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Speaker Turner: "The hour of 11:00 having come and gone, the House shall be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Wayne Padget, the Assistant Doorkeeper. Member and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Wayne Padget."

Wayne Padget: "Let us pray. Dear Lord, we come before You today in sound body, and mind, praying that on this day, You grant us wisdom and guidance. We pray that everyone can come together on one common ground and resolve the issues for the people of Illinois. We would like to pray for the men and women in our armed services, both here and abroad, provide them Your protection and give them the strength to make it through these tough times. And let us also pray for the men, women and their families who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our country. These things we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Turner: "We shall be led the Pledge today by the Lady from Lake, Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield - 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 Turner: "Roll Call for Attendance. We have 114 Members present. The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

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

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

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Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Please let the record reflect that Representative Coulson, Myers, and Mulligan are excused on the Republican side of the aisle."

Speaker Turner: "There are 114 Members present and we do have a quorum. We will proceed with business. Mr. Clerk, Rules Report."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Railroad Industry reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1516, and Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1644. Representative Franks, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1453. Representative Jakobsson, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1512. Representative Smith, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends be adopted House Resolution 1165; recommends be adopted as amended Senate Joint Resolution #80; do pass Short Debate for House Bill 1660; do pass as amended Short Debate for Senate Bill 2843."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Will, Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you..."

Speaker Turner: "To what reason do you rise?"

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Kosel: "...thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Kosel: "I would like the General Assembly to welcome the fourth year students from Southern Illinois University, School of Dental Medicine, soon to be dentists. And with them today are Dr. Tom Sullivan and Dr. Dra... Dick Gregory. So, if you would please welcome them, they're over here on the Republican side."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. And we here brush once a day. The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose, for what reason do you rise?"

Rose: "Mr. Speaker, I have three points of personal privilege, if I may."

Speaker Turner: "Start with the first."

Rose: "The first, to my... into the gallery at the right of me are some ladies from Arthur, Illinois, and if the ladies would rise, I'd like to give them a big Springfield welcome. Go ahead and stand up ladies, if you would. They're here and Representative Flider and I represent Arthur, so we'd..."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield."

Rose: "...like to welcome them to Springfield. Also, Mr. Speaker, on the Democrat side of the gallery, we're very honored to have here today the Illinois Association of Air and Critical Care Transport representing all areas of our great state as well as serving some of our neighboring states, Missouri and Indiana. They are responsible for the education, safety and communication in critical care air

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and ground medical transports, so these people save lives every day. And let's give them a big round of applause as well. The last thing, Speaker, and this on a serious note, and I... I believe it our custom here has been and I believe that when a Member passes away that their seat is shrouded upon the return. It appears that Representative Washington's seat did not have such treatment during the... the... yesterday when we came back. I'm not sure if that's because an appointment was replaced in the interim, but either way, Eddie Washington was a good friend to so many here, I believe that it would behoove us to honor him when we return on the 29 by enshrouding his seat at that time, so that we do not forget the memory of Representative Washington. If I could make that request, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "It will be taken into consideration. Brad... Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Corrected the Committee Report for Elementary & Secondary Education. Do pass Short Debate for floor... or correction... recommends be adopted Floor Amendment #1 for House Bill 1660."

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

Connelly: "Mr. Speaker, point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "What's your point?"

Connelly: "Mr. Speaker, on the Democratic side of the gallery, we have a group of young men from the city of... Village of Lyle who we're very, very proud of. Stand up gentlemen. They're the 2010 Class A boys state soccer champions."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield."

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Connelly: "Thank you."

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

Ramey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like the record to reflect on House Bill 5154, I inadvertently had... was a 'no' vote. I would like to be recorded as a 'yes' vote."

Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect."

Ramey: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Lady from Champaign, Representative Jakobsson, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Jakobsson: "I would like us to give a nice warm House welcome to my legislative assistant Terry, and an intern of mine Lauren. They're up here in the balcony. And they've come over to observe and learn from us today. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. We'd like to welcome to the gallery, or I should say to the chamber, former Senator, Howard Brookings, whose here in the House, who also served as a Member of the House. He used to be a Rep, and left this Body as a Senator. Senator Howard Brookings. Welcome to the Assembly. The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters, for what reason do you rise?"

Winters: "Point of personal privilege."

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Winters: "Mr. Speaker, we are down here in Veto Session at a time when we are five months behind in paying bills, and I rise to offer our reelected Governor, Governor Quinn, a

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little bit of unsolicited advice. I basically am going to ask that he contact Democratic Governor Tom (sic-Dannel) Malloy, from the State of Connecticut. Governor Malloy just won reelection and heavily supported by public employee unions, his first speech coming out of the box after Election Day, is we need to go back to GAAP accounting to find out exactly how bad Connecticut is. We need to eliminate or reduce state agencies. We need to reduce the number of state employees. We need to increase the employees cost of state benefits and pensions. All of this is quoted from the State Net Capitol Journal. I would suggest that Governor Quinn give one of his fellow Democratic Governor's a call and ask him how do you have the guts to take on the state employees unions in Connecticut and what advice can you give me, Governor... as Governor Quinn to try to take on some of the underlying problems that we have in this state. We're down here in Veto Session; I haven't heard one word on this floor about the incredible crisis that this state faces. We are going to finish December all of the revenue in the first six months of this year used to pay last year's expenses. Do you realize how serious this is? And why are we not dealing with Governor... at least make a call to one of your compatriots, another Democratic Governor and seek his advice. Thank you very much."

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

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I'd like to be recorded as a 'yes' on House Bill 5154."

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Speaker Turner: "The record will so reflect."

Bellock: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Osmond, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

Osmond: "Many of our Members on the House Floor are familiar with a program called Illinois DARE. And today we are very honored, we have two, or we have one gentleman who is here and he won the fifth grade contest at Holy Family School. He did a poster and another person is Makenzie Williams who will be here tomorrow, but I'd like to have Nolan Byrd stand, and we need to acknowledge his accomplishments in the DARE program. And also on October 15 was DARE Day and we were not able to be here in Session, but I surely want to be acknowledging the people that make this program work within our municipalities. And today we're very honored, we have many, many DARE officers up in the gallery with their students to... to be recognized today. So, would you please all stand and let's give them a warm thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you and welcome again to Springfield. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to go to the Order of Second Readings on page 2 of the Calendar. And the first Bill that we're going to call in that order is House Bill 1366. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1366, a Bill for an Act concerning government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 offered by Representative Currie has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is a pretty straightforward proposition. The statue's today lacked clarity about one, a governmental unit leasing property from another governmental unit would not be required to pay property taxes. So, all this Bill does is to clarify that when it comes to property taxation, government entities should be exempt when they rent from other government entities, clarifies that it's for-profit organizations that ought to be paying property taxes not a governmental service. I would appreciate your support."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1366?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 1410. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1410, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie on Amendment #1."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. We all know about the gift ban that we imposed on ourselves and also workers in the Executive Branch of State Government. The problem is there isn't always clarity about the value

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of the gifts that have been received by us or by other state workers. So, this measure only provides that the Executive Ethics Commission and the Legislative Ethics commission will have the authority to define the meaning of the gifts under the current gift ban. I'd appreciate your support. I think we all need clarification and I think this is the best way to achieve it."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1410?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, we have House Bill 1450, Representative Franks. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1450, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Franks, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Franks on Amendment #1."

Franks: "Thank you. I believe this was adopted yesterday in committee. And what this Bill would do is to require all leases that are currently... all leases right now are currently filed with the Comptroller. This will also require that they be filed with the Procurement Policy Board, and this would give the Procurement Policy Board the ability to opt out of leases if they're not in the best interest of this... of the state. And this... the genesis of

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the Bill would be what happened earlier this year when the Department of Aging was attempting to enter into a lease for the amount of approximately \$600 thousand which was not necessary, and it was because... by political pressure that this chamber had put forward that the Governor decided not to do the lease and they backed out. And that's what this Bill is in response to in order to have an extra set of eyes."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Grundy, Representative Gordon, for what reason do you rise?"

Gordon, C.: "I have a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker. It can wait until we adopt the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "If you will hold it. The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy, for what reason do you rise?"

Eddy: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Eddy: "Representative, I think you addressed this but just to be com... completely clear. If this had been in effect when the... the proposed lease of the Aging facility or... or square footage was brought up, would the Procurement Board then, because of this legislation, have had an input?"

Franks: "Yes. The... the board is the Procurement Policy Board..."

Eddy: "Okay."

Franks: "...and they would have had an opportunity... they'd have 30 days to review the lease, and then to weigh in and if they did not want that lease to go forward, this... we'd had this Bill that already would have been passed. They would

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have been able to say, no, we're not going to enter into that lease."

Eddy: "Okay. All right. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1450?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We... we have House Bill 1457, Representative Currie. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1457, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. As you know, we're continuing to work on the heating ventilation and air-conditioning system improvements in the State Capitol. For the last five years, that activity has been done under a single contract as long as the contractor names all the subprimes that will work on the contract as well. That's been a very efficient, very effective procedure, but that opportunity, the waiver for the single contractor, ends in November of this year. So, this measure would extend for five years the authority for the contractor to be assigned as long as the subprimes are

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listed at the beginning of the contract period. This is a measure that will increase efficiency and save money. I'd appreciate your 'aye' votes."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Amendment #1 to House Bill 1457?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. We have House Bill 1510. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill. Representative Mautino."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1510, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino on Amendment #1."

Mautino: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This amends the Grants (sic-Funds) Recovery Act and it will allow IDOT to code intergovernmental agreements as awards and grants to go along with the Comptroller's practice. This is in a Bill that's been agreed on by both the Department of Transportation and the Comptroller. It resolves an audit finding and will allow for the continued payments of projects within the specific districts. These are the projects that your local governments had asked for. We have the money in place, but this will just make sure the payments can continue as they have been. Appreciate your 'aye' votes."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1510?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, we have House Bill 1422. Read the Bill... Excuse me, Mr. Clerk. Representative Mautino. Representative Lang, we have House Bill 1422. Read the Bill Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1422, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Lang, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang on Amendment #1."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Amendment becomes the Bill. And the Amendment would name the building that houses the Department of Natural Resources after Joel Brunsvold. I'd ask your support on the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is 'Shall the House adopt floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1422?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, we have House Bill 1444. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1444, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1 offered by Representative Lang has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Floor Amendment #1 becomes the Bill. We had passed a Bill during the Session creating a commission to a study HIV and the Governor had made an Amendatory Veto to it that we felt was not in compliance. So, we've created a Bill to encompass his Amendatory Veto. And it... this Amendment would simply create the commission but add other chronic diseases. So, it doesn't do much beyond what we had done previously. I ask your support on the Amendment."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1444?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Mautino, we have House Bill 1617. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1617, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Mautino, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino."

Mautino: "Thank you very much Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Bill creates the Ottawa port district at

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the request of the City of Ottawa. It is mirrored exactly as we did the Metropolis Port District. And there is no opposition. We have a couple of Port Districts, one in La LaSalle-Peru, one in Seneca. They would like to use this for an economic development tool so they can attract federal dollars and we have some projects that are specifically looking to advance. And so, I'd like to create this park district... or a this port district. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

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

Eddy: "Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Eddy: "Representative, just want to clarify. Does the port authority have bond authority? Would it have the same types of..."

Mautino: "Yes. Yes, it would and it's by front-door referendum."

Eddy: "Okay. That's... that's exactly..."

Mautino: "Identical to the other 14 port authorities."

Eddy: "...that's exactly what I wanted to get on the record. This is front-door referendum only. This does not give them authority to do anything unless there's a front door."

Mautino: "Absolutely."

Eddy: "Okay."

Mautino: "As a matter of fact, we had a meeting with the Farm Bureau. Farm Bureau is fine with it. The neighboring communities are. In the City of Ottawa, the borders of the Port District are going to be the borders of the city. And

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they're hoping to use this for expansion and development of the riverfront. We also have Skydive Chicago at the airport facility, the nation's largest skydive. We have the Pilkington plant, which we're hoping to use for economic development. And this is one more tool in the toolbox for Ottawa."

Eddy: "Thank you for the clarification."

Mautino: "Thanks."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House... I'm sorry. The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black."

Black: "What did he say about skydiving?"

Speaker Turner: "For what re..."

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I apologize for the late light. Will the Gentleman yield?"

Mautino: "Certainly."

Black: "Thank you. Representative, you mentioned a skydiving component and at onetime the national skydiving meet, conference, whatever you call it, was located in my district in the Village of Rantoul. Are you preparing to... now they haven't been there in a couple of years."

Mautino: "And I haven't skydived for awhile."

Black: "Yeah. Well... and good luck, if you do. Although since you've lost weight, I don't think you need the cargo parachute, but..."

Mautino: "Not enough for that."

Black: "Is this designed to go after the international skydiving meet?"

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Mautino: "That I don't know. I wasn't really aware that they have the international. Now, we've held a lot of major events throughout Skydive Chicago. We're very proud of it as being the largest in the country, with the most dives going on there."

Black: "Okay."

Mautino: "But as far the international, I don't know whether that is part of attracting it on there. We would love to have any international events. We're very proud of it."

Black: "All right. But I have your assurance that you wouldn't... you wouldn't sneak in during the dark of night and take something away from the Village of Rantoul, and beautiful Champaign county, would you?"

Mautino: "I don't normally sneak in at anytime, so..."

Black: "Well..."

Mautino: "But that's not my intent."

Black: "Okay."

Mautino: "Mine is to provide for an economic development tool for a city that shows great growth and promise along the I-80 corridor. We just look to enhance that."

Black: "All right. Well, that's one thing we all need to work on. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1617?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Page 4 of the Calendar, Representative Currie, we have House Bill 1716. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1716, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Currie, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie on Amendment #1."

Currie: "Thank you very much, Speaker and Members of the House. These have made... this measure makes two technical corrections in the nursing home care reform Bill that we passed in the spring, clarifies a drafting error by removing an incorrect internal reference, and amends the date on which light, intermediate care would be staffed at the same ratio as general, intermediate care within nursing homes. That was what we thought we were agreeing to during negotiations, and all of this language does is to make those two corrections. I'd be happy to answer your questions and I'd appreciate your support."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black. For what reason do you rise?"

Black: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates she will."

Black: "Representative, I realize this is a technical Amendment to create... to fix a drafting error, but my attention was focused on the staffing level. Intermediate care will be the same..."

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Currie: "Yeah... yes..."

Black: "...staffing ratio as... as..."

Currie: "...but not... not right now. I'm in the middle of amending the Bill."

Black: "...as light intermediate care. The Amendment isn't creating a mandate. The Amendment... the mandate for staffing must be in the underlying Bill."

Currie: "Yes, I believe that is right."

Black: "All right. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1716?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'... should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Rose, we have House Bill 1935. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1935, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Rose, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Rose on Amendment #1."

Rose: "Thank you. Mr. Speaker, we're actually looking for a Floor Amendment 2 that adds an effective date, and it's a gut and replace, so the only change in Amendment 2 was the effective date. So, the hope is we would withdraw, at the appropriate time, Amendment 1 and 2 would come out of Rules that would add the effective date. And then we discussed

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that in committee yesterday, so hopefully that would be a Floor Amendment. Okay. Thank..."

Speaker Turner: "Representative, it hasn't been assigned to Rules yet. And Rules hasn't met, but we will be bringing..."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Turner: "Okay. Thank you. I'll take it out of the record. Representative Danny Burke, we have House Bill 1846. Out of the record. Representative Riley, we have House Bill 2022. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 2022, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Riley, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Riley."

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Bill 2022 grants the City of Country Club Hills the power to quick-take property for the purposes of building roads or other public improvements to serve one of its TIF districts. And essentially what this Bill does is it allows an access road for means of ameliorating traffic and for public safety to be built through this subject area."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 2022?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Rose, we have House Bill 5635. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5635, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Rose, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Champaign, Representative Rose."

Rose: "Hi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Amendment is at the request of the City of Charleston. It extends a TIF, the only TIF district in the City of Charleston. I'd ask for the adoption of the Amendment and move to Third."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5635?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Currie, we have House Bill 6908. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 6908, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, on page 2 of the Calendar, we have House Bill 1453, Representative Will Davis. Representative Will Davis, House Bill 1453. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 1453, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No

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Committee Amendments. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Will Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Davis on Amendment #1."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, as we discussed in committee this morning, this particular Amendment amends the business enterprise program language. The business enterprise program language is language that was put in to try to help... help increase diversity on state contracts. And what we're hoping to be able to do here is by making a one word change in the statute from 'shall'... from 'may' to 'shall'... from 'shall' to 'may', excuse me, that would allow more flexibility with IDOT in terms of using split goal criteria on the state portion of... of contracts. I'd be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1453?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. The Lady from Grundy, Representative Cole (sic- Gordon, C.), for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "State your point."

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Gordon, C.: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, if I could have your attention. There are several alumni here in the General Assembly from the John Marshall Law School, and including myself, Representative Franco Coladipietro, Representative Jim Durkin, and Representative Mike Zalewski. And we are joined today by law students as well as the adjunct professor, Kevin Hull, from the John Marshall Law School, and future lawyers... tigers, soon to be in the courtrooms of Illinois and around this country to take on the criminals, the terrible people who are going to do terrible things to others, but the lawyers of John Marshall Law School will be sure to right the wrongs and they are Carrie Beth Clark, Christopher Walker, Christopher McElgunn, Brandon Nemec, and John Simpson. So, they are here and justice will be done. So, welcome."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to Springfield. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're going to the Order of Senate Bills--Second Reading on page 6 of the Calendar. And under that order, the first Bill we have is Senate Bill 2505, Representative Lang. 2505, Senate Bill. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2505, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk... Okay."

Clerk Bolin: "No... no Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Hold that Bill on Second. We have Senate Bill 2800, Representative Reitz. Read the Bill Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2800, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. Second Reading of this Senate

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Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Feigenholtz, we have Senate Bill 3044. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3044, a Bill for an Act concerning liquor. The Bill was read a second time on a previous day. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Representative Lang, we have Senate Bill 3162. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3162, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Sorry. Hold the Bill on Second, please. Hold the Bill on Second. Mr. Clerk, we have Senate Bill 3322. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3322, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Hold the Bill. Representative Holbrook, we have Senate Bill 3342. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3342, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, read Senate Bill 3775, Mr. D'Amico. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

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Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3775, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. On the Order of Supplemental Calendars #1, we have Senate Bill 2843, Representative Mitchell. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 2843, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Turner: "Third Reading. And under the Order of Resolutions, we have House Resolution 1165, Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank..."

Speaker Turner: "The Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 1165 states the House of Representatives support for school-based influenza mass vaccination collaborations among local health departments and elementary and secondary schools in their jurisdictions for the purpose of vaccinating school-age children against influenza in accordance with the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for the annual vaccination of all school-age children 5 through 18 years of age."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Resolution 1165 has no opposition and it's a

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very simple Resolution. It simply states that the Illinois House of Representatives supports school-based influenza mass vaccination collaborations among local health departments and organizations. And being that schools are filled with the captive audience of children, it makes sense that in the event that local health departments can collaborate with schools to get those vaccinations given to the children in a voluntary and nonmandated way it makes sense to do so. So, I'd ask for your support."

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

Bellock: "Thank you very much. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Mendoza: "Yes."

Bellock: "Thanks. I just wanted to ask you a question about this. I know you just said that, but I wanted to get it on the record, that it's not a mandate..."

Mendoza: "Correct."

Bellock: "...that all children be vaccinated in the schools."

Mendoza: "Correct."

Bellock: "Okay. So, how is this going to work? It is a collaboration? It says here between the health department and the schools."

Mendoza: "Yeah. There were some health departments that were already kind of partnering with the schools in their area. It was voluntary, I mean, we weren't mandating this, but it was really effective in immunizing the children. And so, because of this health agency, I thought this would be a great idea to do statewide. But you know, we sat down with

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the committee last year or prior to the Veto Session obviously..."

Bellock: "Right."

Mendoza: "...and you know, we just came together with this Resolution instead of a Bill that would say that the Illinois... our state supports the need for children to be vaccinated in the event that local health departments want to work with their schools to do the vaccinations on-site and they're able to do so, then we encourage that type of activity."

Bellock: "Okay. I would like to encourage that too. My only reservation about it is that I don't want it to be an opt out program."

Mendoza: "It's not."

Bellock: "Okay."

Mendoza: "No, it's not."

Bellock: "So, that..."

Mendoza: "It's really only in the case where a local health organization wants to partner up with their school. We encourage them to actually do that because it's a captive of students there. That they're able to leverage insurance policies you know..."

Bellock: "Right."

Mendoza: "...to be able to give the vaccinations. It's something we should be encouraging."

Bellock: "So, you're encouraging that the parents would be notified ahead of time..."

Mendoza: "Yes."

Bellock: "...and get their permission. Okay."

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Mendoza: "And it's absolutely voluntary."

Bellock: "Great. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt House Resolution 1165?' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk we have Senate Joint Resolution 80, Representative Dunkin. Read the Resolution, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Joint Resolution 80 creates the Recess in Schools Task Force to examine the barriers facing schools providing daily recess to every age-appropriate student and make recommendations in a final report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2010."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Dunkin."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Joint Resolution 80 simply establishes or allows a task force to look at recess in our state schools. And I would ask for a favorable vote."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Senate Joint Resolution 80?' All those in fav... I'm sorry. The Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would simply request that we have a Roll Call vote on this issue. It didn't get out of Education Committee unanimously. There's some people on our side with some concerns related to the establishment of

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another task force. And we certainly would like to have the opportunity for a Roll Call vote on the..."

Speaker Turner: "And seeing five Members on your side that have requested that your request will be honored. The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

Flowers: "Mr. Speaker I would like to ask the Gentleman about the Resolution, please."

Speaker Turner: "State your question."

Flowers: "Representative Dunkin, this Resolution is for... to do a study on the need for recess in the schools? Am I correct?"

Dunkin: "Yes."

Flowers: "Okay. I just want to say there are studies out there that have proven that when young people have recess that the grades go up and the crime go down. And so, but is only in the failing schools where there is no recess. So, is there a reason why, I mean, I've tried... I know it's been difficult to pass this type of legislation. It appears that the difficulty comes in the failing schools and it seems like to me the easiest thing to do would be to have recess in the schools if we really wanted to improve our children's education as well as improve their scores. I commend you for this task force, but I think it's unfortunate because the children could really benefit from recess more sooner than later than to pay to have a study done when the study has been done and it has already been proven. Thank you very much for your efforts."

Dunkin: "Thank you, Representative."

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Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Senate Joint Resolution 80?' All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there's 71 voting 'aye', 42 voting 'no', 1 voting 'present'. And this Resolution, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. The Lady from Cook, Representative Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

Flowers: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I rise on the point of personal privilege. I would like for the Members to take this opportunity to welcome one of our newest members Representative Mayfield. Would we please rise and give one of our newest member, Representative Mayfield, a standing ovation."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome to the Assembly, Representative. The Lady from Lake, Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "I just want to thank everyone for your kind solicitations to me. I'm very excited to be here and I'm hoping to do the very best I can for my district. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome again. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 1486, offered by Representative Madigan. House Resolution 1487, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. House Resolution 1488, offered by Representative Moffitt. House Resolution 1489, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia. House

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Resolution 1490, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 1492, offered by Representative Eddy. And House Resolution 1493, offered by Representative Careen Gordon."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Currie move for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. Opinion of the... the 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution's adopted. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Miller, for what reason do you rise?"

Miller: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we have another new member here today. Somebody who is replace... has replaced Representative Kevin Joyce; it's John O'Sullivan. He's the worth committeeman on the 35th District. Let's all give him a warm welcome here in our row."

Speaker Turner: "John, welcome to Springfield. You might turn on Representative O'Sullivan's mic."

O'Sullivan: "Thank you all for a nice warm welcome. Anything I can do for any of you don't hesitate to ask. I'm really excited about being here. I know I have some big shoes to fill with Kevin Joyce, who's a very good friend of mine and he's done very well in the House. So, thank you all."

Speaker Turner: "Welcome again, John. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements. Please listen for your committee announcements. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Bolin: "The following committees will meet immediately upon adjournment today: State Government Administration will meet in Room 114 immediately following adjournment. Also Adoption Reform Committee will meet in Room 122B immediately following adjournment."

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

Reboletti: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On House Bill 5154, I wish the Journal to reflect it was my intention to vote 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "The Speaker will reflect your change and your intentions. The Journal will also reflect that. The Lady from Lake, Representative Cole, for what reason do you rise?"

Cole: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'd like the Journal to reflect that my intention on HB5154 was 'yes'."

Speaker Turner: "The Journal will so reflect."

Cole: "Thank you."

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

Bost: "Inquiry of the Chair."

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

Bost: "Mr. Speaker, on the pink slip that's being handed out about the Session times and everything, on tomorrow there is no Session time. Could you... do we know what time that is?"

Speaker Turner: "I'm going to tell you shortly."

Bost: "Oh good. I was just, you know, I just couldn't wait."

Speaker Turner: "But I want you to wait. Just give me a few more minutes. The Gentleman from Jasper, Representative Reis, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

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Reis: "The Clerk stated that the committees would meet immediately following Session. Did we waive the one-hour posting on those?"

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, on page... Mr. Reis, it will... the hour will met before this committee will start. Other words we still have some other business that we're addressing that this concerns, so we still have time. We have a few more Bills we're going to call. And on that order, we have Senate Bills-Third Reading, page 5 of the Calendar, we have Senate Bill 3712. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3712 is on the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading. Amendments have been approved for consideration, if the Bill is returned to Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "Clerk, the Sponsor requests that the Bill be returned to Second Reading. Put the Bill back on the Order of Second Reading. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Senate Bill 3712, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. The Bill has been read a second time, previously. No Committee Amendments. Two Floor Amendments have been approved for consideration. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Gabel, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Gabel on Amendment #1."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I request the adoption of Amendment 1 and 2 and will have discussion when it's on Third Reading."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption Floor Amendment 1 to House... to Senate Bill 3712. All those in favor should say... The Lady from DuPage, Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I had some questions and I don't know if they're relevant at this time or if I should wait if it's being moved back to Second Reading."

Speaker Turner: "You can ask them now, Representative. The Bill is on Second Reading and we're discussing Amendment #1. Was your question about Amendment #1?"

Bellock: "I don't think so."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, the question is, 'Shall the House adopt Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 3712.' All those in favor should say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the Amendment's adopted. Are there further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "Floor Amendment #2 offered by Representative Gabel."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Gabel on Floor Amendment #2."

Gabel: "I... I move for the adoption of Amendment 2."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady moves for the adoption of Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3712. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Amendment's adopted. Further Amendments?"

Clerk Bolin: "No further Amendments. But Motions have been... notes have been requested and have not been filed."

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Speaker Turner: "The Bill should remain on Second Reading. Mr. Clerk, would you read the Rules Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends be adopted, accept the Amendatory Veto Motion for House Bill 5055."

Speaker Turner: "On page 8 of the Calendar under Amendatory Vetoes, we have House Bill 5055, Mr. Lang. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 5055 a Motion has been filed by Representative Lang to accept the Amendatory Veto."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The only change the Governor made was the change in the effective date. I move to accept the Amendatory Veto."

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

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

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

Sullivan: "Representative Lang, I apologize. You are looking to override... no you're concurring..."

Lang: "This is a Motion to accept the Amendatory Veto."

Sullivan: "Okay. You were changing to accept the Amendatory Veto. If I remember right, there are some folks... we're hearing from our counties. Can you go into detail a little bit about why our counties are somewhat upset with the original underlying Bill?"

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Lang: "Well, firstly, let me suggest that this was a Bill that past unanimously or virtually unanimously in both chambers. This is a Bill regarding who can do a sale at a foreclosure. The law has always allowed private sellers to do it and the local sheriff to do it. There have been judges around the state who have not been following the law. All this Bill really did was clean that up. After we passed the Bill in both chambers... I want to say this again..."

Sullivan: "Yes."

Lang: "...after we passed the Bill in both chambers, a few sheriffs around the state decided they didn't like the Bill. But we didn't hear from them before we passed the Bill. All this Bill does is clarify what the existing law had always been."

Sullivan: "Okay. And the... the opposition, and I agree with you because I did not hear from my locals until after the fact and I'm sure I voted for this Bill before, their opposition stems from a potential... do you think it's a revenue issue or do you think it's a control issue on who should be doing these foreclosures."

Lang: "It's most likely a revenue issue."

Sullivan: "Okay."

Lang: "But there's a revenue issue for the other side as well. The people doing the sales, the... the plaintiffs, have a right to do this as cheaply and as efficiently as possible. Additionally, the county... the county chairman or the presidents of the county board or the supervisor, the

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executives in these counties should want these sales to go through as quickly as possible..."

Sullivan: "Right."

Lang: "...to keep property values up as long as possible. So, the longer a foreclosed property is not sold the lower the property values go for all the surrounding homes."

Sullivan: "Certainly. Thank you for your indulgence. Mr. Speaker, can we get a clarification on the amount of votes it takes to pass this Bill."

Speaker Turner: "Mr. Sullivan, this Bill would require 71 votes."

Sullivan: "Thank you very much."

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

Franks: "I rise in support of the Gentleman's Motion. I just.. I heard the previous speaker. I want to point out that I spoke to our sheriff in McHenry County on this and he was supportive of this measure because it's actually going to save the county money by having others able to do the sales which we already have in our county. He says he doesn't have to add as much staff. So, this is a way to cut down costs for our county to streamline a process and to get properties back on the market as well as back on the tax rolls. So, I encourage an 'aye' vote so this law can go into effect on January 1."

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

Eddy: "Thank you. Would the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Turner: "Indicates he will."

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Eddy: "Representative, just a quick question. Does this eliminate sheriffs' offices from performing the foreclosures?"

Lang: "No."

Eddy: "Just... they just have to compete at... at whatever the best..."

Lang: "It gives the plaintiff his choice of remedy, just like any other lawsuit. If a constituent of yours, Representative, got sued for not paying for widgets and there was a judgment entered against that person, you... there's any number of remedies in the law. The plaintiff always gets their choice of remedy and all this does is clarify that the plaintiff gets their choice of remedy in this circumstance as well."

Eddy: "I just... I was having trouble understanding the opposition, the objection. It's not as if they are eliminated from the process. They're... they're perfectly able... they don't... there's nothing here that says they can't continue to do foreclosures."

Lang: "That is correct, Sir."

Eddy: "Thank you. I think... I think your point is well-taken. This passed out of here unanimously. There's no elimination of anyone with this. It... it's going to, at the end of the day, probably cost less money for those on the other side and maybe that's... maybe that's what they're more concerned about. Thank you."

Lang: "Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Seeing no further questions, Representative Lang to close."

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Lang: "Please vote 'aye'."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Lang moves to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 5055. All those in favor should vote 'aye'; all those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is now open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? The Clerk shall take the record. On this question, there's 72 voting 'aye', 42 voting 'no', 0 presents. And this Motion, having received the Constitutional Majority, the specific recommendations of the Governor as to House Bill 55... 5055 are accepted. Representative McCarthy. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee..."

Speaker Turner: "Committee Reports."

Clerk Bolin: "Committee Reports. Representative McCarthy, Chairperson from the Committee on Personal & Pensions reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends to be adopted Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1565."

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

Ford: "I'm a little confused. Are you up there or back there?"

Speaker Turner: "Here. I'm here."

Ford: "There's someone else back there that looks like you."

Speaker Turner: "We're all here. Could Arthur Turner please come to the front? Is Arthur Turner in the House? The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, for what reason do you rise?"

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

Speaker Turner: "State your inquiry."

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Black: "The only thing better than one Art Turner are... would be two Art Turners, but could you explain why one looks so much younger than the other?"

Speaker Turner: "I take care of myself."

Black: "We'll see about that."

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

Colvin: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I was standing here or sitting here watching you and your son stand next to your side, I couldn't think of a better picture of what it means to ascend in a family. Here in Springfield and City of Chicago, in fact, here in the United States of America, we hear so many issues regarding fathers and their sons particularly African-American fathers and their sons. It is a wonderful picture to see you standing there next to your full grown son having mentored him and fed him, sent him to law school and now to be taking your place here in the General Assembly. We're going to lose a real treasure when we lose Art Turner Sr., but to see Art Turner Jr. ascend and take his father's place and be ready and able and capable on the first day here in Springfield, does the heart warm. It is what fathers are supposed to do for their sons, bring them along to step into their shoes. So, we commend you, Art, on your thirty-plus years of service here to the people of the State of Illinois and we congratulate your son and we know that he's got big shoes to fill, but he's got a tremendous mentor to help him fill those shoes. Congratulations to the both of you."

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Speaker Turner: "Mr. Clerk, we have House Resolution 1247, Representative Jefferson. The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Chuck Jefferson."

Jefferson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the General Assembly. I just want to take this time to congratulate Art Turner. Art Turner who spent 30 years in the General Assembly, just want to say to you that we appreciate the service that you've rendered to the State of Illinois. We're going to miss you tremendously in your endeavors but know that you've made a tremendous difference here in Illinois in the Legislature. A lot of people depended on you, a lot of people depended on your advice. You've given great advice, you've given great leadership over the years while you were in Leadership. So, I just wanted to take this opportunity to say whatever you might endeavor to do many successes will follow you but we want to let you know that we appreciate all of the things that you've done for the State of Illinois and the General Assembly during your thirty plus years here in the Legislature. Thank you."

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

Burns: "I rise to speak to the Resolution. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'm new to this chamber. I'm just in the middle of my first term, but I'm not new to Springfield and the General Assembly and 12 years ago I was a first year staffer for Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones and was asked to come over to the House Floor to meet with Representative Turner and another Representative at the time to discuss a matter of legislation. And I was

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very nervous, I was 25, the first time down here, first time dealing with Members and Representative Turner was kind and compassionate and has been a mentor of mine, help me learn the ropes, help me learn how to work with people down here, and whenever I needed help, assistance, had a question he answered them for me and he did it in a way to calm me down to let me know, hey, it's going to be okay little brother. It's going to be okay. And I appreciate him for being a center of peace and tranquility and stability in a very crazy, crazy city. And his presence and his steady leadership will be sorely missed by me and I'm sure the other Members of this Body. Thank you so much, Leader, for everything that you've done, the model that you provide to all of us and for all the things you've done to help me be the Legislator I am today. Thank you so much."

Speaker Turner: "The audience should refrain from clapping. We'll be here all night. The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Reitz, for what reason do you rise?"

Reitz: "To speak about you. Yeah. Thank... To the Resolution. Appreciate Representative all of the Representatives doing this. Art Turner has a very great storied career. We'll remember him as a definitely as a great Legislator but remember him more just as a... a good friend and someone that understands the entire state. Spent some time down in my district. I could tell you he shoots very well. Not quite as well as Will Davis but he shoots very well. But he does a good job and does a great job. They'll miss him on the

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softball team more than anything else. So, Art, enjoy retirement."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Yarbrough, for what reason do you rise? You got something to say, Karen?"

Yarbrough: "Yeah, about you. I want to speak to the Resolution, Mr. Speaker. I've been here not a whole lot of time but one of the first people that I met when I came to Springfield was Art Turner. And you know, I'm glad that you reproduced yourself and your son is going to be here in your stead, that's great, but I want to know who am I going to call now for the institutional knowledge that's in that head of yours. So, I'm requesting that you make a download of the information that's in your head into his head so I'll have an Art Turner to go to. Can you do that?"

Speaker Turner: "I'll text you."

Yarbrough: "No. In all seriousness, I really appreciate what you've meant to me and the people in this chamber. You've been a tremendous Leader. Sometimes I know when many of us have gotten kind of shaky about some things and we come to you and you kind of just smooth it out for us and say it's going to be okay. And I know the Speaker sometimes says things like this will end or this too shall pass, but Art Turner would always say it's going to be all right. So Art please keep telling us it's going to be all right. You're not going to be here for the next Session, but I'll be looking for the download from your son. God bless you."

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

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Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the same reason as everyone else and... you know, I... when I was first new here and we had a chance to talk I realized that you had also, along with your wife, worked in my neighborhood in the 46th Ward of the City of Chicago for so many years and help make it the diverse welcoming community that we're still struggling to make it today. It's a gift you gave my neighborhood many of decades ago. On behalf of all the people I still represent, on behalf of me, my neighbors, I just want to thank you for the service you did then, for the service you still continue to do today. So, thank you so much."

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

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, on the same note. First off, it's been an honor to serve with you. Ladies and Gentlemen, when I first came here in 1990... well, I was first sworn in, in 1995 the Republicans were in the Majority and Art was always one from your side of the aisle that was respectful and was a... actually became a good friend to... to kind of help a new freshman through even if he was on the other side of the aisle. We played basketball together at the Y in the mornings. And then in the next Session was whenever we lost the Majority, but it was a very close number. And I can remember the first reception that I walked up to and... and we had not yet voted for a Speaker and I went to Art and I said, Art, you know we've got all of our votes on our side of the aisle and I'm pretty sure you got a few on yours and we can make you

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Speaker. And Art gave me some wonderful advice as a person who is fairly new to the process and he said, Mike, what you've just shown me is is you really don't understand Chicago politics. So, we would have loved to make him Speaker at that time. We'd probably love to make him Speaker today, but Art it's been a great pleasure serving with you and your friendship is appreciated and we look forward to whatever career we know we'll continue to see you around here and we look forward to you serving in that capacity as well."

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

Fortner: "Well, I think it's because you're on the spot right now. Well, four years ago I was a new Member, just newly elected and... when the previous Representative was talking about some institutional knowledge and I happen to have as one of my neighbors institutional knowledge. Two doors down from me lives retired Representative Don Hansell and I had a chance he... he told me some of the people that I ought to look for when I was a new member coming down and I remember early on that first year happen to be at a dinner and I introduced myself to our honoree the retiring Representative Art Turner and... and I said well, you know, I've got this neighbor who speaks very highly of you and very fondly of you, Don Hensel. He said oh yeah, his wife Marianne she bakes those cookies and you know, I think it was that kind of warm friendly response particularly to a new member at the time is the thing that so many of us are going to carry with us for all the years going forward.

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Best of luck in all that you do. I wish you a great future."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Osterman."

Osterman: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, want to rise and congratulate you and let you know it's been an honor and a privilege serving with you these many years. It's gone by very, very fast and I always appreciated your candor, your honesty, your support. When I had challenging Bills that you would rather not vote for, you voted for them. You came to committee, you came out of your office, even though you would prefer staying there. But in all honesty, you're a great role model to the people down here. You are leaving on your own terms. I also, you know, I have a great deal of respect for the work that you and your family have done in your community that many people don't know that it's not easy turning the community around but to invest and to stay in a fight like you did, means the world to a lot of people and it's a great example. So, I wish you nothing but health and happiness and the best for you and I know that whatever you want to do is right in front of you. So, God bless and it's been a pleas... an honor."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Bellock, for what reason... I know the reason."

Bellock: "Thank you very much. I just wanted to reiterate what everybody else has said, Art, that it's been an honor to serve with you especially on the issues that we've worked on together, juvenile justice issues and all the other issues that I think that you have made such an impact on

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changing peoples lives. So, we all thank you for that. And then I wanted to thank you for your involvement with all the women of the House in the Capitol Capers and COWL. There are a couple of men that always said yes to the starring roles no matter what they were and the one incident was when we had you as one of the four leaders remember and they all wore the barrels and we called it short and everybody had to run out on stage. And everybody had to throw those barrels on whether they had finished getting dressed or not and that was really funny and then the rolling part. So, we just really... thank you for all of your support of the women of the House and everybody in the House but especially from COWL and all of us. Thanks, Art."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Lake, Representative May, for what reason do you rise?"

May: Thank you. I'm just trying to stand as tall as my colleague across the aisle. I will miss you in your seat there, but I'm glad that we have another Turner carrying on. I have a couple of questions part of Art Turner trivia. Representative Turner, who did you vote for when you arrived... for Speaker when you arrived down here when you were newly elected? Do you remember?"

Speaker Turner: "I know who the Minority Leader was at the time. The Speaker ultimately was a guy named George Ryan."

May: "Okay. But... Okay. I thought that you did a little bit of revel rousing right at the beginning and is it true..."

Speaker Turner: "I did. That was on the redistricting map though."

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May: "Oh. Okay."

Speaker Turner: "That's where the revel rousing..."

May: "So, you voted against the Speaker when you were brand new, right? That took some..."

Speaker Turner: "And brand new."

May: "Okay. Yes. So, you really made waves from the beginning. And is it true, this is trivia, too, that you renovated a historic house in Kenwood that you... one of your pride and joy this... this beautiful house in Kenwood. We share that. I have a love of historic preservation also, so that's something you may not know about Representative Turner. His love of his..."

Speaker Turner: "Still working on that historic house and in fact, the wife has the list."

May: "Okay. We'll... we'll come back for a reunion as soon as you invite us. Right, team? Okay."

Speaker Turner: "Absolutely."

May: "And Representative Turner, there's one Representative Turner in the Illinois Museum. Any relation to you or your family? Tell us about this Representative Turner that's in the museum."

Speaker Turner: "At the State Museum, they... there's an exhibit called American Heartland and they did this, I'm part of that exhibit. Fortunately, I was able to do it while I'm still standing tall. But probably about 15-20 years ago they did a... I won't say an exposé, but my family... the new Representative Turner and myself are both in that exhibit and it's still running currently over at the State Museum. So, if you want to get a little history on Art Turner, you

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can go to the State Museum today and see it, it's still there."

May: "Well, you..."

Speaker Turner: "You can actually go online. It's American Heartland and you will see Art Turner."

May: "Well, I salute you for caring about historic preservation, for your independence, and for being a Member who is in the Illinois Museum. Also, how you kept up with some of the younger guys on the baseball team or the softball team, whatever ball team that we've got there, but you know, the 20-year-olds, the 30-year-olds, the 40-year-olds; you looked fabulous. You always were a part of the team and hitting runs and all with the younger guys. So... and I also remember the dinners at your house. You had so many courses. You just... that we... everyone grabbed a chair and we all grabbed a knife and chopped the cabbage or whatever, but you had 5 or 6 or 10 or 12 courses of food. Your hospitality was just amazing. So, from the trivia and from just your stature, you are an amazing... always have been always Bill... will be... an amazing person. I thank you for your public service. I'm glad your name will be carried on with your son and God bless in whatever you carry on."

Speaker Turner: "Thank you. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Will Davis. Excuse me. The Gent... the Lady from Cook, Representative Mendoza."

Mendoza: "You didn't ask why I rose. I feel left out."

Speaker Turner: "For what reason does the Lady rise?"

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Mendoza: "Just to remind everybody how awesome you are. Yes, Representative Leader Turner, it has really been a tremendous honor for me to serve with you in the capacity in this chamber as a Member. And I remember what it was like for me when I first started which is going to be the same for all the new freshmen coming in, but the benefit is that I've had 10 years to work with someone of your caliber and they're not going to have that experience. I know there are several Members leaving this chamber. We're going to miss them all, but I know that of everyone that I've served with I'm going to miss you the most because you're genuinely, I think, in every sense of the word, a great public servant. And your community should be and I'm sure is very, very proud of you. You are the epitome of a gentleman, you're the epitome of a public servant and you're the epitome of a statesman. And it really has been my honor to serve with you, more importantly to learn from you and to try to take a little bit of what you taught me into my endeavors as I move forward too, but really it's been a pleasure. I look forward working with your son, the new Representative and I wish you all the best. Know that you're very much loved in this chamber by me and everybody else that's served with you. Thank you for your years of service."

Speaker Turner: "The... the Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt, for what reason do you rise?"

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Similar reasons to what the other people have risen for, if you'd allow me. I want to just second a lot of what's been said. You're truly one of

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the Gentleman of the Illinois Legislature. You're always a voice of reason, a voice of cooperation and we... a voice of integrity. Several times you asked me during Sessions you'd come up and say, Don, do you need any help with anything in getting your Bills out. Offered to help in anyway possible and I mean, just... you came up to me one on one and I really appreciated that very much. I was always concerned about what it would be when you left and whether your replacement would measure up, but considering you're the one, you've been his mentor, you're his first teacher, you're the one that have... have given him his compass, I just... I know it's going to be a great tradition following you. We're going to miss you. Those are huge shoes to fill, but with your son coming here, that's a big help. And really because of your service all these years, because of your service, Illinois is truly a better state and if we simply follow the example, the pattern that you've set, we can use that as a prototype for what we need in the future. We're going to be... pay tribute to another individual who's... leaves with a lot of institutional knowledge and that'll be another day, but I tell you, a couple of giants leaving this. But we want to thank you for your service, want to congratulate you on your retirement and that your son will be the one following you. And I wish you the very, very best. God bless. Thank you."

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

Leitch: "I'd like to add my voice to all those who are expressing such great respect for your service. In fact,

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in my tenure, I can't remember a more respected Member who... than you are... than... the reputation that you've earned here for your fairness and for your diligence. I look very fondly... remem... recalling the time we made the mad dash to the high school basketball tournament in Peoria. That was... that was a special memory as well as your kindness in taking me around your district that time we were in Chicago. You, frankly, break the mold as far as the quality of public servants are concerned... public service is concerned and I for one will miss you and your service and wish you the very best. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Williamson, Representative Bradley."

Bradley, J.: "I hope that someday I get to retire the same way that you are and I hope that when I do, that I'm half as respected and half as distinguished and half as wonderful a person as you are. I look for our friendship to continue, but I want you to know that your friendship to us and to a kid from southern Illinois, who didn't know anybody around here, will never be forgotten and will endure despite the fact that you won't be in this chamber. And I look forward to working with your son, here in this Body, for many years to come. My friend, Leader Art Turner."

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

Sacia: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Art, the word that comes to mind with you retiring is legacy and the unbelievable legacy that you will leave us. I think the mark a tremendous Legislator is a person who can change a vote.

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Very often we come into this chambers with a very difficult issue and you hear it said time and time again, well, everybody's mind is made up, nobody's mind will be changed and such was the case last May when we voted on vouchers. And you will remember, Art, that at that time, for reasons I don't recall, we were limited to five minutes a person. I guess it was because there was so many who wanted to speak, but everyone knew nobody's name... nobody's vote would change. I want you to know that you changed my vote and I think you changed others' votes. For those of you that don't recall it or for those of you that are newer, Art gave the most passionate speech I think that I've heard in my short eight years here in the General Assembly talking about the fact that you represent three of the most, and I don't want to use the word failing schools, but schools that are challenged in the entire state and that really got my attention, Art. And you made me recognize how important that issue wasn't only to you but to many that deal with challenging school districts. You absolutely changed my vote. My respect for you from day one has been the epitome of what a person truly should be and I know your son will follow that legacy. Rep... Representative Bost made a interesting comment. He said you pointed out to him that perhaps he didn't understand Chicago politics. When I learned that our newly elected Governor, Governor Quinn, and at that time our appointed governor, had chosen as a Lieutenant Governor someone other than you, I did not grasp Chicago politics. And I just want you to know, Art, you leave a tremendous, tremendous

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legacy. You are an exceptional person, a man of character, and a man that this Body will not soon replace the quality of you. It has been an honor to call you friend and I look forward to that friendship continuing. Thank you for the privilege of working with you."

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

Wait: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Yes. Art, I think you and I know we have a couple of things in common, one is the... the word retreated. As you remember, you and I were both in here and I left in '92, come back and now I'm the longest serving Republican. There's only three people ahead of me including yourself and Barbara Flynn Currie and... and the Speaker. Anyway, and the other thing is, we used to play in soft... House softball team together, but we had such famous people as Sam Panayotovich and Jesse White and as I recall, we never lost a game to the Senate back in those good old days. It's been a real pleasure to serve with you, Art. You're just a fantastic individual and as we talked last night, I saw you at the Chesapeake, that you... you got your water pi... the water pipe fixed in your house down here so your son won't be flooded out and you've got a nice cottage up in Michigan and you'll be doing a lot of fishing. So, I just want to wish you the best of luck. It's been an honor and privilege to serve with you, Art. May God be with you."

Speaker Turner: "The lady from Cook, Representatives Flowers, for what reason do you rise?"

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Flowers: "Representative, to also congratulate you on your years of service. Twenty-five years ago when I first started, Sir, I found you here. And it is truly been my pleasure to serve with you, to watch you grow, to watch your family grow, and to now have the pleasure of serving with your son. The State of Illinois will not be in better shape because of your absence, but I know that you're going to make a contribution... a bigger contribution later on some place down the road. Thank you very much for the opportunity and once again, thank you for sharing. I appreciate you."

Speaker Turner: "Gentleman from Cook, Representative Riley, Al Riley."

Riley: "Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A point of personal privilege to talk about you. A number of things, you know, often the word icon is used, you know, many times, sometimes undeservingly, but you are that, Art and not only in the lore of the General Assembly, but also on the west side of Chicago, North Lawndale. People think very highly of you and being a westsider, myself, I can say that we've always thought a lot of you and... and your family, what your entire family has done for not that area... for not only that area but the City of Chicago and all of Cook County. You've done so much, Art and... and we're not going to forget you at all and I know that whatever it is that you choose to do and I know you're still going to be involved in some kind of public service, you'll do it well. It might be good-bye to the House of Representatives, but we're still going to see you around. But one thing I'd

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like to say. Someone had mentioned about, I think it was Representative Yarbrough, about, you know, giving your son all of the knowledge that you have. Well, I know you've done that in your tutelage down through the years, but there is another method and it's the Vulcan mind meld. And so all you have to do is put your hand up to your son and all that knowledge from all these years will go straight to him. So, along those same lines I'd like to say live long and prosper."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Bassi, for what reason do you rise?"

Bassi: "Sorry about that. Representative, thank you very much. Not only do I want to echo what everybody else has said, but you don't want to hear that or I'll read my list. But I want to thank you for your dancing. You're the best dancing partner I've ever had. God love you."

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

Rose: "Art, just to say thank you for allowing us to disagree without being disagreeable. Somebody said earlier that you're the epitome of a statesman and nothing could be truer. In the spring, somebody asked me what I thought of your candidacy for Lieutenant Governor and I said, well, he's the closest thing to a statesman we have in Springfield and... and I meant it. We need more guys like you, not less and I... I really appreciate all the times then battled on this floor and we've shared a... a laugh and a joke afterwards. So, good luck to you, Art and we'll look forward to working with your son."

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

Dunkin: "Representative Turner, I sat next to you for the first six years. You can tell when the natives are restless here. I, too, want to lend my sincere congratulations and support to you. We talked a lot on that row and certainly on the phone and throughout. Played a lot of basketball in some early, early mornings. The only regret is I didn't get a chance to go fishing with you and Chuck Jefferson. Maybe I would have brought some luck to you or I would have at least believed some of those fishing tales that you all would present the day after. But you're certainly... certainly somebody who is well regarded here and now that you are taking off, I hope you take advantage of all the fruits that you help... helped add value to this state. The pension, living life, spending... you know, spending time with your... your lovely bride and really sort of enjoying some of the fruits that you've laid before us. You're totally somebody who's one of the coolest guys that I've ever met. I mean smooth and cool and always been highly approachable, somebody who I look at as a personal friend as well as someone who consistently, really, without staff you're one of the few people here in this chamber who knew 90 percent of the legislation in detail and can speak to the nuances of the legislation as if you wrote it yourself. And so that is something that's rare around these parts. You certainly have put in your time. You're somebody that we will miss. I'm glad you have one of your seeds here to take your place and hopefully, we'll see more of you in

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years to come. It's been a pleasure serving with you. I'm looking forward to... to seeing you a little later on. Thank you, Sir. God bless."

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

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise to recognize the man, the Legislator, the legend, Art Turner. So, and I'm pleased to be able to do this because you don't know the whole time I've been here I've been just above you on the electronic board Turner Tryon. I ran out of the back many times to look up to see how Patti Bellock would have voted for me, to see that she had voted me the wrong way, only to find out that I was looking at your name instead of mine. And you know, we had that similarly.. similarity the whole time I was here, so much so that the only time that I made it in the Capitol Fax I made it in as Art Tryon. So, you know, there was that benefit that I had being just above you. But the most memorable time I think I ever spent with you was at dinner one night at the Illini Club and there was about twenty Legislators, bi-partisan and the topic turned to what you were doing when Art Turner was elected to the State House. And I realized at that moment that probably a good third of the people here were in either grade school or junior high and... and there was a whole host of other things that people were doing when Art Turner was elected that we won't go into. But that was a memorable moment and anything that I ever did with you was a memorable moment. I continue to learn from you while you were here. I just learned today that you like to fish and

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you have a place in Michigan and we have that similarity. And although I don't have a place in Michigan, I do like to fish and I'm assuming that you have one and maybe someday I'll get to go up and fish in Michigan. Certainly, I'm hinting to you there, Art. But you know what, we all get a ch... opportunity to come here and make a difference for our community. Not everybody gets the opportunity to do it as long as you did, not everybody will have the opportunity to do it as well as you did and not everybody will have the opportunity to be missed by literally every single person in this chamber. And I think I speak for everybody when I say you will truly be missed and you have left an impact on this state. And I want to thank you for your service."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Soto, the Lady from Cook."

Soto: "Art, just want to let you know thank you. Thank you for all your years of service. We're going to miss you. I want to echo on everything that everyone has said in this General Assembly. You are a statesman. I just want to make sure that I stand here and let you know, but I think you already know how I feel about you. You are the best, okay. So, we're going to miss you and when you get home, please give your wife a big hug because she allowed you to be down here 'cause, you know what, it's a partnership and without the ones who love us to allow us to be here we couldn't do it without them. So, again, we'll miss you. Good luck and it's a pleasure having your son here and I'll treat him like I'm his mother. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Will Davis, the Gentleman from Cook, chair of the caucus."

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Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I certainly want to join the comments and the sentiments that have been expressed by all the Members in this room. And as we are reflecting on our... our history with you personally, I think about certainly some of the first times that we had opportunities to talk. They were on the basketball court and I couldn't, for the life of me, figure out why I couldn't keep up with you, but nevertheless, that's just a testament to your fortitude, to the type of person you are. And also, when I think about the times that we were on the golf course and you shared some very valuable lessons with me on the golf course that are applied here today. No matter how far it is a par 3 or a par 4 or par 5, as long as you keep moving forward eventually you're going to get to the end. You're going to be able to put... putt the ball into the hole as long as you keep moving forward and all that means is that you just got five chances to get there or four chances to get there, but it just means you just keep moving forward. And I really appreciate that because, as we all examine legislation and what we're trying to do in the communities that we're trying to support, all we're doing is just trying to move forward toward something. And those lessons are very, very, very extremely valuable to what's here in the General Assembly. So, I appreciate all the times that we had a chance to talk, all the tidbits of knowledge that you share with me, all the lessons and... and what was unique about it is that being a senior Member you weren't trying to tell me what to do and... and sometimes senior Members have a tendency to try to tell you what to

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do and... and that's why sometimes you get that kind of push back. So, instead of telling me what to do, you just gave me some advice on how to get it done and that was extremely important to me and I really appreciate that and I'd like to think that I've taken what you share with me and what you've given me and hopefully, I've manifest that into something positive up to this point. And I just want to thank you for that time for... for everything that we've been able to share and of course, I think back to the times when I would come up and we would stand at the podium there and we'd laugh and talk and I'm sure everybody watching thought that we're really... that we actually talking about legislation, but that wasn't the case. But nevertheless it was a good time and I just appreciate everything that you've bestowed upon me. And when I think about as a young man and neither of my parents are here, they were fortunate enough to see me sworn in and neither of my parents are here now, when I think about that and I think about the community that I represent, at the very least I hope that what I'm doing is ultimately making them proud of me because I am indeed a reflection of them and in some ways to have known you and have been able to serve with you I hope that I can also continue to be a reflection of everything that you embody in this chamber and everything that you've tried to do for the communities that you've represented over the years. So, God bless you. Looking forward to getting you back on the golf course. We haven't had a chance to be there in a while, so I'm definitely looking forward to doing that and being able to support

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whatever it is that you decide to do after you officially leave this chamber. So, God bless you and thank you very much for your service."

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

Pihos: Thank you, Representative Turner. I just want to say that you are truly one of a kind. I especially appreciate your integrity, your compassion, your collaboration, and your commitment and pardon the pun, but the way you have turned things around for your community and the impact that you've had. You should truly leave here being very satisfied with the accomplishments that you've made and very proud of the legacy that you have left for yourself and for all of us. So, thank you."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. First, I'm wondering if we all vote 'no' on this Resolution, if you'd just simply stay."

Speaker Turner: "Little Art may have some problem with that, disappointed but go ahead."

Lang: "So, Art, from the day... from the day I got here 23 years ago you were here, in fact, you were here long before I was here. You've always been someone who's been helpful to me, but mostly you've been helpful to the process. You've been a gentleman, you know your business, you're one of those quiet Leaders that people always talk about wanting to meet but we never seem to find enough of. Your level of class and commitment to your job here has been great for us. It's been great for your constituents, but mostly it's been great for all the people of the State of Illinois. You

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will be truly missed. We promise to keep an eye on your son while he's here and if... if he is half of what you have been, he will continue in your fine legacy from the Turner family. We wish you well in everything you do and... just know that you've left us a real example to follow about how we should conduct ourselves and the way we should do our business here. God bless you, Sir."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Kane. Representative Chapa LaVia, for what reason do you rise?"

Chapa LaVia: "First of all, I want the Republican side to understand that this man leaving is actually saving dollars 'cause we don't have to change the nameplate at all. Okay. First of all, so you're still doing your doughty... you're still doing your duty. And Ken, if you carried it, it might go down. I... I don't know if the Governor is listening either because you are the... so well respected by everybody in this... this wonderful august Body. I'm looking at lights of the people that have stood up, it's unanimous that we adore you and we have been so enriched by everything that you have given to us, Art. I am just blessed that I've been able to be here eight years to learn from you, but the Governor needs to really be opening up his ears. I was one of the first people out in the suburbs that endorsed you as Lieutenant Governor. It would be unfathomable if this administration didn't reach out and ask for your help because you know what's going on and you know how to fix it. And being in a role where you're not... well, you've never really worried about... you've done the right things always in your district, but you are such an

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eligible person to be picked up by any corporation or this government being really... it'd be a shame if we couldn't use your knowledge. I... I adore you. I'm going to look forward to harassing your son now that you're gone. I'm getting... Are you married yet? Getting him... taking care of him making sure that he's not doing what he doesn't need to be doing. Not me, myself. I'm happily married, 18 years, I'm a good Christian. Anyway, Art, I adore you and I want to thank you for allowing us to be in your presence. You are great. Take care."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti, for what reason..."

Reboletti: "Thank you, Speaker. And four years ago, before I came here from Elmhurst, I sat with Lee Daniels and he told me to make sure that I found you upon arriving here because you were a Leader in the House. And he's talked to me about your institutional knowledge and wisdom and that I'll be able to learn a lot about the process from you and he was right. And I know that you and I have had numerous debates on the floor and in committees, but the one thing is that you've always been respectful and you've been committed to the process and to the people of this great state and I think that you would have been one hell of a Lieutenant Governor. I look at the definition of statesman and it says one versed in the principles of the art of government especially one actively engaged in conducting the business of a government or shaping its policies in a wise and skillful and respected political leader. And that's what I think of you, Leader and I appreciate your

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friendship and I look forward to seeing you throughout the state. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "From Cook, Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate this opportunity. First of all, Art, I'd like to commend you for being the kind of father who could bring his son down and let him take his place. He'll be walking in some very big shoes and I know you, being here almost five days a week when we're in Session, and Rosalynn have to do the best with the boys, you've both done a wonderful job and I commend you for that. I remember so many times when Carol Braun and Art... what was it... Bob LeFlore and Ethel Alexander and a lot of the leaders, I often wondered what we would do when they left and then there you were. When I entered the House of Representatives, there was a huge gathering and they all wore big yellow buttons and those buttons said, 'Don't come home without it' and it was a school reform issue that you and I both knew would not work. It didn't work, it hasn't worked and they still are trying to fix it, but you and I were the only two in this Body who voted 'no' or 'present' and I knew then you were a man who could and would stand up with and to his word. I think one of the biggest things I've learned from you, Art, and it took a long time to learn this, and that is you don't have to get angry with people. You just discuss your opinion, you... you might debate the differences, but you certainly remain friends afterwards. I think you will remember a lot of the fun we had at the Green Turtle. I won't tell all about the Green Turtle, but... the Green Turtle was a place that we

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went on the last day of Session, Democrats and Republicans, and we had some of the most memorable evenings and we included everybody in our jokes. And we enjoyed being Legislators and you let us know, Art, that this is a very supreme place to be. There is a Body of decorum that should always be kept. You have stood at that podium and been the perfect Leader in this Body. I want everyone to remember that when Art Turner started to run for Lieutenant Governor he was the only person in this Body running for higher office, but because he's a Leader, others thought they would follow and seek higher office. The saddest thing for me today, Art, is to see you leave and leave without the title you deserved, but if we were going to place a title for a new office in the House of Representatives, Mr. Turner, we'd call you Governor. Thank you very much."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Mautino. Mautino."

Mautino: "Truly a pleasure to have served with you. I actually met you, oh, 20 years and one month ago, when I was pointed in shortly after my father had passed away. Your staff person, Philippe Largent, asked me to meet you at Joliet Junior College where you were having a Housing Committee. And I parked my beer truck, was still in my Miller's outfit and my jeans and I showed up in the back of this huge auditorium and Philippe saw me there and you were smiling like a Cheshire cat. I wanted to stay back in the back of the room because I was in my jeans and my work clothes and you said, come on up front, sit down here next to me. And

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I did that and I looked around and there was a room with about 500 people and I was listening to their testimony and they were really, really mad. And I said, Representative Turner, these guys seem a little pissed and I said what are they mad at? He said, your Bill, welcome to the General Assembly. I have known you even before then when I... you were a great friend of my father's and I paged down here. My brother and I grew up in the General Assembly, got to see you here as well and it has been truly a great honor and privilege to work with you, learn from you, and I've always respected the way that you handled and dealt with all of the Members of the General Assembly. We'll truly miss you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Winnebago, Representative Winters."

Winters: "Art, I rise with, I think, virtually everybody on this House Floor to honor your service as one of the leaders of this state. We, I guess, served in many of the Capitol Caper skits together, on the softball team, but really when I go home on the weekends and kind of recap the week with my wife, for Members on your side of the aisle, the one person that I have talked more to about how much I respect him to my wife, is you because whether it's a dinner conversation, a conversation here on the floor, in committee, you have the stability, the calmness about the process and the understanding, the deep understanding of how this General Assembly works, that I use as an exemplar. We talk about not only legislative matters, but since we both own property here in Springfield, how do you deal with

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your tenants. I know that you've taken some of the suitcases and thrown them out on the sidewalk. I haven't yet done that, but it is an image that I have of you that.. that I think speaks to your character. I've also had the privilege of having done the dishes over at your house on some of your bbq's. These are memories that all of us share, different unique memories of your service and of you as a person. And if your son is half the man that you are, I think this General Assembly will be in good hands. Art, thank you so much for your service. And I do understand you do have a car that's available for some of the freshmen. It may have a few miles on it from last summer's campaigns, but we'll pass along the recommendation. It'll be a great car to drive. Thank you, Art."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Black, Leader Black."

Black: "I'm not so sure about that anymore, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate your kindness. To the Resolution. And I don't find this easy, Representative, you and I have spent about a third of our adult life in this chamber. And there are some who would say in my case that means I've been here too long; in your case, you really haven't been here long enough. The reason I have such respect for you is that you value, as I hope I do although we've expressed it in different ways over the years, you value the legislative process. And I think we have both talked many times over the years, that when we let the legislative process work, truly work, debate, discussion, committee, it works fairly well. Good Bills will usually pass, bad Bills may be

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amended, may be shunted aside. And I think we both have expressed our dismay on occasion when good Bills die before they ever have a chance to live. When you ran for Lieutenant Governor, as I told you and your lovely wife, Roz, if you came down to Vermilion County, you were more than welcome to stay at my house. You ran an excellent campaign. And I think what bothers me about the process, legislatively and the process politically in 2010, is that there are people today who said, why, why would you invite a Democrat to stay at your house. The Democrats are your enemy. When did that happen? When... when did we, as individual Members, allow that to happen? As I wrote to you, after your set of experiences, the negative tone and tenure of campaigns have gotten completely out of hand. It's embarrassing and I think hurtful to our spouses and to our children or our grandchildren, in my case, to go through what some of us have had to go through in campaigns. It didn't used to be that way. I watched a number of commercials this past September and October and I was just amazed at what rascals most of the candidates were. I have shared with you on many occasions that perhaps some of us, before we pass from the scene, can move people away from that. It's... it's not productive, it's not conducive to relationships and it's not conducive to the collegial atmosphere that this legislative process needs if it's to work as well as I think it did when you and I first came down here. My respect for you is undiminished. You are one of the people, and I won't repeat what has been said, but you are one of the people whose integrity is

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always above reproach. Your approach to legislation is one of inclusion, not exclusion. You've represented your district very well, goes without saying, but you also realize there's a large state outside of your district and outside of my district and that those districts could be different and there are differences throughout Illinois and we need to address those. And I... my fervent hope for the next General Assembly, and those who come in the future, will embrace that, and try to find solutions to the many, many problems that seem to have divided us over the years. But Art, I consider you a friend. I remember when your son was just barely in elementary school. And we've certainly had some good times together, attended a few legislative conferences together and in case the press is listening on the squawk box, as you'll recall, we were never able to spend taxpayer money to go to any of those conferences. And I think it was one of the things that you suggested to the Speaker years ago that we not do that. And I'm sure that there were some people who didn't like that idea. But it has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to have been able to work with someone of your stature, someone of your inherent intelligence, your love for the legislative process and your love for the people of the State of Illinois. This Body will miss you as you leave, but I think the legacy that you have left will serve those who come after us, very, very well, Art. And if more of us could just... try to follow some of the examples that you leave behind, I have no doubt that the legislative process will be better, if we'll follow that example. The

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privilege has been mine, Sir. I will miss you a great deal. I hope to see you in Chicago, depending on whether the Cubs move, not move, or remodel, I don't know. That seems to be the most controversial thing in Illinois right now. The only thing on the news this morning was the Chicago Cubs renovation plan and Prince William's marriage. Not a thing... not a thing about the budget and all the other issues. But Art, Godspeed. My best wishes to your wife, and your family, and you're one of the people that if I ever write a book about this process, and I'd love to do that, you, Sir, will have your own chapter. Godspeed. I wish you the very best."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Thank you, Speaker. Representative, I just want to say congratulations on your retirement and the many years of public service. I truly, very sincerely am honored to have been able to work with you. Representing a district that at onetime that you also represented, I really respect it and look for your advice on how you handled it. And what I'm so happy about is that you're still going to be there, you're still my neighbor and I am going to be able to look for you for that advice. So, you're away, but not that far away. And I just want to wish you all the best, all the success, and I want to thank you for allowing your son to come this way. Just his... just meeting him yesterday, he's got that big, shiny smile that is not going to leave this chamber after all. So, we're very, very happy and I'm looking very much forward to working with him. But I... it's been said, you're a true gentleman, with

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all the class, but one addition I have to add, you are the coolest individual I've ever met in my life. Thank you so much, Art."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I echo much of what has been said here today and I am just grateful, too, of all your years of public service here in Springfield. I think Representative Hernandez just spoke about how you were the coolest cat in the place. I know when things got very turbulent around here, I would walk up to your desk and look at you for an answer and you would always look at me and say, it'll be all right. And so I am hoping that Art Turner, State Representative Art Turner, is reminded of the calming force that you were and how you guided so much public policy and handled your colleagues and your flock with cool hands. And wish you the best; I know your wife has a long, honey-do-list for you when you get home. You'll be fixing that house up of yours. And... but I also want to talk about what an asset you were in... at the Conference Of Women Legislators every other year you, of course, out performed every other male that was invited. So, on behalf of the Conference Of Women Legislators, you sold many a ticket for us, which in turn provided scholarships for a lot of young women in the State of Illinois, who otherwise may have not have been able to get an opportunity at education and even your great singing and dancing talents turned out to bear fruit for the people of the State of Illinois. And we love you, we hope you will

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come back and visit us frequently and we hope that your son can dance. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman... the Gentleman from Lake, Representative Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll be very brief. I want to thank you for your friendship and everything that has been said has already been said. Your influence on me and advice is far greater than you'll ever know. I don't see you as going. We will still be together, you'll still get your advice, we'll still be great friends. Look forward to that relationship and also look forward to working with your son, who I've met, is a great young man, and he will fill your shoes quite well. Thank you."

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

Miller: "I, too, want to add in to the Resolution regarding you, Art. When I first met you, I came down as just a dentist, came down on lobby day, and at that time we were allowed on the House Floor and I think Charles Morrow introduced me to you and the one thing that you did was embrace me. You embraced me as just a young guy who was just sort of interested in politics, of course, interested in teeth and listened. And then later on that evening to help me out with my Society is get your colleagues, at the time, to come over to our reception. Let's go over and help Doc out and make him look important to his group of folks. And so, that's something I'll always remember at our initial meeting. So, when I ran and came in and became your colleague down here, as you've heard many times over,

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you've been that calming force. And I came down very excited, very full of energy and juice and I still think I have it, but the mere fact of the matter, it's going to be all right, is something you always said. Things are going to work itself out, is something you've said. And I also talked about the times in which that the Black Caucus particularly had partner with Republicans and other caucuses to get a bigger agenda done. And that institutional knowledge was something that I didn't know at the time that you shared with me in a very private moment, and just to say, look, go beyond your borders, extend yourself. You've been a true friend, for the most part, is what we're hearing today to everybody in this building, not just us in the chamber but also in the Senate. You've been a gentleman and a scholar. You've been somebody I've had the opportunity to look at... look up to. And the one thing is, when we traveled to Taiwan, I've seen you assume leadership when we had a little fracas in our little delegation in Taiwan and that's something that's just not taught, that's something that is inherited in somebody in your years of experience. I just want to thank you for who you've been to me, who you've been to the Miller family, and who you've been to the General Assembly. Your son, Art, represents that my children and boys will grow up. And so if Daniel and Donovan are like Art and Aaron, you know then I'll be blessed, too, in the kind of spirit and the legacy that you presented with them. Continue on, of course, do what you do. And of course, we love you and want you to continue who you are. Thanks, Art."

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Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Lilly."

Lilly: "Mr. Speaker, Representative Turner, my friend, Art, you were the first elected official that I've ever known. I have seen you represent the west side of Chicago for over 30 years. You have made an impact in the lives of many, and especially mine. I thought I would have to fill the footsteps of a statesman, such as you, but you had the vision to bring your son to fill those shoes. So, I won't worry. However, I do know you're our friend, you're our neighbor, you're our father, you are a statesman for the State of Illinois. Thank you, and young man, enjoy your retirement."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook. Representative Gabel."

Gabel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, Art, I... I've known you for a long time but not in the context of this chamber in particular, with me being in the chamber, but I have spent many years as an advocate and you have just been so wonderful to me over the years. I've greatly appreciated it; I could always count on you to be honest, to be forthright and for the most part, be on my side and I have truly, truly appreciated it. I am just so sorry, that now that I'm on this side of the door, that you're not going to be here and I can't continue to work with you in this aspect of our lives. But I know that you will do great things and I know you have a lot more in you, and I look forward to seeing what you're going to be doing next. Thank you so much for all your help, all your support and really good luck to you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Collins."

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Collins: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise in support of the Resolution and if we could... could we add everyone in the chamber to the Resolution as well."

Speaker Turner: "Leave will be granted."

Collins: "Okay. I just want to thank you. Art and I are... we share the same Senatorial District. And when I came down to Springfield, we sat and we talked and we decided to put our... the resources that we got together... to put them together so that the whole west side of Chicago could benefit. We also spent many time... many days talking about our children and we see Art is here and Angelique was down this summer, and they got a chance to talk. But Art is such a great person that everybody loves him and what we thought about at the Black Caucus was that, who we going to turn to, Art knew everything. So, when we wanted something, we turned to Art; when something needs to get done or our programs that we were lagging behind and we hadn't got done, we looked up and it was all done. And so now, I don't know, we got to step up to the plate because Art won't be here. Hopefully he'll still be around in the background to give us all this information because we'll be calling all the time. But we just wanted to say thank you, and I'm glad that you live such a life that everyone is so proud of you. I mean, we don't find too many great men that we have to look up to. So, we just want to say thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Golar, chairman."

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Golar: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's such a pleasure to be able to give you your jewels and to talk about what you've contributed to us. So, of course, I tried to write a little song for you. (Art Turner, a man involved, a man involved in his community. Art Turner, a man involved, a man involved in his community. You will be remembered, be remembered: son, husband, father, mentor, mediator, carpenter, business man, Legislator, liberal, conservative, Leader and your name will go down, your name will go down, your name will go down in history. Art Turner, a man involved, a man involved in his community.) Art Turner, you're one of a kind. We love you and we love you most of all for your integrity and it will not go unnoticed. We love you; we will miss you. Art Turner, a man involved in his community. Thank you."

Speaker Turner: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Howard, for what reason do you rise?"

Howard: "The same reason that everybody else has risen, Art. You know, one of the things that I like least about being a Member of the House of Representatives is saying good-bye to those who we have known to... known for a period of time and we learned to love. And this is certainly the same with you. I think I can probably say that I've known you longer than anybody else in this room. I think I can say that and you probably know that means that it was way before you became a State Representative. Little did I know, back in the day when I was a staff person at the Kenwood-Oakland Community Organization, that a young man, who came to the organization to help us get a campaign for

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human development grant, would one day be my colleague in the Illinois General Assembly. I was very impressed with you and your presentation at that time, and I must say that I've continue to be impressed with you as I've been your colleague in the General Assembly for these many years. Art, the experience that I have had with you has been very, very enriching. The things that you have taught me, the support that you've given me, I am certainly very, very appreciative of. Let me assure you that I, like others, will take little Art, young Art, under our wing and we will make certain that we give him all of the assistance that you gave to us. So, I wish you the best in the next phase of your life. Art, I, along with others, love you and we will miss you."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Art, first of all, I want to tell you how proud I am to serve beside you for the past 14 years. If there were two words to describe Art Turner, it would be a class act. Art, everyone here knows one thing. And you know, sometimes at a wake people say some good things about a person who's gone away already, well, at least, Art, you're here to stand here and hear everybody how proud they are to serve with you, what a great job you've done for your community. I know I had plenty of times to talk to you, flying back home, about our sons going to law school and that, and you were telling.. giving me some advice. You know, your son has huge shoes to fill, but you know what, the pride that I saw in your eyes for

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your son, how proud you were of him, I know he's going to do a great job. And I know, Art, that you're still going to be guiding him and giving him the best advice, what's going to be best for your district. God bless you, Art."

Speaker Turner: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Ford."

Ford: "Thank you, Leader. And it's always been a great pleasure. When I first came down to see Representative, Leader Turner in the Chair, so it's most fitting that you end right there because it looks good. Also, you've also shown how to be a real Representative and Leader and not take it to the head. I remember you showing how to be humble, cleaning up at the Black Caucus house, picking up garbage and doing everything just like a human being and not just an elected official thinking that you're better than everyone else. So, thank you for that. And thank you for also teaching me how to keep a steady hand and not be impulsive because that's very important. You can make some real bad decisions if you do that. So, in light of that, a group of people here that have spoken today have decided to do a reception in honor of you tonight at The Inn and everyone else is welcome to add on and contribute to it. So far, Representative Mayfield, Representative Lang, Representative Rose, Representative Reboletti, Representative Thapedi, Representative Rita, Representative Sacia, Representative Flowers, Representative Collins, and Representative Howard and Representative... Leader... who's the other one? And Representative Chuck Jefferson has decided to put on a reception. Everyone is welcome. Today at The

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Inn from 5 to 7. Can you make it? The State House Inn.
So do you accept that? Yes..."

Speaker Turner: "Yes, we'll come over. Definitely. We'll be
there."

Ford: "All right. Thank you very much for your leadership."

Speaker Turner: "Yeah. And the last speaker will be Majority
Leader, my good friend, Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Art. I would just say, ditto. You've said
it all, all of the above, those are all of the qualities
that Art Turner enjoys and Art Turner possesses. He is a
gentleman and a scholar; he's a man of integrity. As a
lawmaker, he is smart, he's sound, he's calm, he's clear-
eyed. It has been my honor and my privilege to have shared
these years with him. It is my honor and my privilege to
share his values and to share his friendship. I wish him
well, but jeepers, Art, I'm going to miss you. Thank you
for everything and Godspeed."

Speaker Turner: "Representative Miller in the Chair."

Miller: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Art Turner."

Turner: "Thank you. Where's that little guy? Let me... I know
it's been a long day and it's been a long year. More
importantly, it's been even longer for me because I knew
that this day was coming. And you try to think about it,
you know, what do you say, what do you do and I mean,
having been around here 30 years, in fact, between the
House and Senate, there's only three people in front of me
out of 177 people: it's Barbara Flynn Currie, Mike Madigan,
and Leader Cullerton and I'm the fourth person in line. I
remember and, you know, we could talk from a historical

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standpoint about what this place was like, but I remember the very first day I came into the General Assembly. Some of you don't know, I ran as an independent Democrat. I was fighting the Chicago machine and at times, still have fights with them. But I was lucky enough to win because we had this multi-member district back then, which is probably the best form of government that we ever could have had. Okay. No, but... we could... Anyhow, I got elected as a result of that and when I came to the General Assembly and with the last name T and you know things are done based on seniority and alphabetically, we were choosing seats. And so when they got to Turner, the only seat left was a seat that was four rows back, behind a lady's washroom. And I thought about it, I go, this is 1980 and I come to the House of Representatives and I have to sit on the last row. There just something ain't quite right with that, but you know the rules were seniority and however it goes, but it turned out to be one of the best seats in the House because from back there everybody else was in front of me. I could see the deals being made; I could see who was talking to who. And then I also realized that it wasn't where you sit, I was one of a chosen few to be, at that time, one of 177 to be in this chamber. So any seat in the chamber was an important seat. And it just provided the opportunity for me to do what I thought I wanted to do and that was make a difference in my community, make a difference here in the state. It has been some lovely battles. I mean, I've lost a lot. In fact, I tell people I probably pick more losers in campaigns, I've introduced more Bills that

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have failed, but it's those one or two, it was the affordable housing trust fund Bill and I hear people talk about that today. You know, it generates... I shouldn't tell you how much money it generates, you may decide you want to rip them off, but it's provided a lot of quality housing in this state. There's some stuff we've done with criminal justice, juvenile justice, education and it's not all the Bills we wanted, but it was those one or two that did make a difference. But what I remember most is the people that I've met here. I will never forget any of you. Sometimes, you know, as you get a little older, you may, what... what's that name again, but I will never forget you, I will never forget the relationships. You all have made me a whole person. You know, I have to first thank my mom and dad. My dad's not around today. He wasn't a State Rep; he had a third grade education, but he pushed me and my brothers and said education is the key. And as I talk to people here, even as I talk to my son, he was saying, well, you know, what issues should we deal with. I go, look, the most important issue is education because if people can read and write, if they can use their head, everything else is easy to figure out. That is the most important piece. And so, it's still a big challenge. Nobody has any simple answers. Monique was right. She and I was opposed to school reform. The problem with changes is, that once it's made, you got to kind of live with it and you can't correct it. I don't know, you know, the jury's still out in terms of how much progress we made and yet when I talk about having the nine lowest performing schools in the state in my area, I kind

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of think I was right. But now we'll all work through that, I mean, you know, I moved on, the Bill passed and we have, over the last few years, tried to improve it. Those are... that's our responsibility here in this chamber. But I found the most important approach was talking to Members individually, it wasn't standing up here on the microphone and trying to convince people. Representative Sacia said, yeah, we changed a vote or two, but it's those after Session meetings. It's that morning breakfast down in the Rathskellar. It's those meetings at receptions. It was a great thing to eliminate that imaginary line in the middle of this chamber. I tell people there are no Democratic laws or Republican laws. When a law is introduced and a law is passed, it affects us all. It doesn't just affect the kids on the west side. That bill... you know, the Trooper doesn't pull you over and say, oh, let me see where you're from, what district and this is the law that applies. It applies to all of us. But there's something that we all have in common, just like my father stressing education, I'm sure everybody in here can say their parents pushed the same thing. Just as we all want quality health care, there's no difference there, there's no color difference, there's no Chicago versus downstate. We all wanted the same thing. As I talk to my friends in southern Illinois, we talked about housing. You know, I was very familiar with some of the rural housing in southern Illinois. My grandparents were from Mississippi and I got a chance to visit a lot as a very young kid. I was glad to see there weren't as many outhouses downstate as there used

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to be years ago, but... but there was a lot of things that were still very similar. I can tell you that, and as some of you said, my favorite word was, it's going to be all right and that is the truth. I... my son has it on his little BlackBerry. He... and I told him I've been knowing that verse for a long time. It's Proverbs 3:5-6; if you just let the Lord lead your way. Even when I didn't know all of the issues, and I appreciate saying how smart I was, but I was smart because I work with a guy that meets six days a week. These Bills weren't Bills that I just sat here today. You know, we had read and reviewed. I sat in a room with one of the smartest Legislators that you could ever work with Representative Currie with Representative Lang discussing these Bills. So, the thing that I tell people is that it's going to be all right. It will be all right. Even when man thinks he knows, there's somebody else that knows better. You know, probably the toughest day was February 3. And to hear people say how great you are today, to lose an election, then you go, but I'm a great guy, how do you lose, everybody wants you. Wasn't in my control, no regrets. Actually, life's gotten a little better. You know, I was able to enjoy this summer. Changed the oil again but didn't have to do it as frequent. And got a chance to become a full-time husband, my wife didn't know the husband she had, I mean, it's six months down here. But I'm just... you know, I'm just honored at the experience that February 3 was one thing, but February 3, there was a guy that picked up 45 percent of the vote with six people running against him. So although his dad lost,

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to see him earn his, I didn't give it to him, he made this decision. In fact, he used to talk about... I didn't know he even wanted to be a politician until last year. After he came back from South Africa, they had an exchange program over there, he met with President Zuma's son. And when he came back, he said, dad, I want to do what you did, I want to be a politician. I want to make a difference. And so, for your son to come and tell you that, and then say, well, look, you're in law school, you've got to finish law school first. So, we talked about a plan, only during the Christmas holidays, yet I told him, you know what, you've been campaigning all your life. It was one of the first things I did, or I learned early in this business, was the family is the most important people around. You can have your friends, but you need to have that family. So I always, when I would go home on the weekends and we'd have to go to events, this guy's been to as many turkey dinners, or not turkey, chicken dinners as I have 'cause I believe that was important to take my family with me. I wanted them to see what dad had to do. We would go to some churches on Sunday, we'd be all day. We'd start in the morning, and my belief was I didn't run in and out of churches. I'd go, I'd sit there and have the service. But it was, in his mind, he probably didn't realize he was campaigning even back then. But it was the way that I communicated with my people, I believe that faith is something that we all have to have. I don't run around here saying, you know, God this, God that, 'cause he is. But I also, again, as I said, I was baptized Catholic,

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raised in a Baptist family. So you know, doing right was something that I heard all the time. When you mention the word hell, I would.. I just didn't want to go there. That was still doing right just came natural. And so it's not hard to treat people right, shouldn't be for any of us. And we should always keep in mind that we're all individuals and we are what we are based on our lifestyle, based on where we live, but even there, the lifestyles are the same. We all want a strong family, we all want decent housing, we all look for long life and I pray that I live a long time and that each and every one of you live as long. I hope that if I can be of any service to you that you make a call. Know this, that I'm probably one of the rare breeds in the City of Chicago that, over the whole 30 year period of time, my phone number was listed in the white pages. People dial 411, you ask for Arthur Turner and you'll get my number. I wasn't hiding. I say I work for the people. But I want you to know that I'll still be listed there. If you come to Chicago and you need somebody to show you the way around, you need a place to stay, my house is open to you. If you don't know how to use a tool, I'll show you how to use one 'cause you may have to do a little work. But I just want you to know I've truly enjoyed this experience. When I came here, I did not think 30 years later and I have to think about some of the guys that was here before me. Corneil Davis and some of the other African-American Legislators that were here could not stay in a hotel. I was complaining about sitting on the last row. These guys could not even sleep in hotels and

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they stayed here 30 years. I go, ain't no way I'll stay in Springfield 30 years. If you're doing what you like, time means nothing. I like living, so I don't worry about age. I love this job, so I didn't count the years. Now the pension people are counting them, but I didn't count them, it didn't mean anything to me. And as the numbers, as my license plate kept decreasing, started out at 177, now I'm down to number 4. And Mary, I know you'll be happy 'cause, you know, you move up two numbers. You know, so to some people those numbers are very important but to me it was a friendly reminder, but it was one that I always wore with great pride. I tell my son and I tell all of you, you know, we are on stage all the time. So, we are... people look at us and what we do and say, and they take that as a bible. So, it's important that we be open, be honest, tell the truth. Truth will set you free. You'll sleep better, you don't have to run and hide and when it's all said and done, you will be rewarded. Again, I just want to thank each and every one of you. I... as they say, you try to think about what you want to say on your last day. This ain't my last day, but it is the day that I will always remember the day that there's just nothing to be said other than the Illinois Legislature, State Government is something that we should all be proud of. And some of you've heard me say this before. The Five Blind Boys, they're a gospel group. They have a song that goes, it's not what it ought to be, it's better than it used to be, and it's getting better all the time. And so I feel very good about what I've done and what I've contributed. But I

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know, and as I look at some of you young people here, it's a... is another second generation. Senator Jones, Frank... I remember Frank's dad, sitting here serving with him and when I look and see those siblings and daughters start to take over, I know that this state is still going to be in good hands. I know that they had perfect role models and mentors working for them. But I also know that this is a younger group. They text, they're on YouTube and all those other things that you need to do today in technology. And so I know this place is going to be a good place and I just ask that each and every one of you continue to respect each other. For those who said I was a role model for you, just let me tell you this. I respect every man and woman that walks, that breathes. I tell him, son, you talk to the janitor, to the lady, to the man that polishes that brass pole out there. You don't walk by him and not say hello. To the guy on the elevator because they all make the world go 'round. This world works because it's all of us and I'm just glad to be one of the group. Thank you all again and Godspeed to you."

Speaker Miller: "Thank you, Representative Turner. Representative Collins moves for the adoption of House Resolution 1247. All those in favor say 'aye'; all those opposed. The 'ayes' have it. The Resolution is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Committee announcement. A committee's been cancelled for this afternoon. The Adoption Reform has been cancelled. Adoption Reform was cancelled."

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Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, the reception will be at The Inn at 835. That... make sure that everybody knows where it's at. The Inn at 835. Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, we have one more item to do today. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Joint Resolution 125? Please read."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Joint Resolution 125, offered by Representative Patrick Verschoore."

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are saddened to learn of the death of former Illinois State Representative Joel D. Brunsvold of Milan, who passed away on September 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold was born on February 26, 1942, in Mason City, Iowa; he was the son of Burnell and Esther Brunsvold; he married Barbara L. Bashaw on February 22, 1964, in Rock Island; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold graduated from Rock Island High School in 1960, where he was a football and baseball standout; he then earned his bachelor's degree from Augustana College in 1964, where he lettered in both football and baseball; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold had a distinguished career in education; he began his teaching career at Coyne Center Grade School; he later moved to Sherrard High School, where he taught science and coached football and track; during his teaching career, he was elected to serve as a Trustee for the Village of Milan; he was then elected to serve as

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Mayor of the Village of Milan in 1977, where he served for 2 successful terms until 1983; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Joel Brunsvold was elected to serve in the Illinois House of Representatives, where he served with dignity and integrity for 11 terms; as a State Representative, he chaired the House Agriculture and Conservation and Elementary and Secondary Education Committees and was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve as the Democratic Caucus Chairman and Assistant Majority Leader; during this time, he also founded and co-chaired the Illinois Legislative Sportsman's Caucus, an organization that raised money and awareness for outdoor activities for disabled youth; in 2003, he was selected to serve as Director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, where he served until his retirement in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Milan and numerous state and local sports and wildlife organizations; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Jerome; his father-in-law, Earl Bashaw; and his brother-in-law, Dennis Bashaw; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Barbara; his sons and daughter-in-law, Timothy Joel Brunsvold and Theodore J. and Elizabeth Brunsvold; his granddaughters, Lauren and Grace Brunsvold; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bruce and Penny Brunsvold and Brian and JoAnne Brunsvold; his mother-in-law, Virginia Bashaw; his sister-in-law, Josie Bashaw; and his nephews and nieces and

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their spouses, Justin, Lisa, and Kari Brunsvold, Douglas (Christie) Brunsvold, Jason Brunsvold, Abby (Ronnie) Mentarbo, and Anna Bashaw; and

WHEREAS, Joel Brunsvold will be remembered by all who knew and loved him as a dedicated legislator, a devoted family man, an avid sportsman, and a loyal friend and public servant; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we mourn, along with his family and friends, the passing of our former friend and colleague, Joel Brunsvold; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of Joel Brunsvold as an expression of our sympathy."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Rock Island, Representative Pat Verschoore."

Verschoore: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said at Joel's funeral, and this is going to be hard for me, I first met Joel 50 years ago on the ball field. And everybody knows what a joker he was. Anyhow, I was lucky and got a hit and anyhow, I ended up on second base and he always played shortstop and he said, lucky hit, kid, always joking.. And that started our friendship. He always joked down here in Springfield. He took care of me. He asked then and he still does, or still did.. and he did, and every time I needed some help, he was there for me. But I know we all miss him, but as the Resolution said, he was quite a servant to the public, 11 terms here plus being in Milan

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and trustee there and the mayor. But when we would be in my office maybe having a coke, Joel would always say, well, maybe it was something in the coke I guess, but anyhow, Joel was always talking about his family and his wife Barb and the grandkids and his sons. We used to have some really good talks and he was always after me to go pheasant hunting with him and so I was lucky enough the past year to go out to South Dakota with him and he was telling me what a great hunt this would be. Well, we got out there and we were hunting in almost a swamp in these cornfields because it rained so much and... but anyhow, he made it all worthwhile. We had a really great time and I'm going to miss him a lot and I know everybody else here will miss him a lot, but what a great friend he was to me. And I would ask that all the names be added to the Resolution. Thank you very much."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Saviano."

Saviano: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Coming down here as a freshman, you learned a lot from Joel. A lot of the style that I use down here are things I learned from Joel. Joel is very practical, very pragmatic, knew how to sit down, knew the art of a deal. I remember sitting back here with him and Roger McAuliffe, when they could smoke on the floor, they'd sit back there, it'd be 1:00 in the morning, they'd be smoking a cigar. And he would... they would be telling you how to do this Bill or do that Bill. It was quite an opportunity for me as a young Legislator to interact with Joel and pick up some of the traits that he

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had in making sure you were able to come up on a piece of legislation that was a good piece of legislation and taught you how to deal with the people who had concerns with that particular Bill and that was a great honor. I had the privilege on September 1, Joel and I spent probably a greater part of the day, right out here in Sangamon County, dove hunting and we just sat next to each other shooting dove all day. And like Pat said, his grandkids were everything to him. He probably didn't stop talking about them all day other than when I would finally shoot a bird he'd say good shot. I'm using a 12-gauge shotgun, he's using a 410 and he made me look like a real amateur, which I was. But he passed a couple days later and I was... just had an opportunity to spend a couple hours with him before his death and you can rest assured that would probably be the way he'd want to go. So, we love you, Joel. Good-bye."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Randolph, Representative Reitz."

Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Barb and Ted is up there and we all miss him, and as Pat said, it's hard to get through it. He's a great friend and he did an unbelievable job as a Legislator, was an institution here in Springfield. Starting the Sportsman's Caucus was his idea, one of his ideas and a lot of people are thankful that he did that. And I know his time as director of DNR, he tried his best to move the department in the right direction. He spent a lot of time... we have the World Shooting Complex in Sparta. We spent a lot of time together going out there,

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getting that, working on that. In fact, he said a couple times, you know, I know how much he loved his family and he was concerned sometimes that we spent more time sleeping in the same room than you guys did. But it all paid off and it was a testament to him to get that facility built. And as chairman of the Sportsman's Caucus, he did the yeoman's work for sportsmen throughout the state, helped to start the national Sportsman's Caucus that Brandon now serves on the executive board and it... you know, it's helped his mission was to make life better for everyone. He was a people's person; he never met anyone he didn't like. And I know it's hard to believe that Joel's gone, but I can assure Barb and Ted and the entire family that while he's gone, he won't be forgotten. His legacy lives on with every hunter and every fisherman in the State of Illinois."

Speaker Miller: "The Lady from Grundy, Representative Careen Gordon."

Gordon, C.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Before I came down here, my predecessor, Justice Mary Kay O'Brien, told me about some of the people that she had served with and there were people you could trust and sadly people you couldn't trust, but Joel Brunsvold made the list of people to definitely look up and someone who you could trust. So, when I got down here I made sure that I met this man who she told me stories about, would carry around her oldest son, who is much too big now to carry around, but her oldest son Mason, would be... when she was busy working the House Floor, he would take care of the baby and walk around with him on the floor and even sometimes from my understanding be in the

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Speakers Chair and be holding on to Mason and running the chamber at the same time. So this man truly was a multitasker which as we women know, is usually, usually a characteristic only reserved for us. But as I would talk to Joel and he would ask about, you know, my background and ask about hunting and fishing and I explained to him, growing up and the pictures taken of me with the deer hanging upside down in my grandfather's garage and the grouse that I ate and the duck that I ate and the bear and the moose and the antelope and going fishing up in Canada. And he would ask me about putting my pole together for fishing, and I said, why, don't you know how, do you need help? And he then knew that I was okay and acceptable in this world of his of hunting and fishing. But then, you know, he would also call me honey and sweetheart and Gentlemen, I'll tell you, when that happens sometimes for us women, the hair on the back of our neck stands up 'cause we're not quite sure if it's meant as, you know, something... you know, go away little girl, you're bothering me, or if it's meant as a true endearment. But when it came to Joel Brunsvold, I knew immediately that he meant it because he was out there to protect me and he always had my back and he was someone who I truly loved as a father figure, as a protector, as someone who I could go to for advice, as someone who was a mentor to me in the same way he was a mentor to my predecessor, Mary Kay. And as someone who I know, that when I found out what happened, I sat down and did something I very rarely do, and that's cry because there was a hole in the world the day that Joel Brunsvold

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passed away. And Ted and Barb, I will miss him for the rest of my life because he truly took care of me down here in this crazy, crazy world of Springfield. So, I know he's in a very special place and I have a very, very childish view of Heaven. And I know he also loved to eat. And interestingly enough, he passed away on my grandmother's birthday and my grandma, my little Polish grandma, interestingly enough, makes a hell of a ravioli. So, she is up there and has made him a wonderful homemade ravioli dinner, so he is eating very, very well. So Joel, thank you for protecting me and honey, I love you too. Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Lake, Representative Mark Beaubien."

Beaubien: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When I first came down here, I did what most all freshman Legislators should do, I walked the room. I ended up over in that corner and it was Kurt Granberg, Phil Novak and Joel. And they sat down and talked to me and they said, listen, folks, we're your friends. And if there is one lesson I learned from Joel, and I wish we'd all learn it, he did not look at people as Republicans or Democrats. If he were here today, he would say, please, sit down and work as a group. Don't look at you as a Democrat and me as a Republican. He was always a great advisor, great friend. My favorite hunting story is when we would go on these group hunts, I'd always take Joel as a partner. People say why do you take Joel? He's a gentleman; he gives me the first two shots and if I miss, which occasionally I did, he'd drop it. I don't think we

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ever lost a bird. He was an excellent, excellent hunter. Another thing, I think many of you had the... was at his wake. I've been to a lot of funerals. They started an hour early and stayed an hour late and those lines were over an hour long, and what a tribute, what a tribute to a man. I'm going to miss him. Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Vermilion, Representative Bill Black."

Black: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. After you've been here awhile, you've unfortunately listened to too many of these Resolutions. Joel Brunsvold was a good and decent man. And as Representative Beaubien just said, it went beyond that. He was truly a nice gentleman. He ran the Agriculture Committee in the most fair, nonthreatening, bipartisan manner of any committee I have ever seen. He gave everybody an equal opportunity to present their Bills. I was at that meeting many, many years ago with Joel and Larry Woolard, former Representative and Senator Larry Woolard, the late Senator Harry 'Babe' Woodyard, who was my mentor, over at the old State House Inn for breakfast one morning and when they hatched the Legislative Sportsman's Caucus, and a lot of people thought it would never happen. And when we started to talk about it and sell memberships, there were many people on the House Floor who thought it was just a group of downstate Legislators who were trying to con you into joining something that would mean you'd have to vote for every gun Bill that ever came to the floor and nothing was further from the truth. And Joel, I think, convinced many

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people of the outdoor heritage that was so important to this and other Midwestern states. Whether you were a hunter or a hiker or a fisherman or someone who just went on fall foliage walks or took photographs, he worked constantly to make sure we understood that we needed green space and that we needed outdoor space and that we needed recreational land, multipurpose recreational land. If you didn't like to hunt, then maybe there was something else you would like to do, canoe or kayak or hike or camp and he worked all the years that I knew him very diligently on that. And he had a tremendous sense of humor. We were hunting and some of my most favorite memories are those fall hunts, although one of them wasn't a fall hunt. I think we were in Iroquois County one Saturday, it was 10 degrees below zero. Most of us didn't want to leave the lodge, Joel wouldn't hear of that, but we were going out, but first we would warm up by shooting some skeet. And the late Senator Woodyard said that he had forgotten his shotgun that day and Joel said, well, Babe, are you left- or right- handed? And Babe said, well, I'm right-handed. Well, Joel, I could see the gleam in his eye and if you know anything about semiautomatic shotguns, there is a left-handed ejector. So, that if you put the shotgun up to your left shoulder, the shell will eject to the left and not into your face. Well, Babe... you had to know Babe Woodyard to really appreciate this. Joel said, Babe, I have one for you and we all saw immediately it was a left-hand ejector, semiautomatic shotgun and Babe put it on his right shoulder, so the spent shell would eject into Senator

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Woodyard's face. And Babe was quite an outdoorsman, in his own right, the first shell hit him in the cheek and he thought... I know how Babe thought... he didn't want to turn to Joel and say there's something funny about this shotgun. The next shell bounced off of his chin, and the next shell that was ejected, hit the side of his face and knocked off his eyeglasses. And Babe finally put the shotgun down and turned to Joel and he said, I don't want to say anything, but this shotgun was made incorrectly. The damn shells come out the wrong side. So, when we finally told Babe that he... it was done to play a joke on him, as only Babe would do, he thought it was extremely funny. That hunt, by the way, turned out to be very short. We did have two dogs with us that day and I don't know what the wind chill factor was, but even Joel, after about 35 minutes when the two dogs turned around and ran back towards the shelter, said perhaps we could make this another weekend. For the last two and a half years, it was my privilege to get to talk with him. Day after day, when we were in Session, he would go back in my office and sit, and we would review the old days and we'd review and talk about the current situation and a lot of things. I never heard Joel say a bad word about anybody. And I know it had to weigh heavily on his mind. Many of us thought that when he became director of DNR, that we would really begin to make some significant progress on back maintenance issues, adding some badly needed land and perhaps reviewing some staffing requirements in some of our state recreation areas. And I don't want to be political and I don't think it is, I think

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most of you will recognize it as a fact. We had a Governor at that time who just didn't seem very interested in the Department of Natural Resources. I'm not sure he took a great deal of interest in much of anything. And I know Joel was very, very frustrated that he could not get things done that he so sorely wanted to get done. After Joel left that position, we were talking in my office about a year ago and he said, you know, in all that time I never met with the Governor, not about budget items, not about anything. A remarkable man, he will be sorely missed, delightful sense of humor, a fair man. My sympathies to Barb and Ted and his family. It's a... the pain never goes away, but I hope there is a realization that if there isn't green space in Heaven, there isn't recreational opportunities in Heaven, Joel will have that organized if he doesn't already. It's so hard when we lose good friends and we don't always understand why, but the memories I think will live forever in the hearts of everybody who was privileged to know Joel Brunsvold."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lou Lang."

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To those of you who attended Joel's wake and funeral, you saw an incredible sight. You saw a complete outpouring from a community but a broader community than just his district. People came from all over. People who knew him as a Legislator, people who knew him as a teacher, as a coach. Kids he trained to be athletes came years later to pay their respects to Joel. And in all of my years, I have never been to a funeral... we

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all go to many, but I have never been to one where there was so much love and admiration and I know that was felt by the family, it helped them through those first hours. The reason of this... 'cause of this outpouring is because of some of the things you've heard today. If Joel was your friend, he was your friend for life, he was your friend unconditionally. Here in this chamber, there were no sides of the aisle; we were all just Legislators trying to get along and do the work of the people and Joel took his work here seriously, but he did not take himself that seriously. He counted all of us as his friends, those of us who worked with him, and knew that the best way to improve Illinois was to work together side by side. I heard someone talk about the fact that he was a deal maker, he sure was. He knew how to do that, but he always did it with a purpose. He always did it to get a greater good for someone or something and he understood this process. It would be great if we all understood the process of the Illinois General Assembly as well as Joel Brunsvold understood it. He was a great family man and I've come to know his family over the years, spent a good deal of time with them. And I've rarely seen a man who is so close to his family. Oftentimes we'd sit on the floor of the House and we'd try to talk about any number of things, and it always came back to Joel's family. Oh, yes, he'd always ask me about mine, but then we'd get back to his. And that's because that's the kind of man he was. And when you were with him outside of this chamber, maybe not even here in Springfield, he always wanted to know what was going on in your district

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not just because he was interested in what we were doing, but because it helped him understand his own district better and helped him understand the true meaning of the title of this job that we have, State Representative. We don't just represent a district, we represent everyone in the State of Illinois and he took that to DNR with him in the short time he was there. Joel was a man of commitment, a man for whom a promise was a promise. And once he committed to being with you or he was against you, that was it, he was with you or against you. And he didn't take any of this personally, he hoped you wouldn't take it personally, but oftentimes we were on opposite sides and I'm going to tell a story that I told at the funeral that I know is one of Barb's favorites. There was this day on the floor of the House where I was particularly passionate. You all know that once in a while I can get passionate. And at these times, sometimes I'd start screaming. And it was one of these days, and I cannot remember the Bill, but I was really jumping up and down and exercised and I was perspiring and that famous vein in my forehead was throbbing, and I was screaming. And it was one of those days where I must have been doing it well because the chamber was quiet. People stopped eating popcorn, people were actually listening. And when I was finished with that debate I sat down on my chair and I was just exhausted. And Joel, who sat two rows behind me, came up and he put his arm on my... his hand on my shoulder, and he said, you know, Lou, that was one of the great debates... the great speeches I've ever heard on the floor of the House. I

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said, well, Joel, thanks, coming from you, my mentor, my friend, a person who's heard it all, that really means a lot to me, I appreciate it. He says, no... no kidding, that was really so good, something happened that never happens on the floor of this House. I said what was that? He said you actually changed my mind on this Bill. And I stood up out of my chair and I was just so honored, and I said, well, thank you, Joel. And he said, now, you didn't change my vote, but you did change my mind and so that was the kind of man Joel was. He was a person who felt what he felt, didn't mind sharing it with you and wore those emotions on his sleeve. He was important for this chamber, he was important for the history of this chamber and when the history of this chamber is written, Joel Brunsvold's name will be in it many times. To Barb and Ted and Tim and the rest of the family, we share your loss. In fact, 13 million people who live in the State of Illinois share your loss. We'll be here for you when you need us. God bless you."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from White, Representative Brandon Phelps."

Phelps: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Very rarely I get up and speak, but I was led to speak today and very moved about my mentor, my father, Joel Brunsvold. A lot people probably don't know this besides Bill Black and Art and Lou, I kind of grew up here on the House Floor when I was a Senate Page and my Uncle David's seatmate was Joel Brunsvold. I got to know him better than anybody. Teddy and I used to sit in each others seats and

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after I got elected, I had a reporter come up to me and say, how did it feel to vote your switch for the first time? I had to look at her and say, you know what, that wasn't my first vote. My first vote was Joel Brunsvold's switch back when I was about 14 years old. Now, Skip was saying something a while ago, we all know how much he loved the outdoors, and Skip said how good of a shot he was. Now George Camille may think that he's a better shot, but Joel Brunsvold was the best shot I've ever seen in my entire life. When you can go dove hunting and you can get a limit of doves with a 410, over and under 410, wow, just try that; it's hard to be repeated. Most about Joel is I'll never forget his love for the outdoors, not only for the outdoorsmen in Illinois, but nationally. And as Dan has served and I'm serving now in his honor as executive counsel member of the national assembly of sportsmen caucuses, about 40 states involved right now, he was one of the founders, nationally, that's how much he loved the outdoors. His friendship, the quail hunts, the dove hunts, how much he enjoyed serving his district, but Barb and Ted, most of anything, how much he loved his family. I'll never forget that. Barb and Teddy, I love ya. He's truly like a father to me. I'll never forget him and I'm going to miss him more than anyone. I love you, Joel."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Don Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It was truly a shock when I heard about the passing of Joel Brunsvold, disbelief I just thought, I must have heard that wrong because we all lost a

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good friend, a true statesman. A lot of very wonderful things have been said about Joel, certainly want to second those. I had the privilege not only of serving with him down here, served on some committees that he chaired, or that we just happened to both be members of, but also our districts joined back home and so frequently we'd be at events together and it was just so great to go there and know you had a friend, someone that looked at serving as a region, not just as a small area. We attended a few events at a great distance together, just carpooled and rode together and had a chance to talk and know about him even more. Joel Brunsvold set the bar very high on what it means to be an outstanding father, husband, family man and I certainly always look forward to hearing about his family and knew a lot about them before I even met all the family members. He set the bar very high on what it means to be a good public servant, set an example that we should follow. He set the bar very high on what it really means to work in a bipartisan manner. And probably as a tribute to him, when I went through the line, the receiving line, when I met one of his brothers, and we were introduced, I was with another Legislator, as Legislators, his brother said, are you a Democrat or a Republican? I said, we're Republicans, he said, good, so am I. I was hoping I'd have some company here. And of course for Joel, he had plenty of company because his friends were on both sides of the aisle, but we can all take an example from that. It's been pointed out he was a tremendous hunter. You can say he was a straight shooter, but it wasn't just when he was hunting. Joel

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Brunsvold was a straight shooter in how he dealt with people, another example that we can follow. And I would just close by saying, Joel, thank you for serving here. We all love you, we miss you. And to his family, I want to say, thank you for sharing Joel with the Illinois General Assembly and with the State of Illinois. God bless, Joel Brunsvold."

Speaker Miller: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Susana Mendoza."

Mendoza: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Joel Brunsvold was such an amazing man. When we were listening today to the accolades and the honor that we were able to bestow upon Representative Turner, Leader Turner, it reminded me for those of us who were here when Joel retired of the type of tribute that he received as well. I remember Members from both sides of the aisle going to the back of the chamber here in the corner, and I think there's probably a picture of that that we should probably revisit because it was a beautiful moment. They're few and far between those times where we really genuinely in such a bipartisan way honor a Member that served in this chamber. That moment and that day, like, said it all. I remember what it was like for me as a freshman to meet Joel as well. I met him at the same time that I met Representative Turner. And I also remember some funny stories that remind me and make me laugh about Joel. One of which I was reminded when Representative Gordon talked about him always babysitting Mason on the House Floor, for those of us who served with Mary Kay O'Brien,

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when we remembered how exciting that was a moment in her life. And he was truly the best babysitter in this whole chamber, but there was one moment where he came and dropped off Mason to me. I was sitting in my chair here and he asked me if I'd watch him for a little while. And Mason fell asleep in my arms and one of the reporters from the Tribune took a picture and next thing you know, it's on the front page of the Chicago Tribune. I get a call at six in the morning from someone saying, oh, my God, when did you have a baby? And Joel Brunsvold was waiting for me to walk through this chamber to say, okay, I do all the work and you get all the glory. And that was true, but a very important thing for me with Joel and building my relationship with him was my freshman year that, as you all know, just the way he loved hunting, he was like die hard, we have to win with the House softball team. I mean, like, he was coach and I kept saying as a freshman I want to play and little did I know that our Democratic coach wouldn't allow girls to play on the team. And I was like, how is that fair and how is that even Democratic, but he said, no, look, we used to let girls play, but Judy Erwin ruined it for all of you. And some of you will recall Judy Erwin used to be a Member of this chamber and I guess the story goes, I could be wrong on some of the details, but mainly, they let her play and somewhere on a forced run to second base she like had a freak-out moment when the ball was in the air and she got tagged out. And of course that one little play caused the entire loss of the House of Representatives that year to be blamed on Judy Erwin and

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the female gender. So, I didn't think that was fair and I said, well, hey, let me at least try out. I mean, I'm pretty athletic, I don't play softball, but I know I can hit and catch and throw and I play soccer, but I'm athletic so let me at least try out. If I try out and I stink, then you can cut me; that's seems fair, I will not complain. And he kept saying no, no, no and it wasn't until Ted, who's up there, right, you remember this Ted, you will vouch for my veracity here, we were at a Cubs game, rooftop game, and I kept harping on Joel Brunsvold that he never let me play and he wouldn't let me try out. And I said, come on, let me try out and then I said, I will bet you anything you want that I could throw a ball from the rooftop across Waveland Avenue into... like, just to clear the fence at Wrigley Field. So, let's just say this happened theoretically, all right guys, 'cause you're not really supposed to do that. So, this is theoretical. And I bet him that I could do that and he'd squeeze my arm and said no way. And I said well how about if I make the ball over... you know, if I throw it over the fence, then I get to play on the softball team. And he's like, I'll totally take that bet. So then Ted here, doing his due diligence, went around and collected Monopoly money, bets from everybody. He said, forget that, I'll put 200 Monopoly dollars on the table here that you can't make that throw. So, I was like all right, I'm totally going to do it. Let's do it for the women, right, women, come on. We need... So, I had other people come say who... who's this... who are we betting against and it's her. Let me see the arm, so

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they'd squeeze and say, I'm in. Everybody had monopoly money on them that day, it was amazing. So, next thing you know, I see these guys throwing the ball down on the street 'cause you know they're just kind of waiting for a home run which is never going to happen unless it's against the Cubs, right. And so I go down and I ask those guys if they'll help me warm up 'cause I need to, like, make this big throw, which doesn't seem like it's a long way, but trust me, it's a long throw. So during the seventh inning stretch, warmed up, I go up there and I tell Joel I'm going to do it and I launch it and it doesn't just clear the fence, but it actually clears the bleachers and lands in the grass. So, one of players threw it into the bleachers and next thing you know, I'm on the team. But I'll say that, no this story's about Joel because he was like, wow, okay, we need you. And I didn't know they really needed me, but they did kind of need me 'cause as you guys recall, we kind of had some older folks playing my freshman year. And my strategy was that if I get to bat I'm just going to aim low, and have them bend over. I'll definitely make it to first base, right. But Joel was so great that the moment he did let me on the team, he totally believed in me, he let me play, I got to bat and he put me in the outfield and I got the last two outs of the game and got the game ball given to me from Joel. I still have that ball, I cherish it more than you can imagine. And since that day, girls get to play, right, so... yeah. Harry Osterman hasn't done as good a job at letting us bat but... but you know, now I got to call a spade a spade, right.

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So, yeah... So, we... but he's awesome. He does let me run bases every now and then, and... but he's leaving anyway. So, the new coach will hopefully, in Joel Brunsvold's memory, allow the girls to try out at least, to play and you know, every time we're out there whether Joel's coaching us or not, you know people like Joel Brunsvold, like Art Turner, you know, and we're going to remember them in so many more ways than just inside this chamber, most importantly in everything we do in our lives outside of this chamber. So, Ted, Barb, love you guys. We share this pain with you and more importantly, we share the love that you have in your hearts for your husband, for your dad, for the grandfather that he is and we'll always be with you in his spirit and memory. Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Lee, Representative Jerry Mitchell."

Mitchell, J.: "I think, you know, I've heard a lot of stories about Joel. Joel was a great guy. When we all came down here as freshmen, he always patted you on the back and welcomed you and he did the same to me. And Pat, I don't remember whether... I don't know whether you remember this or Don Moffitt remembers this, but we had the opportunity to come up in the Quad Cities and speak to the Northern Illinois... Illinois Association of School Boards. And we probably had 300, 350 school board members and superintendents, basically my kind of audience, if you know my background and I was very comfortable. But Joel did fine, he had no problem with the questions that they asked and talking about education because of his background. But

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in conclusion, we each had about three minutes to summarize the evening. Now, you've got to picture the situation. This was at a time when George Ryan was done and feelings weren't the greatest in the world at that time. There was a young man coming up that was very exciting, very refreshing, a fellow by the name of Rod Blagojevich. Now you got to remember, this is a time when we didn't know Rod that well except as a colleague here in the House. And we had a fine young man running as well named Jim Ryan. And this is Joel's humor. He used his final summation to stand there, now he was right next to me, and of course you can picture that, I'm president of the short caucus and Joel I think's president of the tall caucus. And he said to everyone in there, folks, you have a decision to make. You've got this fine, outstanding young man who's going to move Illinois forward; he's refreshing, he's exciting, he's a great Democrat or you can vote for George Ryan's little brother. And he looked at me and grinned and I said, Joel you... And he says, you got to have a sense of humor and he slapped me on the back. And that... that's what I'll always remember about Joel. He did it and carried it off so well and I'm seldom speechless with my crowd, with superintendents; I didn't know what to say, so I just sat down. But Joel, we're all going to miss you. We're going to miss your wit, we're going to miss your enthusiasm, we're going to miss your sense of fair play because you treated us like friends not like Party Members. The lines between Parties always blurred when Joel was around. He

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was concerned about all of us and we're going to miss him.
God bless you, Joel."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Kevin
McCarthy."

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm really happy Susana brought up that story 'cause it kind of lightened the mood a bit and this is a tough thing for me to do as well. But in that story with Judy Erwin, that was one of the few times in my first three years here that we were actually in the lead and some of the women were upset that they weren't able to play so I told Judy, who was my favorite chairman at the time, that... I said meet me down at first base and the next time I get up and get a hit, I'll let you run for me. And so, I get to first base the next time at bat. I, you know, whisper and Judy comes running over and gets on the base, now Joel is doing some other things at the time, I snuck all the way around the back of the home plate and got right behind him and all of sudden before the next pitch is thrown, Joel realizes Judy Erwin's on first base. So he says, who put Judy Erwin on fist base? And I was, like, standing right behind him, I think it was like one of the few times in Springfield I was really concerned for my physical well-being because I said, McCarthy did. And he said, who does McCarthy think and he turns around and looks at me and went like this... for a second I really thought he was going to hit me. But... and when Susana tells the story is that the next person up hit a nice ball up into right center, you know Judy should have scored twice on this ball it was so far out there, but she ran almost all the way to

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second base and she was afraid of having a collision with this behemoth of a man, John Cullerton, so that she... so she stopped and she waved her hands, the ball comes in from the infield or the outfield, they missed the ball, and it goes by the fence around... It took about... it seemed like 30 minutes, it probably took a full minute though and of course, Judy was turned... was tagged out and you know, Joel told me, that was a great idea McCarthy. And you know, just play the game and let me be in charge here. But I... what I really put my light on though is that on November 2, on election night, you get up at the end of these things and you want to thank a lot of the people who, you know, that made things possible for you. And one of the last people I thanked that night was Joel Brunsvold, the late Joel Brunsvold and you know, there was probably about maybe seven or eight people, my close family and real good friends who knew why I did that. And because in mid-August I had called Joel, I was coming down for Democrat Day and I was going to play golf and then go to Democrat Day at the fair, and I thought it'd be a good... time to spend a little time with Joel. And I called him because, believe it or not, the Speaker had informed some of us that these elections might be tight. I didn't believe it, but I was talking to Joel and I said there's an interest group that you're a little closer to than I am and I would at least like to make sure that they stay out of my race if nothing else. You know, I didn't really hope at that time that they'd be on board. So this was the... I said, well, I'm coming down there on the 17 and I'll stay late on the 18,

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if you can make it. And he was coming back from Wisconsin and he said, well, I was going to come in on Thursday, he said, but you know what, I'll come... I'll just drive all the way in. So he drove an extra three hours. He said, we'll have dinner and stuff and can you stay overnight? I said, I can do that; this will be worth it. And he said, and we'll work on that endorsement and I said, well, you know, I can understand that if you can't get the endorsement, just like I said before about keeping people out. So, Joel drove three hours out of the way and we went out to dinner at Saputo's and stuck around and had a couple bottles of Coke. We were going over the questionnaire back and forth and then Joel would get on the phone with a certain individual who was big in that organization and would say to them, he's not answering that question, he has to be allowed to leave that question blank. And so he guided me through the process and truthfully we all know how the elections turned out and I'm very grateful that I had that endorsement because I think it might have made the difference in the long run and that's why when I stood up on November 2, I remembered here was a guy who was long gone from here, he didn't ask for any credit to be... you know, for me to speak to the Speaker or anything and say how he did this, but he just was a good friend. And you know, to spend an extra day, I felt guilty 'cause it was 20 days later that we lost Joel. And so, when I got the news about Joel, and I was talking to Teddy and I said, I feel bad 'cause it's like I took another... one of the last three weeks of his life. I took one of those nights away from

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his wife and I still feel bad about it to this day. But thank you again, Joel. I just want to make it public that that McCarthy victory this time that was pretty damn close.. we can say that I guess, but it was pretty close. It would have been a lot closer or it might have ended up the wrong way without the help of Joel Brunsvold. Thank you."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Joe Lyons."

Lyons: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen. Just a couple of thoughts as we pay tribute to a wonderful man. The Democrats took the House back in '97, the process was, George Ryan came in and presided as the Secretary of State. Actually the first Democrat to take the helm was Joel Brunsvold as the Majority Caucus Chair before we actually voted for Speaker Madigan. So, he presided there and I remember him saying something to the effect, my God, in my wildest dreams I can't believe I'm here and doing this. It was just one of those moments that you remember that.. and I'm paraphrasing, Barb, he was just so honored to be the first person in that Chair as we took the House back. On a more humorous note, I remember going to dinner one time and back in the days, now this is going back in the late '90s, well, let's have dinner, let's have a cocktail, let's have a drink afterwards, well, let's have a cigar. Joel says, well, wait a minute, I'll take care of this. So, he comes back in and only Joel Brunsvold had a .50 caliber machine-gun bullet box laced in cedar which he kept his cigars. So those of you who remember, he brought in this .50 caliber machine gun bullet box, opens it up and we're all smoking

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cigars after dinner. Joel Brunsvold, I know how proud he was of Ted, as a member here, as a part of the House staff. I also had that fond memory, those of us remember when Lauren was born, when she was an infant, how he carried her like a football on his one arm. I'd get nervous watching him carry the baby on the floor 'cause he had those giant hands and that big arm of his carrying on the House Floor. And my last memory is from several years ago when I first was honored to be able to preside in this chamber. I was up there for a week or so and Joel Brunsvold.. my father never saw me as a Member, my dad had a stroke while I was running for election, passed away my freshman year. Joel Brunsvold, one of those moments that you just don't forget, he came up to me in the hall, first time he saw me after I presided, put his hands on my shoulders and said, Joe, I'm so proud of you when you're in the Chair. My father never had the chance to say it to me, but Joel Brunsvold captured that moment. Joel Brunsvold, your presence in this chamber, your presence in the State of Illinois and your presence in our hearts forever."

Speaker Miller: "The Gentleman from Bureau, Representative Frank Mautino."

Mautino: "I'd like to express also my sympathies to Joel's family who are great friends and he was a true leader and a true friend that, again, I knew for about 30 years. And my first time meeting Joel involves the all famous beer truck that we talked about earlier today. Ted always tells this story. As in my younger days, I happened to be in my beer truck, actually along side of the road visiting with a

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member of the State Police. And my father and Joel, who hung out together, were driving back up on route 251 and I see this car cut across the median and it turns out to be Joel and my dad. He introduced me, I said hello. It turned out that my driver's license had expired the week before and so another talent that people don't know is Joel Brunsvold could drive a beer truck because we needed to drive to the next town of El Paso. So, Joel jumped in the beer truck and he drove up there where I could get my new picture and my new license and continue on my way. Well, this started kind of a beautiful friendship. My father and Joel, who both loved hunting together, would invite many Members of the Legislature, some in this chamber, to hunt with them at Hickory Hollow. And we had Dick Mell that was there, Babe Woodyard, I think Bill you joined us on some of those trips and Joel would always set them up, there'd be a wonderful feast for it. We would have Todd Sieben that would be over there and they would always invite me along. And dad say, you know and Joel would look and smile and they'd say, here have a beer, you know why you're here, right? And I'd say yes, and that's 'cause they were too cheap to buy a dog, somebody would have to go down to the ravine and flush the birds. So, I got to be the guide for a lot of the hunters that were out there. We had wonderful times. I know him as a great friend, as a man of great talents. And the sportsman had no greater advocate. I used to love when Tom Dart and Joel would go at each other on the gun bills. Every day we called those, a whole week in a row at high noon. And they would get together and

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they would... and they would go and... see, they were very impassioned on it; they did things right. He was a great leader and a great spokesman for all of them. The outdoor enthusiast, he became a great director of DNR. And he filled his life and the lives of those around him with a lot of joy. Thank you for sharing."

Speaker Miller: "With leave of the Body, Representative Verschoore has asked for all Members to be added as Sponsors to the Resolution. Leave... leave is granted. The Chair would like to request one minute of si... a moment of silence on behalf of our friend and colleague, Joel Brunsvold. Rest in Peace. Representative Verschoore has moved for adoption of House Joint Resolution 125. All those in favor 'aye'; all those opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. Representative Currie moves that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m. All in favor say 'aye'; all opposed 'nay'. The 'ayes' have it. And now allowing for perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Froehlich, Chairperson from the Committee on State Government Administration reports the following committee action taken on November 17, 2010: recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 1365. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 1491, offered by Representative Yarbrough. House Joint Resolution 127, offered Representative Smith. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First... Correction Introduction and reading of Senate

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concerning revenue. Second Reading. House Bill 1535, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. House Bill 1548, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. House Bill 1550, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Second Reading. House Bill 1565, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading. House Bill 1566, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading. House Bill 1606, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. House Bill 1631, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. House Bill 1644, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. House Bill 1660, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading. House Bill 1698, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading. House Bill 1720, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. House Bill 1760, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. House Bill 1803, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading. House Bill 1846, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading. House Bill 1850, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading. House Bill 1856, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading. House Bill 1935, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. House Bill 1971, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. House Bill 2008, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading. House Bill 2011, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading. House Bill 2095, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Second

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Reading. House Bill 2108, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading. Senate Bills-Second Reading. Senate Bill 389, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading. And Senate Bill 2878, a Bill for an Act concerning law. Correction. A Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."