

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "Good afternoon, Illinois. Your House of Representatives will come to order. Members are asked to please be at your desks. We shall be led in prayer today by Reverend Dr. Norris E. Jackson, Jr., who is with the St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church in Glencoe, Illinois. Dr. Jackson is the guest of Representative May. And if I may interject and stop the beginning of the Session as we usual today, it's Reverend's birthday. I think we should give him a round of applause. Reverend, there's probably a lot of places you'd rather be on your birthday than here, but we're very proud to have you, Reverend, look for your divine guidance. Members and guests are asked to please refrain from starting their laptops, turn off all cell phones and pagers, and rise for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend Norris Jackson."

Reverend Norris Jackson, Jr.: "Thank you very much. I'd like to first take this opportunity to thank Representative May for this opportunity to come before you. It is indeed an honor and privilege that I hold high and will remember the rest of my life. Let us pray. Dear Gracious Father, we come, now, thanking You and praising You. We thank You for allowing us to rise this morning. We thank You for the reasonable portions of health and strength that we received. Some have come through the storm and through the rain, but we're here. And we're asking, oh God, that You would endow upon us Your wisdom, Your knowledge. Afford us the opportunity, oh Lord, to come together, not as Democrats and Republicans, but as citizens of Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

That we, oh Lord, will come and we will make the right decisions that will lead this great state to higher heights. So, God, bless each Representative that's present here and their districts. And, we ask that You would just touch all, touch our... our great Governor. We ask that You would just move throughout this Session, and this is our prayer. In the name of the one that died, rose again, in the name of the one that, now able to stand on Your right hand and intercede for our faults. In the name of Jesus, we thank You, and praise You, Amen."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Pam Roth, would you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Roll Call for Attendance. Leader Barbara... Representative Bost, the GOP first today."

Bost: "That's always a nice thing to have, GOP first. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Let the record reflect that Representatives Leitch, Mathias, Mulligan, and Morthland are excused on the Republican side of the aisle today."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader. Leader Barbara Flynn Currie, we got the list of Democrats?"

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

Speaker Lyons: "Mr. Clerk, take the record. There's 113 Members responding to the Roll Call, a quorum is present. We're

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

prepared to do the work of the people of the State of Illinois. Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee Reports. Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairperson from the Committee on Rules reports the following committee action taken on April 30, 2012: recommends be adopted, referred to the floor is Floor Amendment #1 to House Bill 5665, Floor Amendment #2 to House... to Senate Bill 3287, Floor Amendment #2 to Senate Bill 3685: approved for consideration, referred to Second Reading is House Bill 5073: approved for consideration, referred to Consideration Postponed is Senate Bill 1967. Introduction of Resolutions. House Resolution 999, offered by Representative Ford. House Resolution 1003, offered by Representative Golar. House Resolution 1010, offered by Representative Bellock. And House Resolution 1013, offered by Representative Franks. These are referred to the Rules Committee."

Speaker Lyons: "Majority Leader Barbara Flynn Currie on a Motion?"

Currie: "Thank you. The Motion would be to suspend the posting requirements so that House Resolutions 596, 910, 913, 918, 926, 930, 948, 954, 960, 963, 966, 974, 988, 991, 993, 997; and House Joint Resolutions 78, 79, 81, 83; and Senate Joint Resolutions 340... 54, and 56, and 58 can be heard in their appropriate committees without having to meet the notice requirements."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's Motion. Seeing no objection, all those in favor say 'aye'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

the Motion carries. Representative Emily McAsey, point of personal privilege, Emily. Introduction."

McAsey: "Sure am. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Members of the House. What an honor to be acknowledged on this point of personal privilege. As Members of the chamber know, a couple weeks ago, our long serving colleague and friend, Assistant Majority Leader, the Gentleman, Jack McGuire, announced his retirement. And along with other members of the Will County community, I'm really grateful for his service, and will miss him. But I'm delighted to have the opportunity this morning to welcome to the chamber the newly appointed Representative of the 86th District. It is my honor to introduce State Representative Larry Walsh, Jr., who's seated right in front of me. And if Larry Walsh, Jr., would rise. Representative Larry Walsh, Jr., is someone that I've had the pleasure of knowing for quite some time. Both he and his wonderful wife, Theresa, make their home in Elwood with their children Katie, Joshua, and Kaleb. His mother, Irene, just stood in the gallery. Irene Walsh is here today, as well. Larry is a lifelong Will County resident. He started his professional life at Caterpillar, Joliet. He now serves as the Secretary Treasurer of the Machinist Local 851. He served as a Jackson Township Trustee for seven years, and has truly demonstrated a commitment to serving and fighting for the working families of Will County. So, we welcome him. I welcome him to the House Floor and look forward to continuing that work with him. Please join me in welcoming Representative Larry Walsh, Jr., of the 86th Representative District."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Walsh, the floor is yours, if you'd like to introduce yourself."

Walsh: "Well, thank you for that kind introduction, Representative McAsey. Your words speak beyond what I can do, but it's an honor to be here today. I'm quite overwhelmed. It's kind of all new, but I'm looking forward to working with everybody here to move this state forward. And again, thank you for welcoming me in the fashion that you have. Thanks."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to the club, Representative. Representative Carol Sente."

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

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Carol."

Sente: "Before I got here, I served on the Vernon Hills Park District, and I'd like to introduce three peers that I served with there, both board members and staff, they're up in the gallery, and they're down here for Park's Day. Welcome to Springfield."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to the Capitol. Enjoy your day. We're glad to have you. Representative Mike Unes, on a point of personal privilege? I think you have some guests here in the Capitol today."

Unes: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise for a point of personal privilege. Mr. Speaker, today, I'd like to welcome to our Capitol in Springfield a group of principals from District 86. With us today, we have Principal Daren Lowery, Heather Bowman, Joe Sander, Jason Warner, and Scott Estes. If you would please rise and be welcomed. Welcome to Springfield."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to your Capitol. We're proud to have you down here. Enjoy your day. Leader Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just so you know, I... for a point of personal privilege, please."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Mike."

Bost: "Yeah, joining us in the gallery today are the... is a group that's being recognized for their action with youth. And let me tell you that we have a Resolution. It probably won't be... it'll be entered in today. It won't be read for this recognition, but we do want to rec... recognize some names of those people who have received this award. And that is Lori Longueville, Cathy Armstrong, Jennifer Brosnahan, Angie Cox, Leon Denton, Pam Giermann, Tammy Halter, Annette Herbert, Peggy Patten, Brenda Smith, Laurie Walker, Cathleen (sic-Catherine) Cass... Wolfe, and these represent the shining examples of those people who lead our youth and work with young preschool children around the state, and we recognize them with House Resolution 943. Like I said, it'll be read later, but we want to recognize them today. Stand up please and be recognized."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome Children's Champions. We're proud to have you here today. Representative Bost."

Bost: "Thank you. And if I can say one more, the first name that was mentioned, I don't see her up there but Lori Longueville... the advantage that I have as a Legislator, she works so hard that she also goes into my wife's beauty salon so that she can make sure to get her points home on the importance of how... what we do for these children. Believe me, that's a pretty big thing."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader Bost. Representative Gabel, point of personal privilege, Robyn?"

Gabel: "Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to recognize Cass Wolfe from the Infant Welfare Society of Evanston. Thank you so much for all the work you do."

Speaker Lyons: "Welcome to the Capitol. Enjoy your day. Ladies and Gentlemen, we now have some special guests that we are going to present. I'd ask all Members to please be seated, and staff to please retire to the rear of the chamber or have a seat on the floor, if available. And we need to say a proclamation to kind of thanking the members of the Parliament for coming to Illinois and seeking to build business in cultural bridges between Asim Mollazade and the State of Illinois, plus, thanking the businessmen organizations that come to Illinois to build business, relations with Illinois companies and, at last, thanking the CTACC, the Chicagoan Turkish American Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations for being here and bringing this opportunity for the state today. So, we have two guests. First will be somebody who's no stranger to us, who has come down here many times in the past and will in the future, a good friend or ours, the Consul General from the Republic of Turkey, Fatih Yildiz. Mr. Consul General."

Fatih Yildiz: "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Acting Speaker and distinguished Members of the Illinois House of Representatives, it gives me great and profound honor to be here today at the.. at the Illinois House of Representatives and to address you. I'm honored and humbled for this, you know, distinguished privilege

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

instilled upon us in the heart of all citizens in the Land of Lincoln. My sincere thanks to go... also go to the Niagara Foundation, as well, who has contributed in realizing today's event and this reception and this... this appearance in... in front of you. Today, in fact, I... what I was expected to talk is about, you know, about what's going on about... in... in the world and... and the region that is... that is very much relevant to us and... and to your county as well. So, I will... I will make small remarks and then... then wrap up quickly. So, we know that our... our world is going through tremendous change that shifts the existing balances that we have in the world. And even when I look at the changes that have taken place since my last appearance here, last year, last May, many new to what accompanied, many challenges have come into being. So, now with your permission, I'll take... I'll... I'll try to talk about how the policy makers back in my country, how the decision makers in my country are... are analyzing these (unintelligible). I'm sure that you're always, you know, discussing many different economic issues, among each of you here in this... in this... in this hall. Many of these economic issues are hard to decouple from the positive ones at all. So, what I'll try to do is establish this very... very same link between the global economic issues and... and... and different foreign policy orientations. When we look from Turkey to its west, I should say, to... to Europe, from Greece to Spain, there is a huge economy crisis. Then when we look at our east and south, from Syria to Morocco, there is a huge political crisis there, as well. Usually, when we analyze these

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

problems ranging from Greece to Spain to Italy, we refer to economics, but the consequences of them are not only economical. What started as a financial crisis in the world in 2008 in Europe, transporting in economy one and then finally, the social one. Therefore, the consequences are political, as well. The... the political nature of the consequences are clearly seen in today's Europe. Similarly, when we talk about Syria, Egypt, Libya, which are, you know, in some way or another in the very close proximity of my country, the main slogans that you may hear are... are political. But when you go on to the streets, those people who come out and talk for... for democracy, for human rights, they also ask for an economic equality there, as well. So, we have to always bear in mind that, you know, these two... two words are very much interlinked. So, when we look at from Ankara, from... from the capital of Turkey, there is an ongoing transformation in all surrounding regions of Turkey. And we Turks rely on three main pillars. One of them is political pillar, which is democracy and reforms. The second one is economic pillar, which is composed of sustainable growth in our country which is tremendous, I should say, for the last decade. And the third and last one is... is our active foreign policy, and that's why I show up here, I guess, today. So, while taking decisions and implementing policies based on these three pillars, we take great pride of the model partnership that we enjoy with our American friends. And we say... we see... see the State of Illinois as one of the trendsetters in this huge relation, huge strategic relation that we enjoy with... with the United

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

States. In fact, the... the honor that's bestowed upon me today, here, speaking at this... this forum, is a testament to this strong relation that we enjoy between our countries, and that's... that's what we want to see in the future. So, I'd like to conclude, in fact, with a... with a quote from my famous author from... from this state, which I really liked. It's... he's William Shirer. He's an author/journalist. He's a great man of... of this... of this state. He once said, because I want to save the United States, Hitler has to be beaten, he said. He was a great historian, as well. Being well aware of the challenges that we're facing today in the world and how they're interconnected, strong and proud Nation of Turkey will continue to stand with its ally against all unfairness and oppression in the world as it has stood with... with its American friends from Korea to... to Afghanistan. Once again, thank you for this honor, and thank you for your kind attention."

Speaker Lyons: "Our second guest is a Member of Parliament from the Republic of Azerbaijan. He is a... a Member of Parliament and will be speaking to us. Also today, I'd like to introduce, give a warm, Springfield welcome, a House welcome to a Member of Parliament Asim Mollazade."

Asim Mollazade: "Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm from the country, which celebrating 20th anniversary of restoration of independence. In 1918, Azerbaijan became first secular state in muslim world with multi-Party Parliament, free media, but was occupied by the Russian Communist invasion. Only united in 1991 we could restore

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

it, and this year, we're celebrating 20 anniversary of deep restoration of diplomatic relation with the United States. I came from Washington, D.C., where we celebrated it together with our friends, your government, Senate and Congress. It's a great honor for me to be here in the State of Illinois because Abraham Lincoln was a teacher of democracy for all of us. My young country, to the way of democratic development, had become a part of your atlantic system. During the 20 year of our independence, we were punished for our sense of to be a part of democratic and civilized world. Backing by Iran and Russia, our neighboring Armenia attacked us and we have 20 percent of carriage (unintelligible) and occupation and 1 million refugees. Despite all this pressure, during the last 10 years Azerbaijan had a world record on growth, GDP, more than 35 percent. It's happened because of help of the United States, which helped us to protect our independence. The United States helped us to start huge energy project, and my small country became a very important factor of energy security in Europe, energy security for all U.S. allies. After 911, Azerbaijan became, together with United States, an antiterror coalition. Our troops were in Iraq. Our troops were in Kosovo. And I'm proud that, right now, our troops are in Afghanistan. Together with American officers and soldiers, we combating terror, and we're fighting for freedom. Freedom and democracy is an important thing for us. And I really proud that my small country now provides about 40 percent of all logistic of American troops in Afghanistan because we're fighting for freedom,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

because we combating evil and terror together for better world, for stability, security and development in this world. I'm here, in Illinois, because we would like to be closer to American people. Not only partnership on federal level, now we're visiting all U.S. states and I'm really proud that here in State of Illinois I have a new friends for my young country and I believe that together, fighting for freedom, building a real market economy, we can enlarge our values to very turbulent areas in the world because this values, human values, human rights and human dignity is important for us, for a nation who suffered of big... a biased battle. And United States always for us was country of hope, freedom, and democracy. That's why I thank you for your hospitality. Thank you for opportunity to speak with you and share this values with you. And I believe that Representatives will visit my country also. You will see that how young and small nation, fighting for democracy, how we trying to survive in very turbulent area, but united we stand. I believe that uniting all nations who share in this values of freedom will make the world much more better. Thank you very much."

Speaker Lyons: "Two great friends of the State of Illinois. Two great friends of the United States Government. Regrettably, Ladies and Gentlemen, they have to run over to the Senate, but they will have the reception... Secretary of State Jesse White is hosting a reception this evening, down in the south wing of the building, on the second floor from 5:30 to 7. So, they will... they'll be available for pictures then. Again, thank you, Gentlemen. God bless you. Keep up

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

the fight for democracy. Illinois stands with you. Mr. Clerk, Agreed Resolutions."

Clerk Hollman: "Agreed Resolutions. House Resolution 998, offered by Representative Lilly. House Resolution 1000, offered by Representative William Davis. House Resolution 10 thousand... or... correction, 1001, offered by Representative David Harris. House Resolution 1002, offered by Representative Berrios. House Resolution 1004, offered by Representative Evans, Marcus Evans. House Resolution 1005, offered by Representative Roth. House Resolution 1006, offered by Representative Watson. House Resolution 1007, offered by Representative Rosenthal. House Resolution 1008, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 1009, offered by Representative Kosel. House Resolution 1011, offered by Representative Cross. And House Resolution 1012, offered by Representative Cross."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative... Representative Currie moves for the adoption of the Agreed Resolutions. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And the Agreed Resolutions are adopted. Ladies and Gentlemen, we're ready to pick up where we left off last Thursday with some Third Readings, which will start with Representative Chapin Rose. On page 4 of the Calendar, Chapin, you have Senate Bill 3423. Out of the record. Representative Lisa Dugan. Lisa, on the bottom of page 4, you have Senate Bill 3452. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3452, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Lisa Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, Members of the committee. Senate Bill 3452 is a Bill... it's got a lot of cleanup language. It was brought to me by the Illinois State Police; and the State Police and ABATE worked out some issues that they had. But this actually makes multiple Amendments to the Vehicle Code with respect to registration plate covers and motorcycles based on some issues that the State Police have seen around Illinois to just make things safer and to make the... the roads safer. So, I'll certainly to ask... answer any questions. It did pass unanimously. The... I... I believe that the Senate... there was no more issues. So, again, I... I'd be glad to answer questions, but I'd appreciate an 'aye' vote."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 3452 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Will Davis. Frank Mautino. Frank, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there are 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 2 Members voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Sandy Pihos, on page 5 of the Calendar, Sandy, under Senate Bills-Third Readings, you have Senate Bill 3579. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3579, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Sandy Pihos."

Pihos: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. This Senate Bill provides that a child sex offender may not participate in a holiday event involving children under the... under 18 years of age, such as distributing candy in costume on Halloween, wearing a Santa Claus costume on or preceding Christmas, or being employed as a department store Santa Claus or wearing an Easter Bunny costume on or before preceding Easter. Currently, the law provides for this condition during a parole or a mandator... mandatory supervised release, but what this law does is it extends it for the entire time that somebody is on the sex offender's list. It does exempt Romeo and Juliet offenders, and it also exempts a situation where the child sex offender is a parent or a guardian of a child under the... 18 years of age. I'd be happy to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 3579 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Dunkin, Evans, Harris. David Harris, would you like to be recorded? Ken Dunkin. Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 111 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 2 Members voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Lisa Dugan, on page 5 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 3670. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3670, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Lisa Dugan."

Dugan: "Thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 3670 is an initiative of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs and does a couple of things. One, it changes the name of the National Guard Armory Construction Fund to the Illinois National Guard Construction Fund, and authorizes the Adjutant General to sell the National Guard facilities instead of just armories. It also addresses an issue that we found that our National Guardsmen, as far as pay, and what it does state is that when the Illinois National Guard members are in active service of the state, they shall receive all pay as provided by law for enlisted personnel of the United States Armed Forces of like rank. I'll certainly be glad to answer any questions. This is a good Bill for the National Guard and the people that serve us so well."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 3670 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Leader Brady, like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Chapa LaVia, on... you have Senate Bill 3671. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3671, a Bill for an Act concerning State Government. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from Kane, Representative Chapa LaVia."

Chapa LaVia: "Thank... thank you, Speaker and Members of the House. This is an initiative of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and is intended to address some audit findings. I sit on the State Audit Commission with Leader Mautino and a few other people in the House, and this is one thing we kept on dinging them on every year. They couldn't provide us information 'cause the Federal Government wouldn't get it to them. So, we want to remove this off of one of the requirements; however, they had discussed this with us, and if the information ever becomes available for them, from the Federal Government, that they will institute it. And I ask for its passage. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, the question is, 'Should Senate Bill 3671 pass?' All those in favor signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Representative Dunkin, Evans, would you like to be recorded? Mr. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 112 Members voting 'yes', 0 voting 'no', 0 voting 'present'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Darlene Senger, on page 5 of the Calendar, you have Senate Bill 3809. Read the Bill, Mr. Clerk."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Clerk Hollman: "Senate Bill 3809, a Bill for an Act concerning criminal law. Third Reading of this Senate Bill."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady from DuPage, Representative Darlene Senger."

Senger: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Members of the House. Senate Bill 3809 requires criminal background checks for juvenile applicants to be employed in a park district. This was a Bill we passed through the House last year. Basically, in the Senate, it was asked to be amended to include... to include the Chicago Park District which, then, the Bill was shelved. So, it went unanimously through the Senate. And I'm open to answer any questions."

Speaker Lyons: "You've heard the Lady's explanation. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, all those in favor of the passage of Senate Bill 3809 signify by voting 'yes'; those opposed vote 'no'. The voting is open. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Dunkin, Evans, Jefferson, Lilly, Riley, like to be recorded? Representative Camille Lilly. Clerk, take the record. On this Bill, there's 113 Members 'yes', 0 voting 'no'. This Bill, having received the Constitutional Majority, is hereby declared passed. Representative Dennis Reboletti, for what purpose do you seek recognition, Sir?"

Reboletti: "Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker. I do rise on a Point of Order."

Speaker Lyons: "State your point, Sir."

Reboletti: "While I was trying to rise last week on Thursday... or, it was Friday, we... we're here... we're here so much, but I wanted to move under House Rule 18(g) to discharge House

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 47 from the House Rules Committee. And under House Rule 54(a)(2), all Motions are assigned Standard Debate status, and I wish to debate my Motion. Upon conclusion of the debate, I ask for a recorded vote on the Motion to Discharge. And under Rule 49, in Article IV, Section 8(c) of the Illinois Constitution, any vote shall be recorded whenever five Representatives shall so request. And I know there's at least 5, if not 53 people behind me, raising their hands that we would ask for the recorded vote and discharge House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment from the House Rules Committee."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Barbara Flynn Currie."

Currie: "Thank you, Speaker. I object."

Speaker Lyons: "The Lady objects. Needing unanimous approval, the Motion fails. Representative Reboletti."

Reboletti: "Mr. Speaker, will the objector yield for a question?"

Speaker Lyons: "Representative, it's been advised that the Motion fails."

Reboletti: "Mr... Mr. Speaker, this is a simple Resolution. It's a simple Constitutional Amendment, simply designed to take two Constitutional Offices, the Comptroller and the Treasurer, to combine those offices, to streamline those offices, to save the people of the State of Illinois \$12 million and to consolidate services. I'm positive that we could have a very, very important debate here on the House Floor, let everybody speak about it, and let's debate the issue. I know and I read the news paper last week where it

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

was said that not everybody had made their points, or the proponents had not made enough of... of an evidentiary basis to move this Constitutional Amendment and I disagree. Again, I'm going to renew my Motion, and I rise on a Point of Order, and request a Roll Call, a Motion pursuant to my rights, granted in the House Rules and under the Illinois Constitution, that a breach of these Rules should be corrected, and that they should be immediately corrected. And I ask for a Roll Call at this time on the Motion to Discharge."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Reboletti, the... your Motion has already been ruled on. The Chair recognizes Leader Mike Bost."

Bost: "Well, I would... I just need to let you know I... I was kind of shocked that... that there was an opposition to this because, at a time when we're wanting to consolidate, downsize, make us more effective government, we have a golden opportunity... well, first off, we have a golden opportunity if it would even pass to combine two offices that are... they're dup... duplicative in nature in a lot of ways. Ladies and Gentlemen, all this says is that we can actually reduce government and save \$12 million a year, \$12 million a year just by combining the two. Members on your side of the aisle, and Members on our side of the aisle have both said that this is a good thing, a sensible thing. The two people that hold the office believe it's a good thing. The general public, I believe, would strongly support this Constitutional Amendment. But unfortunately, once again, here we are in the... the rule of one Lord God

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Almight... one... no, I guess that wouldn't be it; rule of one supreme commander that we make a decision to not let this out at all so that the people of the State of Illinois... first off, the people's Representatives could debate it to allow it to go on to the ballot, but then let the people vote on it. What a shocker that might be. Would the people of the State of Illinois want to combine these two offices and actually save us that \$12 million? Oh, I would say probably so, but one person makes a decision and then assigns another person to object. Well, I object, I object. I object to the fact that every time we turn around and try to move something sensible on this floor, it is stopped by one person. There are two, because one has to tell the other to do what they're supposed to do. Folks, wake up. Let's take our government back. Come on."

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Dave Winters."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Could I have some... some quiet on this?"

Speaker Lyons: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the noise level, as usual, on the first day is rather high, rather high. We'd like to lower it down, please. Shhh. Shhh."

Winters: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise on this Motion because every one of us is facing very difficult decisions. We have to go home and tell agencies that not only is the state nine months behind in paying your bills, but we're going to have to cut your budget next year. Every decision that we make down here is hurting somebody in our constituency across this state. This is one Motion that we could all support, that will save \$12 million. Now, some people say,

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

ah, \$12 million. I mean, we got a \$35 billion budget; this is a drop in the... in the bucket. Well, it's one drop that we don't have currently. No other... no other issue before us has been vetted by the previous campaign where both the Treasurer and the Comptroller spoke to every editorial board that they went to, to every civic event that they spoke to and said this is a good proposal. We don't need to have separate Comptroller and Treasurer Offices for... for the double checking of our state funds because of the computer age. We have entered the age of computers where we can instantly know whether the deposits are being made and whether checks are being made out correctly. The computer itself becomes the double-check that we needed at the time of the 1970 Constitution. Both officeholders ran on this purpose. We can save dollars for everybody in this state. It's about a dollar per person in this state that you are deliberately saying no to these savings because of political maneuvers. We want to have an extra statewide office so we can groom future Leaders. Well, there are other ways to groom future Leaders rather than spending \$12 million a year. I urge that we support this Constitutional Amendment and let it out of Rules, let the House vote on it, let the Senate vote on it, and then let the public vote on it. If we can't make simple decisions like this to save \$12 million, how can we not hang our heads when we go back to our districts and say, well, I had to support my Party Leadership. I don't want to save \$12 million because it makes too much sense. I urge the adoption of this Motion. Thank you."

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Speaker Lyons: "Representative Jack Franks on a point of personal privilege."

Franks: "I'd... I'd like to follow up on the points of my colleagues. I certainly think that we should vote on this as well, but there's a way to get this done. The Rules that we had passed early last year, allows for a written Motion with three-fifths of each side signing on to the Motion, as long as they're all Sponsors. I suggest you do that. I understand you're trying to override the Chair, but the Chair is correct in the ruling. However, there's a way to get around that through the Rules, and I'd be happy to work with you there. I think we should have this. I think you're a hundred percent right. This is a Bill that I filed, as well, that we ought to consolidate these two... these two state positions, and I think there is a huge cost savings. I think it's necessary. So, let's follow the rules. Let's get it done. We have a... an op... an apparatus to get this done and instead of taking up the Body's time arguing about the Chair, let's follow the rule that gives us the opportunity to get it done. That's what I encourage you to do."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Ed Acevedo."

Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of personal privilege."

Speaker Lyons: "Please proceed, Ed."

Acevedo: "Mr. Speaker, in the House Bulletin, May 2, it has for the Cinco De Mayo, but I notice there's a very, very important thing that's missing and that's... I want to remind everybody Thursday is the Police Memorial for fallen law

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

enforcement officers. So, we... we'd appreciate it if you all could come and honor our fallen law enforcement officers at 11:00. Thank you."

Speaker Lyons: "Ed, why don't you repeat that. I think you're missing the microphone a little bit. Folks, heads up on the announcement from Leader Acevedo. Go ahead, Eddie."

Acevedo: "Thursday, at 11:00, is the Police Memorial for the fallen soldiers. I... I encourage all of you to come and honor fallen law enforcement officers and their families."

Speaker Lyons: "Thank you, Leader. Mr. Clerk, committee announcements."

Clerk Hollman: "Committee schedule. This afternoon, the Appropriation Elementary & Secondary Committee has been canceled. And instead, the Judiciary II-Criminal Law Committee is scheduled in Room 114 at 2:00. The committee schedule. Meeting at 2:00 this afternoon is the Insurance Committee in Room C-1, Agriculture in D-1, Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges in Room 115, and Judiciary II-Criminal Law in Room 114. Meeting at 3 p.m. is Consumer Protection in Room 413, Cities & Villages in Room C-1, Public Utilities in D-1. And meeting at 4:00 is Mass Transit in Room 413, Personnel & Pensions in Room 115, International Trade & Commerce in Room 114. Tomorrow morning, the Elementary & Secondary Education Committee has moved to 9:30 a.m. Meeting tomorrow at 8:30 is Human Services in D-1, Judiciary I-Civil Law in C-1. Meeting at 9:30 a.m. is Elementary & Secondary Education in Room 114. And meeting at 10:30 a.m. is Transportation: Vehicles &

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

Safety in Room C-1, Health Care Licenses in D-1, and the Executive Committee in Room 114."

Speaker Lyons: "Leader Bost."

Bost: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Immediately on adjournment, the Republicans would like to caucus, please."

Speaker Lyons: "The Republicans will caucus, I believe, in Room 114. In Room 114, Republicans, caucus immediately upon adjournment. And now, seeing no further business to come before the Illinois House of Representatives, Leader Barbara Flynn Currie moves that the House stands adjourned until the hour of 12 noon tomorrow, Wednesday, May 2. All those in favor signify by saying 'yes'; those opposed say 'no'. In the opinion of the Chair, the 'ayes' have it. And allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk, the House stands adjourned 'til the hour of 12 noon on Wednesday, May 2. Have an enjoyable evening, everyone."

Clerk Hollman: "House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment #29 as amended by the Senate.

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 Section 8.1 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

SECTION 8.1. CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS.

(a) Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights:

(1) The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy and to be free from harassment, intimidation, and abuse throughout the criminal justice process.

(2) The right to refuse to disclose to the defendant information that is privileged or confidential by law, as determined by a court of law with jurisdiction over the case.

(3) The right to timely notification of all court proceedings.

(4) The right to confer with the prosecution.

(5) The right to be heard at any post-arraignment court proceeding in which a right of the victim is at issue and any court proceeding involving a post-arraignment release decision, plea, or sentencing.

(6) The right to have access to information in a report related to any aspect of a defendant's sentence when available to the defendant, as the General Assembly may provide by law.

(7) The right to be notified of the conviction, the sentence, the imprisonment, and the release of the accused.

(8) The right to timely disposition of the case following the arrest of the accused.

(9) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

(10)The right to have the safety of the victim and the victim's family considered in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction.

(11)The right to be present at the trial and all other court proceedings on the same basis as the accused, unless the victim is to testify and the court determines that the victim's testimony would be materially affected if the victim hears other testimony at the trial.

(12)The right to have present at all court proceedings, subject to the rules of evidence, an advocate and other support person of the victim's choice.

(13)The right to restitution.

(b)A victim, the victim's lawyer, or the prosecuting attorney may assert the rights enumerated in subsection (a) in any court with jurisdiction over the case as a matter of right. The court shall act promptly on the request.

(c)The General Assembly may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

(d)Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section creates a cause of action in equity or at law for compensation, attorney's fees, or damages against the State, a political subdivision of the State, an officer, employee, or agent of the State or of any political subdivision of the State, or an officer or employee of the court.

(e)Nothing in this Section or any law enacted under this Section shall be construed as creating (1) a basis for

STATE OF ILLINOIS
97th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TRANSCRIPTION DEBATE

129th Legislative Day

5/1/2012

vacating a conviction or (2) a ground for any relief requested by the defendant.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act. This was First Reading of House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment 29 as amended by the Senate. Introduction and First Reading of House Bills. House Bill 6162, offered by Representative Cross, a Bill for an Act making appropriations. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 968, offered by Representative Daniel Burke, a Bill for an Act concerning transportation. These are referred to the Rules Committee. House Perfunctory Session will come to order. First Reading of Senate Bills. Senate Bill 3810, offered by Representative Lyons, a Bill for an Act concerning rent assignments. This is referred to the Rules Committee. There being no further business, the House Perfunctory Session will stand adjourned."