we could have the attention of the Chair. I... Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I think we are setting ourselves up for a situation that is not in the best interests of the people of Illinois. Now, we're... we're being asked on our side of the aisle, and I suppose you are being asked on your side of the aisle, to hold several Bills for an Amendment that would deal with how the rulemaking process will or will not be allowed on that particular piece of legislation. For whatever reason, those Amendments have not been forthcoming. On the one hand, we're told to move our Bills as expeditiously as possible; on the other we're being told to wait for an Amendment from the Speaker's Office that has not been adequately explained to our staff, not been adequately explained to anybody as far as I know on our side of the aisle. My point is this, Mr. Speaker. If there is to be a battle of personalities, be it between the Speaker and the Governor or the Speaker and the President of the Senate or the Speaker and a Member of the House Republican Caucus, whatever that battle is, why do Bills that impact the daily lives of people of the State of Illinois have to be held hostage waiting for this Amendment that we don't even have the courtesy of getting a copy of?

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We don't understand what the battle is about. Leave us out of this battle. Let us move those Bills that are important. Do you want to hold up a sexual predator Bill on the Internet because there's some argument about who will promulgate the rules? Take your fight to another arena. But do not hold the work of the General Assembly hostage while some personal battle is expected to be fought on every piece of legislation that we try to advance because of a dispute or a personality clash between Members of the same Party, the Democrat Party. I'm tired of being caught in the middle. The people who send me here are tired of being caught in the middle. Let us move our Bills, both Democrat and Republican, in the most expeditious manner possible. And I would expect and.. and consider a response from the Chair in order. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from Cook, the Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. The previous speaker said he didn't have time to wait a week for a second Amendment to his Bill. He didn't have time to do it right. I would say to the Members of this Assembly, I would say to the Speaker in the Chair that we must.. we must take the time to do it right. The issue today.. the issue today is one of something that could in fact amount to a constitutional crisis. The Governor has said that he will ignore the actions of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. In my view, that is an unconstitutional usurpation by the Governor of actions that belong appropriately to the Legislative branch. The



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Governor is not a lawmaker, he's the Executive. He is the person who implements the laws that we pass. JCAR is there to see to it that the law... that the rules that agencies under the control of the Governor, that the rules that they adopt, comport with the statute. That they do not extend beyond the authority the Legislature has given because if they do then that counts as legislating and that, in our system of government, the Governor is clearly prohibited from doing. So, when the Governor says JCAR doesn't count, when the Governor says JCAR is not relevant, he, in my view, is instigating a constitutional crisis of some import. And our response to that decision by the Governor cannot be to continue to give agencies rulemaking authority, which the Governor will then encourage them to do without the kind of legislative oversight that has happened in this state since 1980. And in fact, two (2) years... or three (3) years ago the Governor signed a Bill that actually expanded the authority of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. So, what we are about today and what we were about yesterday, Speaker and Members of this chamber, is the prerogative of the Legislature; the prerogative of the lawmaking branch of government, of State Government, to make sure that our authority is not abrogated by the people on the second floor. The Governor is the Executive, he is not a lawmaker, he is not a Legislator. In this Session, we are intent on making sure that the rules that are adopted to implement legislation that we might pass are adopted by this Assembly. We are not going to give carte blanche to the second floor to do

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our work for us. And I would invite all the Members of this chamber and the Speaker as well to stand strong, to stand tall, for what is our institutional integrity, for what is given to us by the Constitution as a responsibility that we may not abrogate, that we may not turn over to the chap on the second floor. So, that, to me, is the issue. It is an issue of constitutional proportions. And I would say, Speaker and Members of this House, that each of us must take the time to do it, to do it right, and to do it with respect for the integrity of this institution."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, there's some other people who would like to speak and we'll come back to you. Representative, we will give everybody a chance to speak in order... Representative... Representative... you will be recognized in due time, Representative. We will give everybody a chance to speak once; you'll be given your chance in due time. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. Representative, you will be recognized after everyone has a chance to speak once. You started off and got to go first, everyone can speak and you'll be given another chance. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang. Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for helping us get some control over the Body and I would like a little more quiet, if you could help me with that, Mr. Speaker. So, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen, I appreciate the opportunity to speak on this issue. First, let me say that the Gentleman on the other side of the aisle in his original comment said, 'Leave us out of this battle.' I think the Gentleman fails

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to understand the import of what we're talking about relative to JCAR. I know he understands JCAR, I know he understands what's happening there. And I know he feels aggrieved by a particular decision made on his particular Bill and he has a right to feel that way. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is our battle. Those of us who are here that have served on JCAR or currently serve on JCAR are quite aware of the fact that JCAR is a body that is supposed to over the years interpret holes in statutes. Sometimes we even say in our Bills that we are purposely leaving it to rulemaking. Well, that has worked pretty well over the years, Ladies and Gentlemen, but it doesn't work anymore. It doesn't work under this Governor, who believes that JCAR is simply an advisory body, a Governor who signed a Bill a couple of years ago giving JCAR more power than it's ever had, more oversight authority than it's ever had, more opportunity to stop bad rulemaking than it's ever had. And yet, this same Governor chooses from time to time to simply disregard JCAR altogether. There have been many times in just a few months that I have been on JCAR where the Governor has sent agency directors and agency representatives to JCAR to propose rules where JCAR has said, 'no', and the Governor and his agencies have gone ahead and implemented rules anyway. They have completely ignored JCAR. Now let's remember what JCAR is. JCAR is twelve (12) Legislators; three (3) from each caucus, who sit together as a body to try to reasonably go through proposals from state agencies for rulemaking to define state agency action, to define

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the... the issues in our Bills that we pass that haven't been defined by us, to define issues in our Bills where, frankly sometimes, we have been too lazy to define them ourselves. And we've said, well, let's just pass the Bill and let rulemaking decide what this means. And that's been okay for a long time, but it isn't now. The rules that JCAR provide, that unless eight (8) of the twelve (12) Members, an extraordinary Majority, unless eight (8) of the twelve (12) Members reject a rule, the rule takes place. In other words, seven (7), a Majority, cannot even stop the rule. And so it takes an extraordinarily bad set of rules to come before JCAR for us to reject them. And yet, time after time after time, in the few months I've been on JCAR, I have had to vote to reject rules coming out of the Governor's Office and state agencies. And the reason is not that the state agency directors don't care, the reason is that they get instructions from on high, meaning the second floor of this building, that they will propose rules and shove them down the throats of JCAR and if they can't get away with it, it's perfectly okay with them to ignore JCAR and to do it... do the rules anyway. Time after time after time, in the few months I've been on JCAR, this Governor and his agency directors have proposed emergency rulemaking in any number of instances. And I cannot think of a single time that these have actually been emergencies. This is just simply a blatant attempt by the Governor's Office to impose their way of doing things on the people of Illinois and on this Legislature. And so, for the Gentleman on the other side of the aisle to try to convince

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us that this is not our battle is folly. This is about us. This is about our prerogatives as a Legislature. This is about the Illinois House and the Illinois Senate asserting itself in the process of government. And this is where it must stop. We must not for our own individual purposes ignore what this institution is here for. We are here under our Constitution to be the Legislative Branch of Government. The Governor was in this Body, apparently he learned nothing when he was here, and apparently he now wants to do what he could not do when he was in this Body. Now, he wants to be a Legislator. We must step up and defend this institution; we must step up and defend JCAR. We must step up and say to the second floor, no, we have a Constitution that you must not ignore anytime you feel like it. And we have a Constitution that provides for a separation of powers and a Constitution that provides for separate legs to the stool of government. We must stop him here. And the way we stop him first, is for us to craft legislation that tries to leave rulemaking out of it. Maybe we need to put JCAR out of business by proposing Bills that have all the meat in them that they need so that the definitions needed by JCAR in the rulemaking is unnecessary. Failing that, the proposed Amendments to Bills dealing with rulemaking are wholly appropriate to the defense of the system we have, the Constitution of the State of Illinois and we want... what we do as Legislators. And to simply step aside because we have our own Bills we're concerned about is wrong public policy. We have a responsibility to defend JCAR, we have a responsibility to

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defend this institution and we have a responsibility to defend the Constitution of the State of Illinois; that is the oath we took. And stepping back from that by any of us is the wrong thing to do. It would be irresponsible to do that and we should all join in any effort to defend what we are here to defend. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Leader Cross."

Cross: "Mr. Speaker, I have some questions of the Chair, but I'm going to defer my time right now to Representative Black. The fact that he has not been called on and was not called on after what went on and what was said I find problematic. So, I will defer my time to him and then I'd like to have you come back to me 'cause I have some questions about the attempted implementation of this... this Amendment that I understand's going to be thrown on, maybe, every Bill. So, I would like to talk about it a minute."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Black."

Black: "Mr. Speaker, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, and I hope you will listen to me very carefully. I will not sit on this House Floor and let the esteemed Majority Leader, not spin, tell an absolute untruth, about what I did in committee yesterday and then to have it backed up by my good friend from Skokie. Now, I want the facts to be known and I want you to listen. The Majority Leader yesterday on the floor of this House asked me to hold the Bill in committee and I told her I would. And I went to that committee and I told the committee chair I had no intention of running that Bill out of that committee. Check the record, it's on the tape. What I did ask was an

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Amendment that was in order, drafted by the Democrat technical review staff, filed in accordance with all of the House Rules, that quite frankly, makes the Bill technically correct, be adopted to the Bill. All that Amendment did was to clarify the definition of a 'private club'. I had a right under the rules of this House, check the transcript, to have that Amendment adopted to the Bill. At no time, Majority Leader, at no time did I say I didn't have time to wait for this Bill. I made it clear before the committee even started that I had no intention of running that Bill out of committee. I gave you my word, Madam. And my word has never been broken here in twenty-two (22) years. I gave you the legislative courtesy that your office requires and how do I get repaid for that, by an outrageous, incorrect, attack on my integrity. I don't have to sit here and put up with that. I was within my rights on an Amendment that made the Bill technically correct. I clearly said that if the Amendment were to be adopted, I would not move that Bill out of committee. I had given my word to the Majority Leader and I would never, to her or anyone else... You find an example in twenty-two (22) years where I have not kept my word. What went on in that committee and what angered me was the absolute total confusion about whether or not they could adopt the technical Amendment to the Bill. What they did to me was wrong. I was waiting for the Amendment that you said would be forthcoming. I'll wait the other week. Now, let's not spin this like the talking heads on TV. What I did yesterday was keep my word to the Majority Leader and

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exercise my rights as a Member of this Body under the rules of the House as written by the Democrat Party. I didn't try any subterfuge; I didn't try to move the Bill out under the cover of darkness or confusion, although there was total confusion at the committee, and I will not sit here on this House Floor and let the Majority Leader or anybody else speak anything except the truth about my actions in committee. I've already apologized for the way I reacted, but it had nothing to do with waiting for an Amendment. It had nothing to do with the rule Amendment that we haven't even seen and it had nothing to do with my alleged 'don't have time to wait. When you get to be my age, all you have is time'. I'm just sitting in God's waiting room waiting until He calls me. Now, I resent as much as anything I've ever seen on this House Floor an outrageous questioning of my integrity and putting a spin on something that simply didn't happen. And I'm requesting from staff that I get the audio transcript from that committee and I will make a copy for every one of you so that you can see I had no intention of backing down from my word to the Majority Leader and don't you ever put me in that position. I kept my word. I tried to get a technical Amendment adopted to the Bill that was in order and should have been adopted to the Bill and what really irks me, and there's no spin, do you know who made the decision that that couldn't happen? Staff. Democrat staff made the decision that I couldn't adopt an Amendment that Democrat staff drafted and I accepted. Now, when it gets to that point, we've got things backwards around here. The elected Members run the



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committee process, not staff. So, I think I'm owed an apology. If you want to get mad at me for the way I handled things yesterday, that is certainly your right. Fifteen (15) minutes ago I stood up here and apologized for my outburst. I apologized for calling the chairman a name. I know better than that. If my late mother were here, I'd owe you more than an apology. She didn't raise me that way and I'm sorry I did it. But at the same time, you do not have the right to get up and distort, deliberately distort, my position in that committee. I kept my word; I will always keep my word and I... I am very, very disappointed that the Majority Leader, who wasn't there, put words in my mouth and actions in my mind that simply did not occur. Ladies and Gentlemen and Mr. Speaker, if this Amendment that we're waiting to see is so important, why don't each of us have a copy? Why was there not a memorandum put out about why the Speaker thought this was so important? Why do we have to wait 5 minutes before we go to a committee and we're told about some Amendment that we don't know anything about? Couldn't common courtesy from your side of the aisle tell our staff what the Amendment was, why you wanted to do it and give us a copy and/or an explanation? I don't think that's too much to ask. But Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for my outburst to you. You and I have been friends for more than twenty (20) years. You're fair; I respect you; you're good in the Chair and I should have waited my turn to speak and I agree with you and I apologize. But to sit here and have my integrity questioned and in effect, saying what I did that... what I

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didn't do, that's the first time in twenty-two (22) years here that I've ever... ever been called, except for the word, I was called a liar by your side of the aisle in so many words. I don't think I deserved that, no matter what I did yesterday, and I want the record to reflect that what was said about that was untrue, had no basis in fact, I kept my word to the Majority Leader and what did I get in thanks for it, said that I didn't have time to wait and tried to run a Bill out of committee. That's not true."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady... the... the Lady from Lake, Representative May."

May: "Yes, thank you. And first of all, Representative, I would like to publicly thank you for your apology. I accept it sincerely. I just want to clarify the record on a couple points, because people are saying what in the heck is going on here. Number 1) I announced at the beginning of committee while we were waiting for a quorum, perhaps it was before you arrived, that there would be no action on any of the smoking Bills because that's what I understood to be the case and that staff had cleared it, the Majority Leader had cleared it, other people had cleared it with the Members of the... Members who had those Bills. And I... I also feel like I need to take a moment to defend staff. Staff are very hardworking, young people who contribute as much of themselves to the citizens of the State of Illinois as we do, working very long hours and putting in time and doing the absolute best they can. So, I... I do rise in defense of staff, but I must say that I, as the Chair, had the prerogative and after hearing the discussion on this,

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which Amendment were we talking about and considering the Amendment, I had the prerogative and I made the decision that it would be best to call all the Amendments on the following week when... when we had all of the Amendments before us which everyone was expecting. And I based this, in part, that I had announced that we were not going to have action on these Bills and perhaps some people who feel very strongly about protecting the health of the citizens of the State of Illinois had already left. And I did also announce that because some veterans, who wished to testify, had driven far and given their age and out of deference to what they had done, that I would allow them to give testimony as long as the Members of the committee were willing to stay. To the Committee Members' credit, many of them did stay to hear two (2) veterans. So, I really stand to defend staff and just assure you that my prerogative as the Chair is to hear the Amendments that are put forward if you wish to move the Bill with those Amendments. And again, I thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could get a little order here 'cause I think this may... it may only affect our side of the aisle, but it... I'm hopeful that at least this policy which I don't agree with, affects both sides; it's not aimed just at us. It seems like most of these Amendments have applied to only our Bills, I may be wrong. But I'd like an inquiry of the Chair or maybe the parliamentarian. As I read the Amendment that... the Amendment that seems to be the same one you in... that are putting on... being put on

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the Bills, it appears that you're taking all rulemaking authority away from the Governor and his agencies. Can someone tell us, the Body, what the procedure is if we're doing that? Now, does that mean that we will then have the role... the General Assembly will take over the role of the agencies and we will have to implement rules? What's the procedure here? And I think everybody ought to pay attention to this because obviously, Mr. Speaker, the concern is we will bog down in rules, that a... JCAR has historically done for many, many years, to the point where nothing will get passed and the people of the State of Illinois will not have their issues addressed this Session. So, if you could tell us what you intend to do with this Amendment."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative, the... it's really not the prerogative of the Chair to answer, but I think Representative Currie could... can answer these questions. If you'd like to have a debate..."

Cross: "Well, I... that's fine. I just want a procedure to outline about..."

Speaker Hannig: "Right."

Cross: "...what we're going to do."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Currie..."

Cross: "And look... let me make sure I clarify something. This appears to be, Representative Currie, a we don't like the Governor so as the Majority Party we're going to change the rules. Most people on this side of the aisle don't like what the Governor's done either. Okay? I have to clarify that. We don't agree with a lot of his policy, we don't a

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lot of his politics, whether it's the spending, the taxes, the pensions, the Medicaid, the debt, et cetera. But I guess I'm a little puzzled by why we would change the rules of a JCAR process that has worked for years, 'cause that's what seems to be the case."

Currie: "Yeah. First of all, let me just say this has nothing to do with liking or not liking the Governor. It does have to do with the Governor's unilateral decision to suspend JCAR from consideration of agency rules. It is not our effort to take away all rulemaking powers of all of the Executive Branch agencies, but it is our effort to say that we're not going to give new rulemaking power to an agency..."

Cross: "Right."

Currie: "...when we know we will no longer have oversight to make sure that agency..."

Cross: "Right."

Currie: "...does not exceed its prerogative under the legislation we pass. So..."

Cross: "Tell me what this means when this gets attached to a Bill of mine..."

Currie: "So what it means... what it means is this."

Cross: "What it means."

Currie: "First of all, it says let us try to figure out how we can put what would amount to rules in the statute. Yeah, you want to do a law. Why would we want to turn it over to an agency to figure out what we meant? Maybe we can be clear about what we do mean..."

Cross: "Right."

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Currie: "...and maybe we can put in the muscle to see to it that we tell the agency exactly what we mean and this is how you do it. But if we're not prepared quite to do that, at least we should be prepared to say that the agency will not have powers under this new legislative enactment to draw rules to make it effective. That gives us time to figure out what the appropriate rule might be and maybe it gives time for the chap on the second floor to decide that he has exceeded his authority when he has decided that JCAR is now irrelevant to the legislative process."

Cross: "All right. So, I file a Bill, this Amendment gets put on it and historically, if it's an issue with Ag, somebody within that agency who has a wealth of knowledge about the agricultural industry, might be an inspector, who would go out and work out an issue, that agency would issue some rules, JCAR would either accept them or prohibit them in a general sense. We are now going to take that... those agency or that agency completely out of the picture and we're going to try to create the rules ourselves 'cause it says in..."

Currie: "Hey, listen. We would be happy to incorporate the proposals that the agencies might want to make in respect of legislation that we are introducing. I don't see any problem with that at all. But again, what we want to make sure of is that what the agency promulgates there's an appropriate relationship to the legislative language we have adopted..."

Cross: "Neither the Governor..."

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Currie: "...without JCAR. Without JCAR we have no security, no security, not one wit, that the integrity of this institution has been upheld."

Cross: "So..."

Currie: "And that is why I think this is an issue not just for Democrats or for Republicans, but it is an issue for this institution."

Cross: "You're... you intend to put this Amendment on both Republican and Democrat Bills."

Currie: "Absolutely."

Cross: "Okay. Do you intend to put this Amendment on Bills that come over from the Senate?"

Currie: "Yes."

Cross: "Okay. What happens when these Bills leave the House, assuming somebody can go to an agency, have all the rulemaking that maybe takes months, condensed down to a few days or a couple weeks. I don't know that that can happen, but let's assume it happens. What's going to happen when it goes over to the Senate and they take it off? What happens... what will happen to it when it comes back to the House?"

Currie: "Well, then I expect that the House is not likely to give favorable consideration to that program."

Cross: "So, we are in a situation here, because of a fight going on above all of us, where that..."

Currie: "Well, it does... it's not going on above all of us."

Cross: "Going on above all of us..."

Currie: "It is a direct challenge to the authority to the prerogative of the Legislature."

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Cross: "Okay. So, because of that inability to get along, we are going to have probably and a good chance of no legislation passing..."

Currie: "I don't..."

Cross: "...that affects the people of the State of Illinois because... because this is one chamber deciding by the Majority Party that we're going to take JCAR out of the picture... they've been doin' it for years..."

Currie: "No, no, no, no. So, excuse me."

Cross: "...they have expertise. We're going to let the rulemaking happen here."

Currie: "Excuse me. We are not taking JCAR out of the process."

Cross: "Neither... "

Currie: "The Governor has chosen to do that."

Cross: "...neither the Governor nor any agency had under... or agency had under the jurisdiction of the Governor has any authority to make or promulgate rules. What does that mean?"

Currie: "That is right. And so, I... I would again just reiterate. I think we're on our mettle; I think we're on notice that it is up to us to take these vague ideas that we have that we ask our LRB to draft into a Bill to figure out precisely what we do mean, what we do want, and incorporate that language in the Body of the statute itself."

Cross: "Representative, haven't we historically enacted legislation and the agencies help implement the legislation and now we're going to try to both enact and implement as a



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General Assembly and take them out of the equation, except to try to help us put the rules within the law. That's what you're doing."

Currie: "Essentially, that's what I'm proposing."

Cross: "Right."

Currie: "And we can do that and you know, people used to do that, the idea of the agencies becoming separate fiefdoms and operating sort of without paying much attention to what the Legislature actually meant when it passed a law, that.. that used to be the way that happened. Now, as I say, we have had a Joint Committee on Administrative Rules since 1980. In 2004, the Governor signed a Bill that expanded the authority of JCAR, it seems to me, critical for this institution not for the Democrats or the Republicans, not for the Democrats and the Republicans, but from this institution to assert its prerogative to retain our integrity as the place, the seat where legislation happens."

Cross: "One of the great things about the administrative process and JCAR is that there's a public comment period. Bill passes, becomes law, then you go into the rulemaking. How does that happen now with the fact that, again, we're going to do all the rulemaking under the legislative process?"

Currie: "Well, first of all, of course, we do have committee hearings. Bills come before committees and the public is invited to testify, public is invited to come and weigh in on one side or another, to make recommendations for change. I don't see that that changes."

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Cross: "I... I thought, Representative, if I wasn't mistaken, historically, in the JCAR process, you have a ninety-day (90) window for commenting. Sure seems to be difficult to... now, granted I know because of the fighting we're here all year now... "

Currie: "Well..."

Cross: "...but in an ideal world where we get out in May, it's pretty hard to have a ninety-day (90) comment when something is..."

Currie: "Right."

Cross: "...we try to pass something on May 1."

Currie: "Yes. Rep... Repre..."

Cross: "So, we're really going to limit the input from the public and the agencies..."

Currie: "Rep..."

Cross: "...because of the fact that we're mad at the Governor."

Currie: "Representative, we are not limiting that opportunity. It is the unilateral action of the Governor that has limited that opportunity. We're the ones who are stuck with the question, what do we do if we cannot be secure in our lawmaking prerogative? And I would say our better answer is to say, no, to agency rules and find a way to establish in the statute itself, not just an overarching framework, but some of the specifics that would go into implementation."

Cross: "Who's going to..."

Currie: "It's not our decision. We're not the ones who cut JCAR out..."

Cross: "Right."

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Currie: "...that would be the second floor."

Cross: "Who... who... Just a couple more questions. Who's going to make the decision for this whole Body of both Republicans and Democrats that the rules that are going to put in the... that normally that JCAR's done, we're now going to have the Legislature put 'em into their Bill? Who's going to make the decision that those rules are adequate and have satisfied all the questions? Is that going to just... is that going to be the Rules Committee?"

Currie: "No, I think we'll be making that determination and an agency that does something beyond would be violative of the statute we passed."

Cross: "So, we'll be doing that?"

Currie: "So, we the... we, the Body, will make the determination whether we've given adequate direction to an agency we... or presumably do that today. We presumably don't pass laws that are, you know, sort of somewhere up there in the ether. We try to give direction to..."

Cross: "Well, we've been doin' it for... we've probably been doin' it for the last thirty (30) for forty (40) years, haven't we?"

Currie: "We try to give direction..."

Cross: "So, are you suggesting that all of the laws we passed since the creation of JCAR should all be tossed because we didn't... we should have done it?"

Currie: "No. I think... I think up to the point..."

Cross: "All right."

Currie: "...at which the Governor has decided to give JCAR the back of his hand, I think that JCAR..."

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Cross: "I have..."

Currie: "...procedure has been upheld."

Cross: "Why not just sue the Governor if you're... if you think his authority... he's exceeded his authority?"

Currie: "I don't know if we have to run to court. I think we know what our prerogative is."

Cross: "Okay."

Currie: "I think we know what this institution is about. We understand that the Legislature has the legislative power, the Executive does not and cannot exercise it and the best way..."

Cross: "All right."

Currie: "...we can secure to ourselves that prerogative is to say no more agency rules until the Governor decides to back off and let JCAR look at the rules again."

Cross: "Ladies and Gentlemen, I... and I think Representative Black said it well and maybe I'm repeating it, but it's worth repeating. We are, because of a fight going on in this state, now we're going to create a bureaucracy and a procedure and a hurdle that will almost be impossible to get over and when your constituent comes into see you and says, I need some help, and I can't even think of what's going to happen in the Reg & Reg Committee, but... and the list is endless: it's education, it's agriculture, it's DNR, it's every agency that has had input and has knowledge and history and a perspective that we don't have to implement rules, we're taking them out of the procedure and we're going to try to do it ourselves without comment period, because we're mad at somebody and in some ways

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rightly so. I'm not going to sit here and defend probably much of anything of what he's done on the second floor. We are going to... this system is going to grind to a halt and we may somehow get something out of the House, but it's going to go to the Senate and they're going to take it out. When the Senate Bills comes over here, we're going to toss this... try to put this stuff on, nothing is going to happen this Session. Sometimes that's good. But the reality is at the end of the day there are things that have to happen to benefit the people of the State of Illinois. And the people that suffer because of these fights within the Majority Party are the people of the State of Illinois. Now, I would hope maybe you can get your act together, but it doesn't seem like it, not as we start out the very first part of this Session throwing this roadblock up. We're all going to suffer. You're going to suffer; we're going to suffer, but the people of the State of Illinois are going to suffer. It needs to stop; it needs to stop sooner than later and eventually, eventually, this fighting is going to have consequences. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate the time."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to speak to this issue as a Member of JCAR and as someone who has argued different issues on the floor."

Speaker Hannig: "Proceed."

Mulligan: "I think adding an Amendment, such as we're suggesting, is a little over the top. I don't think you can possibly do legislation in the way that we're talking

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about. I think it's pretty difficult if you've ever done anything. I did in my previous life for the law firm I worked for, we looked at municipal law, we interpreted those laws. You can't write a law like that. And I think what we're doing is we're suddenly trying to address a dysfunctional system. I'd like to go back to several things that have happened in the last number of years. The Majority Leader and Representative Krause negotiated KidCare and they did a really good job on it and had lots of rules and had lots of things. And then we got All Kids and we suggested perhaps they did not want to pass a Bill with nothing in it that would be happening by rule. But the Democratic Majority went ahead with that and those of us that wanted to see KidCare expand that also went along with that. But it was definitely an issue with the Department of Health Care and Family Services to leave all the rules... to leave everything to rule so they could do whatever they wanted and you went along with that, but those were better times. I guess you were getting along with the Governor better then. That I argued and we've just recently pulled the floor debate with both the Majority Leader and Representative Hannig on giving the Department of Health Care and Family Services the authority to negotiate on the hospital assessment and to do everything by rule when the General Assembly was not there. I argued against giving them that authority, but of course, that was the '07 year when it was going into campaign time and you and the Governor were getting along and we were perking right along and you were getting lots of things on a budget and a lot

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of us did not vote for that. And now that rule is the one that's coming back to... or the lack of having any authority... over giving him the authority, is coming back to bite us in JCAR. The fact that they have the authority to do pretty much what they want, but when we suggested to you that that might not be a good idea, you went ahead with it and you all voted for it, we did not and now it's coming back to bite us. So, quite frankly, what we're trying to do is mop up for a situation that has been created during good times with a Governor who is now, obviously, not in good times. He's come back and he's using the same rules which we said, hey, whoever's there they could use these rules against you. Because we're having a dysfunctional breakdown with what's going on in government does not mean we should change all the rules or throw the baby out with the bathwater. It's practically impossible to pass a piece of legislation that anticipates everything that might happen. I don't see why we would do something like that at this point. I think we could be cautious in what we're doing, but I don't think that what has turned into 'a family feud' should be visited on the heads of the people of the State of Illinois or should we then be forced to change how a system that's functioned pretty well for the most part because certain people can't get along any more. At some point, it has to cease for the simple reason we're going into a really bad budget year, the economy isn't really good. I think JCAR can handle it to some extent, that the Governor's abusing it or the fact that things that were passed are coming back to bite us doesn't mean we have to

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change the whole system or put on an Amendment that's practically impossible to make the Bill function. Not only that, when you write a Bill, the first time around, what you're doing by putting all kinds of additional things into a Bill sometimes creates circumstances that are unintended that you don't want. I think this is very foolish. I think what you should do is go back and figure out how you're going to work around not getting along. Everybody knows eventually you have to go to a family wedding or you have to be somewhere where the people have to get along. Whether you like it or not, you have to start functioning and stop being dysfunctional and you have to start figuring out how we're going to get through this year, which is tough times, and how we're going to get along. No one cares to revisit last year, nor do I care to revisit '07. Because it's coming into an election year now, where everybody goes hunky-dory and gives away the keys to the kingdom and now we come back and complain about it. I think it's time that what we do is figure out how to solve the feud without changing the whole system. Maybe what you ought to do is get rid of the feuders."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Miller, you're recognized."

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "Yeah. State your point."

Miller: "On a lighter note, everyone has been informed that February marks Black History Month. And today, I just... going back to Representative May's comments dealing with why the women and the men are wearing red today dealing



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with cardiovascular disease. In African-American history a doctor Charles Drew, who is my fraternity brother, invented the... created the blood transfusion. And I just wanted to brief... read a brief surnapsis (sic-synopsis) about him and hopefully, that will enlighten some of our Members to continue our celebration throughout the month. Dr. Charles Drew, and it was an African-American physician of medical research, he researched the field of blood transfusion developing improved techniques for blood storage and applied his expert knowledge in developing large-scale blood banks early in World War II. He protested against the practice of racial segregation, against the practice of... excuse me... of racial segregation in the donation of blood and from donors of different races since it lacked scientific foundation. I just wanted to end on that point, because Secretary White, as you know, is a hugely big on blood dona... organ donations and transfer and with the advent of technology that donors from all different races of all different colors of all different regions can extend someone's life and improve that. And I think that Dr. Charles Drew was in a way a little bit responsible for that. Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House."

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

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Hannig: "State your point."

Pritchard: "I would direct the Members of the House to the back of the chamber in the balcony where six (6) of the members

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of my Youth Advisory Council... and if they would stand up, please... have been in Springfield for the last two (2) days to observe government. And the debate we've been having here today is an excellent learning example of both process and expression of feelings. So, I would ask you to help welcome them to our chamber and to State Government. Also, one of these members, Carol Anderson, is going to be going to the Illinois State speech tournament this weekend and I would ask that we all give her some encouragement for that competition as well."

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

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For purposes of announcement. I'd like to announce that the Labor Committee is canceled for this afternoon."

Speaker Hannig: "So, the Labor Committee has been canceled. Representative McCarthy, for what reason do you rise?"

McCarthy: "Thank you... thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the purpose of an announcement. The House Committee on Higher Education will be canceled this afternoon at 3:00. Higher Education is canceled."

Speaker Hannig: "Higher Education is canceled, as well. Representative Brosnahan, for what reason do you rise?"

Brosnahan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Also, for purpose of an announcement. The House Telecommunications Committee is scheduled for tomorrow is also canceled."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Telecommunication for tomorrow is canceled. Representative Feigenholtz, for what reason do you rise?"

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Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to announce that the House Human Services-Appropriations Committee tomorrow morning at 8:30 is still happening. It is not canceled. So, I encourage all Members of the Approp Committee to please attend. We're having a subject matter only hearing on innovations and long-term care in Illinois."

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

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker. I'd like to table House (sic-Joint) Resolution 87. I'll be putting a House (sic-Joint) Resolution 100 is going to take over that place. So, if we could table House (sic-Joint) Resolution 87. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "House (sic-Joint) Resolution 87. Is that what you said? So, that... the Lady's moved to table House Resolution 87... HJR87. All in favor of the Lady's Motion say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is tabled. Are there any other announcements? Representative Chapa LaVia, for what reason do you rise?"

Chapa LaVia: "I'm sorry, Speaker. I need to make a correction on the last Ame... , I put. It's not House Resolution 85; it's House (sic-Joint) Resolution 87 that I want to table. Wait. It's the other way around, I'm sorry. 85."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, what was the last Resolution that we tabled for Representative Chapa LaVia? Can you advise us? It was HJR87, Representative."

Chapa LaVia: "Right. I want to table 85, not 87."

Speaker Hannig: "Easy enough to table the other one."

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Chapa LaVia: "No, I do not want to table the veterans' one.  
Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "So, that House Joint Resolution 85? Okay.  
So, the Lady..."

Chapa LaVia: "I want to table 87."

Speaker Hannig: "87?"

Chapa LaVia: "Right. Oh, I don't."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative... Representative..."

Chapa LaVia: "I'll get with you in a little bit."

Speaker Hannig: "...why don't you file your Motion in writing and  
we'll take it up later. We're going do the Agreed  
Resolutions, then we have a Death Resolution for two (2)  
former Members before we adjourn. So, Mr. Clerk, read the  
Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 979,  
offered by Representative Golar. House Resolution 980,  
offered by Representative Will Davis. House Resolution  
981, offered by Representative Granberg. House Resolution  
983, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House  
Resolution 985, offered by Representative Ryg."

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 Agreed Resolutions are  
adopted. So, on page... on page 4 of the Calendar is House  
Resolution 910. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Resolution.  
Excuse me. 915."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 915, offered by Representative  
Fortner."

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Speaker Hannig: "Ask all Members to rise for a Death Resolution, please. And would the staff retire to the rear of the chamber and could we give your attention to the Clerk. And Mr. Clerk, would you read the Resolution."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 915, offered by Representative Fortner.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former United States Representative from Illinois Henry Hyde, who passed away on November 29, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Henry John Hyde was born in Chicago on April 18, 1924, where he was an all-city basketball center; he was a Republican member of the United States House of Representatives since 1975, representing the 6th District of Illinois, and retired in early 2007; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hyde attended Duke University, graduated with a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and obtained his law degree from Loyola University; he served in the United States Navy, enlisting on November 11, 1942; he attended the Navy V-12 Program at Duke University and Notre Dame University, attended Midshipman's School in 1943-44, was a commissioned Ensign, USNR, October, 1944, and served in the South Pacific, New Guinea, and in combat in the Philippines until August 1946; he served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1946-68 and retired at the rank of Commander after serving as officer in charge, U.S. Naval Intelligence Reserve Unit, Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Before serving in Congress, Henry Hyde also served in the Illinois House of Representatives from 1966 through

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1974; during that time, Representative Hyde was one of its most outspoken and articulate debaters, rising to majority leader; in 1974, longtime GOP Representative Harold Collier retired from the suburban 6th Congressional District and Henry Hyde ran for the vacated seat, winning with 53 percent of the vote; and

WHEREAS, Sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives in 1975, Congressman Hyde was regarded as a strong and respected leader by members of both sides of the aisle; during his tenure, he worked to improve the lives of seniors, veterans, children, working families, and small business owners; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Hyde, as chairman of the House International Relations Committee, played a vital role in the war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS, Henry J. Hyde is survived by his three children and four grandchildren; he was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanne Simpson; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our condolences to the family, friends, and those who remember with respect former Congressman Henry J. Hyde; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of former Congressman Henry J. Hyde as an expression of our sincere sympathy."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Fortner."

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Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of this Body. I know we had a chance to mourn Congressman Hyde's passing the day after his death which was our last Session in November, I think it's fitting that we have a chance to also recognize him by Resolution where he served as an esteemed Member of this Body rising to Majority Leader. Some of us in the chamber, myself not included, perhaps, have memories from when he spent time in this chamber. But I want to share one (1) memory that I have of the kind of person that I thought was indicative of Henry Hyde's character. Back in 2001, upon finding that the districts had been remapped, as they are every ten (10) years after the decennial census, a little tiny sliver of the City of West Chicago, where I was the mayor, representing probably no more than a half a dozen houses were going to be in the 6th Congressional District. And I was surprised and I was extremely impressed when Congressman Hyde gave me a call and wanted to find out what were the issues, wanted to know what mattered to West Chicago because he was going to represent even that tiny sliver of it and wanted to find out how he could get involved, participate in functions like parades, just to make sure that the people he was representing knew about his care that he had for his constituents. For someone who had that kind of tenure in the House, I was extremely impressed and I think goes to the kind of character that Henry Hyde brought to his work, both in Congress and I'm sure to his work when he was with this Body as well. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would ask that all the Members be added to this Resolution as cosponsors."

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Speaker Hannig: "All Members will be added to the Resolution. All those in favor of the Resolution say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk, read House Resolution 94. 984."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 984, offered by Representative Osmond.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former Illinois State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis of Zion, who passed away on February 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was born on March 29, 1918 in Tegeas, Greece; she came to the United States at the age of four; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis graduated from Austin High School in 1936 and from Herzl Junior College two years later; she went on to attend Northwestern University before receiving her L.L.B. from DePaul University; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis worked hard throughout her career to serve the public with dignity and integrity; she served the citizens of Lake County in the Illinois General Assembly for 34 years, where she gained a sterling reputation as an efficient and dedicated lawmaker; she also served as a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserves, as an Assistant State's Attorney, as a Justice of the Peace, and as the Mayor of Zion; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was the first woman ever to be appointed to the position of Assistant State's Attorney in Lake County; she went on to become the first woman from



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Lake County to be elected to the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was the first woman in Illinois history to serve in the Senate Leadership, serving as Assistant Senate Majority Leader from 1993 until 2003; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was the Minority Spokesman and Co-Chair for the Senate Executive Appointments Committee, one of only two Republican Senators to serve as co-chairperson of a committee in the 94th General Assembly; she also served as a member of the Financial Institutions Committee and as chairman of the Senate Republican Task Force on Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was a strong advocate for veterans; she served as Chairperson of the Senate Republican Task Force on Veterans, where she tirelessly worked to protect our men and women in the United States Armed Forces, an expression of her intense patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis worked for her constituents in a bipartisan manner to enact legislation for strong crime control, veterans rights, senior citizens and children protections, people with disabilities, and the working person; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis pioneered legislation on gasohol, solar energy, and other alternative energy resources; she was cited for her sponsorship of the Nuclear Safety Preparedness Act, the Alternative Energy Act, and on many laws which increased safety on Illinois lakes, among many others; and

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WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis successfully sponsored and supported many pieces of important crime-control legislation and was a proud sponsor of the "Guilty but Mentally Ill" law; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was intensely committed and supportive of the business communities, senior citizens, and agriculture of this State; her work undoubtedly resulted in better lives and more opportunities for many of her constituents and the people of Illinois at large; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was an avid supporter for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment during the 1970s and 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was elected as a delegate to the 1984, 1988, and 1996 National Republican Conventions and as secretary to the Illinois Delegation; she was also elected as an Alternate Delegate to the 1992 National Republican Convention; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was the head of her own law firm in Zion; she also served as a municipal attorney for Mundelein, Vernon Hills, Libertyville Township, and Long Grove School District, and was elected Justice of the Peace in Lake County in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church in Waukegan and served as the past president of the Parish Board of Trustees and Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Adeline Geo-Karis' dedication to the people of Illinois, the Illinois Beach State Park in Zion was renamed the Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State

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Park in 2006; she was also the recipient of countless honors and awards in recognition of her incredible work in government; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was very proud of her American citizenship, yet cherished her Greek heritage, working hard to assist and support the Greek community throughout her public career; and

WHEREAS, Adeline Geo-Karis was affectionately dubbed "Geo" by her friends and colleagues in the General Assembly; she was a beloved political icon known by the people of the State for her intelligence, compassion, and gracious demeanor; and

WHEREAS, The loss of Adeline Geo-Karis will be felt immensely by her former colleagues and constituents, who had been so greatly served by this legendary legislator; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of Adeline Geo-Karis and honor the life and memory of this great legislator; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Adeline Geo-Karis as a symbol of our utmost sympathy."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Osmond."

Osmond: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly. I first met Senator Adeline Geo-Karis in 1976 when I was the executive director of the Lake County Bar Association. Every other year we would have a gridiron show and she would be the first one to purchase a table and

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the first one to call for her singing role in the show. Known for wearing red, white and blue, she always participated with great enthusiasm. Senator Geo-Karis was active in the member... active member of the Bar Association even though she won her seat in the Illinois House. She was at my wedding in 1980 and gave me a stern look and told me that it was a good thing that I found Tim first or she would have grabbed him up. Tim and I were at her 65th, her 70th, her 75th and her 80th surprise birthday party where at her 75th she had eighty (80) guests in the dinner... in the dining room and she went around to each person in that room, introduced 'em, told 'em how she met them, remembered the spouse's name, remembered the children's name. Her memory for names could never be surpassed. Then when Tim was first running for State Representative, Senator Geo-Karis would call him and say, 'Timmy, you need to play golf with me at this golf outing, get your ticket and you can drive the cart.' She would give him orders about how to get that cart as close as possible to the tee, she would get out of the cart, she would walk over and she would hit that ball a mile, then return to the cart and tell him to cut across those two other fairways to greet somebody on another hole and then get back in the cart and say, 'I hope you remember where my ball was.' Senator Geo-Karis was a pioneer for the women in the Legislature. She was the first woman to hold Leadership position in the Senate, she was the first woman to ever be elected to the Senate and the House, she was the first Lake County woman appointed to assistant state's attorney and the first woman elected as a

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Justice of the Peace. She will be best known for unconditional love for the City of Zion where she was the first female elected to the position of mayor while serving in the General Assembly. Her death is a great loss to the citizens of Illinois. I know she and Tim are up there playing another round of golf. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask or request that all Members' names be added to this Resolution."

Speaker Hannig: "All Members' names will be added to the Resolution. The Majority Leader, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. When I first came to this institution, Adeline Geo-Karis was already serving in the State Senate. My first encounter with her was when she came back to this chamber one afternoon because she wanted to sing 'Happy Birthday' to one of her former colleagues. Sing 'Happy Birthday' she did or maybe more appropriately croak 'Happy Birthday' she did. She couldn't begin to carry a tune, but the great thing about Adeline was that it never occurred to her that there were any limits to what she could, what she should, what she would do. I don't think she knew there was a thing called a glass ceiling. I do know that she was a major path breaker, a major groundbreaker, for women and for all people in the state. She said to me in later years, she'd come over here in her in gruff way, she'd say, 'Currie, are ya keepin' 'em in line? Ya better.' So, Adeline, I'm doing my best. We'll miss you, but we'll continue to follow your orders."

Speaker Hannig: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Pihos."

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Pihos: "Thank you. Senator Geo-Karis dedicated more than three (3) decades of her life to public service by serving the residents of the 31st District and the State of Illinois. She loved her constituents. You knew that by talking to her. She loved the work she did and her legislative life with a passionate devotion. Her opinions appeared both in her votes and in the speeches or some might affectionately call them 'lectures' that she gave. As former Governor Edgar said, she was unique. Once you met her, you never forgot her. She was the first to blaze a new political trail for women here in Illinois and she made a profound difference. She was responsible for helping many aspiring politicians through the years, myself included. She would always say to me, 'Now, Sandy, don't be going all over. Go home to your district, that's where your voters are.' We saw this model in her own personal legislative agenda which focused almost entirely on her local issues. She was forgiving and compassionate. Before she retired, I decided to take her out to dinner one night in Springfield and when I went to the hotel to pick her up, she was all ready in her room waiting for me on her motorized scooter. When I got into the elevator first to hold the button, I pressed the close button by accident and the basket went flying, her purse went flying, and the Senator went flying. And all I could think of was, oh, my God, I just killed the Senator. But she looked up at me with a wink and she said, 'Get someone to help me up, we're going to be late for dinner.' The worked she accomplished throughout Illinois will always live on. The life she led was full, long and

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spent in those places she cared about surrounded by the people that she loved the most. It was a privilege to know her during her many years of distinguished service and watch her in action. In her district, in Springfield, and throughout the state, Senator Geo-Karis will always be respected as a forceful, accomplished and principled leader. You all know we have the common thread of Greek heritage running through us and as the Greeks say at their funerals, the very important words, may her memory be eternal and I know hers will be. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Washington."

Washington: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to share some memories concerning the late, great Senator Geo-Karis. I really got to know her when we joined forces to fight the St. Therese Hospital closing in Waukegan. And I mean, she was a very energetic lady who I will miss taking advice from and the fact that Harry Osterman, was one of my colleagues who came and got involved in that fight, was something good. She had a good memory, JoAnn, for good deeds as well as names. And that whole process, I think, would have been much more difficult had she not joined myself and others... and by the way, we won that fight. St. Therese's open as we speak. That's something that doesn't happen too often, but it did with her involvement. And I remember visiting her at the hospital during her sickness and she was surprised to see me 'cause, you know, some people had told me she was in there. When she saw me, ya know, she's always like to keep herself lookin', you know,

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women... you know, you like to keep yourself lookin' good and you don't know if you should visit a woman when she's laying on her back like that and you know, so I kind of come in the room, I caught her off-guard and she say, 'Eddie Washington.' And she starting telling what I had and stuff. She said, 'Now, don't you tell nobody you saw me in here.' I said, 'No, Ma'am, I promise. I promise I won't tell anybody. I just come to see how you were doin'.' And it was so funny. You know, she made me nervous because I felt that I shouldn't have just come in like I did, but she was going through some of her health challenges, which I assume she succumbed to, but she was a very, very, very good lady. And I knew her not as a Republican, I knew her as a human being because that's basically... she got in anybody's fight that she felt it was right morally for the people, it was good for the people. She didn't just get involved, but the hospital issue was something she cared about. And last but not least, you know, she had endorsed me in this race I just went through. I didn't get a chance to put out the number of endorsements and hers meant the most, in particular, because she did wear the label 'Republican', but she wore more so the morality of being right and that I will miss the example that she set. Thank you."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Meyer."

Meyer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Those of you who didn't have the opportunity to know Senator Geo and didn't have the opportunity in some way to serve with her by now understand



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she was very colorful and very much revered by virtually everybody I know liked Geo. You also know that we all that knew her all have our favorite stories, I have mine. I'm going to tell it to you. But first I want to talk about... tell ya about her character as a fellow Representative or a fellow Senator, fellow Legislator. When I was first down here my first year, I had a... most of my legislation's kind of like local stuff, much like hers was and I don't get a lot of requests to sponsor a lot of Senate Bills coming over, so I usually just kind of forage through and see what nobody else has wanted or been asked to pick up and then I pick some of it up. I picked up one of her Bills and passed it and she immediately called me on the phone that day and thanked me for doing that. And after that, every one of my Bills that I sent to the Senate, she immediately picked up. Well, again, I carry local stuff usually and so it's kind of important to my Senator to be the Sponsor on it and so, I'd have to go over and explain that to her and ask her if she would transfer the ownership of that pol... of that legislation in the Senate back over to at that time, I currently use Senator Dillard, and she used to say, 'Representative Meyer, you picked up my legislation and did me a favor; I want to do one for you. I'll give it to... I'll give it to Kirk, but I want to do some of your legislation someday.' And that day never came, but had... the point is once you did something for her she wanted to pay you back and she never forgot it. Six (6) years later, I was still going back over there saying, 'Could Representative (sic-Senator) Dillard carry that

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legislation?' But my favorite story about Senator Geo, my freshman and sophomore year I sat down in the middle aisle front row, where Sid Mathias sits now, and Senator Geo had sent a piece of legislation over here, again, it was something local. When we looked at it and that's when the Republicans were in the Majority in this House, only for two (2) years, but when we looked at it, it wasn't the best legislation that we all wanted to vote for, but you didn't want to really vote against it either because you knew you were going to have to answer to Geo. And so, the legislation came up for a vote and Larry Wennlund, who was our Assistant Floor Leader, sitting back here with Bill Black, he carried that legislation and he presented it and we're all kind of, oh, my God, how can I vote for this; what do I... what do I do? We voted for it and after it got up about 80 votes, people started to say, oh, it's gonna pass, so I'm gonna come off of it. And of course, once that started they held the board open for so... whatever reason and more and more people started to come off of it to the point where Larry Wennlund was the only 'yes' vote and we all know what that means. They took the Roll and went on with business and I was sitting there trying to pay attention to what was going on and everything, all of a sudden the backdoor just 'bam', it opened up and it slammed into the back of the other door. And I looked around and of course sitting there and looking up the aisle, you're looking up hill. I didn't see anything but the door was wide open and pretty soon I saw the top of a head and then more of a head and then the whole body standing right in

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the middle of the center aisle in the back row, hands on the hips like this, didn't need a... didn't need a microphone, 'You did what to my Bill?' And the place just was dead silence, everyone looking at Geo. And Larry Wennlund, he was up on another Bill at that point and so his microphone's on and he stood at his microphone, he says, 'It was them, Geo. I voted for it. It was them, they voted it down.' And her response... and Bob Churchill was our Majority Leader at the time and he was one of, I think, Bob was one of her Reps and probably should have been carrying that Bill to start with... but she says, 'Churchill, where is Bobby Churchill? I want to talk to Bobby Churchill, right now.' Wennlund said, 'He's out the backdoor.' And out she went. But she was very colorful and again, everyone probably has a story about her. Sometime when you're out at dinner together have somebody... ask somebody to tell a Geo story. I'm sure you'll be entertained."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Osmond moves for the adoption of the Resolution. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Are there any other announcements before we adjourn? Any other announcements? Clerk, why don't you refresh our memory on the committees that have been canceled."

Clerk Bolin: "Two 1:00 committees have been canceled: the Labor Committee at 1 p.m. has been canceled and the Tourism & Conventions Committee at 1 p.m. has been canceled. One 3:00 committee has been canceled: the Higher Education Committee at 3 p.m. has been canceled. And both 4:00

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committees have been canceled: the Gaming Committee at 4 has been canceled; Housing & Urban Development at 4 p.m. has also been canceled. For tomorrow, one committee has been canceled: the Telecommunications Committee at 10:00 tomorrow has been canceled."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie now moves, that allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 15, at the hour of 11 a.m., 11 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills—First Reading. House Bill 5079, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5080, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5081, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5082, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5083, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5084, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5085, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5086, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5087, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning child custody. House Bill 5088, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an

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Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5089, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning schools. House Bill 5090, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5091, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5092, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5093, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5094, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5095, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5096, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5097, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5098, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5099, offered by Representative Jefferies, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5100, offered by Representative Jefferies, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5101, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning victim notification. House Bill 5102, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5103, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5104, offered by Representative Cultra, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5105, offered by

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Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5106, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5107, offered by Representative Washington, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5108, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5109, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5110, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning a statewide referendum on gambling expansion. House Bill 5111, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5112, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5113, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning state buildings. House Bill 5114, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 5115, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5116, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5117, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5118, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5119, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5120, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5121, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning civil

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law. House Bill 5122, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5123, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 5124, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5125, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 5126, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5127, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5128, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5129, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5130, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5131, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5132, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5133, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5134, offered by Representative Molaro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5135, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5136, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act making appropriations and reappropriations. House Bill 5137, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5138, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act

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concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5139, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5140, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5141, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5142, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5143, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5144, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5145, offered by Representative Bradley, John, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5146, offered by Representative Bradley, John, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Introduction of House Bills. House Bill 5147, offered by Representative Flider, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5148, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5149, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5150, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5151, offered by Representative Davis, William, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5152, offered by Representative Black, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5153, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5154, offered by



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Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5155, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5156, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5157, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning alternate dispute resolution. House Bill 5158, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 5159, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5160, offered by Representative Munson, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5161, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5162, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5163, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5164, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5165, offered by Representative Cultra, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 5166, offered by Representative Cultra, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 5167, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5168, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5169, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5170, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act in relation to civil law. House Bill 5171, offered

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by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5172, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5173, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5174, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5175, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5176, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5177, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5178, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning public services. House Bill 5179, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5180, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5181, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5182, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5183, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5184, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5185, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5186, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5187, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5188, offered by

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Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5189, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 5190, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5191, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning firearms. House Bill 5192, offered by Representative Harris, a Bill for an Act concerning health, which may be referred to as the Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities Act. House Bill 5193, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5194, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5195, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5196, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5197, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5198, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5199, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning rural technology. House Bill 5200, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5201, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5202, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5203, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5204, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act

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concerning transportation. House Bill 5205, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5206, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning human services. House Bill 5207, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5208, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5209, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5210, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5211, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5212, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5213, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5214, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5215, offered by Representative Hannig, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5216, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5217, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5218, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5219, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5220, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5221, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal

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law. House Bill 5222, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5223, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5224, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5225, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5226, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5227, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5228, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5229, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5230, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5231, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5232, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5233, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5234, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5235, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5236, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5237, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5238, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act

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concerning housing. House Bill 5239, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5240, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5241, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5242, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5243, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5244, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5245, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5246, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5247, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5248, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5249, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 5250, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation, which may be known as the Prescription Data Opt-in Act. House Bill 5251, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5252, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5253, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning the environment. House Bill 5254, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning global warming.

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House Bill 5255, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning driving. House Bill 5256, offered by Representative Bellock, a Bill for an Act concerning waterways. House Bill 5257, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5258, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5259, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5260, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5261, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5262, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5263, offered by Representative Fortner, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5264, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5265, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5266, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5267, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5268, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5269, offered by Representative Golar, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5270, offered by Representative Sacia, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5271, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning public employment. House Bill 5272, offered by Representative

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Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5273, offered by Representative Riley, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5274, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5275, offered by Representative Coulson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5276, offered by Representative Krause, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5277, offered by Representative Graham, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5278, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning election officials. House Bill 5279, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5280, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5281, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5282, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5283, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5284, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5285, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5286, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 5287, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5288, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5289, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill



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for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5290, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning civil procedure. House Bill 5291, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5292, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5293, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5294, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5295, offered by Representative Stephens, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5296, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning consumer protection. House Bill 5297, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5298, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5299, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5300, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5301, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 5302, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5303, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5304, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5305, offered by Representative Brady, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. And

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House Bill 5306, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations."

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House Bill 5323, offered by Representative Bradley, John, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5324, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5325, offered by Representative Smith, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5326, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5327, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5328, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5329, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5330, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5331, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5332, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 5333, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5334, offered by Representative Colvin, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5335, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5336, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5337, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5338, offered by Representative Lindner, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5339, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning

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education. House Bill 5340, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5341, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5342, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5343, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act in relation to minors. House Bill 5344, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation, which may be referred to as the Roadway Safety and Mandatory Insurance Coverage Amendments of 2008. House Bill 5345, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. House Bill 5346, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5347, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5348, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental safety. House Bill 5349, offered by Representative McCarthy, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5350, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5351, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5352, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5353, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5354, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5355, offered by

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Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5356, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5357, offered by Representative Brosnahan, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. House Bill 5358, offered by Representative Joyce, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5359, offered by Representative Soto, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5360, offered by Representative Reitz, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5361, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5362, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5363, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5364, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5365, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5366, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning tobacco. House Bill 5367, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5368, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning military affairs. House Bill 5369, offered by Representative May, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5370, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning persons killed in the line of duty."

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Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 5371, offered by Representative Boland, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5372, offered by Representative McAuliffe, a Bill for an Act concerning retail health care facilities. House Bill 5373, offered by Representative Osterman, a Bill for an Act concerning property. House Bill 5374, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5375, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5376, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5377, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5378, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5379, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5380, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5381, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5382, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5383, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5384, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 5385, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 5386, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5387, offered by Representative

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Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5388, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5389, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5390, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 5391, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning military personnel. House Bill 5392, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning military personnel. House Bill 5393, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning military personnel. House Bill 5394, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning military personnel. House Bill 5395, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5396, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5397, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5398, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5399, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5400, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5401, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5402, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5403, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5404, offered by

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Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5405, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5406, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5407, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5408, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5409, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5410, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5411, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5412, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5413, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5414, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5415, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5416, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5417, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5418, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5419, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5420, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5421, offered by Representative



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Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5422, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5423, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5424, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5425, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5426, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5427, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5428, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5429, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5430, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5431, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5432, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5433, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5434, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5435, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5436, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5437, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5438, offered by

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Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5439, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5440, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5441, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5442, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5443, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5444, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5445, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5446, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5447, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5448, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning housing. House Bill 5449, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning biotechnology. House Bill 5450, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5451, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5452, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5453, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5454, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5455, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an

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Act concerning elections. House Bill 5456, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5457, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5458, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 5459, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5460, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5461, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. And House Bill 5462, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5463, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5464, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5465, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5466, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 5467, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5468, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5469, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5470, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5471, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5472, offered by Representative

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Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 5473, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5474, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5475, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5476, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5477, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5478, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 5479, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5480, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5481, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5482, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5483, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5484, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5485, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5486, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5487, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5488, offered by Representative Madigan, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 5489, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an

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Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5490, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5491, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5492, offered by Representative Ryg, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5493, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5494, offered by Representative Hoffman, a Bill for an Act concerning land. House Bill 5495, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5496, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 5497, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5498, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 5499, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning medical marijuana. House Bill 5500, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5501, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5502, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5503, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5504, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5505, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5506, offered by Representative Ramey, a Bill for an Act concerning

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firearms. House Bill 5507, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5508, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5509, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5510, offered by Representative Turner, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5511, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5512, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5513, offered by Representative Durkin, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5514, offered by Representative Dunn, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5515, offered by Representative Scully, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5516, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5517, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 5518, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5519, offered by Representative Fritchey, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 5520, offered by Representative Younge, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 5521, offered by Representative Froehlich, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5522, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5523, offered by

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Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5524, offered by Representative Reboletti, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5525, offered by Representative Coladipietro, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 5526, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5527, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5528, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5529, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5530, offered by Representative Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5531, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 5532, offered by Representative D'Amico, a Bill for an Act relating to education. House Bill 5533, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5534, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5535, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5536, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5537, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 5538, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 5539, offered by

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Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5540, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 5541, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning taxes. House Bill 5542, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5543, offered by Representative Sullivan, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5544, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. House Bill 5545, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning wind energy. House Bill 5546, offered by Representative Moffitt, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 5547, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 5548, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 5549, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5550, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning aging. House Bill 5551, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 5552, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 5553, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5554, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act in relation to public employee benefits. House Bill 5555, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee



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benefits. House Bill 5556, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5557, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5558, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 5559, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning appropriations. House Bill 5560, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. House Bill 5561, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of these House Bills."

Clerk Mahoney: "There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."