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- Speaker Mautino: "The House will be in order. Members will be at their seats. We shall be led in prayer today by Bishop G.E. Livingston, who is with Life Changers Church in Decatur, Illinois. Bishop Livingston is the guest of Representative Flider. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off their cell phones, and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bishop Livingston."
- Bishop Livingston: "Thank you. Would you bow your heads, please? Father, we thank You today for the opportunity to come together to conduct the business of the State of Illinois. You've been good to us. You woke us up this morning and You gave us our right minds and the activities of our limbs. We pray for wisdom today to represent well our constituencies, and the State of Illinois. Help us to agree to disagree without being disagreeable and to be successful as we move this state forward. In Your Son's name we pray, Amen."
- Speaker Mautino: "We will be led in the Pledge today by Representative Nekritz."
- Nekritz 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 Mautino: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."
- Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Verschoore is excused today."
- Speaker Mautino: "Representative Bost."

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- Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representative Coladipietro is excused today."
- Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. 116 having answered the roll, a quorum is present, and the House is prepared to do its business. Representative Jakobsson is seeking recognition."
- Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege."
- Speaker Mautino: "State your point."
- Jakobsson: "It gives me great privilege and honor to introduce to you today, in the balcony, up in back of you, Mr. Speaker, the Centennial High School Chargers boys' basketball team. And they are here today because they beat Oswego 61 to 59 to win the Class 3A State Championship. They did this on March 21 of this year."
- Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Fritchey."
- Fritchey: "Thank you, Speaker. I was able to run back down to my chair just in time. A point of personal privilege. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's always an honor for us to have people from our state that succeed and really lead by example, and as a role model. And we are fortunate, and I am exceptionally fortunate, to have not just as my constituent, but as my old neighbor, Miss Illinois, who is coming to the tail end of what has been a very successful year, representing our state around the country, Katie Lorenz. If we can all give a warm Springfield welcome to Katie, our Miss Illinois."

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Speaker Mautino: "It's an honor to have you here. Welcome to the House. Clerk, Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 243, Jehan Gordon. Representative. Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. The Chair would like to recognize... Mr. Clerk, would you take this Resolution out of the record momentarily. Committee Reports."

"Committee Reports. Representative Smith, Clerk Mahoney: Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2214, Senate Bill 2270, and Senate Bill 2283; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1391, and Senate Bill 1557, and Senate Bill 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 189, House Joint Resolution 42, and House Joint Resolution 46. Representative Reitz, Chairperson from the Committee on Health Care Licenses, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 69, and Senate Bill 1254. Representative John Bradley, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 84, Senate Bill 1430, Senate Bill 1560; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1390, and Senate Bill 2112. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on

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Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 658, Senate Bill 1499, and Senate Bill 1583; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 314, Senate Bill 1348, Senate Bill 1776, Senate Bill 1917, and Senate Bill 2271; 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 233 and Senate Joint Resolution 5, Resolution 293 and Senate Joint Resolution 32; 'recommends be adopted as amended' is House Resolution 201 and House Joint Resolution 50. Refer to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 360, offered by Representative Mautino, and House Resolution 364, offered by Representative Pihos."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Sacia."

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Sacia: "Mr. Speaker, and Members of the Body, yesterday you will recall that we had two Death Resolutions in this chamber. At the outset of the House convening yesterday, I spoke to a senior Member of the podium staff and advised that Gentleman that we had these Death Resolutions. He advised me that as soon as appropriate, it would be addressed. Shortly thereafter, I got a call from the Senate asking me if the soldiers' families could come to the Senate side. And I said I would have to check because they wanted to pay tribute to them in the Senate. Ladies and Gentlemen, we had 19 members from two families of two fallen heroes in the gallery. At 17 minutes after the

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hour, I again spoke to a senior Member of the podium staff... let me correct that... I approached a senior Member of the podium staff, who knew what I wanted. And without allowing me to speak, simply stated 'the agenda is controlled from here. I'll let you know when it's appropriate'. Accordingly, I took that as shut up and sit down, Sacia, and that's exactly what I did. Shortly thereafter, Senator Althoff came here and asked me if the members of the two fallen soldiers could come to the Senate. I again stated that I was awaiting word from the podium. The word didn't come. Now, I ask Members of this Body to remember the work that we did in here yesterday. We weren't moving Bills, All we had done is Committee Reports, Resolutions. Forty-four minutes into the hour, with nothing having transpired on this House Floor, forty-four minutes into the hour, after I had consulted with senior staff on this side of the aisle, finally the Speaker said 'would staff retire to the rear of the chambers for Death Resolutions'. As soon as the Resolutions were completed, I got on the phone to the Senate and was told, Representative, the Senate adjourned at 12:30. Why did this have to be? Why did 19 members of fallen heroes' families not be allowed to be acknowledged in the Senate? Why couldn't that senior spokesman from the podium staff had said Sacia, it'll be 5 minutes; it'll be 10 minutes; it'll be 15 minutes? No, it's I control the agenda. tell you when it's acceptable. This isn't the first time that senior members of the podium staff have done this. And it isn't only to our side of the aisle. Last week,

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Wednesday, a Gentlelady from the other side of the aisle stood up to applaud Senator Specter for becoming a Democrat. That's okay. That's how it goes. And I stood up to make a comment about the fact that wasn't it disingenuous that just a week before that person, Mr. Specter, had come to Chicago and solicited large sums of money from Republicans, knowing full well that he was going to switch Parties. And all that's okay. That's part of the process. But a senior member of the podium staff had to strut in front of me making a driving motion. perhaps he'll have Larry Trent drive him around. Trent, the retired director of the Illinois State Police, an exceptional man that has given 30 years of his life to service of the State of Illinois and that gentleman got his cheap shot in at Larry Trent. Why do we, 118 Members of the House of Representatives, each of us representing 105 thousand citizens have to be told shut up and sit down? I don't mind. It isn't going to hurt Jim Sacia. I might never get another Bill called out of here. I don't care. That's how this place works. But what I do care is when two soldiers give their life for this country and 19 of their family members sit up there and cannot acknowledged by the Senate because I'm told to shut up and sit down, we'll let you know when it's appropriate. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Peoria is seeking recognition, Representative Jehan Gordon."

Gordon, J.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A moment of personal privilege. I would like the… my colleagues in the General

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Assembly to please look at the head of the gallery. This is a team of young women from Richwoods High School, which is in my district. And I would like all of us to give a resounding round of applause for these young women who are the 3A State Champions."

- Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Osterman is seeking recognition."
- Osterman: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. I, also, would like to acknowledge in the gallery, a fine organization, the Howard Area Community Center and their Leadership Academy that works with young people in helping molding them to the leaders of our state. Howard Area Community Center. Please give them a round of applause."
- Speaker Mautino: "Welcome to Springfield. The Gentleman from Peoria, Representative Leitch is seeking recognition."
- Leitch: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, would like to add my word of congratulations to the outstanding team from Richwoods. My children all went to Richwoods High School, and Richwoods High School is in my district. And I was especially enthusiastic to enjoy the success in a vicarious, but very happy way, the enthusiasm that you brought to the community. So, thank you."
- Speaker Mautino: "Thank you. The Gentleman from Bond County, Representative Stephens."
- Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. If I could have the Body's attention. Yesterday's Death Resolutions... like all of you, I was... was and am, and will remain touched by the sentiment that this Body expressed to those families. And as is my

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habit, when I... when I can, I... I left the floor yesterday to be in the gallery with the families just in some small way, to remind them that we will not forget those soldiers. It's a small token to... to recognize them. I became aware when I returned to the floor of what I perceived to be indignities of senior staff on your side of the aisle. And I can't tell you... I can't describe the depth of my anger. I left the chamber yesterday. I left the Capitol in... in disgust. And I'm willing to give the benefit of the doubt. I'd like to hear the rest of the story, but to those families of those two young men, I would say to senior staff, they are better men than you, Sir. They were better men than you."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Speaker. A point of personal privilege." Speaker Mautino: "State your point."

Eddy: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I stand simply to... to acknowledge my colleague, Representative Sacia's admonitions to this Body regarding your responsibilities as elected officials. Every single one of us make promises to the people that send us here. We work hard. The elections we're in sometimes are contentious. Sometimes they're very political. And sometimes they get downright nasty. We all know that. That's part of what we do. But having gone through the election process, and having the opportunity to serve the people in a capacity in this State House, should give us... should give us the opportunity, when we request it in a reasonable manner, to have the people that sent us

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here recognized, especially those who have given their last full measure. There should be nothing ahead of that agenda on this House Floor. When there is a family waiting for recognition of a loved one that has not returned, defending our freedom, and the votes that put us here and yesterday what happened was a travesty. It was a travesty that needs to be addressed. There should never be a time in this Body that we put aside, in any fashion, the request of an elected Representative to make sure that the family members of a fallen soldier are recognized in a timely manner. Shame on us. Shame on us for allowing it to happen. Shame on every single Member in here who isn't outraged at the fact that it occurred. And it better not happen again."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, I can't imagine, and I hope I never have to imagine what the families felt like yesterday in the gallery here of not... at being treated as secondhand citizens when it was their family member who has given the ultimate sacrifice to allow these freedoms to exist. A week from tomorrow I will be going out to spend a weekend with my son who will be going over in the next month. And so help me, as a parent... as a parent who has a son who is serving, if it would have happened to me, I don't know that I would have been as kind as those people were in the gallery, just to accept that they had been treated the way they did. Folks, we do a lot of things on this House Floor, and I... you've heard me yell and scream and argue and... and that's all part of what we do. But I'm

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going to tell you, those two men who were honored yesterday, they weren't... we don't know if they were Republican, we don't know if they were Democrat. What I know is, is they were soldiers; that they were willing to serve and they died doing that so that we can have these freedoms. And to be treated in the way they were, shame on us for allowing our staff to allow it to happen."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Durkin."

Durkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yesterday, I made a request of the parliamentarian to... I was looking for some basic information about what it takes to get a Bill posted and we left, and we adjourned to committees without having that question answered. And renewing my request of where in the Rules does it give guidance to the Members of how a Bill is to be posted. We do have a problem. We've been critical, no doubt, over a lot of Bills that have been buried in the Rules Committee. We're happy that some of them have been sent to substantive committees, but they're not being called because they are not posted. So, I'd like to get some guidance on how that process works, and how I can get a Bill posted, which otherwise is going to sit and die in a standing committee."

Speaker Mautino: "And I appreciate your patience on yesterday's answer and I did go back and research through the Rules, 'cause it's a valid question. And in looking through... under, and I believe we'll find it in Rule 21, the structure of the Bills, once released from the Rules Committee to a standing committee, then puts the assignment

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for the chairman of that committee to designate and... and set those Bills for posting. So, it is at the chairman's discretion on posting the Bills. It doesn't say 'shall'; it says 'may', but in most cases... but in those cases, it... it remains at the discretion of the chair of that committee itself."

- Durkin: "I beg to differ with you, Mr. Speaker. House Rule 21(a)1 states as follows: The chairperson of the committee or the cochairperson from the Majority caucus of the standing or special committee shall, no later than six days before any proposed hearing, post a notice in the House bulletin board identifying each subject matter, and each legislative measure. Where do you read 'may'? I read 'shall', and I don't believe there's discretion involved. That's why when a Bill is posted, it's been referred to a standing committee. The rules state quite clear that it 'shall' be posted."
- Speaker Mautino: "Sir, if you'd continue on in that sentence, other than a Committee Amendment upon initial consideration under Rule 40 that may be considered. And that brings us to the discretion of the chair of each committee and a responsibility for Members to work with the chairman to make those requests that they be posted."
- Durkin: "Could you explain to me what then the purpose of having 'shall' in that sentence is, which is mandatory.

 It's not discretionary. It says 'shall' post."
- Speaker Mautino: "At this time, I'd like to seek a response or some assistance from the parliamentarian of the House in regards to your question of 'shall' to 'may'."

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Parliamentarian Ellis: "Representative Durkin, on behalf of the Speaker in response to your inquiry, the rule does require that when the chair determines that certain Bills will be posted, that those... that the notice of the posting shall take place within six days to give sufficient public notice. It does not remove the discretion of the chair to decide which Bills shall be posted."

"Well, Mr. Ellis, we've known each other for a long Durkin: time and I have great respect for you and your... your abilities as a parliamentarian, but I... I disagree with your analysis. And I think it just gets back to the issue at hand that I think we're being played with. We've objected because we want hearings. You know, you've got the Majority in these committees. You can shoot our... our good Bills down. A number of them just die on the vine. They have been in the Rules Committee, but I think that we're being played with by having some of these Bills are being sent out to standing committees, but they're dying in those committees. So, I would rather you just keep those Bills in the Rules Committee and not play with us anymore and continue on with that charade. So, I... I disagree with your analysis on that. And I would just hope, at some point, that you'd give these Bills a fair hearing. I gave you a list of three pages of hearings... of three pages of Bills that were assigned to the Executive Committee that all on their own feet should be able to... they ... they stand by their... on their own feet. They should be able to be flushed out or heard out before the committee, unfortunately they're not. So, I know what's going on and

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so do the other Members here know what's going on. So, I appreciate your patience, but I disagree with your analysis."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Republican Leader Tom Cross is seeking recognition."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Approximately a week ago, maybe less, I sent a letter to the Speaker's Office requesting a Committee of the Whole on the issue of Ethics Reform, and specifically, on the issue of whether or not it would be appropriate to have a Committee of the Whole on... on ethics and to have the Collins Commission appear before the House. We have subsequently filed a Resolution asking for the same approach. It's not unusual for this House to have Committees of the Whole. We've done it on Electric Rate Deregulation, Gross Receipts, Lottery Lease, Pension, Teacher's Retirement, SERS, Health Care, Teacher's Retirement, Health Care and Family Services, budgets vetoed by the Governor. So, my question before the... the House and to you, Mr. Speaker, is, what is the intention of the Chair with respect to Committee of the Whole? I've seen certain comments in the newspaper that we may not get one, but I'd like official word from the House, Speaker, on whether or not we're going to have a Committee of the Whole on... on ethics."

Speaker Mautino: "My understanding is the Speaker of the House has received your... your letter and request, and that it's under advisement and... and review. I don't know of a... of an answer at this point."

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Cross: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I think, and this goes to my point on Committee of the Whole, Representative Durkin's point on posting, Representative Sacia's point on Resolutions, we have one man running Illinois Government, one man deciding whether or not a Bill gets called, a Committee of the Whole gets called, a Resolution gets called, a Bill gets posted, a Bill gets out of Rules. You might as well take the 118 names off of there, at least all of yours, with exception of the Speaker's, 'cause you don't run this place. person runs this place. One person tells all of Illinois what's going to happen, and whether or not your idea, your concept, your proposal, your thought process, your constituent's idea is going to have a hearing or not. Not Not us. But one person, the Speaker of the House. And it brings me to the point on ethics, and the question of whether or not we can have a Committee of the Whole on ethics. It's the issue of the day. It is the issue for this state above all others. Someone's going to tell me capital is the issue. Someone's going to tell me budget's the issue. Someone's going to say what about teacher retirement? What about making a pension payment? All of that flows... all of that flows on whether we repair the damage this state has suffered ethically, and image-wise, because of the action of a number of people. On the budget... on the budget, you're talking about appropriating \$55 billion... \$55 billion. Why should the people trust us to do that with the image problem we have right now? are the laughing stock of this country. We have got to repair the image of this state, and to ignore our requests

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to have a Committee of the Whole, because you're going to take it under advisement and give us an answer when you feel like it, is unacceptable. Now, yesterday a pretty strange phenomenon happened in this building. We have an Ethics Committee, a bi... a joint committee of Senate and And the idea of that committee, at least I was told, was to gather ideas for reform in the State of Illinois. And, yesterday, I would argue, that we went the exact opposite way of providing ideas for reform in the Ought to be talking about of Illinois. redistricting. We ought to be talking about Primary date We ought to talk about transparency. We ought to be talking about campaign finance laws, but not yesterday. What we did yesterday was, and should be an embarrassment to this Body. I have an Amendment to Senate Bill 1905. Senate Bill 1905 deals with the Health Facility Planning Board and it extends the life for the Health Facility Planning Board, something I think has to happen, and should happen. Our Amendment, coupled with Senate Bill 1905, says that two members: one staff member, one ex officio member of the Health Facility Planning Board, ought not to be involved in that process anymore. They were in their positions back in 2004. For those of you that don't understand or remember the significance of 2004 with the Health Facility Planning Board, that was a time when people like Stuart Levine, and Tony Rezko, and chairman at the time, Tom Beck, were running that board, irregardless of the rules, and telling people how to vote and saying we're going to do this or that for money. It was as corrupt a

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board as we've had in the history of the State of Illinois. And most anybody that's followed the CON Board would say we need to make changes. And the Senate took the first step in doing the right thing. Lisa Dugan is the House Sponsor, and she and I and Matt O'Shea, our Chief of Staff, have been working on some proposals to make it better and specifically one of those is to have these two positions eliminated or removed to eliminate the taints of the Health Facility Planning Board. Do what we can to clean it up. You may recall that about two weeks ago, in this same chamber and over in the Senate, we passed a Bill that took away the position or eliminated the individual in the position, Jon Bauman, of the Retirement System without any hearing, no hearing at all. We got an Amendment about five minutes before we voted on it and it said this position or Mr. Bauman is gone. Not a single hearing. And we voted on it and it passed. I think one person, who I think has strong convictions on why he did it, I respect that, didn't. But everybody else voted for it, 'cause we wanted to be at the go. We wanted to clean house. But yesterday, at the Speaker's request, a woman by the name of Pam Davis was summoned to the House and Senate Joint Committee on Ethics. Was called up and said, we want you to come down I don't know what all was said, but she came down because she's involved in somewhat of a major way on the Health Facility Planning Board. of the reform Her involvement in the Health Facility Planning Board was heralded as one of the... the bravest moves anybody's done in the State of Illinois and perhaps around the country in a

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long time. What she did back in 2004 was go to the FBI and say, 'I had some people involved with the Health Facility Planning Board come to me and say, Pam Davis, if you want a hospital sited in a certain spot, you have to hire certain construction companies and certain lobbyists, et cetera, and pay us a certain amount of money and you'll get what you want. So, she goes to the FBI, wears a wire, and as a result of that, several people have pled guilty, have been convicted and I would argue have been impeached, because of the courage of Pam Davis. Pam Davis is what we call a whistle-blower. It's not easy to be a whistle-blower. There's a lot of stress and tension being a whistle-blower. She wore a wire for eight months and she said it was so difficult and so stressful that her fingernails were actually cracking, her blood pressure rose and it was one of the worst times in her life, but it was something she felt like she needed to do and as a result of that, Stuart and Governor... Levine, Tonv Rezko former Governor Blagojevich have all had their lives affected in a different way and rightly so. I'm not done yet, Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure people are listening. yesterday, you would have thought that Pam Davis would come done in support of this Amendment and argue why these two individuals, David Carvella and Jeffrey Mark, should be removed from their positions on the Health Facility Planning Board 'cause they were there at the time in 2004 when the corruption took place, did very little if anything about it and have remained there. It is an analogous situation to the TRS situation, if not even more so, if not

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even worse. But what Pam Davis had to go through yesterday is what's pro... what's troubling for me and when I suggest we're going backward on the issue of ethics and not forward is she had to endure several hours of questioning in a rather hostile way as to why she was there, why she thought these people ought to be removed, what lobbyists hospital had hired, why did they hire them, how did they get those lobbyists. We treated this whistle-blower as if she had done something wrong. She's a hero. She's a hero and we said basically, don't you come down here and suggest that two people ought to be removed 'cause if you do, you're going to take a little grief. If you do, we're going to question your motives. If we do, you're going to get ridiculed. If you do, we're going to make it painful for you. She left yesterday, I would say, in a pretty sad I think disappointed, in despair, a little state. bewildered on why people on your side of the aisle were so difficult in the questions they asked. Now, but what's fascinating about this hearing and I beg... it really asked the question, why would the Speaker invite this woman down and have her treated that way. I'm still trying to figure that out. I'm... There are all kinds of motives; there are all kinds of theories. We all have great political minds around here. You figure it out, why she would get treated the way she would. But what's curious to me is the two people we're talking about mentioned, testified, or we found out afterwards were Democrats. And then we found out and this didn't happen 'til the very end of the committee yesterday, Repre... Senator Susan Garrett, to her credit, the

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very end asked one of these individuals, how did you get on the board? Who sponsored you? Who was behind you getting on the board? Of course, this hadn't been offered for... in the three hours and the individual gave an answer. Susan said, well, you know, Mr. Carvella, you and I had a different conversation about six months ago and that's not how I remember it. And he said, well, how do you remember it? Susan said, you told me that Tony Rezko was your sponsor on the board. Now, this may come as a shock to everybody in this chamber, but within about 20 seconds after everybody gasped, the committee was immediately adjourned, no more questions. It was then, after the committee, that we found out Jeffrey Mark offered the fact to the media that Tony Rezko had also been his sponsor. Now, I have this committee hearing this afternoon, Lisa Dugan has this Bill, I've been told... we have at the staff level... that my Amendment's not going to get heard. Here we go again. One guy has said we're not going to hear your Amendment. Now, we have to make a decision in this state. Are we going to clean up, are we going to fumigate all these boards that are bad, or are we going to be very selective in how we fumigate and who we fumigate? Are we going to take care of just a few people? TRS was bad. Bauman was there when it happened, was there after it happened. Carvella and Mark, CON Board, were there when it happened, still there. We're going to treat the CON Board a little differently than we're going to treat TRS. remains to be seen. I would hope at 2:00, before or when we go into committee, that my Bill will be voted on. I

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will hope that there will be some consistency in this chamber. I will hope that we really are going to move forward on ethics instead of backwards. I would hope that we would recognize that people like Pam Davis are good people, honest people, heroes and I, just as an aside, if you happened to be there yesterday and you really thought maybe it was a good thing to be a whistle-blower, I'm not sure you'd get that feeling after yesterday. You might say, well, I'm not so sure I want to do the right thing, not if this is going to happen. Not if people are going to question me in the style and the mode they did. Speaker, it is time that we quit talking about ethics; it's time to quit nibbling around the edges; it's time to be serious about ethics, move forward on ethics, not take it under advisement 'til who knows when, not we'll get back to you, not when we're ready we'll do it, not you just wait there, when I tell you it's right we'll do it. People are starving for reform in this state. People are sick of this state. They are sick of the way it's been run; they are embarrassed and we need to take the bull by the horn and move forward. Enough is enough. Let's move forward in a real, real way on ethics and quit talking about it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, Committee Reports."

Clerk Mahoney: "One additional Committee Report. Representative Burke, Chairperson from the Committee on Executive, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is

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Senate Bill 260, Senate Bill 600, Senate Bill 1549, Senate Bill 1587, Senate Bill 1611, Senate Bill 1729, Senate Bill 1934, Senate Bill 2121; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 63, Senate Bill 1089, Senate Bill 1289, Senate Bill 1296, Senate Bill 1448, Senate Bill 1483, Senate Bill 1576, and Senate Bill 1920, Senate Bill 1298, Senate Bill 1335, Senate Bill 1408, Senate Bill 1926, Senate Bill 1995, Senate Bill 2026, Senate Bill 2091; 'recommends be adopted' is House Joint Resolution 51."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, if I might. I think it's necessary to respond, at least briefly, to the comments of the Minority Leader. I not only was in the Reform Committee meeting yesterday, but I served for well over a year on the Health Facilities Planning Board Task Force. First, let me tell you, I agree with the Minority Leader that the Health Facilities Planning Board has been corrupt, it's tainted, it needs reform and that's why this task force worked very hard for well over a year. Members from all four caucuses and many advocates, the Attorney General's Office, labor unions, many people worked... people from the Hospital Association, lots and lots of people worked long and hard over a long period time to deal with the problems on that board and to create a plan to make the process work so that it would be free of corruption and so it would help us plan health... the health care future of the State of Illinois. Cross does not understand or fails to understand is that if

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you look at the 12 or 14 months of transcripts at those hearings, witness after witness after witness, commentary after commentary, while it was clear that this board was corrupt, there was no evidence whatsoever that forthcoming to allege that either Mr. Carvallo or Mr. Mark had done anything wrong. Now, I was among those on the task force who were highly critical of both of those gentlemen in many areas, the areas of the actual work they did, the areas of their competence, the areas of how they managed the board. Many areas regarding their work on the board, I was highly critical of and if you spent time to read the record, you would see that, but we have to deal with facts and the facts are that at no time did any single witness come before that board or that task force and allege any improprieties by either of these gentlemen. fact, the U.S. Attorney investigated these gentlemen and when the U.S. Attorney came out with his indictments, these gentlemen were not indicted. They were investigated. one that came before the task force discussed any issues relative to these gentlemen being ill... doing any illegal or unethical activity. And when Mr. Cross came forth with his Amendments and the Joint Committee on Government Reform decided that the Health Facilities Planning Board issue was important enough to deal with, we brought Mr... Mr. Cross's Amendments to the committee and brought down the witness who had the most to say about Mr. Carvallo and Mr. Mark and even throughout her testimony yesterday, she did not allege that either Mr. Carvallo or Mr. Mark had done anything illegal or unethical. She questioned their

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competence as some others had on the task force. certainly questioned the corruption of the board, but never linked that to those gentlemen and I must say that the allegations that House counsel, Mr. Ellis, had been heavyhanded with Miss Davis are completely ill-founded. Ellis asked a reasonable question. She came down testify in favor of those Amendments. Mr. Ellis simply asked her questions trying to link her allegations, relative to corruption on the board, with any possible corruption by those two gentlemen and she could not make that link. And all Mr. Ellis did was try to clear up that point. The allegation that she was abused by committee, the allegation that she was treated in a heavyhanded way by House counsel, completely false, completely wrong, completely ill-founded and brought to this House Floor today, I fear, for absolutely the wrong reasons. It's clear to me that this is a Bill... the overall reform of the Health Facilities Planning Board must take place to deal with the corruption in that board, but while I am not sure that these two gentlemen should continue to serve on this board, it should not be our place here, especially after 12 or 14 months of public hearings with no such allegation to fire Executive Branch officers. will say, well, we did that with Mr. Bauman, but with Mr. Bauman we didn't have 12 or 14 months of public hearings where anyone who wanted could come and testify on any issue Here, we had month after month, relative to the issue. witness after witness, testifying before the board. No one alleged improprieties by these two gentlemen. No one

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alleged illegal acts; no one alleged unethical conduct. They just questioned their competence. The Executive Branch ought to determine whether their employees competent or not, not the Illinois General Assembly. so, I think the Minority Leader in his zeal to try to impress the people of the State of Illinois that Majority is somehow unwilling to address the issues involving Illinois, I would beg to differ that point as The report issued by the Health Facilities Planning Board Task Force, led by Senator Garrett and Representative Dugan, is a good report. It was signed off on unanimously by the many, many members of that task It's a report that is embodied in the Bill that we will vote on. It's a report and a Bill we should pass, but we should not include in this report superfluous items of questionable nature. And I understand the zeal of the Minority Leader to try to impress upon us that somehow the tyranny of the Majority has taken over this Body, but Mr. Cross, on this issue, it's not going to work."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Kendall, Republican Leader Tom Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My only point is the different approach we have to fumigating in the State of Illinois. I... if I recall correctly, we had about five minutes to consider whether or not Jon Bauman ought to be removed. We were asked... we asked both Mr. Carvallo and Mr. Mark, who were involved and at meetings where... this CON Board, for those of you that don't know, had some pretty shady meetings where hospitals in the suburban area were

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considered... some got approved some got denied and under some pretty questionable tactics, to say the least they were very questionable and these two gentlemen were at those meetings. And during the wiretaps that took place that Pam Davis wore, there were allegations by... or not allegations, statements made by Beck and Levine that we control Mark and he'll do whatever I say and we don't have to follow rules. The only reason this came to light is because Pam Davis wore a wire and the two individuals there at the time in a staff capacity didn't go to the Attorney General, didn't go to the state's attorney, didn't go to the United States Attorney. They said they talked to their ethics officer after some pretty questionable actions by these boards. The second thing that ought to be troubling to everybody in this room is that they were sponsored for these positions by Tony Rezko, a convicted felon in the United States Federal Court. So, I... I guess it begs the question of the previous speaker, are we going to have a different standard? Are we going to have a standard place to be that if you see something, but don't take the action of going to law enforcement that that's acceptable or are we going to clean house like we did with Bauman? And I think it's that simple. You've got a Rezko connection; you've got an inability to pursue this with law enforcement as opposed to the outside person that did it and we, unfortunately, as we fumigate... to use someone's term... we have to err on the side of caution and fumigate, I think, in a pretty broad stroke. Thank you."

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Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, if I might."

Speaker Mautino: "State your point, Sir."

Black: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, the previous speaker on the Democrat side of the aisle, I have great respect for, in fact, I consider him a friend. But Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm the only Member of the House that voted against the, what I call, the stealth Amendment that ended up firing Mr. Bauman. I did not use Mr. Bauman's name in that debate. I didn't think it was my point or my position to use someone's name, that was brought out by Speaker Madigan who brought the Amendment to the floor. I think any time you use the Illinois General Assembly to fire someone by name I think we exceed our ethical, if not moral authority. Sometimes I even question our legal authority to fire someone who was hired by a board of directors. And my good friend on the other side of the aisle said, and I wrote it down, there was no evidence, never any evidence of Mr. Carvallo and Mr. Mark doing any wrongdoing on the Certificate of Need or the CON Board. They weren't charged with anything. They might have been investigated, but no charges were filed. So, they should stay on the board. One of the reasons that I voted 'no' on that Amendment and was the only one to do so, there were no charges filed against Mr. Bauman, who has subsequently resigned. was an investigation, no charges were ever filed, serious allegations were ever used against him, but in your

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words, on your side of the aisle, he was there. He was there. We don't see any evidence that he did anything to correct it; however, he did say later, he told some of those characters, that are now appearing in Federal Court, that he wouldn't do some things. He wouldn't do that. think he told somebody in your Party that he wouldn't do something; that's why he ended up getting fired. No allegations, no investigation, no conviction. relatively young man. I don't know him. I'm not here to defend him. I just think what we did was wrong and to bring his name out on the floor was wrong. He didn't need to be in there. When you reconstituted the board by Amendment, the new board would have asked for resignation or as my friend on the other aisle... side of the aisle just said, the Executive Branch could have fired him. Could have asked the board to fire him, no, we did that. We did that. A relatively young man, how will he ever find employment again in his life when he has to put on his résumé, and he better because he has to be honest to find any work, I was fired by the Illinois General Assembly. Oh, really? That'll be a little hard to explain. So, for a man who was never investigated, never convicted, never charged, never indicted, his life, for all practical purposes, in that career is probably ruined. And there was another thing in that Amendment and again, remember, I didn't even have a copy of the Amendment when it was proposed. We had to download it in the printer in the back and I got to ... I got to look at it. Another thing in that Amendment and again, and I don't criticize you, but I'll

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bet you've heard some of the things I haven't heard in the last month. I know my teachers have written me letters of thanks that I didn't vote for that Bill or that Amendment, because, what did it do, it gave the Governor more appointment authority over members of the ITRS, not less. Isn't that what got us in trouble in the first place? certain Governor, who's no longer Governor, grasped that appointment authority and put people on the board who systematically used it for their personal, So, that Amendment said, oh, let's give the benefit. Governor more appointment authority. Now, I understand we have a new Governor and I don't think Governor Quinn will abuse that authority, but I don't think that's what we should have done. I think the timing was wrong. We didn't have time to read the Amendment and Ladies and Gentlemen, in all due respect to my friend on the other side of the aisle, take a look... take a look at the Calendar. How many Bills have been assigned to committee but not posted? question that Mr. Durkin, Representative Durkin, has asked the last two days and gotten an answer that would do great justice to a criminal justice show on television. In other words, an answer that isn't an answer, but it might be an answer depending on how you interpret the answer. Most of the Bills that are assigned to committee and not posted are Mr. Bauman was fired... could it be Republican Bills. because he was appointed by a Republican Governor? were no other charges against him. Look at the Bills that weren't even released from Rules. Are there dozens of Democrat Bills on that list? No. So, in all due respect

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to my colleague on the other side of the aisle, the tyranny of the Majority, we're trying to make some cheap political statement about the tyranny of the Majority? How dare us do that? We're not... I'm not alleging anything. I've been telling you for two months. The tyranny of the Majority is It didn't just appear today or yesterday. not treated fairly; we are not treated equally. Our Bills are often sent to a siting never to be heard from again. For years I've worked against the ridiculous way that we get compensation, the Compensation Review Board. It's not something I just filed a month ago or two months ago. I've worked on it for years. You all know... the freshmen may not, but it is a convoluted way. We have to pass a Resolution; the Senate passes a Resolution to deny the They must be identical in every respect. If one is changed, oops, the two chambers aren't comma agreement and the pay raise goes into effect. All I did was have a Bill that said the Compensation Review Board should be abolished; it never went anywhere. So, I said, okay, how can I go home and tell my constituents that we're going to get a three percent pay raise in this economy? I filed a Bill that said we shouldn't get it. Vote 'yes' or 'no'. No, couldn't hear that. Couldn't prevail on a Motion to Discharge. A day later a Democrat Bill was filed that was almost identical to mine with one exception, it says Members of the General Assembly shall serve 'x' number of days as unpaid furlough or unpaid days. At some point I assume you'll fill in the 'x'. I've already talked to Kevin Schoeben in the Comptroller's Office. I know what a

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day's pay is. I will send my check and I won't hold a news conference on the front of the Capitol. I'll simply send a check for one day's pay in May to the Comptroller, can't write it off my taxes, don't expect to be... have a parade to come home. If that's what you want us to do and if you're all willing to do that and you want to follow suit, fine, but our ideas no, no, pooh, pooh, uh huh, can't hear that. The only response you told the media on my Bill to deny the one-year COLA was and I quote, 'We haven't had time to read it.' What is there to read? You're either going to take the raise or you're not and then you file an almost identical Bill the next day. Alleged the tyranny of the Majority? It's already here. It's been here all Session and it's getting worse not better. I just remind you to read the editorial from the February 20, 2009, edition of the Chicago Tribune. The silence of the Democrats... and this has gotten worse since this was written... folks, the people of Illinois, the people of this country are watching They saw each of you alleging to the and waiting. Democrats on national television during the Blagojevich fiasco. Now, you're ringside. The longer you tolerate this ridiculous climate of corruption and how to slip by and slip through and slip around the rules the longer... it's my words not the Tribune... the longer you tolerate this the more you own it. So, you're either going to be part of the reform process or you're going to deny us even the right to have a Committee of the Whole that would benefit all of us. It isn't going to go away, folks. You're not going to get away... we're not going to run away from it in the campaign

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of 2010. It's number one on the hit parade. And what have you done... what have... what position have you taken? No, we can't have a Committee of the Whole. Something embarrassing might come out. In due time, we'll have a reform package. Your time is passed. You better act this week. The people are watching. The whole world is watching and don't even talk to me about alleging the tyranny of the Majority. I've lived it every day of this Session. And like Jim Sacia said so eloquently earlier, I'm sick and tired of it and you should be too."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Will, Representative Kosel is seeking recognition."

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My friend on the other side of the aisle and I have worked together on the CON Board. We've spent many hours reading the literature and listening to the hearings that happened there. We now, also, serve together on the Ethics Reform Bill... Committee and where each of us can look at a meeting in a different light, I really must take exception to his comments. I was at that meeting yesterday and I will tell you that I was personally embarrassed at how a heroine was treated in that committee. I was not alone with that. I was stopped... I made comment that meeting saying that I was embarrassed disappointed that she should have been treated as a hero. We should have been asking her, how do you strengthen whistle-blowing? How do we protect whistle-blowers? of that was even addressed. After being invited down by Speaker Madigan, she was treated harshly, in my view and I will tell you in the view of many other people who came up

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to me after that meeting, people that are familiar with the State House and said, thank you for that comment. You are right. She was treated harshly. So, to call our Leader and accuse him of not telling the truth is disingenuous. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "No one else seeking recognition? I'd like to at this time welcome back to the chamber the Republican Leader of... former Republican Leader of the Senate, Frank Watson. Welcome, Sir. The Lady from Cook, Representative Mulligan."

Mulligan: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in a point of personal privilege. I, too, would like to recognize a former colleague from my class, Representative Pat Lindner, who we sorely miss, who's on the House Floor today. She's here to appear as one of the alumni in the COWL show tonight, which should be very good and interesting. We hope you're all coming. And she will be here and do her usual great job and I, personally, sorely miss her being here this year on... in part of this Body."

Speaker Mautino: "Is that a... is that a..."

Mulligan: "Pat, did I..."

Speaker Mautino: "...is that your way of saying that we have a...

we're searching the talent pool..."

Mulligan: "Right. So, somebody said I did not say Representative Pat Lindner."

Speaker Mautino: "...so we're bringing back some former highly talented Members?"

Mulligan: "I hope I did, but if not, I'll say it again.

Representative Pat Lindner."

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- Speaker Mautino: "Pat, welcome. It's the intent of the Chair to go to Senate Bills on Second Reading. We have quite a number of Bills to move at this time. And we'll start out with page 8 of the Calendar, Senate Bill 38. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 38, a Bill for an Act concerning animals. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 65.

 Representative Bradley. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 65, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 79. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 79, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 81."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 81, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 89. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 89, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 125, Representative May. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 125, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Senate Bill 114... Excuse me. Third Reading. Senate Bill 148, Representative Mathias. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 148, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. 156, Senate Bill, Representative Hoffman. Representative Hoffman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 207, Representative Sullivan. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 207, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue, which may be cited as the Homestead Assessment Transparency Act. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 146..."

 Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1..."
- Speaker Mautino: "...Representative Mathias. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 146, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Senate Bill 229. Representative Reboletti. Read the Bill."

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- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 229, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill.

 No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 230, Representative Reis. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 230, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 236, Representative Harris. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 236, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 239, Representative Harris. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 239, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. 242, Representative Rich Myers. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 242, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Senate Bill 271, Representative Biggins.

 Excuse me. Mr. Clerk, please move that Bill to Third

 Reading. Senate Bill 271, Representative Biggins. Read

 the Bill."

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- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 271, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 310, Representative McAsey. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 310, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 326,
 Representative Hamos. Out of the record. Senate Bill 340,
 Representative Fortner. Out of the record. Senate Bill
 450, Representative Reitz. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 450, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 543, Representative Joyce. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 543, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 583, Representative Hoffman. Out of the record. Senate Bill 590, Representative Smith. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 590, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 738, Representative Lang. Read the Bill."

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- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 738, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1140, Representative Holbrook. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1140, a Bill for an Act concerning regulations. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1255,
 Representative Beaubien. Out of the record. Senate Bill
 1277, Representative Sommer. Representative Sommer. Read
 the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1277, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1293,
 Representative Jackson. Out of the record. Senate Bill
 1413, Representative Myers. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1413, a Bill for an Act concerning conservation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1422,
 Representative Brosnahan. Read... Excuse me. Out of the
 record. Senate Bill 1429, Representative Sommer. Read the
 Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1429, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1444,
 Representative Burke. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1490, Representative Lyons. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1490, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1493, Representative Zalewski. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1493, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Hernandez, Senate Bill 1497. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1497, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1544,
 Representative Jakobsson. Out of the record. Senate Bill
 1553, Representative Sommer. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1553, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. A Floor Amendment was referred to the House Rules Committee. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "At the request of the Sponsor, please take this out of the record. Senate Bill 1555, Representative Franks. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1555, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1

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- has been adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1579,
 Representative Nekritz. Out of the record. Senate Bill
 1586, Representative Jefferson. Out of the record. Senate
 Bill 1601, Representative Hoffman. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill..."
- Speaker Mautino: "Read... Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1601, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1624, Representative Walker. Read the Bill."
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1624, a Bill for an Act concerning education has been read a second time, previously. All Motions have been filed."
- Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Lady... the Lady from Lake, Representative May is seeking recognition."
- May: "Yes, Speaker. Would you please move Senate Bill 125 back to Second for the purposes of an Amendment?"
- Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, what's the status of the Bill?"
- Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 125 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading."
- Speaker Mautino: "Please place that Bill on Second Reading.

 Agreed Resolutions."
- Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 354, offered by Representative Brady. House Resolution 355, offered by Representative Madigan. House

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- Resolution 356, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 357, offered by Representative Rose. House Resolution 358, offered by Representative Sacia. House Resolution 359, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 361, offered by Representative Sacia. House Resolution 362, offered by Representative Rose. And House Resolution 363, offered by Representative Tryon."
- Speaker Mautino: "Mr. Clerk, committee announcements. Excuse me. I now... I move adopt... Representative Currie moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yeses' have it. The Agreed Resolutions have been adopted. Committee announcements."
- Clerk Mahoney: "One committee change for this afternoon. There has been a cancelation. The Public Policy Committee that was meeting in Room 115 at 2 p.m. has been canceled. Public Policy has been canceled."
- Speaker Mautino: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, with regards to this week's schedule. It is the intention of the Chair to adjourn for the week on Thursday. So, please make the appropriate arrangements. The intention of the Chair is to adiourn for the week on Thursday. Representative Currie... Representative Lang moves that the House stand adjourned until Thursday, May 7 at the hour of 1 p.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yeses' have it. And the House stands adjourned."
- Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order.

 Committee Reports. Representative Rita, Chairperson from the Committee on Business & Occupational Licenses, to which

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the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 149. Representative Mendoza, Chairperson from the Committee on International Trade & Commerce, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1784; 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 2172; 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 250. Representative Holbrook, Chairperson from the Committee on Environment & Energy, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'recommends be adopted' is House Resolution 296 and House Joint Resolution 48; 'recommends be adopted as amended' is House Joint Resolution 45; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1607. Representative Ryg, Chairperson from the Committee on Disability Services, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 209 and Senate Bill Representative Boland, Chairperson from the Committee on Higher Education, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 263; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1698. Representative

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Chairperson from the Committee on Labor, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 06, 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1350, Senate Bill 1743, Senate Bill 1984; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1133 and Senate Bill Representative Franks, Chairperson from Committee on State Government Administration, to which the following measure/s was/were referred, action taken on May 2009, reported the same back with the following recommendation/s: 'do pass Short Debate' is Senate... is House Bill 4445, Senate Bill 47, Senate Bill 397 and Senate Bill 1265, Senate Bill 1342, Senate Bill 1512, Senate Bill 1753, Senate Bill 1906, Senate Bill 2009, Senate Bill 2090, Senate Bill 2116, Senate Bill 2178; 'do pass as amended Short Debate' is Senate Bill 1602 and Senate Bill 1905; 'do pass as amended Standard Debate' is Senate Bill 1559; 'recommends be adopted' is House Joint Resolution 44, House Joint Resolution 47, House Resolution 198, House Resolution 246, House Resolution 309; 'recommends be adopted as amended' is Senate Joint Resolution 16. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 4449, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. First Reading of this House Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."