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Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Rules Report. Representative Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following action taken on May 09, 2011: approved for floor consideration, recommends be adopted is Floor Amendment #6 to House Bill 1261, Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1321 and Floor Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1708.

Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We shall be led in prayer today by Pastor Shaun Lewis, who is the Illinois State Director of Capitol Commission serving the political leaders of Illinois, he's the guest of Representative Morrison. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers and rise for the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Pastor Lewis."

Pastor Lewis: "If you would bow with me in prayer. Father in Heaven, Your word tells us in Proverbs 2:6, 'For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding'. And as much is considered today, may our lawmakers look to You for the understanding to rightly apply knowledge and make wise decisions. May they look to You for salvation if they have not done so and may they do what is good and pleasing in Your sight. Thank You for the work that they do on behalf of the 13 million residents of Illinois. Many here today have personal burdens and are very exhausted and I pray that You would uphold them, uphold... uphold the men and women that are here. Give them strength, give them clarity of thought today. Protect they

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and their families as they are away and comfort them while they serve. In Jesus name we pray, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We will be led in the pledge today by Representative Kosel."

Kosel-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 Lang: "Roll Call for Attendance. Representative Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. Please let the record show that Representative Jackson is excused today as is Representative Flowers. Representative Flowers is welcoming her first grandchild, who is a Democratic girl. All right."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that all Republicans are present today."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. One hundred and fourteen Members being present, there is a Quorum. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "Introduction of Resolutions. Referred to the House Committee on Rules is House Resolution 346, offered by Representative Hays."

Speaker Lang: "On page 4 of the Calendar under the Order of Senate Bills-Third Reading there appears Senate Bill 1708, Mr. Biss. Who requests that the Bill be moved back to Second Reading for an Amendment. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1708, Floor Amendment #1 has been approved for consideration."

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Speaker Lang: "Mr. Biss."

Biss: "So, Floor Amendment #1 simply clarifies the Bill to... in a way that addresses some of the questions that came up in committee. I'm happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 4 of the Calendar under the Order of House Bills appears House Bill 1261. Put this on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor and read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1261, Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. Floor Amendment #2 was tabled. Floor Amendment #4 was tabled. Floor Amendment #5 has been adopted to the Bill. Floor Amendment #5... correction, Floor Amendment #6 has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Farnham on Amendment 6."

Farnham: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the House, Floor Amendment #6 is a gut and replace Amendment that becomes the Bill. It deletes the ability of DHS to charge a fee for the comparison of reduced transit fee and senior tax program rosters to updated death records. This change satisfies the costs concerns of the transit agencies and allows the RTA to support the Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes';

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opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill 1362, Mr. Moffitt. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Bill 1362, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Third Reading of this House Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. House Bill 1362 is an initiative of the Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts. This legislation is to... intended to provide an incentive for fire protection districts to be paid in a timely manner for contractual fire services provided. The incentive comes in the form of being able to charge interest and then to be... have their legal fees paid if they have to take it to... to court. This is an amended Bill and removes the intercept portion for state grants that was a concern of some individuals in the Municipal League. Be happy to entertain any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Crespo, D'Amico, Davis, Lyons. Mr. Crespo. Please take the record. On this question, 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Senate Bill 1804, Mr. Mautino. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1804, a Bill for an Act concerning revenue. Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mautino. Gentleman removes the Bill from the record. Senate Bill 1753, Mr. Connelly. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1753, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Connelly."

Connelly: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. Senate Bill 1753 is an initiative of the Illinois State Bar Association. It amends Section 604 of the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act to clarify how a court may assess the parties with a reasonable costs of a courts witness. There's no known opposition, it passed the Senate unanimously. I ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the passage of the Bill. And on that question, the Chair recognizes Mr. Franks."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman yields."

Franks: "Representative, I understand what you're trying to do. I'm looking at our executive summary here. And this would extend a court subpoena power over professional consultants, is that correct?"

Connelly: "I can barely hear you. I think you said, this gives the court subpoena power?"

Franks: "Yes, over professional consultants?"

Connelly: "That's correct."

Franks: "Okay. And we don't have that now?"

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Connelly: "Not at this moment, no. Not in this Section of the Act, no."

Franks: "Okay. And it also, our summary indicates that this provides how much consultants should be paid?"

Connelly: "Come again? I didn't... I didn't hear you?"

Franks: "Does your Bill specify how much the consultants should be paid?"

Connelly: "No, it provides the court with... the court may make the... may allocate it based on ability to pay is... is my understanding."

Franks: "Cause that's a little unclear as I'm reading it. Because our summary indicates that it says that it'll layout... what it says verbatim in our analysis, 'and provides how such consultation should be paid for'. So, is that just laying out which party would pay for it?"

Connelly: "That's... that's correct. It... this case or this... strike that. This Bill emanates from a first district case In re Marriage of Petersen. And in that case, you had an individual whose a doctor, I believe he grossed about \$400,000 and he claimed he couldn't... he didn't have the ability to pay for the fees. And the court... and then his able attorney said there's nothing in this Act that... that really tells the court, you have the ability to assess these costs. And that's why we... we're running this Bill."

Franks: "So, this Bill's a loophole so people with the means won't get around paying their obligations?"

Connelly: "It closes that loophole."

Franks: "Thank you."

Connelly: "Sure."

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Speaker Lang: "Representative Mulligan."

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

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman will yield."

Mulligan: "So Representative, if the court appoints a guardian ad litem for the children or a financial person to go through the assets to determine what actually is there, are you saying that they will then determine which one of the parties will pay?"

Connelly: "The... the court has the ability to make that analysis. And this... this Bill simply codifies that."

Mulligan: "So, it gives the court the authority to actually decide who's going to pay and in law? I mean, they've been doing this for years they did it when I worked in law firm 25 years ago. So, I mean I'm not sure why you need this?"

Connelly: "I had the same reaction when I read the Bill, Representative Mulligan. However, you have very skilled lawyers throughout the State of Illinois who are making arguments that because it's not in the Code the court doesn't have the ability to make this assessment. And that's why we ran the Bill."

Mulligan: "So, then the court will pay for it as opposed to one of the parties or both of the parties if they divide it up?"

Connelly: "The court will make the determination which party pays which part of the costs."

Mulligan: "All right. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Connelly to close."

Connelly: "I ask for an 'aye' vote."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Record yourselves, Members. Chapa LaVia, Gabel. Representative Chapa LaVia. Please take the record. On this question, 114 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Bill, having received a Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. An announcement for the Members, please listen Members to save time and be efficient on the Floor. We're going to begin on page 5 of the Calendar under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, we will go down the Calendar, please be ready for your Amendments or on Second Reading. There will be some Bills skipped because there are Amendments pending or other items. But, please be ready as we go down the Calendar. And we can get through all of these Bills this afternoon. And the first item on this order is Senate Bill 64, Mr. Mathias. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 64, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 86. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 86, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 91, Representative Osmond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 91, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 98, Mr. Nybo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 98, a Bill for an Act concerning elections. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 152, Mr. Saviano. Out of the record. Senate Bill 265, Mr. Mathias. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 265, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 956 on the Order of Mathias. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 956, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1147, Mr. Kay. Mr. Kay. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1147, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1240, Representative Tracy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1240, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1263, Mr. Poe. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1263, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1278, Mr. Phelps. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1278, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1396, Mr. Morthland. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1396, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1553, Representative Osmond. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1553, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1554, Mr. Mathias. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1554, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1361, Representative Golar. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1350, Mr. Saviano. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1350, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill... Senate Bill 1672, Mr. McCarthy. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1672, a Bill for an Act concerning public employee benefits. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House Bill, excuse me... Senate Bill 1699, Representative McAsey. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1699, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1702, Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose. Out of the record. Senate Bill 1755, Mr. Verschoore. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1755, a Bill for an Act concerning local government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1806, Representative Howard. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1806, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1821, Mr. Holbrook. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1821, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1843, Mr. Phelps. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1843, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1948, Representative Hernandez. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1948, a Bill for an Act concerning public aid. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1952, Mr. Reis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1952, a Bill for an Act concerning employment. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2004 on the Order of Mathias. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2004, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2034, Mr. Acevedo. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2034, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2040, Representative Coladipietro. Read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2040, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2064, Mr. Biss.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2064, a Bill for an Act concerning
transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2096, Mr. Schmitz.
Mr. Schmitz. Out of the record. Senate Bill 2123, Mr. Biss.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2123, a Bill for an Act concerning
State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2134, Mr. Eddy.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2134, a Bill for an Act concerning
education. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2145, Mr. Rita.
Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2145, a Bill for an Act concerning
regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions
filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2190, Representative
Dugan. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2190, a Bill for an Act concerning
wildlife. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2267, Representative
Mayfield. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2267, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2288, Representative Nekritz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2288, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 152, Representative Saviano. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 152, a Bill for an Act concerning insurance. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. House (sic-Senate) Bill 1037, Representative Yarbrough. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1037, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1584, Mr. Riley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1584, a Bill for an Act concerning health. Second Reading. Amendment #1 was adopted in committee. No Floor Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1653, Representative Kelly Burke. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1653, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2037, Representative Pihos. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2037, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 11 of the Calendar under the Order of Resolutions appears House Joint Resolution 31, Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution is a continuation of one that we had previously done, which... which would create the Joint Task Force on Turkish and Illinois relations. And we're charged with strengthening continuing the state's friendship business and cultural ties with the Republic of Turkey. Thank you. There are estimated 10,000 people of Turkish ancestry living in Illinois. And international trade between Turkey and Illinois has exceeded over a quarter of a billion dollars in 2009. Last December, I had the privilege of going to Turkey with the State of Illinois and I know many of you have as well. I'd ask for your support of this Resolution."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. There being no debate, those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please record yourselves, Members. Acevedo, Davis, Dugan, Golar, Jefferson, Mendoza, Ramey, Sommer, Winter, please record yourselves, Members. Please take the record. On this question, 105 voting 'yes', 9 voting 'no' and the

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Resolution is adopted. Page 12 of the Calendar, House Resolution 116, Mr. Brauer."

Brauer: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This Resolution just basically honors a long standing family in central Illinois. I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 119, Representative Bill Mitchell. Mr. Bill Mitchell. To your Resolution, Sir."

Mitchell, B.: "I am on top of it. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. The Resolution basically just says that in '06 the General Assembly authorized that the Governor appoint people to economic development and he did not. This just urges the Governor to make those appointments."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 120, Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose. Out of the record. House Resolution 270, Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 270 simply expresses serious concerns about the scope and justification and substance of the Department of Interiors Office for surface mining and reclamation. I'd be glad to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the

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opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 273, Representative Bellock to handle for Representative Cross."

Bellock: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 273 encourages local and state law enforcement agencies in Illinois to educate their law enforcement officers to enforce the Illinois Pedestrian with Disabilities Safety Act. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 280, Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. House Resolution 280 recognizes the good work being done at the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans and encourages the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs to continue to provide support to this institution."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 282, Representative Mayfield. It's your Resolution, Representative."

Mayfield: "Basically we're asking that we designate one week to the Interstitial Lung Disease. This is a childhood disease that has no cure. So, I'd ask for an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lang: "Lady moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. House Resolution 13, Jerry Mitchell. Out of the

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record. Returning to the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading appears Senate Bill 1949, Representative Soto. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1949, a Bill for an Act concerning courts. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Twelve... page 12 of the Calendar under the Order of Resolutions appears House Resolution 253, Representative Will Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. House Resolution 253 is a congratulatory Resolution for the Republic of China, Taiwan, congratulates them on their Centennial of being a democracy from 1911. And as well as does a couple of other very important things and it encourages the United States to include Taiwan in its Visa waiver program because of the number of Visas that have been... the small amount of Visas that have been rejected from that country of individuals wanting to come to the United States. And if they're approved, it will just simply allow individuals from that country to travel to the United States via a passport in the same manner that we have the opportunity to travel there simply using a passport instead of both a Visa and a passport. Be more than happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Resolution is adopted. Returning to page 7 of the Calendar under the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading appears Senate Bill 1923, Representative Will Davis. Please read the Bill."

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Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1923, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 8 of the Calendar Senate Bill 2193, Representative Will Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2193, a Bill for an Act concerning environmental justice. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. On page 6 of the Calendar Senate Bill 1654, Mr. Winters. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1654, a Bill for an Act concerning public utilities. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1856, Mr. Winters. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1856, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 262, Mr. Bradley. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 262, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 1361, Representative Golar. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1361, a Bill for an Act concerning State government. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

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Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Chair recognizes Representative McAsey."

McAsey: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. I rise on a point of personal privilege. I want to draw everyone's attention to my seatmate, Representative John Bradley, who is celebrating his birthday today. Please join me in... in... in congratulating him on his birthday."

Speaker Lang: "Happy Birthday, old timer. Chair recognizes Representative Zalewski."

Zalewski: "Point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "State your point, Sir."

Zalewski: "My suite mate, Mr. Lyons, has yet to... he's indisposed at the moment, but I just want to remind everyone White Sox Caucus is tonight. And they're on a massive three game winning streak. So, now is the time..."

Speaker Lang: "Don't jinx it, Sir."

Zalewski: "...to circle the..."

Speaker Lang: "Don't jinx it."

Zalewski: "...now is the time to circle the wagons and get onboard the bandwagon."

Speaker Lang: "Senate Bill 1321 on the Order of Second Reading, Will Davis. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 1321, a Bill for an Act concerning safety. Second Reading of this Senate Bill. Floor Amendment #1, offered by Representative Davis, has been approved for consideration."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Will Davis. Mr. Davis."

Davis, W.: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As I'm looking... okay, I'm told that Amendment #1 simply deletes the fund

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that was in the original Bill. What we're trying to do is of course make this Bill a little bit more palatable to all the interested parties. There was some initial opposition and we hope that the moves that we've made on this Bill simply have been... are... that are being done are simply help to remove the opposition to it."

Speaker Lang: "Gentleman moves for the adoption of the Amendment. There being no debate, those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Mahoney: "No further Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, what is the status of Senate Bill 1653? Senate Bill 1653 is on the Order of Third Reading."

Speaker Lang: "Please place that Bill on the Order of Second Reading at the request of the Sponsor. On the Order of Senate Bills-Second Reading, Senate Bill 2162, Mr. Sacia. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2162, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Senate Bill 2096, Mr. Schmitz. Please read the Bill."

Clerk Mahoney: "Senate Bill 2096, a Bill for an Act concerning education. Second Reading. No Amendments. No Motions filed."

Speaker Lang: "Third Reading. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Mahoney: "On the Order of Agreed Resolutions is House Resolution 334, offered by Representative Osmond. House

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Resolution 335, House Resolution 336, offered by Representative Osmond. House Resolution 337 and House Resolution 338, offered by Representative Senger. House Resolution 339, offered by Representative Sullivan. House Resolution 340, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 341, offered by Representative Monique Davis. House Resolution 342, offered by Representative Cross. House Resolution 343, offered by Representative Mathias. House Resolution 344, offered by Representative Flowers. House Resolution 345, offered by Representative Madigan. House Resolution 347, offered by Representative Currie. House Resolution 348, offered by Representative Currie. And House Resolution 349, offered by Representative Burke."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Mautino moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it and the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. And now, Representative Currie moves allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 11 at 12 Noon. Let's hold that for a moment, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Mr. Franks."

Franks: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I appreciate that very much and Mr. Mapes, thank you. I just wanted to let the Body know that today is the last day on the... on the floor and a Member of the General Assembly of our very esteemed colleague, Susana Mendoza. Susana will be becoming the City Clerk of Chicago, on the 16th she'll be sworn in. And she'll be dearly, dearly missed. Susana's been... at one time she was the youngest Legislator elected. And she's really

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not that old now. Her... her future is extraordinarily bright. She's been one who has fought tirelessly for her constituents. And I know that there's only going to be better things to come for her. But, Susana I just want you to know how much you're gonna be missed. You're a very close friend, you make it much better to be here. It'll be tough with you not being here. But, I just want you to know how much we wish you such great success. And you're here with your good friend, David. Good to see you on the... on the House floor. But, I just want to let you know that the memory I have most of you, Susana, besides of you fighting on the House floor for things. And I... you know what, when people have retired, I've never gotten up and spoke. I want you to know this is the first I've ever done it. When people have left I've never... never done this for. But, when we... when you and I had the chance to go with your mother and we had to... and when we walked into the Vatican with your mom, that was for me a highlight for me. I just want you to know that. And hopefully we'll still be able to do things like that. But, I just want to let you know how much you're gonna be missed and we wish you much continued success."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Tryon."

Tryon: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to remind everybody that in the Governor's Office today is our Diabetes Coalition for Illinois. And there's a lunch down there if you want to stop in and say hi. I also would like to wish Representative Mendoza a tremendous welcome to her new job. There's no question in my mind that she's gonna be

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fabulous. She'll probably be the best clerk on the planet. She just has that energy about her. And I think that's what I appreciated about working with you the most, is your energy. It was nonstop, it was boundless. And when you were committed, you made it work. And when we disagreed, you made that work too. And so, I just want to say.. I think there are like two words that really like sum you up well and that's class act. And I... I want to tell you congratulations and look forward to working with you in your new role. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Pritchard."

Pritchard: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Will the Sponsor yield for this Resolution? Or are we just recognizing? At any rate, I would like to add my congratulations to this clerk extraordinaire. I expect her to get the city's budget in balance, for there to be harmony in all departments just like she's worked for harmony here on the floor of the Illinois House. I've enjoyed the bipartisan spirit and your enthusiasm and dedicated to serving your constituents. We'll look forward to that in helping run our state from the City of Chicago as well. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Could we have some order in the Chamber, please? Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Susana, I'm gonna miss you probably one of the most people cause you and I have been roommates for such a long time. And.. we slept in separate beds for those of you who are interested. Not all the time, I think maybe once I slept in the bed with you. But, I adore you and the world is at your

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fingertips. You are gonna be amazing in that role and whatever that catapults you into. I am gonna be so honored to see you grow. And I adore David, your... your newest addition. And I just wish all the health and happiness for you in whatever role you take. But, I hope that you always remember that you have a big family here, too and that we stay connected. I also want to invite everybody to Susana's party tonight. Her birthday is this week as well as we're congratulating her on her new position. It's gonna be at Jack Franks' house. It's at 329 South Walnut in Springfield from 7 p.m. till whenever. And everybody got one in their mailbox hopefully. But, come join us and give Suzy a... a good fair well. And Suzy, I... I'm really gonna... I'm really gonna miss you. I got to stop. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Berrios."

Berrios: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I, too, just wanted to stand up and congratulate Susana Mendoza on her new position. From day one before I even got here, she has been a friend and ally and someone willing to help me all along the way. So, thank you very, very much. Congratulations and we're gonna miss you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Bellock."

Bellock: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I just, too, wanted to extend my congratulations to Suzy Mendoza who has been an outstanding Member of the General Assembly. And we just wish you the best of luck and I know someday you're probably gonna be Mayor of that city."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mautino."

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Mautino: "I just wanted to add my congratulations to Susana and also from all the Members in downstate. Your approach to legislation has been refreshing. You worked a Bill harder than most Members that I've seen where you've talked to every person on your Bill and have always gone to get 118 cosponsors. You have taken the time to come down, visit our farms in downstate. You joined with the Farm Bureau in the exchange programs. And we appreciate your dedication and open mindedness to a lot of our legislation as well. We wish you well and know that you will do a tremendous job for the people of the City of Chicago as you have done for the people of the State of Illinois."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Dan Burke."

Burke, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is a rather bittersweet moment for me having had the privilege of sitting next to Representative Mendoza for the last 10 years. I would rather suggest that I had a small part in her matriculation through this process, but any of us that understand Susana and know her, would understand that very often no one could make recommendations to Susana Mendoza. She's gonna do it on her own, and she's going to see it through. And she's going to be relentless in her view and her accomplishing a goal. And as Representative Bellock suggested a moment ago that she might be in someday coming to as Mayor of the City of Chicago, I said Patty let's go a little further. She might be coming back as Governor one day. If we know Susana, we know that she is going to do one heck of a job for the City of Chicago. And certainly, I'm sure that we are not going to miss Susana because she's

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going to be coming back to us as the City Clerk of Chicago seeking to offer recommendations for legislation that are good for not only our constituents, but for the entire State of Illinois. Susana, I'm gonna miss you desperately, but you're not gonna be too far. And I want to wish you all the best that the world has to offer. And I know you're gonna do one outstanding job for the City of Chicago. All the best."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Soto."

Soto: "My turn. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Susana, I have nothing but good things to say about you. I wish you the very best, my little Chiquita. We're gonna miss you here. I know you're gonna do wonderful, the way you've done here. Again, I just wish you the very, very best. If ever there's anything I can do for you, you know that I'll be there for you. Thank you, Susana. You're the best."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Mathias."

Mathias: "Susana, you are going to be missed here. I'm only sorry that we're gonna be in session next week so that we can't be at your swearing in, but I hope you send pictures. You've been a great inspiration to me as to how to work a Bill hard and... and to tell everyone, you know, your... what the Bill does. And... and your enthusiasm, your spirit just rubs off on everybody here. And it just, I think a Legislator like yourself just comes along once in a great while. And it's not just easy Bills, you have worked diligently on some of the toughest measures here. And even if they don't pass the first time, you continue to work on them and you know, you really are a model for all

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legislators across the... the country to see. So, congratulations and I know you'll do the same thing in your new office."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Eddy."

Eddy: "Thank you. Susana, just very briefly I want to join those who have paid tribute to you. I... I know how hard you work. I remember, I don't know it's been several years ago, the first... the first issue we dealt with you and I had a Bill that you had regarding breakfast, expansion of a breakfast program. And the issue was whether or not we could do it as a... as a way that would be in the least harm to school districts as a mandate. And I remember mostly your spirit about there has got to be a way to do this, there's gotta be a way. We'll work on a way. There's... there's a way to get this children breakfast. And you didn't give up on what you thought to be the best interest of those children. And we were able to craft something that's worked very, very well for the last several years. And hundreds and thousands of young people are getting free breakfast at schools that wouldn't have otherwise received those breakfasts had you not had that attitude of there's gotta be a way we can work this out. Congratulations on that. That's just one of... of many of your accomplishments here with that same spirit. I know you're gonna take that spirit with you to the Clerk's Office and wherever you go. Congratulations. And hopefully we'll see a lot more of you around here in the years to come."

Speaker Lang: "Representative McAsey."

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McAsey: "Thank you. I just want to rise and congratulate Susana. I will miss you so very much down here. I've enjoyed getting to know you and working together to bring justice to crime victims. But, I rise especially because as the Representative of the 85 District, the Representative of Bolingbrook where Susana has her roots, I want to congratulate you not only personally, but on behalf of all of the people of Bolingbrook who are so excited to see all that you've accomplished, and are eager to see what you will be doing next. Congratulations."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Arroyo."

Arroyo: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ms. Mendoza, I'm very proud to see the first Latino woman to come to the City Clerk. The Latino Caucus was also instrumental in helping a previous City Clerk, Miguel De Valle to become the City Clerk. But, I think that the females, the Latino females, are a little tougher. I think that you're gonna do a little bit better than Miguel, which he did a good job, but if you run the City Clerk like you ran your Bills here and helped us with the death penalty, I think that you're gonna do a fantastic job, Susana. Thank you very much. I look forward to working with you in the City Clerks Office."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Yarbrough."

Yarbrough: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is from the Karen's of your class, Susana. We just looked around and noticed that we started off with 12 and now we are 4? Whatever are we to do? But, we just wanted to join in the chorus today to thank you for, you know, be a rising star in our class and for standing up for the things that you believed in and

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working hard. You're innovative, you're smart, you know how to get things done. You know how to work with other people and that's what it takes to do this job well."

May: "And Susana, you have really grown so much over the years. Your first Bill you had a GI JOE and a helmet and a flack jacket or something. And... and you... you weren't afraid to tackle it and stand up in what you believed. But, you have grown so much. You are terrific. You and your momma, we've gone other places together. It's been such a pleasure to work with you as a classmate and as a Member of the General Assembly. We're gonna miss you, but we really are proud of you and wish you well. From the Karen's."

Yarbrough: "From the Karen's."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair will ignore that violation of House Rules. Representative Hernandez."

Hernandez: "Representative Mendoza, now City Clerk, I just want to give you a special congratulations. You know, when we... when I first came to the House we... we weren't always on the same page. Let's put it that way. But, once I came into office, you were the first one to welcome me and made me feel comfortable. And I appreciate that. And as I worked with you here in the House, I really grew to respect you cause I can see what a fighter you are and really how smart, articulate woman who can really make the difference. And you being there at the City Clerk, I know you're gonna make a difference. So, we're proud of you. Being Latina, it means a lot. And I wish you all the best sincerely."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reitz."

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Reitz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Susana, I'll join in with everyone else and echo their sentiments. You're a tremendously hard worker. We had a lot of great times together. Tell your mom, hi. I know we're all proud of you, but she's especially proud of you. So, good luck and congratulations. I'm sure you'll do a great job."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Brady."

Brady: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Susana, from... I guess I'm the only male left in our class. I don't know what that says. But, I can remember when you first came down and you were camped out in front of filing our petitions that day and we first met. And since that time, the smile on your face, the song in your heart, the twinkle in your eye, the bubble in your personality and the way you've treated everybody with respect around the General Assembly is something that we all should take a page out of your book about. The people of Chicago are very lucky to have you, I'm very lucky to consider you my friend and my colleague. God bless you. Best wishes."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Rose."

Rose: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good luck. When we first came over, when I first came over as a freshman you took our freshman class under your wing, organized a couple of dinners, showed up around and introduced us to people. Your kindness and generosity and frankly, enthusiasm for life showed through. And I... I wish you the best, Susana. We're gonna miss you here, but I'm sure one of these days I'll see you on P90X with Aaron Schock, our mutual friend. I

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won't be on it for obvious reasons, but we'll see you on it. So, good luck, Susana. See ya later."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Susana, just... what a pleasure it's been to work with you. I just want to second all those accolades. But, when we... when I go back to the district we see articles in the press about why can't you folks just learn to work together? And you have set the bar very high on what it means to work in a bipartisan manner. And you're the first person I know that... maybe the only person that actually went out and campaigned for someone on our side of the aisle and did cut TV commercials. And I commend you for that. You put the interest of the state above all else. That individual just happens to be on the cover of a national magazine, Congressman Aaron Schock. But, you were willing to stand up for him and... and really help him. So, there's two of you who I know we're going to hear a lot more of. But, thank you... we are honored... we're a better Body here because you're served. The state's a better place because of your service. And thank you for the example that you've set. Godspeed."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Monique Davis."

Davis, M.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Susana, I want to say congratulations to you. And I mean from the... in the biggest way. I learned from you that there's always the next issue. Even though we disagreed on many issues, we always knew that a new issue would be coming the next day or so. I encourage you to continue to be the very best that you can and have a wonderful career as City Clerk. I think you're

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the first woman City Clerk in our city and I want to congratulate you on that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Feigenholtz."

Feigenholtz: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, too, rise to wish my colleague the best. I'm excited to see her serving in a leadership position in the City of Chicago. We all have extraordinary memories of Susana Mendoza. But, I think the overarching things that we're all gonna remember about her is that she really does raise the bar for people in elected office who have the past few years really suffered a blow to our images and our reputation. I think her positive attitude, her forward thinking, and it is going to take her very, very far beyond the dome in Springfield to places that we can't hardly imagine or dream of. Susana, we will miss your spirit here, your can do attitude and we will all have our eye on you with only the best blessings. Thank you for touching our lives here in Springfield and doing what you've done."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Dunkin."

Dunkin: "I, too, rise in support and congratulations to Susana Mendoza. You are a person who... whom I've observed and you're someone who really, if you want to learn how to work a Bill watch... watch and observe Susana Mendoza. I mean, she will work a Bill from start to finish. And if you disagree with her or you don't necessarily see eye to eye, she'll be back to see where you are. I mean, you epitomize really sort of working this floor and being concerned, right or wrong, on the issue. But, I respect you for it and you're a

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go getter. Congratulations. And we'll see you up in Chicago."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Greg Harris."

Harris, G.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And Susana, there are a lot of us who have known you, who want to thank you for your service. But, there are a lot of people who will never know you, never meet you and probably never know your name who are grateful for the service you've given here. And I speak in particular about all the children that have gone through Children's Memorial Hospital. And you have been an angel to that hospital and to those little babies who probably would not have survived, who've not gotten to the pediatric ICU, if it had not been for your work. And somewhere, someplace all their families are very grateful you were here, too. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Turner."

Turner: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise just to join everyone else in congratulating Susana on your City Clerk position. I think it's wonderful. Although I didn't have the privilege of serving with you for a great deal of time, as a freshman Legislator it's been... your work ethic has been the blueprint on how to, like everyone else has mentioned before, work a Bill and go across on both sides of the aisle and really include everybody. So, I'm sure I'll be seeing more of you in the city. And I just want to congratulate you again. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "And now, let for one final word on the House floor, Representative Susana Mendoza."

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Mendoza: "Sara says, don't cry, maintain. Ladies and Gentlemen, it's been a real distinct pleasure to serve here. I want to start off by just saying thank you to everybody who... thank you to everyone who got up and... and shared some well wishes with me... words of well wishes. This is not an easy... this is not an easy moment for me today. Sara, shut up. I'm not one to cry often, very seldom. But, today is very bittersweet for me. I want to thank all of you for years of friendship, years of mentoring me and everything I've learned which hopefully will be put to good use in my new position as City Clerk. Walking up to these steps today, taking that back elevator, which I frankly love, going into my parking spot for the last time is tough because I really, really love serving in this Chamber. And one of the primary reasons is, of course, because of the people that I get to serve with. So, I feel very lucky blessed that I've had 11... 10 years, this is my 11th, of working in a dream job that frankly many, many people don't ever get the opportunity to go and so many would love to have. We are very blessed. Every single one of us that's in this Chamber, that there are people who believe in us to the extent that they would trust their family's future, their health, their educational opportunities, their employment opportunities and so many other things to us. I mean if that's not humbling, I don't what is. And so, for me it's been a dignified honor, frankly, to be able to represent the people of the 1st District. And ultimately all of us in a large capacity represent every single citizen in this state and every single resident and every single person who

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breathes and eats and hopes for those things that we would hope for ourselves and our families. So, it's just been awesome to work here. And my leaving today is not something that is actually exciting for me. I'm excited about this new opportunity, but I was not itching to leave this Chamber. And when people ask me oftentimes, how is it working in that mess over there or oh my God, you still like it? I'll bet you're gonna be so happy to not have that three hour ride. I mean, honestly my answer surprises everybody because I love the three hour ride, you get a lot of work done. Ever since the invention of hands free devices. And... and actually, love coming to work to Springfield even in this whole mess because I think all of us are here because we like to be challenged and we like to try to find solutions and we like to work. And if you like those elements then frankly, I don't know how you couldn't love to be here. But, as you know we don't always get these other opportunities in our lifetime. And when the City Clerk's spot opened up, I thought you know this is a great opportunity. And it's an opportunity for me to try to improve upon the skill set that I've achieved here with the help of all of you, frankly. And it's an opportunity for me to prove to myself that type of managerial leader that I think I can be. And it's an opportunity for me to try to do a lot more for the people of Chicago in an office that they might even understand has any value frankly. I see that as a great challenge, I see it as a tremendous opportunity to... to do great things. And in my mind, I know what I want to do and now it's just a matter of putting it in to action

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and making it happen. And for those of you that have served with me and know how relentless I can be on a Bill, that's the same type of drive and relentlessness that I intend to bring with my whole heart and every little bit of me into the new... the new career path that I've chosen. And so, I want to thank you all for your help in helping me get there because without the experiences that I've had here over the last 11 years I would not be the best person I think eligible to represent the people of Chicago in this new capacity. And I feel right now that without a doubt, I'm so ready to go. Not ready to leave here, but ready to go and try this new adventure and do a great job. My... my goal is to continue to be an elected official that I can be proud of myself, but also most importantly that other people can look to and feel proud that this individual is trying to do the best job they can to represent them. And so, I want to thank you all for your friendship over the years. Thank you, especially of course today, to those of you who got up and spoke. To Dan Burke who has been my greatest mentor in this Chamber since the day I walked in. Obviously to Linda who I know tried embarrassing me by saying that we sleep together, but yes it is in separate beds, of course. She's my roommate and I adore her. She's my sister, frankly. To Jack, who is more than a colleague here. He's a member of my family. And while he never votes with the Dems, you know, I'm hoping maybe one of these days he will. And to, you know, Sara... there's just so many, I... I can't continue with all the name... name dropping here. But, what I will say is that I have friends on both sides of this aisle. And

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folks on the Democratic side came through for me huge in my run for City Clerk and folks on the Republican side for me came through huge in my run for City Clerk. And I will forever be appreciative. You know, guys like Mark Beaubien, who were instrumental I would say in helping drum up that support for me with the Republicans. And I know some of you have taken a lot of heat for helping a Democrat try to achieve a, you know, the ability to be able to represent Chicagoans. And you know, I apologize for those folks who have had a little bit of heat put on them, that anybody would actually think that it's a bad thing for people to work together and across the aisle. But, that's the reality of life. And I would encourage you to continue to support people on both sides. Because it's about choosing the right people who are gonna do the best job for the people of this state. And while I'm a very proud Democrat, I'm also very, very proud to count on my list of close dear friends many Members, if not all the Members, on the other side of the aisle. And so, I want to thank you all because all of you have helped shape the person that I am today. And on behalf of my family, on behalf of my... my constituents, thank you. Thank you for the pleasure and the honor of serving with you and for your love to me and the help that you've given me over the years. And I know the Speaker's not in the Chamber, but I certainly owe a huge debt of gratitude to Speaker Madigan as well for all of his support over the years. And I remember, we didn't probably start off on the best foot. But, certainly over the course of my tenure I have learned so much from... from him. And I am so

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appreciative for his Leadership and guidance as well for me on a personal level and professional level, of course. And so, thank you guys. I'm really gonna miss you, starting to recollect here myself and I'm not gonna cry anymore. But, I hope you can all show up for a little while to my party tonight. You know, bring some booze cause I'm gonna need it. And I have... I have a designated driver. So, you know if the media is listening, don't worry cause I'm not driving. But, I will be celebrating tonight the 11 years that I've been here with all of you. And I look forward to this, of course, just being the beginning of an opportunity for all of you to come visit me at 121 North LaSalle on the 1st floor. I have a very nice office. And you're all invited to be a part of that anytime that you would like. Although I will say that just because you got up to speak, does not mean that you're getting a job, ok? So, if anyone of you were thinking of that those days are over. But, I love you very much. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. It's been an honor, a pleasure and really my greatest honor... my greatest honor to my... of my entire life, frankly, to have served in this Chamber and to have served in this Chamber with you and to have been a part of your life in whatever context that was. Thank you very much. God bless you, and I love you guys."

Speaker Lang: "And now, allowing Perfunctory time for the Clerk Representative Currie moves that the House stand adjourned until Wednesday, May 11th at 12 Noon. All in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair the 'ayes'

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have it and the Motion carries. And the House stands adjourned."

Clerk Mahoney: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Committee Reports. Representative Hernandez, Chairperson from the Committee on Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2011: do pass as amended Short Debate House Bill 327. Representative Dugan, Chairperson from the Committee on Agriculture & Conservation reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2011: do pass as amended Short Debate Senate Bill 1637; recommends be adopted House Resolution 271. Representative Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2011: do pass Short Debate Senate Bill 1544, Senate Bill 1555, Senate Bill 1607. Representative Zalewski, Chairperson from the Committee on Elections & Campaign Reform reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2011: do pass Standard Debate Senate Bill 1586. Representative Riley, Chairperson from the Committee on Cities & Villages reports the following committee action taken on May 10, 2011: do pass as amended Short Debate Senate Bill 2139. Introduction and reading of Senate Bill-First Reading. Senate Bill 745, offered by Representative Mayfield, a Bill for an Act concerning gaming. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."