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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 2063, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2064, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning financial regulation. House Bill 2065, offered by Representative Flowers, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2066, offered by Representative Jakobsson, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. House Bill 2067, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2068, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2069, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2070, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 2071, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning utilities. House Bill 2072, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 2073, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2074, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2075, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2076, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2077, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2078, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2079, offered by

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Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2080, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2081, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2082, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2083, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 2084, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 2085, offered by Representative Crespo, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2086, offered by Representative Monique Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2087, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2088, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2089, offered by Representative Rosenthal, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2090, offered by Representative Barickman, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2091, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 2092, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 2093, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 2094, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act concerning wild life. House Bill 2095, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act concerning veterans. House Bill 2096, offered by Representative Hammond, a Bill for an Act

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concerning transportation. House Bill 2097, offered by Representative Brown, a Bill for an Act concerning state government. House Bill 2098, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act concerning administrative hearings. House Bill 2099, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2100, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2101, offered by Representative McAsey, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2102, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2103, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2104, offered by Representative Rose, a Bill for an Act concerning business. And House Bill 2105, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning health."

Speaker Mautino: "The hour of 12:00 having arrived, the House will be in order. We shall be led in prayer today by Lee Crawford, pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops. Turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Crawford."

Pastor Crawford: "Let us pray. Holy God, who art sovereign in all of Your ways, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God omnipotent, the God omniscient and the God omnipresent. We ask and pray Your blessings upon this august Assembly, Your blessings upon the Speaker of this House, all of its Members. I pray that You impress

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upon their hearts to do that which honors You the most, to do that that brings You glory. I pray as they do Your business this day as they hear the many concerns and the voices of the many constituents that they represent. I pray that You grant them wisdom from on high, to be led by Your most precious spirit that they may do that which is good, they may do that which is the perfect will of God. This we ask in Your Son's name, Amen."

Speaker Mautino: "We'll be led in the Pledge by the Lady from Grundy, Representative Roth."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Bost."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Majority Leader Currie."

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

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Verschoore. Mr. Clerk, take the record. 101 voting 'present', a quorum is present and the House is prepared to do its business. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 84, offered by Representative Gordon. House Resolution 86, offered by Representative Crespo. House Resolution 88, offered by Representative Kay. House Resolution 89, offered

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by Representative Morthland. House Resolution 90, offered by Representative Reboletti. House Resolution 92, offered by Representative Ramey. House Resolution 94, offered by Representative Flowers. House Joint Resolution 12, offered by Representative David Reis. House Joint Resolution 13, offered by Representative Riley and House Joint Resolution 14, offered by Representative Sente."

Speaker Mautino: "On page 3 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Third Reading, appears House Bill 91. Representative Mayfield. Representative Mayfield, would you like to call the Bill? Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 91, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Cook, Representative Mayfield."

Mayfield: "Actually, I'm from Lake County."

Speaker Mautino: "From Lake, actually."

Mayfield: "This Bill basically just provides for a short change on the date for the reporting of this particular report. There are similar reports that are due from DHS around the same time frame and it would provide for better utilization of current staff. It would also provide for a more accurate report because it would be based upon real numbers as opposed to proposed numbers."

Speaker Mautino: "Lady's moved passage of House Bill 91. On that question, the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy."

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

Speaker Mautino: "She indicates she will."

Mayfield: "Yes."

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Eddy: "Representative, I don't know... I don't know if you understand the protocol involved. Apparently, staff... first of all, I got to tell you, I'm a little bit impressed, at this point, that you're standing alone. This is your first Bill."

Mayfield: "Yes."

Eddy: "My understanding is that this is the first Bill that you're presenting to this Body?"

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Eddy: "Wow. Where's your support group? Where is the... you're going to answer the questions?"

Mayfield: "All of my support group is on that side of the aisle."

Eddy: "Come on over. Well, let me first ask you... did you, upon filing of House Bill 91, and by the way, congratulations, too, for getting a House Bill under 100. How did you do that... for your first Bill?"

Mayfield: "Luck."

Eddy: "Luck, okay. Well, I hope you have a lot of luck because that's what you're going to need to pass this."

Mayfield: "Okay. Well, thanks."

Eddy: "Normally, and it has been... and Representative DeLuca, I think, can... can confirm this. Normally, a Representative comes to the House Floor for their first Bill appropriately clad and you... you don't have a red jacket."

Mayfield: "I didn't get that memo. I apologize. I did not get that memo."

Eddy: "Well, let me ask you a question. Then based on the fact that... and you know what, I understand you could just have

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missed that, that's a very technical aspect of first Bill. Would you pull the Bill out of the record, then get a red jacket and then come back and then present the Bill in a manner that... that is a little more acceptable?"

Mayfield: "I would like to say yes, however..."

Eddy: "Well, wait... as an alternative, Representative Randy Ramey is usually able to help out and I think I saw Representative Ramey or some red blur just pass up the center aisle. Perhaps, Representative Ramey can assist you in the proper attire. He has a red jacket available for you, if you don't mind."

Mayfield: "I definitely don't mind. I appreciate the gesture."

Eddy: "Okay. Then we can continue. Representative Ramey, if you don't mind helping the young Lady out. I do have some technical questions related to the Bill. There we go."

Mayfield: "Do I have to don the jacket or can he just stand next to me?"

Eddy: "No, you can put it on."

Mayfield: "I have..."

Eddy: "It's okay to put it on. There you go. Or just put it on. There you go, now."

Mayfield: "In the spirit of camaraderie, thank you, Representative Ramey."

Eddy: "That's much better. Could you, again, now that you're clad appropriately, tell us what your Bill does?"

Mayfield: "Basically what it does... it changes the reporting period for this particular Bill. The Bill was originally due in April, we're asking that it be... I'm sorry. The report was originally due in April; we're asking that it be

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due in October. This would provide for better utilization of the current staff so that... because there are similar reports due at that same time. So, it's a more efficient manner and the report will be based on actual numbers as opposed to proposed numbers. So, when they send the report to the Governor, it will be based on factual data and not proposed data."

Eddy: "Well, it sounds to me like you're stalling."

Mayfield: "No, not at all."

Eddy: "Well, you're asking... do you believe this to be a very, very important report?"

Mayfield: "DHS believes so and I agree, yes."

Eddy: "Then don't you think it would be important that they meet the timeline rather than stall for an additional amount of time?"

Mayfield: "Actually they have been providing this report on time all this... all year. What this would do would be to provide better utilization of their staff because it is a report. There are several reports due in the same time period. So, as opposed to having one report due in April and then having that same group of individuals recompile the report with actual numbers six months later is just not a good use of staff time."

Eddy: "So, you're... you're saying it's better to be more accurate than timely."

Mayfield: "It's better to be proactive and provide efficient data."

Eddy: "That's completely contrary to the way we've been doing business here for... a period of time, so I'm not sure why

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you want to try that type of tactic, but I'll tell you what, I... I think that you'd be better off trying to go for both timeliness and accuracy, and I think and unless and until you try to make that point, we should vote against this legislation, have you bring this back in a manner that's more acceptable so we meet both goals. I'd urge the Body to vote 'no' on this and have the Lady bring it back in a better form."

Mayfield: "Thank you."

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

Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Lady yield?"

Mayfield: "Yes."

Lang: "Thank you. Sir, Sir, Shaw, please, this is important legislation. Representative, again... Hi. It's a very lovely jacket I must say."

Mayfield: "Yes, it is. Thank You."

Lang: "But it would be better if you bought your clothing in the correct size, it seems to me. So, my analysis shows, Representative, that this Bill was originally Representative Will Davis's Bill. Is that correct?"

Mayfield: "That is correct."

Lang: "And how did you happen to steal... get this Bill from him?"

Mayfield: "I was approached by DCFS and in the, you know, in the spirit of efficiency they, you know, wanted the Bill to be presented in a..."

Lang: "So..."

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Mayfield: "No, it's just that his plate was full and mine was not, so as a team member I was happy to take this Bill on and present it for him."

Lang: "So, DCFS came to you, not the original Bill Sponsor."

Mayfield: "Actually, both."

Lang: "And so did you pilfer this Bill from him, Representative?"

Mayfield: "I did not pilfer the Bill. No, I did not."

Lang: "Well, how did this happen? Did you go to him and ask him to sign a slip?"

Mayfield: "After I was approached by DC... DHS, yes, I did. I asked him if he would sign mine."

Lang: "Did you give him something in exchange for this really important Bill that I'm sure..."

Mayfield: "Absolutely not."

Lang: "...will advance your career?"

Mayfield: "Absolutely not, no."

Lang: "No. So he just gave you the Bill for nothing in exchange?"

Mayfield: "That's correct."

Lang: "This doesn't violate any of our rules or any of our ethics laws, Representative?"

Mayfield: "Absolutely not. Spirit of camaraderie. We are a team."

Lang: "All right. So, how did you... The spirit of what?"

Mayfield: "We are a team."

Lang: "Camaraderie?"

Mayfield: "Yes."

Lang: "We have that here?"

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Mayfield: "Yes, we do."

Lang: "I'm not sure. So, why did you pick... October as opposed to any other month?"

Mayfield: "It's because there were several other reports within that reporting period that were due at the same time and it would be... provide for a more efficient use of current staff."

Lang: "This is what you're saying or what you were told, Representative?"

Mayfield: "Actually, I did do some investigation, and it's accurate."

Lang: "So you did some independent research and investigation into this Bill, did you not?"

Mayfield: "Yes, I did."

Lang: "And you decided, on your own, that October was the best month to do this."

Mayfield: "I did not decide that October was the best month, but I did concur that October would be a very efficient time period for the establishment of this report."

Lang: "I see. And will this apply to all five years of the five-year plan?"

Mayfield: "Yes."

Lang: "You're not going to be coming back here next spring asking us to move it back to some other month, are you?"

Mayfield: "No, I will not."

Lang: "Perhaps this would be good around Christmas time. Does it have something to do with the weather?"

Mayfield: "October is a good time."

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Lang: "October is a good time. Referring you to... by the way, you're only changing one word in the entire law, is that correct?"

Mayfield: "Yes."

Lang: "And so this Bill takes one, two, three, four pages. How many trees did you kill just to change this one word, Representative?"

Mayfield: "Well, I'm hoping we didn't kill any trees and that this was actually effective, you know, through electronic media we were able to get a lot of this done without affecting trees."

Lang: "I have it on paper."

Mayfield: "Well, that's because you printed it."

Lang: "Ah. So, it's my fault."

Mayfield: "Well, it was available electronically, so you really didn't have to."

Lang: "You're now blaming me. For... for your error, ruining the environment of the State of Illinois, you're now blaming me?"

Mayfield: "I do apologize."

Lang: "Okay. Well, as long as you apologize. On page 4 of the Bill... Do you have that Bill near you, since you didn't print it out? On page 4 of the Bill it says... shelter has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.3 of the Juvenile Court Act. What does Section 1.3 of the Juvenile Court Act say?"

Mayfield: "I do not know."

Lang: "Well, since you don't know, I agree with Representative Eddy, who's not wearing a tie I noticed, everyone, I

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believe that you should probably take this Bill out of the record. Are you interested in doing that?"

Mayfield: "No."

Lang: "Maybe you need a little more study so you can understand your Bill better, Representative."

Mayfield: "I understand the Bill just fine and where I'm just asking for a change in the reporting date, I do appreciate your comments."

Lang: "Well, just one more question. What if October is not the month we would prefer? Will you accept an Amendment to move this to some other month?"

Mayfield: "Provided that DHS was also in approval and it did not provide for any inefficiencies within that organization."

Lang: "Well, you know, they are not the Sponsor of this Bill, Representative, you are. What if we wanted to amend this Bill to say April? Would that be all right with you?"

Mayfield: "It was originally April and April was not an efficient month."

Lang: "Ah, okay. Well, I'm going to have to reconsider my support of this Bill, but I thank you for answering my questions."

Mayfield: "Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady from Lake, Representative Mayfield moves passage of House Bill 91, which is her first Bill and good luck with that. All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. Voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? I don't know what you said but it seems to be changing. Have all voted who

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wish? Mr. Clerk. Representative Berrios, Representative Collins, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 101 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. House Bill 91 is declared passed. Congratulations, Representative. Page 3 of the Calendar... I would ask that the Members go to their seats and, staff, please retire to the rear of the chamber. On page 4 of the Calendar, under the Order of Agreed Resolutions, is House Resolution 19. Leader Tom Cross. All Members please rise, staff, to the back of the chamber. Give the Gentleman your attention. Mr. Clerk, House Resolution 19."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 19 offered by Representative Cross.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of United States Army Private First Class Andrew N. Meari of Plainfield, who gave his life defending America's freedom on November 1, 2010, in the Zhari district of Kandahar, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari was born on September 14, 1989, in Chicago; he was the son of Denise Meehan of Plainfield and Mahmoud Meari of Grafton, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari attended Drauden Point Middle School and Plainfield South High School; he subsequently earned his diploma from Port Washington High School in Wisconsin, where he graduated early, before joining the U.S. Army in 2008; and

WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

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WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Combat Infantry Badge in recognition of his service; and

WHEREAS, United States and Illinois flags throughout the State flew at half-staff from November 8-10, 2010, as a symbol of mourning and to honor the sacrifice of PFC Andrew Meari; and

WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari will be remembered for his love of country, generous spirit, patriotism, and love for his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, PFC Andrew Meari dedicated his life to defending America's freedom and made the ultimate sacrifice in service to his nation; he will be dearly missed by his mother, Denise (Gerald) Meehan; his father, Mahmoud (Aisha) Meari; his brothers, Ethan and Andrew; his sister, Jenna; his grandmother, Vivienne Williams; his uncle, Todd (Stacie) Williams; his fellow soldiers; and the citizens of a grateful nation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with his family, friends, and the members of a grateful nation, the passing of United States Army Private First Class Andrew N. Meari; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the family of PFC Andrew Meari as a symbol of our sympathy."

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Speaker Mautino: "On the Resolution, the Gentleman from Kendall, Republican Leader, Tom Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to... introduce... up in the gallery... Denise Meehan, who's Andrew's mom. And Denise, I thank you for being here today and Denise was back in my office with her husband Jerry Meehan. Jerry's... to her left. Along with Andrew's brothers, Jerry... I'm sorry, Ethan and also Andrew, they're both there, you guys... raise your hand and Sergeant Michael Smith who is also here... right behind them... providing support to them, as have others... for the last few months. We are... we're very lucky to spend some time, in my opinion, with... Andrew's mom and the others 'cause we got an opportunity to find out what kind of man... a young man, but never-the-less a man, and a strong man Andrew Meari was. And I had an opportunity to spend some time with them along with Representative Stephens, Representative Harris and Representative Bost. And we talked a little bit about... what it meant... to serve in... the capacity he did. And... what had happened and... what it meant to us as a state and as a country. But I said to Denise, what is it we need to know about Andrew, what do people need to know and remember about Andrew? And the first thing she said, or a couple things was, how he smiled, and he always laughed, he was always caring, he was always silly, and he had a good deal of irreverence about him. Which I think kind of struck us all as... how did that irreverence coincide with the life in the Army? And as Denise said, it did, it worked very, very well. But as I looked through some things that were written about Andrew

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the last few days as I was looking through them, his friends talked about this rambunctious personality who had a love of Techno music, and stayed in touch with his friends, even though he was thousands of miles away. One of his friends that he grew up with since he was seven talked about him more as a brother, who wouldn't be ashamed or not be afraid to grab all the kids in the neighborhood and say, 'Let's go play football.' And his love for being a DJ at parties was well-known. But I think the thing that struck me, Denise, about Andrew above all else and the caring is critical and the silliness and irreverence are all beautiful things and things that are so critical to a character of an incredible young man, but she said he always wanted to be a soldier. And he carried with him, while in Afghanistan, a photograph of his grandfather, who was in the Korean War. But the thing that kept coming out, and I read a quote from his Uncle Todd Williams. He loved to joke around and loved to tease, that was big in our family, but he was very protective of his cousins and his family. And then Denise went on to say that, while he always wanted to be a soldier, he always had everyone's back. Not just in the nonmilitary world he lived, but in the military world. And she has a bumper sticker on the back of her car that says, 'If you can't stand behind the troops, stand in front of them.' And I think that speaks volumes about the kind of man and the kind of person he was in the Army and serving this country as if he was a leader and that he was always out front. And he provided comfort to those around him and he protected them and he always had

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our... had their backs. And that, to me, is the sign of an incredible leader. And at the end of our conversation, I think Ron Stephens, I think it was him, said, 'Is there anything else that you're concerned about?' Denise said, 'I don't want him to be forgotten. All those things are fabulous, but I always want to be remembered and don't want to be forgotten.' Well, Denise, as far as we're concerned, here in Illinois, and in this General Assembly and in this state and on behalf of this country and the role this General Assembly plays, Andrew is not going to be forgotten. He's a special... special son, a special brother and a special member of the Army and an incredible human being and an incredible citizen of this state and this country and we will not forget Andrew. So, thank you for... your raising Andrew and making him the man he is and thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to say something about a remarkable young man who served his country exceptionally well and was an incredible son and brother and thank you very, very much."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Resolution, the Gentleman from Jackson, Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't know what I can add to what the Leader just spoke; he did very well. The one thing that I want to say is that he will not be forgotten. But as we talked, there in the Leader's office a while ago, the one thing that many maybe don't understand, but those of us who... It's one thing that those of us who served understand what it's like to be able to be on the call and ready to go. But the harder job I've had than serving, whenever I

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served in the Marine Corps, is the fact that my child serves. So not only do I want to say thank you to Andrew, but I want to say thank you to his mother. No one knows the long nights, the times you worry, the fear you have... Not only is Andrew not to be forgotten, but you, Denise, you're not to be forgotten either. For raising a child, instilling into them the importance and love of this country and the willingness to serve others and that he then gave that ultimate sacrifice. Too many times I think that... that when we talk we... we do remember those people who have served and fallen. And we appreciate that service, but we do need to also remember those parents and those loved ones and spouses that stay here. We thank you for that. We hope that you are able to understand how much we do appreciate that and that... and there's not enough recognition that we can give to your son or to you for what he has done, but with that I do want to say thank you. And I do ask, with the permission of the Leader, that all of us would be added as sponsors of this legislation."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Resolution, the Gentleman from Morgan, Representative Watson."

Watson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You know, it has been said that the United States is the lighthouse of freedom to the world, and I believe that, but I also believe that its brightest light are the members of our Armed Forces. You know, history talks to us about the greatest generation and the sacrifices that this nation has done to send our most precious assets to expand freedoms, not just here, but everywhere. And so, we know all about the greatest

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generation, but I think there is a next greatest generation. Andrew graduated in 2008, two years later, when most of us were in college, this young man puts his life on the line so that people he doesn't even know may have a chance at a smidgen of the freedoms that we enjoy. So I guarantee you that we will not forget and to quote the end of the film Saving Private Ryan, when the Tom Hanks character says, 'Earn this.' We will earn this by making sure his memory lives on. We will earn this by working together to continue to help our veterans. And I hope that you boys will earn this, earn his sacrifice as you continue in life to make him proud. Thank you."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Resolution, the Gentleman from Bond, Representative Stephens."

Stephens: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To... to Denise and the rest of the family here with us today, we... we give you what little of our hearts we can. The... we hope that that is all of our hearts, but we are human and we are frail and we will struggle... we will struggle to... to do honor for your family. But as I got to know your son this morning, a little bit by meeting you and his brothers and the rest of the family, we... I learned a few things that were extremely important to me. First of all that his mother, when asked, 'What can we do?' I'll never forget the look on your face, Denise. As if we were doing something for you, nothing else that I could ask for, you said. You also said that you struggled daily with a question, 'What was it all about, raising this boy?' You raised him from a boy to a man and he made up his own mind about how he would live out his

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life. It was all about him living out his life. I can tell you as a former leader of combat troops, how proud I would've been. I think I served with some men like your son. A little bit irreverent about the military, about life, others maybe, but I also know that when the troops came in and had his radio out with him on the patrol, he was the first one to meet them at the wire and say... as you said, he thought they might have poured sand in the radio and he would take care of his equipment and he was a go-to guy in his squad. He won a few awards. I can tell you that none made him more proud than when, and I bet you were with him when he got the first award, his jump wings. Several members of this Body on each side of the aisle have been awarded those wings. For a young man to then follow that up in combat, to get the Combat Infantry Badge, I can tell you I know how he wore that, that first day because it's... it's not a reward you can work towards. It's an award that you only get when you have faced America's enemies face to face. It's real combat. Those awards are not given lightly. They are not... for the soldiers honored with them like your son was, it really meant something. What was it all about? Too often we stand here and as Denise said we wish that we would never do this again. That's true, isn't it? We wish we would never do it again. But the honor and respect for his country, his nation and his... and for us, that this young man had, cannot be forgotten, will not be forgotten and it inspires others. And I agree with Representative Watson, that greatest generation is the next generation.

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There will always be Americans like Andy because of Andy and his sacrifice, we will not forget him. God bless you."

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

Riley: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For the family, my heartfelt feelings go out to you. I think that you can see the collective grief of this Body, but you can also see the collective pride of all of us for your son. And I did not know your son, but your son... I can see him in my mind's eye. I can see the... the ribbons on his chest. I can see the wings and I can see the Screaming Eagle on his shoulder. And for those who don't know, there are two of the... most revered divisions in the history of this country, of course, the 82nd Airborne All-American and the 101st Airborne Air Assault out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. And I can imagine how proud he was when he did get those wings and when he did get the CIB. And so simply said, when you face that kind of grief, you really feel alone sometimes, but clearly from today, at least at this minute, you have all of us with you. You have... the entire state with you and that's something that we all always want you to know. So, God bless you and God keep you."

Speaker Mautino: "On the Resolution, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Harris."

Harris: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, to be a soldier, to be a sailor, to be a Marine, to be an airman is one of the greatest callings that any person can have in life. Andrew's mother said that since he was five years old he always wanted to be a soldier. It is

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unfortunate that he paid the ultimate sacrifice doing what he loved to do. It is unfortunate that we stand here recognizing that. It is unfortunate that because of our operational strategy around the world, the country's operational strategy, that we may have to stand here again. But to the family, we can tell you this, she was concerned... his mother was concerned... that he would not be forgotten, but she said one thing, which is absolutely so true. She said, 'It is quite possible that six or seven others are alive because of what my son did.' And that is true. There's a phrase that was referred to a little bit earlier and that is you cover your six, an airman would understand that. You cover your back. My sense is that Andrew paid the ultimate price so that his buddies, his fellow soldiers, could be alive. And to the family, we tell you this, our nation, our country, our state, the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division are better because of your son's service and we thank you and him for it."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Cross has asked that all Members be added as Sponsors to the Resolution. And all in favor signify by 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'yesses' have it, in the opinion of the Chair. And the Resolution is adopted. I ask for a moment of silence. On page 2 of the Calendar, under House Bills-Second Reading, is House Bill 21. Representative Sacia. Out of the record. House Bill 93, Representative Franks. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 93, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, House Bill 103, Representative Franks. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 103, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Sacia, House Bill 21. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 21, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 2 of the Calendar, House Bill 111, Representative Unes. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 111, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. House Bill 143, Representative Reitz. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 143, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Osmond, House Bill 156. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 156, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

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Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Winters, House Bill 167. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 167, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Tryon, House Bill 173. Out of the record. Representative Reitz, House Bill 179. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 179, a Bill for an Act concerning libraries. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative McAuliffe, House Bill 196. Out of the record. House Bill 236, Representative Cross. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 236, a Bill for an Act concerning DARE programs. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Franks, House Bill 267. He's in the ba... Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 267, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "House Bill 268, Representative Franks. Mr. Clerk, what's the status of House Bill 267?"

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 267 has been read a second time. It's on the Order of Second Reading."

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Speaker Mautino: "Place that Bill on Third Reading. House Bill 268. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 268, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative Reitz, 274. Out of the record. Representative Cunningham, House Bill 276. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 276, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Representative DeLuca, House Bill 295. Read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 295, a Bill for an Act concerning sex offenders. Second Reading of this House Bill. No Committee Amendments. No Floor Amendments. No Motions are filed."

Speaker Mautino: "Third Reading. Page 3 of the Calendar, appears House Bill 106, under Bills-Third Reading. Representative Jakobsson. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 106, a Bill for an Act concerning children. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Mautino: "Representative Jakobsson on House Bill 106."

Jakobsson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 106 has to do with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act intended to provide relief to parents under severe emotional distress by providing a mechanism to safely and anonymously relinquish their unharmed newborn

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infant. That's already, you know, an Act, but what this Bill does is it would open up the definition of police stations to include university police stations and State Police stations. And it also clarifies that the university police stations should be used only when there's personnel available. So, I would urge an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Mautino: "The Lady has moved passage of House Bill 106. No one seeking recognition, the question is, 'Shall this Bill pass?' All in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Nybo, Reis, Yarbrough, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 101 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 106, having received the Constitutional Majority, is declared passed. Representative Hays, House Bill 153. Representative, on your first Bill? Representative Hays, the Gentleman from Vermilion."

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Mautino: "Please... The Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 153, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Hays: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Bill amends the State Parks Designation Act designating the Harry 'Babe' Woodyard's State Natural Area in Vermilion County as a state natural area, effective immediately. This is an area that was originally given this distinction back in the 1990s in honor of Senator Harry 'Babe' Woodyard. Senator Woodyard

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served in this Body with distinction and then moved over to the Senate. Unfortunately, passed while in the Senate at an age that was much too young. At that point, by gubernatorial distinction, Governor Edgar came out to Vermilion County and designated the Harry 'Babe' Woodyard State Natural Area. And it's been uncovered recently that the statutory paperwork was never completed to make that distinction permanent. And I'm asking this Body today to honor Senator Woodyard by putting that in statute forevermore."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman from Vermilion moves passage of House Bill 153. And on that question, the Gentleman from Jackson, Leader Bost."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates he will."

Bost: "Do you... This is your first Bill?"

Hays: "Yes, Sir."

Bost: "Okay. Was this a Bill that was cleared by Bill Black for you to carry?"

Hays: "Representative Black is very enthusiastic about this Bill. He would term Senator Woodyard as a mentor to him and Representative Black actually took the seat that Representative Woodyard vacated when he moved over to the Senate."

Bost: "Well, I want to let you know that I served with both Representative Black and Senator 'Babe' Woodyard and... and let me also let you know that to carry a Bill like this for your first Bill, because see I would love to go ahead and attack you on this legislation, but I really like 'Babe'

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Woodyard and I know 'Babe' Woodyard. I served with 'Babe' Woodyard and you, Sir, are no 'Babe' Woodyard. Well, maybe in time we'll see how that pans out, but I'm really bothered by the fact because on your first Bill you should be able to be open to... you know, to really analyze a legislation, to really see how you do as far as legislation. And I'd really like to attack you on this, but I really can't because... you know, I know... I knew Babe, I love Babe. It's quite an honor. Representative, maybe I'll just get into you on your second Bill, how about that?"

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion, the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Lang."

Lang: "Thank you. Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Mautino: "He said, no."

Lang: "He's probably wise to do so. Will he yield now?"

Hays: "Absolutely."

Speaker Mautino: "He says, okay."

Lang: "Thank you. Okay's a good answer. Representative... Shaw, how come no matter who I'm talking to you're there? Hello. So, this was Representative Black's Bill previously?"

Hays: "Representative Black did take this up previously, yes."

Lang: "How was he not able to pass it and you have the audacity to think you can?"

Hays: "I wouldn't really presume to... to answer that question. It did come to my attention that the matter was not resolved. So, I had the privilege of serving as mayor of a small community; Senator Woodyard was my Senator. And the respect and reverence with which I hold him led me to bring this back to the floor."

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Lang: "So, what happened to this Bill last year, Sir?"

Hays: "I'm a little unclear on what the final disposition of the Bill last year was, Representative."

Lang: "You think maybe you should take this from the record while you do a little research on the subject. Oh wait, you're getting help. I'll wait patiently, Sir."

Hays: "It was amended as part of a Bill that I understand that you were carrying and... and ultimately that... Amendment did not move."

Lang: "So, it was part of a Bill I was carrying?"

Hays: "That's my understanding."

Lang: "And it didn't pass?"

Hays: "I... That's hard to believe, I know."

Lang: "It is... it's actually hard to believe. Actually I thought it did pass, but we'll... we'll get into that. So, I've always wanted to know, where did he get this nickname 'Babe'?"

Hays: "I would be less than honest if I could tell you that I knew the answer to that."

Lang: "Well, actually, you were just honest, which is more honest than most of the people around here. So, you really don't know, do you?"

Hays: "I don't know."

Lang: "So you don't know where the Bill came from, you stole it from Representative Black, Representative Black couldn't pass it, you don't know much about this guy, you got a nickname in there that could mean anything. It sounds a little provocative to me, Representative, you sure you want this to be part of... of this monument?"

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Hays: "I actually do. I actually know a great deal about the Senator. I had the privilege of having him as my Senator, both as a citizen and as a sitting mayor in his district. As... as you know, Senator Woodyard... Woodyard was a gentleman farmer, he was a terrific outdoorsman, lover of the outdoors, a conservationist. He is someone who having a state natural area named after him is a most fitting tribute to a wonderful public servant in an area that he was really renowned for."

Lang: "Well, actually, I served with Senator Woodyard as well. He's a wonderful man and deserves this tribute, but perhaps this tribute ought to come from someone with a little more... wise in the ways of Springfield. You know? Perhaps... have you checked with Representative Black to see if he's insulted by the fact that you would pick this up?"

Hays: "I... I certainly... I certainly will. I've had the opportunity to communicate with Representative Black and he indicated that the... putting this into statute and having this distinction for his colleague, for as long as Illinois would be chartered as a state, would be a day that he would rejoice in."

Lang: "Last question, Sir. Did you get the affidavit that a retiring Member is supposed to give a new Member who takes a Bill?"

Hays: "I..."

Lang: "You better check with your staff. Representative Black needed to sign an affidavit to turn this Bill over to you, and I don't think you should proceed 'til you get that. We'll wait while he runs down here with it, Sir."

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Hays: "Thank you."

Lang: "That's it? That's all that you have to say, thank you?"

Hays: "I... I... as I indicated, I... I had a thorough discussion with my predecessor in relation to this and he..."

Lang: "That must have taken longer than you would have liked if you had a thorough conversation with him."

Hays: "It was very thorough. As you know, he can be thorough. And he was very pleased that this kind of a Bill would be carried forward as my first Act in keeping in the tradition of honoring a man who spent a good portion of his adult life trying to make this state a better place for all of us."

Lang: "I think you did well, Sir. Thank you very much."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion, the Gentleman from Randolph."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He said, yes."

Reitz: "Representative, I... I kind of came in on the end of the Ag Committee, but I remember you saying something about this was a Bill that Representative Black had, but he was unable to pass and you were going to try to pass it and you were successful in getting it out of committee. Is that true?"

Hays: "We were successful in getting that... it out of committee. I certainly would not have wanted to disparage the terrific record of my predecessor in any way, but for whatever reason, this matter was left undone."

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Reitz: "You have any other Bills that Representative Black was not able to get during his long tenure in the House that you plan on doing in your first year?"

Hays: "There are a couple of other follow-up measures, but I certainly would not characterize those as Bills that the Representative was unable to carry on his own."

Reitz: "We're a little concerned with you trying to show up Representative Black, but... we'll make sure he's aware of this, but... To the Bill. 'Babe' Woodyard was a... a statesman, was a great Legislator for the State of Illinois and did a lot for downstate Illinois for Ag issues and for sportsmen issues and we plan on supporting you on this. And as I said, if you have any other Bills that Representative Black was unable to do that you plan on doing, we'll make sure he gets the message."

Speaker Mautino: "Further discussion? The Gentleman from Knox, Representative Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will Representative Black yield?"

Speaker Mautino: "He said, no."

Moffitt: "It is Representative Black? We keep talking about him, right? Is it his Bill?"

Speaker Mautino: "You know, I didn't see him here, but actually the new Representative on his first Bill, Representative Hays said he'll yield."

Moffitt: "Oh, he will yield. Okay. I do have a question or two. First of all, Representative, we've established that you've followed Bill Black as Representative... as State Representative. When he left here he said he'd completed

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all of his work and now you're saying he hadn't and you had to bring this up. There seems to be a credibility problem here. Was Representative Black's work completed or not?"

Hays: "My understanding is after 25 years of distinguished service that the Representative had given his best effort on all fronts. As some Members of this Body may not know, Representative Black is on the ballot, on this date, running for alderman in the City of Danville, so apparently his work is not complete."

Moffitt: "Well, did... this is really his idea and not yours?"

Hays: "The matter came to my attention as the Department of Conservation uncovered that the paperwork had, in fact, not been completed. As I stated earlier, the ceremony had been commenced back in the late '90s in Vermilion County and we wanted to make sure that we didn't have any ambiguity of what this Body had originally intended or what the Governor back in the late '90s had intended. And we wanted to make sure that every 'i' was dotted and every 't' was crossed, so going forward, what the original intent of this 1100 acres had been would be in statute."

Moffitt: "Did you say how long this would be before... how long this would be in place? How long is... this... this action? How long would it last?"

Hays: "The intent would be that this would be in place for so long as Illinois would be chartered as a state. It would be in place forever in the context of Illinois as a state of this union."

Moffitt: "Are you sure a freshman can pass legislation obligating the state forever?"

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Hays: "You asked that question in committee, an outstanding question. I believe that until someone would bring the matter before this full Body to reverse what we're talking about here today that it would, in fact, be the law of the land into perpetuity."

Moffitt: "Well, Representative, I know if Representative Black was presenting this we would all have a great deal of comfort. I'm concerned that I've not heard from him. I kept my cell phone out here on my desk assuming that he was watching your presentation, expecting a call from former Representative Bill Black. It appears he may have lost interest in it. I didn't receive any communication, any call and still my phone's not ringing. I wonder if maybe he's changed his mind."

Hays: "I... I believe that he would be extraordinarily happy to have this matter come full circle and be put into statute. It may well be the case that he's campaigning."

Moffitt: "Representative, you've held up very well under questioning. I'll withhold judgment. Certainly, if I get a call from former Representative Black, it'd make it easier to decide he's still behind it, this was unfinished business and this needs to happen and that you have the authority. But I will... I'll have to evaluate your responses and if I do not hear from Representative Black, whether or not to vote 'yes'. Thank you."

Hays: "Thank you."

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

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

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Speaker Mautino: "This time he said, yes."

Eddy: "Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, this is an important piece of legislation and if you don't believe me, just ask Representative Hays. Representative, where... where is the boat going to be located?"

Hays: "This particular piece of legislation would not include a gaming provision. This would be a state natural area that would include hiking and fishing and hunting just over 11 hundred acres."

Eddy: "So, this... this... I thought I saw Representative Lang up. I figured this had to do with a gaming Bill. No?"

Hays: "No. This is not related, Sir."

Eddy: "Okay. Well... So, what does it do? It names... have you been to this state park yourself, personally?"

Hays: "Yes, Sir."

Eddy: "You've visited it?"

Hays: "Yes, I have."

Eddy: "Can you describe it?"

Hays: "It is a... it is a natural area that has trees and grasses that would be native to Illinois. It would be an area that would provide... there are 12 endangered or threatened species there, a habitat for 23 forest interior species. There's hiking, there's fishing, there's hunting."

Eddy: "Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah. So how many acres?"

Hays: "1104 acres."

Eddy: "1104 acres. Has that been surveyed?"

Hays: "I believe that it has. I believe the state purchased the ground in 1995 and then Governor Edgar came out and dedicated the ground in 1997."

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Eddy: "So, let me ask this question. In 1995 they surveyed this; it was 1104 acres. My understanding is in 1997 it was designated the Harry 'Babe' Woodyard Natural..."

Hays: "Area."

Eddy: "...Preserve... Yeah. And so, why did it take you 14 years to bring this to the attention of the Illinois House of Representatives, 14 years?"

Hays: "Well, I was elected on November the 2nd, and I'm hoping on this day, the 22 of February, to put it to bed forever. So, I would like the record to reflect that my involvement in this has been rather expedient."

Eddy: "So, that's why it took you 14 years. This is... this is an... you know, I mean, this is important legislation; it shouldn't have had to wait 14 years. I applaud you for finally bringing it to us. I'm really shocked that it took you this long and I'm not sure that we should support this without the actual boat location being part of the legislation, Representative. I think for a first effort this might be average and hopefully we'll see some better work in the future as... as your term here continues because I think... I think Representative Lang has more pertinent questions on other issues."

Hays: "Thank you. I appreciate your perspective and... look forward to the other matter, perhaps, coming back later in the Session."

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

McCarthy: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker I move the previous question."

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Speaker Mautino: "There's been a Motion by the Gentleman that the previous question be put. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed say 'no'. Starting out a new year and guess what, the 'nos' have it. You're not off the hook, Chad. Further discussion? The Gentleman from McHenry, Representative Franks."

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

Speaker Mautino: "He indicates that he will"

Franks: "Can you tell me the genesis of this Bill, Representative? Can you tell me the genesis of this Bill?"

Hays: "Yes. The... it came to my attention that the Department of Conservation had uncovered that the state natural area that had been dedicated in the honor of Senator Harry 'Babe' Woodyard back in the late 1990s had never been reduced to statute in the State Parks Designation Act. This... this Bill seeks to do just that to ensure that the area that has actually been on the Department of Natural Resources website for some time, you can get a full overview of... of the area, is in fact in statute as it should have been... honestly... those many years ago."

Franks: "Are you familiar with the Senator Michael Frerichs?"

Hays: "I am."

Franks: "Have you talked to him about this Bill?"

Hays: "Yes."

Franks: "Okay. Are you aware that Senator Frerichs passed the identical Bill, already in the Senate, last week?"

Hays: "I was aware that it was in committee."

Franks: "Okay. Because that's... we just received a notice from the Secretary of the Senate, Ms. Jill Rock, directed to

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inform the House of Representatives that the House has passed a Bill of the following title, Senate Bill 154. Are you familiar with that Bill?"

Hays: "I believe my Bill was filed first and in focusing on one chamber at a time, my focus on this date is to move it through this chamber."

Franks: "But that wasn't my question, Representative. Are you familiar with Senate Bill 154?"

Hays: "I am familiar with that Bill, yes."

Franks: "Okay. And does that Bill not do exactly what this Bill purports to do?"

Hays: "Yes."

Franks: "And that Bill is already passed, has it not? And it's already here in the House of Representatives."

Hays: "In the Senate... it's my understanding that it has passed in the Senate but not in this Body."

Franks: "But it has passed 50 to nothing in the Senate. So I'm wondering, are you mad at trees? Do you need just to create more paperwork or could you... or could you pick up Senate Bill 154 and pass that one?"

Hays: "I've already picked it up."

Franks: "You will pick that one up?"

Hays: "Yes, Sir."

Franks: "All right. I'll... thank you. Thank you for your humor."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman has moved passage of House Bill 153. And all in favor will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish. Have all voted who wish? Mr. Clerk, take the... Mr.

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Clerk, take the record. 102 voting yes, 0 voting no, 0 voting present, House Bill 153 is declared passed. Congratulations, Representative Hays. Next Bill will be the Gentleman from Crawford, Representative Eddy on House Bill 189. Mr. Clerk, read the Bill."

Clerk Bolin: "House Bill 189, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Third Reading of this House Bill."

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

Eddy: "Thank you, Speaker. House Bill 189 is the result of a task force that was put together last year to study school district mandates and this Bill basically allows for IEPs that call for speech-only services to... not count toward a 30 percent level which would trigger a second teacher in a classroom. It's something that I know of no opposition to. And would be happy to answer any questions and appreciate your support on."

Speaker Mautino: "The Gentleman moves passage of House Bill 189. No one seeking recognition, all in favor will vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Dunkin, Saviano, Sullivan, do you wish to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. 102 voting yes, 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present', House Bill 189 is declared passed. House Bill 275, Representative Reboletti. Out of the record. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Bolin: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 85, offered by Representative Feigenholtz. House Resolution 87, offered by Representative Mell. House Resolution 91, offered by

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Representative Rita. House Resolution 95, offered by Representative Riley."

Speaker Mautino: "Majority Leader Currie moves adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'yeses' have it. Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "Attention, Members. The Elementary & Secondary Education Committee will meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow."

Speaker Mautino: "Allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Majority Leader Currie moves the House stand adjourned 'til Wednesday, February 23 at the hour of 12 noon. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'yeses' have it. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction and reading of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 2840, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2841, offered by Representative Collins, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2842, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2843, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2844, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2845, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2846, offered by Representative Verschoore, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2847, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill

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for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2848, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2849, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2850, offered by Representative Gabel, a Bill for an Act concerning public safety. House Bill 2851, offered by Representative Schmitz, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2852, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2853, offered by Representative Lang, a Bill for an Act to revise the law by combining multiple enactments making technical corrections. House Bill 2854, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2855, offered by Representative Bill Mitchell, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2856, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning children. House Bill 2857, offered by Representative Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2858, offered by Representative Mautino, a Bill for an Act concerning finance. House Bill 2859, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2860, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2861, offered by Representative Beiser, a Bill for an Act concerning wildlife. House Bill 2862, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2863, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2864, offered by Representative Nekritz, a Bill

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for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2865, offered by Representative Poe, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2866, offered by Representative Biss, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2867, offered by Representative Holbrook, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2868, offered by Representative Farnham, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2869, offered by Representative Brauer, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2870, offered by Representative Chapa LaVia, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2871, offered by Representative Hernandez, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2872, offered by Representative Watson, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2873, offered by Representative Yarbrough, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2874, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2875, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2876, offered by Representative Ford, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2877, offered by Representative Dav... William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 2878, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 2879, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning agriculture. House Bill 2880, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2881, offered by Representative

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William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. House Bill 2882, offered by Representative Jones, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2883, offered by Representative Reis, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. House Bill 2884, offered by Representative Sosnowski, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2885, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2886, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2887, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2888, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2889, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning Internet use policies. House Bill 2890, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning education. And House Bill 2891, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendments First Reading. House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 18, offered by Representative Durkin.

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 8.1 to Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

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ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 8.1. PASSAGE OF BILLS WITH A FISCAL IMPACT.

A bill may become law only with the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly if the bill directly: (i) requires the expenditure of any State funds, (ii) decreases the revenues of the State, (iii) requires that units of local government or school districts expend their own funds, (iv) decreases the revenues of units of local government or school districts, or (v) revises the distribution of State funds among units of local government or school districts. However, if the Governor vetoes a bill so passed by returning it with his or her objections to the house in which it originated, then that bill shall not become law unless, upon its return, it is passed by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Likewise, if the Governor returns a bill so passed with specific recommendations for change to the house in which it originated, then those recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Introduction of House Bills-First Reading. House Bill 2892, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House

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Bill 2893, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2894, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. House Bill 2895, offered by Representative Jefferson, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2896, offered by Representative Winters, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2897, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2898, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2899, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 2900, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2901, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2902, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning electric vehicles. House Bill 2903, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. House Bill 2904, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. House Bill 2905, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2906, offered by Representative William Davis, a Bill for an Act concerning health. House Bill 2907, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2908, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2909, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning corrections. House Bill 2910,

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offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2911, offered by Representative Cunningham, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. House Bill 2912, offered by Representative Acevedo, a Bill for an Act concerning vehicles. House Bill 2913, offered by Representative Phelps, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2914, offered by Representative Tracy, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2915, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2916, offered by Representative Tryon, a Bill for an Act concerning the legislature. House Bill 2917, offered by Representative Currie, a Bill for an Act concerning substances. Correction. A... Bill for an Act concerning controlled substances. House Bill 2918, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2919, offered by Representative Saviano, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. House Bill 2920, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2921, offered by Representative Franks, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2922, offered by Representative Hatcher, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2923, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. House Bill 2924, offered by Representative Eddy, a Bill for an Act concerning education. House Bill 2925, offered by Representative Pihos, a Bill for an Act concerning government. House Bill 2926, offered by Representative

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Pritchard, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. House Bill 2927, offered by Representative Mathias, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. House Bill 2928, offered by Representative Kosel, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. House Bill 2929, offered by Representative Senger, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. House Bill 2930, offered by Representative Sente, a Bill for an Act concerning business. House Bill 2931, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. House Bill 2932, offered by Representative Mendoza, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. House Bill 2933, offered by Representative Burns, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Senate Bills—
First Reading. Senate Bill 38, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning professional regulation. First Reading of this Senate Bill. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."