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Speaker Hannig: "The hour of 11:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. The Members will be in their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Kent King-Nobles who is the pastor at First United Methodist Church in Decatur. Pastor King-Nobles is the guest of Representative Flider. Guests in the gallery may wish to rise and join us for the invocation and for the Pledge of Allegiance."

Pastor King-Nobles: "Let us pray. Almighty and ever loving God, we ask for Your blessing to be upon each of these Representatives as they begin their work Session today. God, we know the challenges that are ahead. We thank You for the high calling to public service that has brought each of these persons to this place. God, we come to our task today in the midst of a climate of great challenge and also great opportunity. We work today in the midst of a state where many of our citizens are angry, don't understand, are becoming even more cynical about government and about State Government. And yet, we live in a state with so many good, hardworking public servants. Oh God, help these men and women here to be those leaders of integrity and self-sacrifice and can lead the way in restoring the public trust. God, our Representatives come to work in a state with bills overdue and money getting tighter, You know their work is not easy. And we thank You that we are blessed with great wealth in our land and in our people. And we thank You for the wealth of talent that is present in this very room. God, we ask that You guide these leaders in the work that is before them today. God, help all of us to come together, to focus on the common

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good on the things that are really important. Help us to live out the best principles of our democracy and to keep striving to make the true American dream a possibility for all of our people. God, we live in a land where many of our citizens are afraid. Men and women are afraid they'll not have jobs, families afraid they will not have houses, the future is uncertain and yet, we as a people have faced uncertain times before. God, help us to be made stronger and to use our strengths to build a better state for all of our people and especially for our children and those who are weak and vulnerable. Oh God, we pray that You will continue to raise up true Representatives and authentic leaders, men and women across our state, who love their people and can walk with them who feel their pain and share their joys who dream their dreams and lead them to an even better tomorrow. When we fail we ask for Your mercy and for Your grace, but God, embolden us so that we may never shrink from the tasks at hand. We give You thanks for this day with all of its challenges and opportunities. May we live well in it, Amen."

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

Lindner - 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."

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Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Rich Bradley, Representative Dunkin, and Representative Feigenholtz are excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "And Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Happy new year, by the way. And the Republicans... on the Republican side of the aisle, Representa... Representative Mulligan is excused today."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There are 112 Members answering the Roll Call, a quorum is present. Mr. Clerk, read the Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "The following Resolutions are referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 1658, offered by Representative Flowers and House Resolution 1678, offered by Representative Lang."

Speaker Hannig: "Representative Currie, you're recognized for a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirement so that House Resolutions 1214, 1499, 1652, and Senate Joint Resolution 55 might be heard in State Government Administration."

Speaker Hannig: "Is there any objections? There being no objections, then the Motion is adopted and the posting requirements are waived. Excuse me. Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I rise to a point of personal privilege. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Republican side of the aisle is very pleased and proud to welcome a Representative who will be serving with us, taking the

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place of Representative Aaron Schock who is now a Member of the United States Congress, would you welcome Representative Joan Krupa, Joan Krupa."

Speaker Hannig: "Mr. Clerk. Read the Agreed Resolutions, please."

Clerk Mahoney: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1651, offered by Representative Eddy. House Resolution 1653, offered by Representative Eddy. House Resolution 1654, offered by Representative Pihos. House Resolution 1655, offered by Representative Pihos. House Resolution 1656, offered by Representative May. House Resolution 1657... House Resolution 1659, offered by Representative Howard. House Resolution 1660, offered by Representative Flider. House Resolution 1661, offered by Representative Madigan. House Resolution 1662, offered by Representative Miller. House Resolution 1663, offered by Representative Dunkin. House Resolution 1664, offered by Representative Lyons. House Resolution 1665, offered by Representative Colvin. House Resolution 1666, offered by Representative Colvin. House Resolution 1667, offered by Representative Colvin. House Resolution 1673 and House Resolution 1677, offered by Representative Cross."

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. On page 3 of the Calendar, Representative Lang, you have House Joint Resolution 127. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

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Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. House Joint Resolution 127 is a... an initiative of AARP to support their Divided We Fail platform. It's simply a Resolution acknowledging how important health care is particularly to senior citizens and that we should all be working together to do something about it. I would appreciate your support."

Speaker Hannig: "The Gentleman has moved for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 127. Is there any discussion? Then all in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Representative Brady's recognized for an announcement."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Republicans would request a caucus in Room 118 upon our dismissal from here. A Republican Caucus in Room 118 following our dismissal from here."

Speaker Hannig: "So, there'll be a Republican conference on... in Room 118 and there's going to be a Democratic conference in Room 114. We're going to now adjourn the House 'til tomorrow at 9 a.m. So, are there any other announcements? So, Mr. Clerk, there are committees this afternoon. Why don't you remind the Members of which committees, what time, and where they're at."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee meetings for today. The Special Investigation Committee will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 114. Environmental Health Committee will meet in Room 118 at 4 p.m. Health Care Availability & Access Committee will meet in Room D-1 of the Stratton at 4 p.m. Human Services Committee will meet in... at 4 p.m. in Room C-1 in the

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Stratton. Personnel & Pensions Committee will meet at 4 p.m. in Room 122B. Elections & Campaign Reform Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in Room 122B and State Government Administration Committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the Stratton Building in Room D-1."

Speaker Hannig: "So, Representative Currie now moves that allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk that the House stands adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, January 9 at the hour of 9 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. The House... the House stands adjourned and both Parties are holding caucuses now. So, the House is adjourned and caucuses will resume shortly."

Clerk Mahoney: "All Democratic Members, please report to the caucus in Room 114. All Democratic Members, please report to Room 114 for caucus."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 1671, offered by Representative Madigan. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or Joint Action Motions were referred, action taken on January 08, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'approved for floor consideration' is House Resolution 1671, offered by Representative Madigan. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform, to which the following measure/s was/were referred,

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action taken on January 08, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 761. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 08, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 381; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' is Senate Bill 2173. Representative Dugan, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 08, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 1214, House Resolution 1499, House Resolution 1652 and Senate Joint Resolution 55. Representative Colvin, Chairperson from the Committee on Personnel & Pensions, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 08, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 810, Senate Bill 1383, Senate Bill 2362. Representative May, Chairperson from the Committee on Environmental Health, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on January 08, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2757. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is Senate Joint Resolution 109, offered by Representative Smith. The following Bills will be read a second time and

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held on the Order of House... Second Readings... Senate Bills-  
Second Reading. Senate Bill 2757, a Bill for an Act  
concerning health. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.  
Senate Bill 810, a Bill for an Act concerning public  
employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.  
Senate Bill 1383, offered by Representative Miller, a Bill  
for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second  
Reading of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 2362, a Bill for  
an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading  
of this Senate Bill. Senate Bill 381, a Bill for an Act  
concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate  
Bill. Senate Bill 2173, a Bill for an Act concerning  
insurance. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. And Senate  
Bill 761, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second  
Reading of this Senate Bill. Additional Rules Report,  
offered by Representative Barbara Flynn Currie.  
Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on  
Rules, to which the following legislative measures and/or  
Joint Action Motion were referred, action taken... There  
being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session  
will stand adjourned."