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Speaker Lang: "The House will be in order. Members will be in their chairs. We'll be led in prayer today by Pastor Gary Grogan, who's with the Stone Creek Church in Urbana, Illinois. Pastor Grogan is the guest of Representative Jakobsson. Members and guests are asked to refrain from starting their laptops and turn off all cell phones and rise for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Grogan."

Pastor Grogan: "Thank you, Speaker and thank you, Naomi, for this opportunity. Let us pray together. Lord, we thank You for public servants. We thank You for people who are willing to serve in the midst of criticism and people who do not always understand those who are leaders among us who are doing the best they can. And we pray, Lord, that You would help us to do the best we can. Help us with our many problems. We realize that we need You. We realize that we are dependent upon You. In and of ourselves, we can do nothing that will have eternal value. Help us to make a difference in peoples' lives, especially those who live below the breadline. Help us to care for the disenfranchised, help us to care for those who just struggle to live a life. We pray that You would bless us. We asked that You would help us. We confess our need of You. We confess our sins, our inequities, our shortcomings. Lord, You told us to pray for those in authority over us that we would live a quiet and peaceable life. So, I pray that You would bless these Representatives of the people as they serve the people, You would bless their families, You would protect them from evil, from evil people, evil

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influence that would try to cause them or their family members harm. We pray for those today who are perhaps not among us because of sicknesses, challenges, health issues, that You administer to them and comfort them and help them. We pray for unity, Lord. You said that when Your people dwell together in unity it is a powerful force. It is like the oil that was poured down upon Aaron and ran down his beard and onto his robe. We pray, Lord, that there would be unity, that things would be accomplished. The things that need to be done would be done for the sake of our state. That our state would be blessed; people would move into our state not out of our state. That we would not deny our problems, but we would deal with our problems. Thank You for good people here today, again, for these public servants. May they be greatly encouraged, may they know that they are respected, honored, and prayed for. We love You, Lord. We pray this in Your name, Amen."

Speaker Lang: "We'll be led in the Pledge today by Representative Halbrook."

Halbrook - 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 reflect the excused absence of Representative Lyons."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Bost, in a new location."

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Bost: "Why, yes, Mr. Speaker. When Representative Lyons was in the Chair, he had trouble finding me yesterday, too, but yes, I'm in a new location. And on the Republican side of the aisle, Representative McAuliffe, Sommer, and Tryon are excused today."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Will this change your outlook on anything now that you're up closer?"

Bost: "I'm looking for a new... new positive attitude. How about that?"

Speaker Lang: "We are too, Sir."

Bost: "Okay."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk, please take the record. 113 Members being present, the House is ready to do the work of the people. The Chair recognizes Mr. Beiser."

Beiser: "Thank you, Mr. Chair. I rise for a point of personal privilege, two of them."

Speaker Lang: "Please... please state both points, Sir."

Beiser: "First of all, I'd like to welcome to Springfield 10 members of Marquette Catholic High School, my high school that I graduated from. They are here representing... they are students that are against destructive decisions and their peer leaders. Like I said, they're from Alton, Illinois, my hometown. They are the 2011 and 2012 Operation Teen Safe Driving first place winning campaign that's sponsored by IDOT, Ford and Allstate. And they... they are here advocating and as they do in our communities about prevention. Prevention's the key to preventing youth and adults from making bad choices. I want to welcome to Springfield..."

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welcome to Springfield and thank them for their help with these prevention causes. Thanks very much for being here."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Glad to have you here. Please proceed, Mr. Beiser."

Beiser: "In... on a more serious note, I'm not... not the prevention and everything. I'm very much glad to have them here, but on a... on a note that I want this Body to take leave of and pay attention to. On March 30, we passed a Resolution, House Resolution 826 and this Resolution was brought to me by a group of fifth graders from Columbus School in Evansville, as a result of a... the remembrance that we had in the St. Louis area on... for honoring the men and women who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. And what this Resolution did, by this Body, it says that today, April 18, we commemorate as Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day in the State of Illinois as a way of remembering the men and women from Illinois who bravely served in those wars and unfortunately those who some have lost their lives. So, I want to thank the fifth graders from Columbus Elementary School in Evansville, their teacher Matt Maddox and I would like also to say as one member of all the members of Illinois that have served and some of our own Members here in this Body, thank you from the bottom of our hearts for protecting our freedoms and for serving our country. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Mr. Beiser. The Chair recognizes Representative Currie for a Motion."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I move to suspend the posting requirements so that HR849 may be heard."

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Speaker Lang: "Those in favor of the Lady's Motion say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Motion is adopted. Under Agreed Resolutions, on page 6 of the Calendar, appears House Resolution 931, Representative Hatcher. Please give Representative Hatcher your attention. Ladies and Gentlemen, please. Please proceed, Representative."

Hatcher: "Thank you. Ladies and Gentlemen, if we could stand in observance, House Resolution 931 attends to Christopher Patterson. And while there are many words that will tell you the official duties that Christopher did in honor of the United States and Illinois, the fact is, Christopher Patterson was a son and a grandson like all of us have in our communities. Christopher Patterson was a musician that became a soldier. He was a young man who didn't have to deploy, but he did just to help his fellow trainees. And he quickly became the Radar O'Reilly of his troop. He could fix anything, but it was no surprise. His versatile talents had led his young and talented life to many vocations and he thought about being a chef and he thought about being a chaplain, but in the end, music won his heart. He learned to love music at Aurora West High and like many youngsters, he traveled to Valparaiso and joined the ROTC to play for college. There are many endearing traits that his family relives every day. Chris was famous for his walk and if you can imagine a blend between John Wayne and John Travolta. He loved stuffed animals and had a favorite teddy bear by his side on that fateful day when his mine resistant ambush protected vehicle shattered around him. He was a natural character builder. Chris was part of the team that cleared

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the roadways for troops and villagers to travel. And a light in the day, he instituted chocolate muffin breaks for his teammates every morning at 10 a.m. It was chocolate muffin time when he and three friends hit the trip pad that took their lives. Chris was strong in his faith and many young men and women have stepped forward to tell the story about how this young man changed their lives through his quiet ministry. What greater legacy could any of us leave? What do you say to a family that journeys to Springfield to honor their son's sacrifice following his 21st birthday? You say thank you; you say well done; you say your state and your nation will never forget Chris's commitment to his God and his country and his music. And I would ask you to honor his family who stands behind us, the Patterson family."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you, Representative. David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I'd like to take just a moment to say a few words about Christopher, a service member, a young man that I never met, but the one clear distinguishing characteristic that he had that stands out in my mind is that he was a guardsman. And what does that mean? Now, he wasn't a member of the Illinois National Guard; he was a member of the Indiana National Guard, but he was a guardsman. He served his state, he served his country and as Representative Hatcher just said, when the call came to deploy, he did not hesitate, he did not shirk his duty, he went. And I want to tell you a little story. When I mobilized thousands of Illinois National Guardsmen to serve

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in Iraq, many of them were college students who, because of the screwups in Washington, D.C., got the message on Friday afternoon that they had to be at their mobilization station Monday morning. These are students in college; they were guardsmen. Many of them could have asked for, not a deferment, but could have delayed it. But of the thousands, only eight, for very personal reasons, said I cannot deploy. The headline that I read when this fine soldier lost his life was that he wanted to serve and he paid the ultimate sacrifice in serving. He was a guardsman. We should all be proud of that. His family has suffered a great loss. I'm glad that we were able to recognize him here on the House Floor. May he rest in peace."

Speaker Lang: "To honor Christopher's memory, a moment of silence. Representative Hatcher now moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. Mr. Moffitt."

Moffitt: "Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And unrelated, but thank the Body for that recognition that just took place. What I'd like to do is take a moment, if you would, we have up in the gallery twenty-two 4-H members from the Illinois 4-H Youth Leadership Team and the Speaking for Illinois 4-H program. They're visiting Members of the House and Senate. These youth repre... are from 12 different counties throughout the state, but are representing almost 200 thousand 4-H participants from all 102 counties. Accompanying these youth are Bill Million and Deb Stocker, extension specialists from the state 4-H office. Would they

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please stand and could we give them a welcome to Springfield, the 4-H members."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome to Springfield. Mr. Schmitz. Mr. Schmitz, your light was on. Do you still wish to speak? Don't hurt yourself, Sir, take your time."

Schmitz: "Thank you, Speaker. I did have my light on. I shut it off for the honor of the... this soldier, but if the Speaker would allow, I do have a point of personal privilege. Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, also, and to follow Representative Beiser's statement a minute ago, I, too, have some students here regarding the Operation Teen Safe Driving program from Dundee-Crown High School and I see them up there in the gallery. So, if the House could please give them a warm welcome. These young men and women from this high school are working hard with their other students, not only in their school but in their neighboring schools, promoting safe driving for our teens which is good for all of us. So, I thank them for their work and their dedication and please give them a round of applause. You see them up over the gallery."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you very much. The Chair recognizes Mr. Dunkin."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point, Sir."

Dunkin: "Today, Ladies and Gentlemen, right to this section over here. Stand on up. We have the trustee Jim Lee, we have trustee and former State Representative Bob Biggins in the audience and we have the President Sharon Hahs... Dr.



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Sharon Hahs from Northeastern Illinois University. Welcome to our House of Representatives. Thank you all. Let's give them a round of applause."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you. Welcome to Springfield, especially Mr. Biggins. It's good to see you, Sir. Representative Howard."

Howard: "Yes. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. We have a number of very special people who have come to visit us today and two of those represent the Illinois Drug Education Alliance. Please help me welcome Kay Horsch who is from Champaign and Scott Horsch who is from Representative Pritchard's district. Representative Pritchard is not in the room, so I said that I would recognize them. Please welcome them to Springfield."

Speaker Lang: "Welcome and thank you for being here. Speaker Madigan in the Chair."

Speaker Madigan: "Ladies and Gentlemen, if everyone could please take their seat. If the staff would retire to the rear of the chamber, we have a special guest today. All right, Ladies and Gentlemen, today we're very honored to have with us the Counsel General from Australia to Chicago in the Midwest Region. The Honorable Roger Price is a former Australian parliamentarian. He was elected as a member of the Australian House of Representatives in the 1984 election for the Australian Labor Party until his retirement at the 2010 Federal Election. He has been a member of numerous standing committees and oversees parliamentary delegations including the Joint Foreign Affairs Defense and Trade Committee from May of 1993 to

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August of 2004. He chaired this committee from June of 1995 to January of 1996. Mr. Price served as Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister Hawke and later to Defense for... to the Minister for Defense Ray. He served as Chief Opposition Whip and following the 2007 election, Chief Government Whip. Mr. Price was educated at the New South Wales Institute of Technology, now the University of Technology, Sydney and was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Law... Doctor of Letters by the University of Western Sydney. He was an alderman on the Blacktown City Council from 1981 'til 1987, served as Deputy Mayor in 1984 and '85. Prior to entering Parliament, he was employed by Telstra as an account manager. He is married and has four adult children and his wife Robyn has joined us today. So, let me give you, with great pleasure and distinction, the Consul General from Australia, Mr. Roger Price."

Consul General Price: "Speaker Madigan, Leaders Currie and Cross, Honorable Members of the House, thank you for the honor and privilege of addressing you here today. Last weekend I had the good fortune to be in Washington, D.C. Like countless Americans and international visitors, I was overawed by the grandeur of the Lincoln Memorial. I also saw the memorial for the fallen soldiers of World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific as well as seeing the iconic memorial of soldiers raising the pac... raising the flag, the American flag, at Iwo Jima. I was disappointed not to be able to see the Korean and Vietnam Memorials although I had seen the latter in a documentary. The United States of America and Australia have spilled blood together in every

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single conflict, significant conflict in the last century and we continue to do so today. It was after the fall of Singapore in World War II that Australia turned to the United States thus beginning a deep and abiding partnership which was cemented 10 years later in the ANZUS Treaty. Last year saw the 60th anniversary of that very treaty. In March 2011, the Prime Minister Gillard was accorded the honor of addressing a joint sitting of the Congress. This was then followed in November by a visit to Australia by President Obama where he enjoyed a rapturous welcome and used the Australian vernacular like a real pro. During President's visit, new initiatives were announced about stationing U.S. Marines in Darwin in the north of Australia and increase exercises between the United States and the Australian Air Forces. Our strategic military alliance has not stagnated in the last century and continues to grow and develop in the new century to meet ever-changing international demands. As Prime Minister Gillard said, America has a true friend and an ally down under. The United States is Australia's most important economic partner when goods and services and investments are combined. Total American investment in Australia is \$550 billion and total Australian investment in America is \$410 billion. The United States is Australia's number one destination for investment, notwithstanding our trade with Asia. Australia's investment in the U.S. has further potential for growth through the ballooning of Australian retirement savings funds currently standing at \$1.2 trillion and estimated to increase to \$5 trillion in a decade not all of

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which can be invested in Australia. The Australia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, now entering its eighth year of operation, has facilitated significant increases in trade between our two countries. The U.S. Ambassador to Australia, the Honorable Jeffrey Bleich, was recently in Chicago promoting Opportunity Australia seeking to encourage more Illinois companies to export to Australia. He said exporting to Australia was like exporting to Asia on training wheels. I couldn't have said it better. It's an accurate reflection of Australia's unique geographical and economic position, its proximity to in established trade links with China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and India. Closer to home, the mighty sovereign State of Illinois and Australia share many common economic and trade interests. In 2011, Illinois exports to Australia totaled over three and a half billion dollars, a billion dollars greater than your exports to Brazil. Australia was Illinois's fourth-largest export market after Canada, Mexico and China. In the last deca... the last decade reconfirms this growth as Illinois has increased exports to Australia by nearly 150 percent since 2005. Further... furthermore, two of Illinois's biggest exporters to Australia, Caterpillar and John Deere was targeted by Governor Quinn in his State of the State address in February for their export growth. This highlights that opportunities exist for Illinois's businesses, small and large, to engage in exports to Australia and demonstrates Australia is a sound export market for them. I would be remiss if I didn't point out that one of Frank Lloyd Wright's protégés, Walter Burley

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Griffin also from Chicago, was the designer of Australia's national capital, Canberra. The Australian Capital Territories only lake is named after him, but I don't want to mislead you. It is a mere pinprick compared to Lake Michigan. And as strong as our military and economic and cultural ties are and our shared values, it's always good to anchor our ties to the future. In my opinion, there is no better way than by encouraging youths to visit, promoting student exchanges and research collaboration. I hope to make this a focus of my time here in Illinois and the greater Midwest. I'm pleased to say that I have started this process and can report some progress. As a lapsed Legislator, I appreciate more than most the challenges and difficult decisions confronting you all, the Legislators in the Land of Lincoln. I wish you well in your deliberations and your service to the good people of the State of Illinois and I thank you deeply."

Speaker Madigan: "Mr. Price will be down in the well for those who... those of you who wish to come up and greet him at this time. And Mr. Lang is in the Chair."

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

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Monique Davis, Chairperson from the Committee on Insurance reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3242. Representative Phelps, Chairperson from the Committee on Financial Institutions reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3217. Representative Jackson, Chairperson from the

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Committee on Armed Forces & Military Affairs reports the following committee action taken on April 17, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 3670, Senate Bill 3671. Representative Chapa LaVia, Chairperson from the Committee on Elementary & Secondary Education reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2850, Senate Bill 3393; recommends be adopted is Senate Joint Resolution 61. Representative Greg Harris, Chairperson from the Committee on Human Services reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 680, Senate Bill 2574, Senate Bill 2818, Senate Bill 2820. Representative Nekritz, Chairperson from the Committee on Judiciary I-Civil Law reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2492, Senate Bill 2536, Senate Bill 2849. Representative D'Amico, Chairperson from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety reports the following committee action taken on April 18, 2012: do pass Short Debate is Senate Bill 2488, Senate Bill 2528, Senate Bill 3409, Senate Bill 3487. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 936, offered by Representative Mautino. And House Joint Resolution 79, offered by Representative Dugan. These are referred to the Committee on Rules."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Representative Nekritz."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please proceed."

Nekritz: "As many of us know because we've had visits from our librarians, today is Library Day and... at the State Capitol."

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And I am delighted to introduce the executive director of my hometown library from Northbrook, who also is my neighbor so I see him frequently, and that's Chadwick Raymond from Northbrook. Welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us today. Representative Sente."

Sente: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As a point of personal privilege I, too, would like to welcome the librarian of youth services from my district, Lisa Marie Smith who is standing with who we were just introduced with and hope you have a wonderful time in Springfield. Welcome."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. House Resolution 942, Mr. Cross. Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Are you going to read..."

Speaker Lang: "Excuse me, excuse me."

Cross: "Are you going to read it."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Cross: "Yeah."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Bolin: "House Resolution 942, offered by Representative Cross.

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to honor Bill Haller for his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Bill Haller was born on February 28, 1935, in Joliet; his father, Frank "The Fox" Haller, worked at the Joliet steel mills and his mother, Julia Haller, was a stay-at-home mom who raised her 3 children; he has one sister, Joyce Ganz, and one brother, Tom (deceased), who

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played Major League Baseball and served as the Assistant General Manager of the Chicago White Sox and the General Manager of the San Francisco Giants; and

WHEREAS, Bill Haller was raised in Fairmont, a blue-collar neighborhood in Will County that is still very dear to his heart; he graduated from Fairmont Grade School and Lockport Township High School (Class of 1953); while in high school, he was a standout 3-sport athlete; in 1955, he graduated from Joliet Junior College; while at college, he excelled in baseball and basketball; he served as captain of the 1955 JJC basketball team, which qualified for the National Junior College Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Although Bill Haller wore many uniforms throughout his career, the one that made him most proud was the United States Army uniform he wore for 2 years after his enlistment in 1955, including 16 months in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Bill Haller had a long and distinguished career as a baseball umpire; he began umpiring in 1958 in the Class D Georgia/Florida League of the Minor Leagues; in 1960, he umpired in the Class B Northwest League; in 1961, he was promoted to the Triple A Pacific Coast League; in 1962, he worked the diamond in the International League in Triple A; and

WHEREAS, Bill Haller began his 20-year career in 1962 as a Major League umpire in the American League; during his umpire career, he worked in 4 World Series (1968, 1972, 1978, and 1981); he also worked in 4 All Star games (1968, 1973, 1975, and 1977) and 4 American League playoff series (1969, 1971, 1975, and 1977); on July 14, 1972, he umpired



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home plate while his brother, Tom, crouched down in front of him as the catcher for the Detroit Tigers in a game against the Kansas City Royals; this was the first and only brother umpire/catcher combination in any game in Major League history; and

WHEREAS, Today, Bill Haller is often referred to by baseball writers, broadcasters, and fans as "that legendary Major League umpire"; he was well known in Major League Baseball as a no-nonsense umpire, whose famous verbal confrontations with Baltimore Orioles manager Earl Weaver are now part of the greatest moments of baseball lore; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement as an umpire, Bill Haller continued working for Major League Baseball as the assistant supervisor of umpires from 1983 to 1985; in 1986, he scouted for the Chicago White Sox; in 1987, he was hired by George Steinbrenner to scout for the New York Yankees; in 1993, he returned to Major League Baseball to initiate its umpire development program, where he remained until his retirement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Bill Haller was named one of the Lockport Township High School Legends of Basketball from the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Bill Haller and his wife, Sally, are the loving parents of Albert and Jenny and the grandparents of Kelsie, Brooke, Mitchell, Sydney, Jesse, and Joshua; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we honor Bill Haller for his many achievements and

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wish him success and happiness in the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Bill Haller as a symbol of our esteem, gratitude, and respect."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cross."

Cross: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. I really, really am excited about the opportunity to present this Resolution. Every now and then you run into some pretty unique individuals and some not so unique, but this individual, Bill Haller, I met a number of years ago through my friends in our law office George Mahoney and Dave Silverman because he's originally a Joliet/Fairmont native and had an illustrious career as a Major League umpire. And you think about it, if you're a baseball fan and that somebody was able to umpire in the '68 World Series with people like Bob Gibson and Denny McClain and did the '72 World Series. And as we know, we saw the '78 and '81 and then All-Star Games. He was umpiring in a fantastic era that I think a lot of us thought was maybe one of the best eras of all time. But... and he has all of those great baseball stories that you would like and you would enjoy. One of them, a fairly short story, is that he was doing some scouting a number of years ago after he was in the Major Leagues umpiring and he was... was ended up in the Peoria area over in Lincoln, not in Peoria, in Lincoln at a game and a young guy was up to bat, it was kind of a lousy, miserable afternoon, cold and wet, but he saw this guy take one swing at a pitch, foul ball, he got up from

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his chair, he didn't have a cell phone at the time, to make a call to one of the organizations and said, you ought to get this guy. That guy was Jim Thome. Bill Haller knew talent because of his many, many years in baseball, but I think what I really, really admire and love about Bill Haller is his, not only have you heard about his, on the Resolution, his love for country. He was very proud of his, probably more so, his uniform really from the Army than as a Major League umpire, but his family. His father was known as 'the fox' and there are two stories that stand out to me that I think speak volumes about his family and the way he took care... has taken care of his life. Tom's brother... or Bill's brother Tom was one of the last three sport letterman at the U of I, baseball, basketball and football. Bill will tell you he was a better athlete than Tom and I take him at his word, but he gets through with this first year at the U of I and is approached by a Major League team, I think it was the Giants, who were going to give him a Major League contract. So, of course, he did what people did back then, he went to his father for counsel. His brother Tom just said, what should I do? He said, well, it's hard to say no to a pretty good chunk of money in Major League Baseball, but I want you to promise me two things: one, I want you to finish school when you have an opportunity, but two, and most important, you had a scholarship to the U of I and I want you to take whatever it takes out of that signing bonus you're going to get and pay back the U of I for what they gave you as an opportunity to be a student and a student-athlete. And I

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think that was kind of what exemplifies the Hallers and his dad 'the fox'. I think it's a great story. So, Bill Haller who's up in the... where are you, Bill? Bill Haller's right here. I want to say thank you for what you've done for Major League Baseball and for Fairmont and Joliet and the State of Illinois. You are a fine example of the kind of person we ought to have in the State of Illinois. So, thank you for what you did for Major League Baseball and umpires and all of us. We didn't... Bill's family joined him here today. Bill didn't know we were going to do this. So, Bill, thank you very, very much. Mr. Speaker, thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Cross moves for the adoption of the Resolution. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the Resolution is adopted. On page 5 of the Calendar, under the Order of Constitutional Amendments-Third Reading, appears HJRCA49, Speaker Madigan. Mr. Clerk, please read the Constitutional Amendment for the third time."

Clerk Hollman: "Third Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49.

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 amend Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 5.1 as follows:

ARTICLE XIII

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 5.1. PENSION AND RETIREMENT BENEFIT INCREASES

(a) No bill, except a bill for appropriations, that provides a benefit increase under any pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall become law without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. If the Governor vetoes such a bill by returning it with objections to the house in which it originated, the provisions of Article IV, Section 9 shall govern the passage of that bill except that such bill shall not become law unless, upon its return, it is passed by a record vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. If the Governor returns such a bill with specific recommendations for change to the house in which it originated, the provisions of Article IV, Section 9 shall govern the acceptance of those specific recommendations except that such recommendations may be accepted only by a record vote of two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, regardless of the bill's date of passage or effective date. For purposes of this subsection, the term "benefit increase" means a change to any pension or other law that results in a member of a pension or retirement system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement to a benefit, including, but not limited to, any changes that (i) increase the amount of the pension or annuity that a member could receive upon retirement, or (ii) reduce or eliminate the eligibility

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requirements or other terms or conditions a member must meet to receive a pension or annuity upon retirement. The term "benefit increase" also means a change to any pension or other law that expands the class of persons who may become a member of any pension or retirement system or who may receive a pension or annuity from a pension or retirement system. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, shall not constitute a "benefit increase" unless that increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

(b)No ordinance, resolution, rule, or other action of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, of any unit of local government or school district that provides an emolument increase to an official or employee that has the effect of increasing the amount of the pension or annuity that an official or employee could receive as a member of a pension or retirement system shall be valid without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members of that governing body. For purposes of this subsection, the term "emolument increase" means the creation of a new or enhancement of an existing advantage, profit or gain that an official or employee receives by virtue of holding office or employment, including, but not limited to, compensated time off, bonuses, incentives, or other forms of compensation. An increase in salary or wage level, by itself, shall not constitute an "emolument increase" unless that increase exceeds limitations provided by law.

(c)No action of the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, of any pension or

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retirement system created or maintained for the benefit of officers or employees of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof that results in a beneficial determination shall be valid without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members of that governing body. For the purposes of this subsection, the term "beneficial determination" means an interpretation or application of pension or other law by the governing body, or an appointee or employee of the governing body, that reverses or supersedes a previous interpretation or application and either (i) results in an increase in the amount of the pension or annuity received by a member of the pension or retirement system or (ii) results in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension or annuity from the pension or retirement system. The term "beneficial determination" shall not include a beneficial determination mandated by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Nothing in this Section shall prevent the passage or adoption of any law, ordinance, resolution, rule, policy, or practice that further restricts the ability to provide a "benefit increase", "emolument increase", or "beneficial determination" as those terms are used under this Section.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect on January 9, 2013. This was the Third Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 49."

Speaker Lang: "Speaker Madigan on the Resolution."

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Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, HJRCA49 proposes an Amendment to the Illinois Constitution. If this Resolution is approved by the House today and later by the Senate, this question will be on the ballot for consideration by the voters of Illinois in November of this year. The Amendment proposes that there be an Amendment to the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Constitution pertaining to pension benefits. There are three parts to the Amendment. Part one: any Bill that provides a benefit increase must be approved by a three-fifths vote of the Members of each chamber of the General Assembly. If the Governor vetoes the Bill, that Veto may be overridden or the changes of the Amendatory Veto may be accepted only by a vote of two-thirds of the Members of each chamber. A benefit increase is defined as a change to law that results in a member of a pension or retirement system receiving a new benefit or an enhancement to an existing benefit. This includes expanding the class of persons who may be eligible to receive a pension or an annuity. An increase in salary or wages alone does not necessarily constitute a benefit increase. The General Assembly may, by law, establish what is considered to be an excessive salary increase. Number two is concerned with local governments. Any ordinance, resolution, rule or other action of a governing body that provides an emolument increase that has the effect of increasing the amount of pension or annuity that an official or employee could receive must be approved by a three-fifths vote of the members of the governing body. An emolument increase means the creation of a new or



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enhancement of an existing advantage profit or gain that an official or employee receives by virtue of holding office or employment. This applies to bonuses, incentives or other forms of compensation. Third, is concerned with the pensions systems themselves. Any action of the governing body of a public pension or retirement system that results in a beneficial determination must be approved by a three-fifths vote of the members of the governing board. A beneficial determination means an interpretation or application of law made by the governing body of any public pension or retirement system that reverses or supersedes a previous interpretation or application and results in either an increase in the amount of pension or annuity received by a member of the system or in a person becoming eligible to receive a pension. I'd like to make two points. Number one, there's a lot of tough medicine in this Resolution. I think the tough medicine is needed. I say that because of my observation of the consideration of pension Bills by the Legislature over many, many years. The honest truth is that if there's a pension Bill proposed before the Legislature that provides an enhancement of benefit, the temptation is extremely great where people are called upon to vote 'yes' or to vote 'no'. So, what this does is very simple. It creates an extra hurdle for a Bill in order to move through the Legislature. Some have said that previous pension enhancements passed with more than a three-fifths vote. That's the record, however, if you're an individual here or you're a member of a group in the Legislature who wishes to work against these Bills, this

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will advantage your position in the Legislature. You'll have a better chance. You'll be in a better position to work against a Bill that's enhancing a pension benefit. I forgot the second point, everybody, it'll come back to questions. I'm available for questions."

Speaker Lang: "Speaker moves for the adoption of the Resolution. The Chair recognizes Representative Senger."

Senger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To the Bill. I do acknowledge that this is a step in the right direction in regards to keeping future abuses happening with our benefits and our pension funds; however, I do want everyone to know that, when you see this on the ballot in November, there's a lot more work that has to be done before then in regards to reforming pensions. And I'll use the word 'reform' as basically fixing the pension problem. This does not change anything in regards to the debt for the unstd.. unfunded liabilities that we currently have in the State of Springfield and it does nothing, currently, to the crisis we have in regards to our state budget with trying to fund pensions and Medicaid reform, which we don't have the funds to do where we're making cuts. So, even though I do agree it's a difficult thing to do, it's a move in the right direction and we still have a lot of work to do."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Poe."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Speaker Madigan yields."

Poe: "Mr. Speaker, yesterday we talked about it in committee a little bit and as we move forward, probably one of the big

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intents is this would go maybe a long ways to holding down the liability in the future of the pension systems?"

Madigan: "The answer is yes."

Poe: "And yesterday, I posed the question and I thought maybe you had a little more time to think about it, but I think probably contributed to the pension liability as much as anything has is over the years of and I think ever, it's a bipartisan group of may... of Governors, it's not made to appropriations in the... that passed. But I was wondering, if we could make sure that that liability wouldn't go up more if we could go ahead and make it Three-fifths Majority vote in the chambers before we would short the pension payments, pension holiday, short the payments or do anything like we did on the bonds in the past. So, have you thought any more about maybe there's a way we can incorporate this? And that also would be a safeguard against that liability going up."

Madigan: "I have thought about it overnight and I'm continuing to think about it mainly because of my fondness for you."

Poe: "Thank you. Well, I didn't... To the Bill. I just think that we still got to make safeguards and that what's facing the state and the liability of our pension systems. And we also need to have a safeguard in there that we can't short those payments in the future. And if we change that also to a Three-fifths vote, that would also put a cap on that and I think it'd be more comforting to the Legislators before we made a decision to short those pension systems that we'd all get a vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Winters."

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

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Speaker Lang: "Speaker Madigan yields."

Winters: "Speaker, the rumor around Springfield is that you actually wrote the pension provisions of the 1970 Constitution. Is this an admission that you didn't write a perfect Constitution 40 years ago?"

Madigan: "I and others."

Winters: "Okay."

Madigan: "I was not alone."

Winters: "Well, in my question yesterday, it is... it is good to always revisit issues and try to make them stronger. I think this is a very good move forward. I asked in committee yesterday if we had any instances where this Constitutional Amendment would have had an effect and given good staff work, it turns out that Senate Bill 21 from 2005 expanded some pension rights for Chicago police captains and it passed by a vote of 60... 60 to 51 and is a Public Act. That would not have been passed if this has been part of the Constitution. We also passed another Bill that... at least out of the House... House Bill 1814 in 2006, Majority Leader Currie was the Sponsor, that passed by a 62 to 18 vote. Again, it did not pass the Senate, but again, that would have given the opponents of these pension sweeteners the ability to force a greater than Majority vote and it really does highlight to the public and it highlights to the Members of this chamber that these are very important issues. When we look at expanding pension benefits, often we don't pass the funding for those and that we ought to take this more seriously than we have in the past. I applaud it and we do have two examples. If this

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Constitutional Amendment had been in place, this chamber would not have been able to pass on partisan Roll Calls enhancements that do ultimately come back and hurt the beneficiaries of the... of the pension. So, I applaud your movement and look forward to working in future with you to, again, increasing the way that our Constitution works for the betterment of this state. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Kay."

Kay: "Will the Sponsor yield?"

Speaker Lang: "Speaker Madigan yields."

Kay: "I'm just going to go right to the Bill, if I can. I have two thoughts about this House Resolution. Number one, as a business person who works in the private sector, this is precisely what we do in the private sector. We don't do it one day; we don't do it two days; we don't do it half a year; we do it every year and we do it because it makes real good sense to have a majority of board members making big decisions that impact a company. Well, this is a big decision that impacts the State of Illinois. So, I support this, number one, because it is a good business decision. This is the way the State of Illinois should run. Secondly, I support it because since 1970 we've had 17 pension enhancements. I don't say the enhancements were bad, but I think had we had this provision some of those enhancements we'd have thought twice about or maybe three times about. We might have done the math. We might have taken time to do more due diligence so that we are not or would not be in the predicament we are in today. So, as far as I'm concerned, this is a good Resolution because it pushes us

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in a different direction and it's a step that I think, coupled with many others, is going to push us in a direction that gives a good signal to the people of this state that we're finally managing, we're finally leading and we're going to take this step and many more to bring the state back to, I think, a secure level where opportunity is provided for all. I'm going to stop there. I'm just going to say that I'm going to vote 'aye' for this and for a lot of different reasons, two of which I mentioned, I hope the rest of the Body does likewise. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Speaker Madigan to close."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen, the second thought came back to me. I've already been in conversations where people are saying that the Tier II that was created a few years ago and is in place for those hired to public jobs after January 1 of 2011 is not sufficient, that it has to be improved. We have to make it better, more benefits in Tier II. So, that's another reason to support this Resolution, raise that vote count because those that, even in the current crisis, think that we ought to be improving pensions are here. They're at the Capitol Building; they're already laying the seeds for what will be their efforts, very shortly, to, again, improve pension benefits. So, Mr. Speaker, I would request an 'aye' vote. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "The Speaker has moved for the adoption of the Resolution. This will require 71 votes. Those in favor of the Resolution will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Mr...

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Representative Hernandez. Mr. Clerk, please take the record. On this question, there are 113 voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. And this Resolution, having received an extraordinary Three-fifths Majority, is hereby declared adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Bradley."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point, Sir."

Bradley: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the committee... members of the committee... Members of the House of Representatives, I'd like to turn your attention up to the right gallery, to the west gallery, and have a group of students from my district stand up, my youth advisory council from the 117th District is here today. How about a Springfield round of applause for the top high schoolers in our area."

Speaker Lang: "Thank you for joining us. Mr. David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and I'd like to follow up on that House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment we just passed. And I rise on a point of order. Under House Rule 18(g), I move for the discharge of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 23 and 24 from the House Rules Committee. Correction, House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 23 and 44 from the House Rules Committee. Under House Rule 54(a) paragraph 2, all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status and I wish to have this Motion debated. Upon the conclusion of the debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. Under Rule 49 and Article IV Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be by record vote whenever

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five Representatives shall so request. There are at least five Members on my side of the aisle that wish for a recorded Motion to Discharge on House Joint Resolutions Constitutional Amendment 23 and 44 from the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Lang: "The Chair recognizes Majority Leader Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. I object to the Gentleman's Motion."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris, your Motion required unanimous consent. There having been a Member who objects, your Motion fails. Mr. Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I... Members of the House, does this surprise anybody? We've been kind of going through this and now, all of a sudden, we've got an opportunity to... First off, the last Resolution we moved showed some positive change. And now, all of a sudden, we want to come forward with some Resolutions that continue with that positive change, but now wait... wait, you object. You object. You object to the possibility that we would read... now require that if we're going to have a tax increase that we would do the same thing... the same thing that we just said is the right thing to do on the pension. Now, let me tell you why you don't want that out, in my opinion, for what it's worth. You know, if you let it out, that means you have to be responsible when we don't generate revenues instead we have to cut or not allow programs to expand or our budget to get out of control. It always amazes me that when we bring up ideas that now we're wanting to work in a bipartisan manner, to do things sensibly, someone from your



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side of the aisle objects. And once again, you know, that's a problem with the Rules, but we'll have to deal with that at another time. If we want pension reform... first off, I'm glad that... that word has finally been allowed to be spoken on the House Floor and from the Democrat side of the aisle. It's about time. Folks, we need to deal with the problems that exist in this chamber and the problems that exist when Legislators don't have control of their overspending and over-taxation. All this says is, is that we would take a Supermajority if we were going to have a tax increase. A Supermajority, doesn't that make sense? Before we put an extra burden on the people of the State of Illinois that it should take, just like the pension issue. I'm... no... I know that none of us are shocked that the Leader has objected and once again, it's good government when good government's good for you and you can have a political sound bite and that's all we're getting here. We got a political sound bite on the pension, but now whenever something that... like this that is vitally important to the State of Illinois and if you talk to the people out there, they'd say, yes, didn't it... wouldn't it be wise that it would take a Supermajority to have a tax increase. But that's all right, bottle it up, do your job. Whatever you do, don't let an open debate occur here on the House chamber on real issues."

Speaker Lang: "Representative Kosel."

Kosel: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I stand on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point."

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Kosel: "Mr. Speaker, today, I joined in supporting Speaker Madigan's Resolution to require Three-fifths Majority vote for future pensurancy enhancements. That's a step to shore up the state budget to help ensure we continue to live within our means, but our state budget isn't the only one in crisis. This week working families across Illinois filed their state income tax returns and had to deal with the impact of a 67 percent increase in income tax and how it affected their family budget. Gas prices are ridiculous. The prices in grocery stores are rising. In addition to coping with these costs, already cash-strapped families had to pay additional thousands of dollars on the average in taxes. Mr. Speaker, their family budgets deserve the same protection we just provided to the state budget. We need to pass HJRCA23 and 44 to allow the voters to decide if we should require Three-fifths Majority votes in the General Assembly to pass any new tax increase. Broad consensus must be required before this Body can ask for more from these strapped families and more of their hard-earned dollars. Release these Resolutions from Rules and let the voters decide."

Speaker Lang: "David Harris."

Harris, D.: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And once again, I rise on a point of order. Sufficient Members on this side of the aisle requested a Roll Call vote on the Motion to Discharge pursuant to the rights granted in the House Rules and in the Illinois Constitution. This breach of House Rules should be corrected immediately with a Roll Call vote on the Motion to Discharge. You know, as we enter another year

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of hopefully bipartisan cooperation on the issues that really matter as we come up to the end of Session, let me commend the Speaker for realizing that some votes in this chamber carry heavier consequences and deserve a little bit of extra scrutiny. He is right that decisions which have great impacts on the fiscal health of Illinois residents and the state as a whole should have to meet a higher standard and require a greater threshold to become law. While I agree with the Speaker that his Constitutional Amendment... I believe that the concept which he just put forward, which we would have advocated for years, needs to be extended to other legislation such as tax increases. We can do that today by moving to discharge HJRCA44 and HJRCA23 which are currently languishing in the Rules Committee. Now, this is nothing significant or new. We already require a higher voting standard for borrowing, for laws that would impact Home Rule, and to overturn the Governor's Veto. The next logical step would be to require the very same threshold for Bills that will make Illinois residents have to pay more taxes. This Motion deserves a vote. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Harris, the Chair rules your Motion moot and out of order. The House Rules require that for a Bill to be discharged from the Rules Committee requires unanimous consent. You did not have unanimous consent. The Chair recognizes Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I would move to overrule the Chair and ask for a Roll Call vote on that. I'm sure maybe the Majority Leader could object to that as well, but before

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she can do that, I'd like to talk about the fact that here we are on tax day, the people are paying 67 percent more on their income taxes and we'll pretend that really is no significant burden on them when the average family of four making \$50 thousand has to give up one more week of their salary to pay for all of the failures, for the last 10 years, of the Majority Party. We can't have some special Supermajority to slow that down. We can always ram that through during Veto Session, but we have one person object. The media won't put that into the... any articles this week. They'll talk about how we're moving to deal with the pension crisis but not about the tax crisis that has been brought about by the Majority Party. But Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we would have and you be overruled based on the House Rules and we have a ver... and that we have a Roll Call vote on that. Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti, House Rule 18(g), which is the Rule you're citing and the Rule you want... you want a vote on, says very clearly, rulings of the Presiding Officer related to this subsection (g) may not be appealed. Accordingly, your Motion is out of order. The Chair recognizes Mr. Kay."

Kay: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess this is a matter of personal privilege. May I have that a minute?"

Speaker Lang: "Sure."

Kay: "Thank you."

Speaker Lang: "Sure, Sir."

Kay: "I'm not sure I understand all the finite points of parliamentary procedure, but I do understand enough that

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I'm not going to debate it further because I think you're... you're the Chair and you're going to make the ruling; it'll stand. But I will say this that after speaking very strongly in favor of the House Resolution that just passed, I would also advocate that maybe at the same time we have a statute of limitation on behavior that makes no sense. Frankly, frankly, Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that if we're going to advocate one improvement, we would be for all improvements, but more so, we would want to protect the taxpayers' interest and I don't see that happening here. Forgive me, but... forgive me, but I wish that there would be a way to reconsider this because it doesn't seem to me that at the end of the day we have anything but a net zero here. We have moved forward one step and now we've moved backward one step. Thank you, Mr. Speaker."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, I would move to appeal the ruling of the Chair under House Rule 57(a) and move again for the discharge. But I also understand that when we pass new House Rules what we did was silence the voice of the Minority. We represent 108 thousand people just like you do, Mr. Speaker and we would like a Roll Call vote. Under Robert's Rules, you can always challenge the Chair but not here in the General Assembly based on a partisan Roll Call. So, again, pursuant to 57(a), I move to appeal the ruling of the Chair."

Speaker Lang: "Sir, under House Rule 57, you may appeal my ruling on the ruling I made on 18(g). Is that your request? So, the question is, 'Shall the Chair be sustained on the

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Chair's ruling on the... on... relative to 18(g)?' Those in favor of sustaining the Chair's ruling will vote 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The voting is open. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Please take the record. On this question, there are 60 voting 'yes', 51 voting 'no'. And the Chair is sustained. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 937, offered by Representative D'Amico. House Resolution 938, offered by Speaker Madigan. House Resolution 939, offered by Representative May. House Resolution 940, offered by Representative Schmitz. House Resolution 941, offered by Representative Acevedo. House Resolution 942 (sic-943), offered by Representative Bost. And House Resolution 944, offered by Representative Gordon."

Speaker Lang: "Leader Mautino moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. The Agreed Resolutions are adopted. The Chair recognizes Mr. Ramey."

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

Speaker Lang: "Please state your point, Sir."

Ramey: "If I may bring to the attention of the Body, it's with a heavy heart that I announce that the... the passing of Mayor Mike Kwasman, who was a constituent of mine in his city, the City of West Chicago. He was a great man, a great Republican, a good friend, a staunch supporter of West Chicago. He fell to a heart attack on Saturday and succumbed yesterday in the early afternoon. I would ask...

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there's a few Members here who would also like to speak to his passing."

Speaker Lang: "Mr. Fortner."

Fortner: "Thank you, Speaker. Not only did West Chicago lose their mayor, but I lost a very dear friend. Mayor Mike Kwasman and I go back 20 years or more working for the people of West Chicago in a number of capacities. He served as an alderman when I served as mayor. We served together as members of the city and fire trustee boards, respectively, myself and he. And his leadership will be sorely missed by the people of West Chicago. I know that there'll be some turmoil there as they sort things out, but I think with the sound leadership he has provided, he's provided a blueprint to help West Chicago go forward. And my thoughts and prayers are with his family as well as all those who he has touched."

Speaker Lang: "We'll take one moment of silence for an honored public servant. Thank you. And now, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, Leader Currie moves that the House stand adjourned 'til Thursday, April 19 at 10 a.m. Those in favor say 'yes'; opposed 'no'. The 'ayes' have it. And the House does stand adjourned 'til Thursday, April 19 at the hour of 10 a.m."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. Instruction (sic-Introduction) and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6155, offered by Representative Mussman, a Bill for an Act concerning regulation. Instruction (sic-Introduction) of Resolutions. Senate Joint Resolution 56, offered by Representative Mathias, is referred to the Rules

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Committee. Instruction... First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3592, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 3594, offered by Representative Feigenholtz, a Bill for an Act concerning civil law. Senate Bill 3638, offered by Representative Williams, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Senate Bill 3764, offered by Representative Zalewski, a Bill for an Act concerning business. Senate Bill 3823, offered by Representative Howard, a Bill for an Act concerning child visitation, which may be referred to as the Steven Watkins Memorial Act. These are referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."